



2012 AAU Junior Olympic Games

Bowling

July 28-31, 2012
Palace Bowling Lanes
Houston, Texas

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AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES National Bowling Championships



PREMIER DIVISIONS: Teams/Singles/Doubles
Open to USBC card holders

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- LOCATION:** Palace Bowling Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77025
Check-In will be at the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston.
- DATES:**
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| Saturday, July 28, 2012 | Athlete Check-In |
| Sunday, July 29, 2012 | Team Competition Preliminary Round |
| Sunday, July 29, 2012 | Team Competition Semi-Final Round |
| Monday, July 30, 2012 | Team Finals & Singles/Doubles Preliminary Round |
| Tuesday, July 31, 2012 | Doubles Semi-Final Round & Finals |
| Tuesday, July 31, 2012 | Singles Semi-Final Round & Finals |
- AGE DIVISIONS:** A player's age as of January 1, 2012 determines the division in which the player is eligible to compete in the same year. Divisions for open (Co-Ed or Boys), and Girls.
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| Ages 14 & Under | Ages 15-19 |
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- EVENTS:** 6 Person Team / Singles / Doubles
- QUALIFICATION:** 6 Person Teams may be entered either through Direct Entry or Local Qualifiers. Singles and Doubles will be Direct Entry.
- AAU MEMBERSHIP:** All participants must be members of the AAU which is \$12.00 per athlete. Visit www.aausports.org and click on Join AAU to become a member of the AAU.
- USBC MEMBERSHIP:** All participants must be current 2011-12 USBC Youth cardholders which is \$17.00 per athlete. Register online at www.gotobowl.com/memberships and join USBC. A tournament participation membership can also be purchased for \$2.00, but the athlete will not be eligible for USBC awards.
- ENTRY FEE:** The first event entered is \$45 per athlete. The second event is \$35 per athlete and the third event is \$30 per athlete. All entry fees must be in the form of either a cashier's check or money order made payable to: **2012 AAU Junior Olympic Games. No personal checks will be accepted.** Please do not send cash. The entry fee is in addition to the AAU membership card. All fees are non-refundable.
- OPTIONAL:** This event is also a qualifier for the USBC Junior Gold event to be held in 2013. Any USBC member who is also an AAU member can enter with their team and singles/doubles scores being used as AAU qualifying scores. Registration for this will be handled on-site and is \$40 per entry. One in five entries will qualify for the 2013 USBC Junior Gold field.
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** **Participants must register by Thursday, July 19, 2012.** If space is available, late entries may be accepted and an automatic \$15.00 late entry fee will be applied to any entries received after Thursday, July 19, 2012. Guaranteed overnight delivery is strongly advised and will become necessary if it is the only way to ensure that all forms are to be received by the published deadline date.
- Send entry fee and form to:
- AAU Junior Olympic Games
c/o Bowling
1910 Hotel Plaza Blvd
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
407-934-7200

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 4th 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 accommodations as advertised at 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 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@houstonssports.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.

SCHEDULE:

This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Team Event Preliminary Rd	Sunday, July 29, 2012	*9:00 AM	15 to 19 Open Division
	Sunday, July 29, 2012	11:00 AM	15 to 19 Girls, 14 & Under Girls & 14 & Under Open
	Sunday, July 29, 2012		(If needed for additional teams)
Team Event Semi-Final Rd	Sunday, July 29, 2012	*4:00 PM	
Team Finals	Monday, July 30, 2012	*9:00 AM	
Singles /Doubles Prelim	Monday, July 30, 2012	*11:30 AM	3:00 PM
Doubles Finals	Tuesday, July 31, 2012	*9:00 AM	
Doubles Finals	Tuesday, July 31, 2012	11:45 AM	
Singles Semi-Final Rd	Tuesday, July 31, 2012	*1:00 PM	
Singles Finals	Tuesday, July 31, 2012	3:45 PM	

*Lanes will be reconditioned at these times with fresh oil.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:

Team Every team will bowl 3 regular bowling games. Teams will be divided into three bowlers each and they will bowl on adjacent pairs of lanes against an opposing team. (All 6 bowlers' scores will be used to determine which teams advance to the Semi-Final Round). The top half of the field (rounded to the nearest even number of teams) will advance to the Semi-Final Round. Teams will change lanes after every game. Scores will not carry forward to the next round.

