



January 11th, 2017

Competitors, Coaches, Officials, and Parents,

As the AAU TKD Gulf District Chairman, I am pleased to announce the 2016 Gulf District AAU TKD National Qualifier. As in the many past years it will be held at Butler Sports Complex Field House, 13755 South Main Houston TX, 77035 on Saturday, May 6th, 2017.

The AAU TKD Nationals will be held July 3rd-8th, 2017 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida at the Broward County Convention Center. Competitors who place in the top 8 of their qualifying events qualify for the AAU TKD Nationals.

New this year at the AAU Nationals: AAU TKD will be picking a “National Point Fighting Team” from the gold medal winners in the junior and senior black belt divisions. The team will receive warm ups, uniforms, and the opportunity to travel as a team to a high-level championship. This team will be self-funded but please know it is the intention of AAU TKD to grow this program as it has grown the Olympic Sparring program.

The main qualifying events are: Olympic Sparring, Point Sparring, Traditional Forms, and Special Needs. In addition to these, we are offering exciting, challenging, non-qualifying, energizing events for those who may want to test their skills with other specialties! It will also help prepare those students that may want to compete at the AAU JR Olympic Games being held in Detroit, Michigan this summer August 1st-3rd at the Suburban Collection Showplace. TKD is just one of 30 sports being offered within the AAU. The AAU is the original true JR Olympics.

The non-qualifying events this year are: Team Forms, Creative or Traditional Weapons Forms, Board Breaking, that will entail different challenging and exciting sub events for you to try individually or as a team. All of the criteria for each event is detailed inside the attached packet.

For those that are not up to date on the AAU JR Olympic Games, TKD does not have any sparring in the games. It has evolved into a Hanmadang with many different exciting and challenging events. The past two years have seen an exciting exceptional growth with this. Make sure to check out all the different events listed on the AAU TKD website.

Black belts ages 10-32 (team trial ages) will be using the KP&P E Hogu. You must supply your own footgear. It can be purchased at www.dynamicsworld.com or www.mykick.com.

As in past years, the registration is only online, being conducted by the AAU headquarters in Orlando, Florida. Please have your 2017 AAU membership number ready before you register.

When you are ready to register, go to www.aautaekwondo.org and put your cursor over Quick links section on the left side of the front page and click on the “online registration bar”

We as the Gulf AAU are committed to the growth of TKD in our community and feel that we can offer the best quality local TKD event around. Each ring will be centered by our top Referees with the highest level of experience from around the U.S. and Houston area. Our Olympic style coaches are the most educated and have produced some of the most notable athletes to participate on an international level. AAU TKD also has a team for our top black belts that get the opportunity to travel and compete internationally (this year in Mexico). Our Officials take a 4-5 hour course each year for the most up to date rules. AAU TKD offers Point Sparring to those schools that may not do Olympic style sparring the opportunity to compete on a National level and qualify to be on the National Point Sparring Team. We accept all WTF forms as well as ITF and Tang So Do forms. In the AAU we do not care what affiliation your school may be with. In the AAU, we are committed to the athlete no matter what background. Our rules are designed for all TKD practitioners.

On behalf of Gulf AAU TKD, I thank you for the support and look forward to seeing you on May 6th, 2017!

Sincerely,
Master David McCloskey
Gulf AAU TKD Chairman

For any questions please email me at: dmccloskey1@sbcglobal.net, or call me at: 281-256-2345



2017 AAU TKD Gulf District National Qualifier

May 6 2017

INFORMATION SHEET

COMPETITION DATE: SATURDAY, May 6th

TIME:

Doors open at 8:00am

ENTRY FEES:

1-2 Individual Events: \$90.00

Each additional event: \$15.00 each

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Online registration ONLY at www.aautaeqwondo.org (click on RED event tab at top of page)

Entry registration must be received by April 27, 2017 at 11:59pm

After April 27, 2017, a \$25.00 late fee will be added. Late registration ends at 11:59pm on Wednesday May 3, 2017.

There will be no refunds issued for any reason whatsoever!

E HOGU:

Black belts ages 10-32 will be using the KP&P gear. You must supply your own KP&P foot gear, which can be purchased at www.dynamicsworld.com or www.mykick.com

BOARDS:

BOARDS PURCHASED DURING ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE ENTRY TABLE

please see the Supplemental Board Breaking Information page for more info

COACHES PASS:

\$20 at the door (proper AAU coaching attire required and present 2017 AAU coach's certification)

SPECTATOR FEES:

\$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children, 3 years and under FREE

STAGING TIMES:

(Approximate times – must be in staging by this time)

- 8:00am – Doors Open
- 8:30am – Officials Meeting
- 9:00 am- Point Sparring (all ages)
- 9:30am – 5-7 Years Old:
Forms Include:
 - Traditional Forms * Team Forms * Creative Weapon Forms * Special Needs
- 10:00am – 8 Years and up: Forms Include
 - Traditional Forms * Team Forms * Creative Weapon Forms * Special Needs
- 12:00pm – Olympic Sparring (all ages)

