

2010 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

GYMNASTICS



LOCATION: Boo Williams Sportsplex, 5 Armistead Pointe Parkway, Hampton, VA 23666

DATES:	*Friday, July 30	Athlete Check-In	Midtown Community Center
	Saturday, July 31	Competition	Boo Williams Sportsplex
	Sunday, August 1	Competition	Boo Williams Sportsplex

** Athletes must check-in the day prior to their event. Please refer to www.aaujrogames.org for times.*

AGE DIVISIONS:	Open Optional:	Girls 7-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-19
	Intermediate Optional:	Girls 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
	Team Performance:	All Ages
	Ladies:	Level 8, Intermediate Optional
	Levels 7 and 8:	Girls 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

ENTRY FEE: \$75.00 per athlete. For Team Performance, the entry fee is \$40.00 per athlete if not competing in artistic gymnastics. For athletes also competing in artistic gymnastics or cheerleading, the entry fee is an additional \$10 per athlete for Team Performance. The coach entry fee is \$40 (\$50 if paid onsite at check-in). All entry fees are non-refundable.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND ENTRY DEADLINE:

ALL INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE at www.aaujrogames.org.

Entries must be completed online by **Thursday, July 1, 2010**. Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover is accepted. You will need to have your AAU membership at the time of registering. After registering online, you will receive an email confirming your entry and acceptance of payment.

TEAM PERFORMANCE: Entries for Team Performance must be submitted by paper entry form. Check the website at www.aaujrogames.org for the entry form. Entries must be received by July 1 deadline.

The Local Organizing Committee and the AAU have spent many hours planning and preparing for this AAU Event. In order to make it a great success, we are asking for your cooperation. It is the responsibility of the parent, coach, instructor, and athlete to ensure that the application is in on time and complete in every detail.

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes and coaches must be current AAU members. To register for membership, visit www.aausports.org.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

The format will be based on the number of entries. Open Optionals (Girls) will have the opportunity to advance to AAU Junior Olympic Championship FINALS on Sunday!

QUALIFICATION:

OPEN OPTIONAL: Gymnasts must have placed first through twelfth place in All Around at their respective District Championship in their age division. Gymnasts placing beyond twelfth place at the District Championship may qualify provided they score a minimum of 29.00 AA. **OPEN OPTIONALS - GIRLS WILL ADVANCE TO FINALS (TOP 10 EACH EVENT).**

INTERMEDIATE OPTIONAL: These girls will compete as a separate competition. This "intermediate optional" program will compete using the AAU Girls Gymnastics Modified Rules as printed on the web site at www.aausports.org.

Elite level gymnasts are ineligible to compete. Winners of the USA Gymnastics National Junior Olympics Championships are eligible to compete providing they meet all AAU qualification requirements.

TEAM PERFORMANCE GYMNASTICS: No qualification required, open meet.

- AWARDS:** All athletes will receive a minimum of one medal. Each sport section will have awards based on entries. AAU Gymnastics also includes these special awards:
- All American Awards (top six female scores from any age division in the "Open Optional" Gymnastics prelims). Plaques and patches are given to each athlete.
 - We will honor our graduating Senior Gymnasts in all divisions.
 - The Joel Ferrell Outstanding Athlete Award, as nominated by the coaches will also be presented. Any gymnast in any division is eligible. One female will be selected from the coach's nominations. This is a most prestigious award and coaches are asked to submit their nominations after the preliminary rounds of competition.
 - Team Awards also will be given.

AGE DETERMINATION: Determined by the gymnast's age on the first day of competition, Saturday, July 31, 2010. Gymnasts **MUST** compete at the **AAU District Championships in the age division in which they will compete at the AAU National Championships.**

CHECK-IN: Gymnastics athletes and coaches must check-in on July 30 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Midtown Community Center located at 570 McLawhorne Drive in Newport News. Please follow the posted signs to the Check-In Area. For check-in hours and directions please visit www.aaujrogames.org (click on Event Info/Handbook).

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CHECK-IN THE DAY PRIOR TO COMPETING.

CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES: On Monday, August 2, all athletes, coaches, families and friends are invited to the AAU Junior Olympic Games Athletes' Celebration at the Beach. Join the party for entertainment and fun on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk. More details will be announced soon at www.aaujrogames.org.

PARKING: The majority of venues for the AAU Junior Olympic Games will offer complimentary parking; however, some locations may have a small fee. This is subject to change. Please note that some hotels may charge for parking. Contact your hotel for more information.

HOUSING: Anthony Travel is proud to be the Official Travel Provider for the 2010 AAU Junior Olympic Games. Participants in the AAU Junior Olympic Games should book hotel accommodations through Anthony Travel. Anthony Travel has negotiated specially-priced rates for AAU participants and their families. **Visit www.aaujrogames.org to make reservations and view hotel lists.** For assistance, please call Anthony Travel toll-free at 800-736-6377.

You will need to have the following information ready when making reservations:

1. The number of rooms you need
2. Your arrival and departure dates
3. Your credit card number

Please check online regarding deposit requirements and cancellation policies which may vary depending on hotel. AAU is not responsible for any refunds from cancellations.

NEW: All participants will need to provide hotel information as part of the entry process for the AAU Junior Olympic Games. Hotel information can be submitted online at www.aaujrogames.org at the time of registering for the event or anytime prior to onsite check-in.

TRANSPORTATION: Participants and spectators are responsible for their own transportation to and from all activities, events, and hotels.

SECURITY: All AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain the right to search any bags, backpacks, purses, jackets, etc. throughout the duration of the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

FOOD: All AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain exclusive rights to concessions. Outside food and beverage are not permitted throughout the duration of the AAU Junior Olympic Games. No coolers at any venue.

ADMISSION FEE: Credentialed athletes and coaches will receive admission to all competition venues and the Celebration of Athletes as part of your entry fee. Please note that you must check-in and pick up your credential prior to receiving admittance into any venue, including the Celebration of Athletes. All other spectators can purchase daily tickets or event passports valid for all the sport venues throughout the AAU Junior

Olympic Games. Tickets can be purchased onsite at the venue. For more information on ticket options, please visit www.aaujrogames.org.

NO GUARANTEE: The AAU cannot and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event. The AAU has sanctioned (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for any participant's or spectator's expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction of any participant, friend, family, or spectator, this includes, but is not limited to all travel, hotel (lodging), food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.

CLARIFICATION: Girls Open Optional Team Competition -

- Modified AAU Junior Olympic Rules (See Rulebook)
- Districts may enter two teams of six girls in each age division. The team is based on rank order from District Championships.
- The "A" teams are comprised of the top 6 finishers in rank order. The "B" teams are comprised of the 7th through 12th place finishers in rank order.
- All must meet the criteria score in that age group.
- All Star athletes based on score and entries.
- Capital Cup Format used for girls
- District awards done daily

Girls Intermediate Optionals

- See Rulebook
- Developed for Level 6, 7, 8 early optionals
- The "A" teams are comprised of the top 6 finishers in rank order. The "B" teams are comprised of the 7th through 12th place finishers in rank order.
- No criteria score to advance to Nationals.
- All Star athletes (13 and below) eligible
- District awards done daily
- No finals for intermediate optionals

For all gymnasts competing Level 7, 8, or Open Division at the AAU Junior Olympic Games, the deduction for missing a special requirement will be .2 rather than .5. There were some questions regarding this issue last year. This is not a change as this was the ruling last year, we just wanted to clarify this for all coaches attending JO Games to better prepare their athletes.

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