



2012 AAU Junior Olympic Games

Karate

July 26-28, 2012

George R. Brown Convention Center

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LOCATION:	George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010		
SCHEDULE:	<u>Thursday, July 26, 2012</u>		
	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Check-In	George R. Brown Convention Center
	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Officials & Coaches Clinic	George R. Brown Convention Center
	<u>Friday, July 27, 2012</u>		
	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Competition (Kobudo, Kata, Kumite)	George R. Brown Convention Center
	<u>Saturday, July 28, 2012</u>		
	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Team Trials	George R. Brown Convention Center

AGE DIVISIONS: There will be breakdown by karate experience as follows – Beginner/Novice and Intermediate/Advanced. Two divisions per age group (male and female) and category will be featured. However, each age division may be further sub-divided according to height and/or weight as deemed necessary by the National AAU Karate Committee.

7 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	13 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
8 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	14 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
9 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	15 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
10 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	16 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
11 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	17 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
12 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	18 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo

AGE DETERMINING DATE: The athlete's age on July 1, 2012, shall determine the proper age division.

ENTRY FEE: One (1) event - \$65.00. Two (2) events - \$70.00. Three (3) or more events - \$75.00.
All fees are non-refundable.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION
& ENTRY DEADLINE:**

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE at www.auirogames.org.

Entries must be completed online by **Thursday, July 19, 2012**. 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.

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 members of their AAU District. Athlete AB membership is \$14 and non-athlete (coach) AB membership is \$16. To become an AAU member, join online at www.ausports.org.

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.auirogames.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.auirogames.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.

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

RULES: AAU/Modified International Federation rules. Officials wishing to judge, referee or arbitrate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games must have completed the Officials' Certification Course at the AAU National Karate Championship and be a current AAU license holder. **This applies to all Officials.**

AWARDS: AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top three (3) places in each division and discipline for the advanced competition.

UNIFORMS: Solid white GI only with official AAU Karate patch (must be sewn on) is mandatory. NO school or club design on back of the uniform. No lettering or striping may appear on the uniform.

CAUTIONS: The following items may not be worn during competition: headbands, jewelry, colored t-shirts, and metal hair clips. Sleeves may not be rolled up. Fingernails should be cut short. Bandages and/or any wraps must be approved by the sports medicine staff on site prior to competition. Regular plastic eyeglasses may not be worn during fighting competition. Lettering on GI is not permitted.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT: AAU National Karate Committee approved equipment only. No competitor will be allowed to compete without proper uniform and mandatory equipment. Mandatory for Kumite competitors: Solid white headgear, mouth guards, cups all males, white naugahyde/leather fist guards (no foam plastic type).

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT: Shin and instep guard (white cotton type only), chest protectors (must be worn under Gi), certified prescription safety glasses with strap.

COACHES: Coaches must register online at www.aaujrogames.org and pay the \$40 coaches' entry fee. Coaches must have a non-athlete AAU membership and will need their number to register online for the event. **No on-site coaches' registrations will be accepted.**

ONLY AAU CERTIFIED KARATE COACHES ARE ALLOWED ON COMPETITION FLOOR. ALL COACHES MUST BE ASEP CERTIFIED IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE COACHES CLINIC.

Coaches Clinic: Coaches must be registered members of the National AAU Program. Coaches must attend the certification course in order to be allowed on the competition floor. The Coaches Clinic will be held on Thursday, July 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

ALL COACHES MUST WEAR WHITE GI PANTS AND DARK BLUE AAU COACHES SHIRTS TO BE ALLOWED ON THE COMPETITION FLOOR. (A limited number of shirts will be on sale at the coaches' clinics)

Coaches must be properly attired according to AAU Karate Rules. Only proper attire as deemed by the National AAU Executive Committee will be acceptable.

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.

QUALIFICATION: Qualification to the AAU Junior Olympic Games must be determined by actual competition. Qualification may be determined only through: (A) AAU District Championship (B) National (Super Regional) Karate Championships, (C) Special AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifier, (D) AAU National Karate Championships.

A. AAU District Championship

The District Championship shall qualify the top four (4) athletes from each appropriate age category from the Green Division = Beginner and Novice and Black Division = Advanced and Intermediate, to participate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

B. AAU National (Super Regional) Karate Championship

The Super Regional Championship shall qualify the top four (4) athletes from each appropriate age category from the Green Division = Beginner and Novice and Black Division = Advanced and Intermediate, to participate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

C. Special AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifier

At the discretion of the National Chair, in lieu of the method prescribed above, to conduct an AAU Junior Olympic Games qualifier separate from the Regional Championships. The Regional AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifier must conduct the same divisions that are utilized at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. These Regional AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifiers must be open to all levels within the appropriate age/experience categories. These Regional AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifiers shall

qualify the top eight (8) athletes from each appropriate age/experience categories to participate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

D. AAU National Karate Championship

The AAU National Karate Championships shall qualify the top sixteen (16) from each appropriate age category from the Green Division = Beginner and Novice and Black Division = Advanced and Intermediate, to participate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. The same qualifying criteria apply to athletes registered by the host AAU District.

ATHLETE 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 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.

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:

All athletes, coaches, and fans 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:

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. This does not include the Celebration of Athletes. Event passports are \$40.00 (6 & under free) and includes the Celebration of Athletes. For more information on ticket options, please visit www.aaujrogames.org.

NO GUARANTEE:

The AAU can not 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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