Singles/Doubles Individuals will bowl 3 regular games. Everyone who bowls will be bowling for a Singles Event score. In addition, if 2 individuals have registered for Doubles, these same 3 games will also be used to determine Doubles Finals Qualifiers. Doubles teams will be placed together on a pair of lanes. The entire pair will change lanes after each game, moving within their assigned block of lanes. The top ½ of the field in the Singles event will advance to the Semi-Final Round. The top ½ of the field in the Doubles event will advance to the Final Round. Scores will not carry forward to the next round.

SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS:

Team Teams will bowl 15 Baker Format games. The top 5 teams will advance to the stepladder finals. All ties will be broken by highest last game, unless the tie is for 5th position, then a 9th & 10th frame roll-off will occur. 6th Member Baker substitution Format: If a team chooses to use a 6th member in any of the Baker games, the following will apply – Substitutions may only be made between games. No substitutions once a game begins, unless an injury occurs. A player can re-enter between Baker games but cannot change the bowler order. The only legal substitute is the 6th member listed on the lineup. Substitutes must bowl in the same position as the player they are replacing. Example: If sub (6th bowler) goes in for bowler #2 in the second Baker game, and the coach decides bowler #3 needs to be replaced in the third game of Baker, then, #2 goes back into the rotation in the second spot, and the sub (#6) goes into the #3 spot.

	Singles:	All bowlers will bowl 3 regular games of bowling. The top 6 individuals will advance to the Singles Finals.
FINALS:	Team Event	The top 5 teams will advance to a Best of 3 Step-Ladder Baker Finals. The 5 th place qualifier will face the 4 th place qualifier in a Best of 3 (first to win 2 games advances) Baker contest. The winner will face the 3 rd place qualifier and so on until a National Champion is crowned.
	Doubles:	Teams will bowl 3 regular games of bowling. There will be no match play in the Doubles Event. The top 5 team totals will receive medals. All ties will be broken by a 9 th & 10 th frame roll-off.
	Singles Event	The top 6 individuals will advance to a Bracketed Match Play format. The 1 st and 2 nd place qualifiers will receive a BYE in the initial round, while the 3 rd qualifier bowls the 6 th qualifier and the 4 th qualifier bowls the 5 th qualifier, in a single elimination game. The 3 rd -6 th qualifier winner will face the 1 st qualifier and the 4 th -5 th qualifier winner will face the 2 nd qualifier. The winner will face each other for the National Championship.

RULES:

EQUIPMENT

Each entrant must have a bowling ball for their individual use in the tournament. Only USBC approved bowling balls will be allowed and MUST have the manufacture's name, product name and serial number clearly visible at all times for identification purposes. Any scores bowled using a bowling ball that does not meet the above requirements will not count. Random bowling ball checks may be done as deemed necessary by tournament staff. Bowling balls depicting alcohol, tobacco or gambling may not be used in competition. Tournament staff has the right to remove balls from tournament play that are deemed in violation of the rules.

DRESS CODE

Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire. Use good judgment when selecting the appropriate attire.

Examples of appropriate attire:

- Collared shirts, mock-turtle necks and identical team t-shirts are allowed
- Dress slacks, skirts and jeans in good condition
- Shorts with finished bottom (NO FRAYED HEMLINES) that extend to the knee when worn at the waist.
- LENGTH OF SHORTS< SKIRTS AND SKORTS MUST BE TO THE TOP OF THE KNEE.

(Examples of prohibited attire include but are not limited to:

- Head gear – (for medical reasons only)
- T-shirts (except AAU t-shirts provided at Check-In), tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, etc.
- Workout attire, short shorts, short skirts, bib overalls, jeans that are not neat, clean or in good condition (no torn jeans)

Attire depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, illegal substances or inappropriate language/gestures may not be worn in accordance with USBC Rule 301b. Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Tournament management or designee decision will be final.

