



2017 NATIONAL AAU YOUTH & ADULT TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP

July 3-8, 2017

**Fort Lauderdale Convention Center
Fort Lauderdale, FL**

INFORMATION SHEET

ATHLETE ARRIVAL: Please consult the Schedule of Events to determine which day you **MUST** arrive. Check-in/weigh-ins have been scheduled over several days to insure that your stay is as convenient as possible.

EVENT DATES: Monday through Saturday—July 3-8, 2017

<u>ENTRY FEES:</u>	# of Events	Via Online Registration
	1 Individual Event	\$100.00
	1 Spar + Individual Forms	\$150.00
	2 Sparring Events	\$200.00
	3 Individual Events	\$250.00
	Team Form	\$150.00

CREDENTIAL FEES: National AAU Official's and Coaches Fee Schedule will be as follows:

	Via Online Registration
Coaches Credentials	\$75.00
Official's Refresher & Credentials	FREE!

If you plan to coach at all during this event, you must register and pay for a coach's credentials.

Please Note: In order to coach this event, you must have been previously certified (in 2017 competition year) through our online certification course and be able to prove it! **This course may be accessed through our web site aautaekwondo.org. On home page, click on COACHES CERTIFICATION.**

All officials who wish to work the National Championship **MUST** be individual members of AAU and attend the national clinic.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All applications must be processed through our ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM located at <http://www.aautaekwondo.org> AND **completed no later than Monday, June 5th, 2017 @ 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time.**

LATE FEES: Online registrations received between **Tuesday, June 6th and Thursday, June 8th** may still be accepted, **BUT will be assessed a \$75.00 Late Fee (no exceptions).** There will be no refunds issued for any reason whatsoever.

*****VISIT AUTAETKWONDO.ORG FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION*****

**PAYMENT/
REGISTRATION
INFO:**

Until your registration fee is actually paid; the individual athlete or coach IS NOT REGISTERED to participate. **All incomplete or unfinished registrations will be purged from the system on Thursday, June 8th at 11:59 PM**--the last day for Late Registrations. Regardless of when you actually begin the registration process, you must complete the transaction by the aforementioned deadline dates or late fees/disqualification will apply.

When completing your application, be sure to give the correct weight, and rank **as of the date(s) of competition**. It is your responsibility to insure that your weight matches the weight class you listed on your application--failure to make weight may result in your disqualification from sparring!

IF corrections to your application ARE accepted at check-in, a \$35.00 Change Order Fee will be assessed—CASH ONLY!

**AGE DETERMINING
DATE:**

Athletes shall be placed in the appropriate AGE category based on their age as of **December 31, 2017** (AAU Taekwondo's Age Determining Date). Cadet and Junior athletes MAY be required to show a **copy** of their birth certificate or passport at check-in. Please be sure to bring yours in order to avoid a potential disqualification.

**AAU NATIONAL
TEAM TRIAL**

The Senior (18-32) and Pre-Cadet (10-11) Teams shall be established at the National Championship by virtue of capturing the 1st Place Gold Medal in single elimination competition. The top four finishers in the Cadet (12-14) Junior (15-17) Black Belt divisions will be invited to Team Trials in September along with the current member of that team to compete under international rules (regarding a kick to the head) for the Team Member slot.

Correspondingly, Senior Team and Pre-Cadet Team Members will be invited to train and travel with the National Teams at their own expense.

The AAU has always been about Youth Sports (at least since the passage of the Sports Act, which created the NGB's). These policies best align the AAU Taekwondo Program with its parent organization's direction and more fairly allocate the resources we do have with those that provide those resources—our youngest members.

This information is provided here, in the National Championship Information Package, so that all 'elite' athletes may make a better-informed decision as to their participation.

For those Black Belts competing in the Olympic Sparring Divisions, everyone must compete in the age category befitting their age according to our Age Determining Date. Fourteen year olds must compete as 12-14 year olds at the National Championship AND if you place in the top, four spots you will be invited to the 12-14 year old Cadet Team Trials. Should you turn 15 in 2018 you will be invited to travel with the Junior Team at that time. The same holds true for our 17 year olds who may actually turn 18 in the year in which the Teams travel.

National Senior Team Members and the 10-11 Cadet Team members will be invited to the annual Team Training camp weekend, usually held over the MLK Weekend in January, and will receive a National Team Warm-up similar to that worn by our Junior and Cadet Team Members.

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes, coaches, and officials MUST be individual members of the AAU and

be prepared to present their membership card at the time of their check-in.

ELIGIBILITY:

Qualification to the National AAU Taekwondo Championship must be determined by actual competition. Qualification may only be determined through:

- a) District Championship
- b) Regional Championship
- c) National Championship

District & Regional Championships
These events may qualify the top eight (8) athletes from each appropriate age and division category to participate at the National Championship.

RULES:

The AAU Taekwondo Rules, as posted on the AAU Taekwondo Web Site, shall govern this event. All officials and coaches participating in the National Championship must have completed the 2017 AAU Certification process and be duly certified to perform same by the AAU Taekwondo Committee. All officials must also have in their possession the current rulebook. You may download these rules FREE at www.aautaekwondo.org.

UNIFORM

All contestants must wear a clean **white** dobok only.

REQUIREMENTS:

See AAU Taekwondo Rulebook.

EQUIPMENT

Please refer to the proper pages in the 2017 AAU Taekwondo Rulebook for the mandatory and optional equipment requirements for point sparring and Olympic style sparring respectively. No exceptions!

REQUIREMENTS:

SPECTATOR

TICKETS:

Spectator Tickets will be available at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center.

Adult Tickets (12 and older)	One Day	\$15.00
	Five Day	\$50.00
Youth Ticket (5-11)	One Day	\$10.00
	Five Day	\$35.00
Under 5	FREE!	

AWARDS:

National AAU Championship medals will be awarded to the top four (4) places in each division.

HOTELS:

The AAU Taekwondo Committee appreciates all traveling parties booking with the designated "**Official Hotels**". **See separate listing of all Official Hotels.**

COMPETITION

Fort Lauderdale Convention Center

VENUE:

1950 Eisenhower Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

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