



# 2012 AAU Junior Olympic Games

## BATON TWIRLING

July 30—August 3, 2012  
George R. Brown Convention Center  
Houston, Texas

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**LOCATION:** George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010

<b>DATES:</b>	Monday, July 30, 2012	Athlete & Coach Check-In	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Tuesday, July 31, 2012	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Wednesday, August 1, 2012	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Thursday, August 2, 2012	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Thursday, August 2, 2012	Celebration of Athletes	Spalshtown Waterpark
	Friday, August 3, 2012	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center

**QUALIFICATION:** Competitors must compete and qualify at an AAU District Championship in each and every event they wish to be eligible to compete in at the AAU National Championship (both team and individual events) which are conducted at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. A competitor can compete in only one level/one age group for each event.

## **AGE DIVISIONS:**

### **Solo One Baton**

Novice\*\* - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Beginner - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Intermediate - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Advanced - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Elite - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Boys - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
\*\*Collegiate Division – through age 24  
\*\*Adult 21 and older – 21 and older  
Challenger - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+

### **Solo Two Baton**

Novice\*\* - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Beginner - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Intermediate - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Advanced - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Elite - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Challenger - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+

### **Collegiate Solo - University or College Student**

2-3 minute routine; may include multiple batons;  
should include University fight song and  
athlete's choice of music

### **Solo Freestyle**

5-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+, Collegiate

### **Solo Three Baton**

Beginner - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Advanced - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Elite - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Challenger - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+

### **Multiple Baton Solo**

Beginner - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Advanced - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Challenger - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+

### **Strut (X, T, L, etc.)**

Novice - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Beginner - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Intermediate - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Advanced - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Elite - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Challenger - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+

### **Solo Dance Twirl**

5-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+, Collegiate

### **Flag Baton**

Beginner - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Advanced - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Challenger - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+

### **Hoop Baton**

Beginner - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Advanced - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Challenger - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+

### **Military Strut**

Novice - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Beginner - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Advanced - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Challenger - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+

**Basic Strut**

Novice - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Beginner - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Advanced - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+  
Challenger - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+

**Twirling Duets (combined ages)**

Beginner - 0-18, 19-24, 25-30, 31+  
Advanced - 0-18, 19-24, 25-30, 31+  
Challenger - 0-18, 19-24, 25-30, 31+

**\*Small Twirling Teams (avg. ages)**

**3-8 members**

Beginner\*\*\*, Advanced, & Challenger  
0-9, 10-13, 14+

**\*Small Dance Twirl Teams (avg. ages)**

**3-8 members**

Beginner\*\*\*, Advanced, & Challenger  
0-9, 10-13, 14+

**\*Small Twirling Corps (avg. age)**

0-9 (10-18 members)  
10-13 (12-20 members)  
14+ (12-20 members)

**\*Small Parade Corps (avg. ages)**

**10-16 members**

**Auxiliary (short and long program)**

0-9, 10-13, 14+

**Street Parade Team**

0-9, 10-13, 14+

**Collegiate Dance Twirl Team**

Small 3-8, Large 9 & more  
Time Limit: 2:00 - 5:00 minutes

**Parade Routine**

Novice - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16+

**Twirling Trios (avg. ages)**

Beginner - 0-12, 13+  
Advanced - 0-12, 13+  
Challenger - 0-12, 13+

**\*Large Twirling Teams (avg. ages)**

**9 & more members**

Beginner\*\*\*, Advanced, & Challenger  
0-9, 10-13, 14+

**\*Large Dance Twirl Teams (avg. ages)**

**9 & more members**

Beginner\*\*\*, Advanced, & Challenger  
0-9, 10-13, 14+

**\*Large Twirling Corps (avg. age)**

0-9 (19 & more members)  
10-13 (21 & more members)  
14+ (21 & more members)

**\*Large Parade Corps (avg. ages)**

**17 & more members**

**Show Team**

0-9, 10-13, 14+

**Novelty Show Twirl Team**

0-9, 10-13, 14+

**Collegiate Half Time Show**

Time Limit: 2:00 - 7:00 minutes  
Twirling props are allowed

To calculate average ages, add all the athletes' ages together, then divide the sum by the number of athletes in the group.

\*The National Competition Committee reserves the right to combine age divisions in group competition where there are less than 5 entries in an age division.

\*\*Novice Solo One Baton Only. **Athletes in this level may not perform more than a two-turn around and no high toss illusions**

\*\*\*Athletes that are Novice, Beginner or Intermediate in Solo one baton and have not received more than five first place Beginner team wins are considered Beginner team athletes. Athletes that are Advanced in Solo one baton are not allowed to compete on a Beginner team. Athletes that are Advanced in Solo one baton or have received five first place Beginner team wins are considered Advanced team athletes.

**ENTRY FEE:****SOLO EVENTS**

1 Event \$60.00  
 Each Additional Solo Event \$20.00

**GROUP EVENTS**

Duets, Trios, Teams & Corps  
 \$20.00 per athlete per event

**ALL AROUND TWIRLING CHAMPION**

*To be eligible, participant must be entered in all categories listed below for their level.*

<b>NOVICE</b>	<b>\$50</b>	1 Baton	Parade Routine	Basic Strut	
<b>BEGINNER</b>	<b>\$50</b>	1 Baton	Multi-Baton	Freestyle	
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	<b>\$50</b>	1 Baton	2 Baton	3 Baton	
<b>ADVANCED</b>	<b>\$50</b>	2 Baton	3 Baton	Solo Dance Twirl	Multi Baton
<b>ELITE</b>	<b>\$60</b>	2 Baton	3 Baton	Solo Dance Twirl	Multi Baton

**REGISTRATION AND ENTRY DEADLINE:**

**All entries must be completed online no later than Thursday, July 12, 2012 at [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org).** Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover is accepted. All fees are non-refundable.