PRIDE AWARD

In order to reward teams dressed in a "Team Uniform", AAU/USBC has created the "Pride Award." To qualify for the award, all five members of a team must wear matching shirts and pants of the same color when they bowl their team event.

ETIQUETTE

Bowlers are not allowed to use electronic equipment of any kind in the bowler's area during competition. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, pagers, video recorders, cameras, radios, palm pilots, headphones, etc. Headphones can only be used on the concourse area and cannot be used while bowling. Unsportsmanship behavior will not be tolerated on the lanes or inside the bowling center. Individuals are subject to removal for engaging in improper tactics or conduct including, but not limited to physical and verbal abuse toward other persons.

LANE COURTESY

One lane courtesy is required and will be enforced

PACERS

Pacers shall not be permitted in the tournament.

COACHES

One registered coach per team is permitted in the bowlers' area at a time.

PROTESTS, APPEALS AND TOURNAMENT AUTHORITY

Any protest or appeal concerning scoring must be made in writing stating briefly the grounds of the protest or appeal and submitted to the bowling tournament office immediately, before the next round has begun or before awards are presented.

SPECIAL NEEDS BOWLERS

Bowlers who require special assistance must indicate it on the entry form so that special scheduling consideration can be arranged.

UNABLE TO COMPETE

Substitutions are allowed to rosters of teams which "qualify" for the National Finals.

BOWLING UP AN AGE OR BY GENDER

Bowlers in divisions 14 & under may bowl up to the 15 to 19 age division level in either respective division and girls may bowl in a boys division. However, if a bowler chooses to bowl up in the doubles division, they must bowl up in the singles division as well.

TARDY BOWLERS

Teams and/or individuals arriving late shall begin play and the scores shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Entrant will receive a zero for all frames missed.

TEAMS BOWLING TOGETHER

Teams wishing to bowl together must mark the entry form appropriately and submit them together in one envelope. All others are randomly scheduled.

TEAM CAPTAIN

Each team shall designate a captain who will be responsible to ensure that all team members are advised of the rules of the event.

SMART SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarships will be deposited in USBC Smart accounts and paid directly to the institution after students' graduation from High School.

OTHER RULES

The 2011-12 USBC Playing Rules will be enforced. Tournament games cannot be re-bowled, except as authorized by the tournament management when scores are irretrievably lost in the scoring process. Only competitors and tournament officials shall be allowed in the settee area. Tournament management has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules.

Athletes under the age of 18 are under the governance of their parent/guardian for the duration of the event. All athletes shall abide by the rules and conditions for the event.

AWARDS:

AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to all members of the top teams and individuals for both age divisions. All athletes will receive a complimentary AAU Junior Olympic Games T-shirt. Awards are subject to change.

ATHLETE CHECK-IN:

Athletes and coaches must check-in at least the day prior to their competition before being allowed to compete. Check-In will be held **on Saturday, July 28 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm** at the George R. Brown Convention Center located at 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010. Check-in will take place on the 3rd 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 (click on Event Info, then Registration). Participants should check in at least the day prior to competing.

- COACHES:** To have access to the bowler's area, coaches must register. Only 2 coaches per team are permitted and only 1 coach will be allowed in the bowler's area at a time. All registered coaches will receive a coach's gift, t-shirt and an event pass allowing access to all AAU Junior Olympic Games venues at no charge. The coaches' entry fee is \$40 if registered by the entry deadline. Late coach entries may be accepted onsite for \$50.
- 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 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.
- PARKING:** Some locations will have parking fees such as the George R. Brown Convention Center. Please visit 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, July 26 at Discovery Green, adjacent to the George R. Brown Convention Center. All athletes are encouraged to attend, as you won't want to miss this year's celebration. Check the web site at www.aaujrogames.org for more announcements.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
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