- AWARDS:** Medals will be awarded to the top four (4) competitors in each division completed for qualifying events.
- UNIFORMS:** All contestants must wear a clean white dobok only. See AAU Taekwondo Rulebook for further description
- MANDATORY:** Please visit www.aautaekwondo.org and download the competition handbook for complete competition rules and description of all mandatory gear requirements.
- PAYMENT INFO:** Payment may **ONLY** be made online at www.aautaekwondo.org (click on **RED event tab at top of page**)

MUST BE CURRENT AAU MEMBER WITH ID CARD TO PARTICIPATE, COACH OR REFEREE

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes, coaches, and officials must be members of AAU and be able to present their AAU membership card on demand. AAU membership numbers will be needed in order to register online for the competition. Coaches and officials must have the non-athlete membership card.

BE PREPARED AND REGISTER YOUR COACHES EARLY! You can no longer register for non-athlete(coach) membership onsite at the event. For more information, visit www.aautaekwondo.org

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS:

The tournament Committee reserves the right to further divide or combine divisions depending on the number of competitors registered to compete in each event.

Point Sparring

- Rules according to the 2017 AAU Taekwondo Point Sparring Competition Rules
- Single elimination bracket
- National Qualifying Event

Special Needs Point Sparring

- Rules according to the 2017 AAU Special Needs Taekwondo Point Sparring Competition Rules
- Single elimination bracket
- National Qualifying Event

Special Needs Forms

- Rules according to the 2017 AAU Special Needs Taekwondo Forms Competition Rules
- Single elimination bracket
- National Qualifying Event

Olympic Sparring

- Rules according to the 2017 AAU Taekwondo Olympic Sparring Competition Rules
- Black Belts divisions ages 10-32 will use the electronic HOGU KP&P
- Single elimination bracket
- Black Belts ages 10-32 have to supply their own KP&P foot gear, which can be purchased at or www.dynamicsworld.com or www.mykick.com
- National Qualifying Event

Individual Traditional Forms

- Recognized and approved forms are specified in the 2017 AAU Taekwondo Handbook
- Brazilian Repechage brackets
- Judging criteria includes Beauty, Grace, Rhythm, Focus, Power & Technique
- National Qualifying Event

Creative Weapons Forms

- Both Traditional and Creative weapons forms will be permitted
- No live blades will be allowed
- Single elimination bracket
- Weapons are subject to inspection by the Chief Referee and may be prohibited if deemed unsafe
- Judging criteria includes Beauty, Grace, Rhythm, Focus, Power, Technique & Creativity
- This event does not qualify you for the AAU Nationals

Team Forms

- 3 Members: Black Belts ONLY, Juniors or Adult team, males and females can be mixed together
- Recognized and approved forms are specified in the 2017 AAU Taekwondo Handbook
- Forms may not be modified
- Single elimination bracket
- Judging criteria includes Beauty, Grace, Rhythm, Focus, Power, Technique & how well team performs as a unit
- This event does not qualify you for the AAU Nationals

Board Breaking* (see next page on Supplemental Board Breaking Information)

SPECIAL NOTES: For AAU Taekwondo Competitions: Novice Division consist of White, Orange and Yellow belts. Intermediate Divisions consist of Green, Purple and Blue. Advanced Divisions consist of both Red and Brown Belts. Black Belt Divisions are meant to include Junior Black as well. If your school or club uses any other belt ranking order or system, your athlete should conform to the above mentioned criteria. **Also Poom Belts (half red and half black) should be worn by JUNIOR Black Belts ages 15 and younger ONLY!**

SUPPLEMENTAL BOARD BREAKING INFORMATION

Only the boards supplied by the tournament host will be allowed, which include: boards purchased online during registration, and extra boards purchased with CASH at the event.

Boards Required: ____ pack of 5 (\$15.00) ____ pack of 10 (\$30.00) ____ pack of 15 (\$40.00)

*** BOARDS PURCHASED DURING ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL BE READY FOR PICK UP AT THE ENTRY TABLE ***

*** BOARD HOLDERS / VOLUNTEERS MUST BE PROVIDED BY STUDENT ***

Board Breaking Guidelines

- Each competitor will be allowed only **TWO** stations per round
- A maximum of three attempts per station is allowed
- No forehead breaking, open flames, or bladed props may be used
- No jumping/flying over people will be allowed
- No spacers will be allowed
- No elbow strikes will be allowed
- Competitors use the following board sizes
 - 10 & under– 10 x 10 x 1/2 inch pine
 - 12 & up – 12 x 9 x 3/4 inch pine
 - No thinner/shaved boards may be used for breaking competitions (3/4 inch pine is the standard thickness you will find in the hardware store for shelving)
- Athletes compete in a side-by-side manner (superior technique advances to the next round)
- Athlete technique will be judged based on the following criteria:
 - Technique, focus, balance, power, and creativity
 - A break performed on the first try is superior to a break completed on the second try
 - A two-board break is superior to a one-board break, a three-board break is superior to a two-board break, etc.
 - A break supported on 1 end (speed break) is superior to a break supported on both ends.