You will need to have your AAU membership at the time of registering for the event. If you do not have a current AAU membership number, please visit [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) and click on JOIN AAU to become a member of the AAU. After registering online for the event, you will receive an email confirming your entry and acceptance of payment. Once you register and pay online, there is no need to send in any paperwork.

**NOTE: Only COACHES are authorized to complete group registrations online for duets, trios, teams, and corps. Solo events can be handled by anyone (parents, athletes, coaches, etc.).**

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.

**AGE DETERMINATION:** Determined by the athlete's age at the time of the AAU National Championships first day of competition, July 31, 2012. Athletes MUST compete at their AAU District or Regional Championship in the age division in which they will be at the AAU National Championships.

**AAU MEMBERSHIP:** All athletes and coaches must be current AAU members and be able to present their AAU membership card at check-in. To join, visit [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org).

**COACHES:** All AAU Baton Twirling coaches wishing to have access to the competition floor must be wearing the official AAU Baton Twirling Polo Shirt and be a registered coach for the event. To purchase the official polo, please visit [www.aaubaton.org](http://www.aaubaton.org) for an order form, or contact Jennifer Miles, AAU National Headquarters, at 407-828-3704 or [jennifer@ausports.org](mailto:jennifer@ausports.org). To register as a coach for the event, visit [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) and register online. The coaches' entry fee is \$40 and includes a coaches bag, t-shirt and an event credential (allowing access to all competition venues and the Celebration of Athletes). The \$40 entry fee is in addition to the non-athlete membership fee. Onsite coach entries may be accepted with a \$10 late fee (\$50 total).

**COACHES' EDUCATION:**

The AAU is happy to make available **FREE Coaches' Education** for all AAU non-athlete members. In its second year, this exciting program is **MANDATORY** for all AAU non-athletes and will be administered by Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). Please visit [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) and click on PCA COACHES EDUCATION order to enter and take the MANDATORY AAU/PCA coaches educational course. There are TWO courses available this year - one for those new to PCA training and one for those who completed the course last year. Membership may be revoked from non-athletes who do not complete course prior to competition.

**HOUSING:**

The AAU makes every effort to provide the best quality experience for athletes, coaches and families that participate in AAU events. The Harris County-Houston Sports Authority and the AAU have carefully selected host hotels for participants. A wide variety of housing options are available. Houston is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest city in the country and traffic can be a challenge. For this reason, the most affordable hotel options near each facility have been selected.

**In order to complete your registration to participate in the 2012 AAU Junior Olympic Games, you are required to use hotel accommodates as advertised at [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org). All reservations are handled through PSE Housing Services. DO NOT CONTACT THE HOTELS DIRECTLY AS YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED AAU RATE.** Go to [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) and click on **Hotels** to make your reservations, or contact PSE at 800-498-8564 for assistance. If your team or athlete is local or not planning to stay at one of the recommended properties, you can request a Housing Exemption Form from [eyates@houstonports.org](mailto:eyates@houstonports.org).

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

**CHECK-IN:** Athletes and coaches must check-in at the George R. Brown Convention Center located at 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010. Check-in will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in Ballroom B. Parking fees do apply for the lots around the Convention Center. For check-in hours, maps and additional directions please visit [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) (click on Event Info, then Registration). Participants should check in at least the day prior to competing.

**PARKING:** Some locations will have parking fees such as the George R. Brown Convention Center. Please visit [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) (click on Event Info, Maps & Parking) for more information. Also, most downtown hotels will charge for parking. Please check with your hotel for specific information as prices vary.

**CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES:** The Celebration of Athletes will be held on Thursday, August 2 at Splashtown Waterpark. The park will be closed to the general public and open exclusively for AAU athletes and attendees. Admission is free for credentialed athletes and coaches. Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet other athletes and enjoy the Waterpark. Check the web site at [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) for more announcements.

**TRANSPORTATION:** All 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.

**ADMISSION FEE:** Athletes and coaches with a credential 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. You must have the appropriate wristband or credential.

Spectators can purchase tickets onsite at the venues. Daily passes are \$12.00 (6 & under free) and includes admission to all competition venues on the designated day only. Event passports are \$40.00 (6 & under free). For more information on ticket options, please visit [www.aaujrogames.org](http://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, lodging, food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.

**COMPETITION SCHEDULE:**

**This is only a tentative schedule and is subject to change. A final schedule will be available at athlete check-in. Challenger events will occur at the same times as Novice/Beginner Events.**

**\*Prelims only for Intermediate and Advanced Solo, Strut, Two Baton, Dance Twirl, and Groups.**

**All other events are only Finals, no Prelims.**

**Tuesday, July 31, 2012** - Prelims Groups, Duets, Trios and Collegiate; Awards Duets and Trios

**Wednesday, August 1, 2012** - Finals Groups, Freestyle; Prelims Dance Twirl and Collegiate: Performance Showcase and Awards for Groups and Freestyle

**Thursday, August 2, 2012** - Prelims Intermediate and Advanced Solo, Strut, and Two Baton; Novice and Beginner all Solo Events; Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Collegiate of Basic, Military, Multiple Baton, Three Baton, Hoop and Flag; Performance Showcase and Awards for all non-prelim events and All Around Twirling Champion Event

**Friday, August 3, 2012** - Finals Intermediate, Advanced and Collegiate Solo, Strut, Two Baton, Collegiate and Solo Dance Twirl; Awards to follow.

\*Schedule will be based on the number of entries received.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Jennifer Miles, 407-828-3704, [Jennifer@ausports.org](mailto:Jennifer@ausports.org), [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org)