



2012 AAU Junior Olympic Games

Gymnastics

July 31—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

DATES:	*Tuesday, July 31	Athlete Check-In	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Wednesday, August 1	Girls' Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Thursday, August 2	Girls' Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Friday, August 3	Boys' Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center

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

AGE DIVISIONS: **NEW LEVELS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS DIVISION ADDED FOR 2012!**

Girls Compulsory Divisions:

Level 2
Level 3
Level 4
Level 5
Level 6

Girls Optional Divisions:

Level Novice Optional (LNO), Level Intermediate Optional (LIO), Level Advanced Optional (LAO), Level 7, Level 8, Level Open Optional (LOO)

Ladies Division: (No Age Divisions)

LNO, LIO, LAO, L7, L8, LOO

Boys' Individual Divisions:

Level 3
Level 4
Level 5
Level 6
Open Optional – (Level 9 rules)

* Age determination date is August 1, 2012

* Athletes in each skill level will be grouped into Age Divisions determined by birth date ranges

* Age Divisions with 25 athletes will be divided into smaller groupings

ENTRY FEE: \$75.00 per athlete. For Team Performance, the entry fee is \$45.00 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 **Tuesday, July 3, 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.

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 3 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.** The girls will compete on August 1-2. The boys will compete on August 3.

QUALIFICATION: **LEVELS 2-6:** All Athletes qualify to the AAU Junior Olympic Games through participation at District Championships

NOVICE MO, INTERMEDIATE MO, ADVANCED MO, LEVELS 7 & 8 AND ALL LADIES DIVISIONS: All athletes qualify to the AAU Junior Olympic Games through participation at District Championships.

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. Finals will be determined based on number of entries

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.

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@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.

AWARDS:

Each Skill Level and Age Division will have awards based on entries.

- Individual and All Around Awards are provided at a 50% +1 distribution level through 10th Place
- Each All Around athlete who places 11th and lower will receive a participation medal

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 Skill Levels.
- 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.
- District Team Awards will be awarded to each District Team Member for the top three district teams at each skill level.

AGE

DETERMINATION: Determined by the gymnast's age on the first day of competition, Wednesday, August 1, 2012. Gymnasts **MUST compete at the AAU District Championships in the age division in which they will compete at the AAU National Championships.**

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.

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.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CHECK-IN 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.

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: 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 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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