



2014 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES CHEERLEADING



- LOCATION:** Iowa Events Center, 730 3rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50309
- DATES:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 Athlete Check-In Iowa Events Center
Thursday, July 31, 2014 Practice & Competition Iowa Events Center
- QUALIFICATION:** This is an open event. No pre-qualification is required.
- DIVISIONS:** Team, Pom Squad, Stunt Team, Crowd Leader, Solo Cheer, Jump, Tumble Pass
Levels 1-5
Small Team, Medium Team, Large Team
Tiny (5 & under), Mini (8 & under), Youth (11 & under), Junior (14 & under), Senior (18 & under)
- RULES:** AAU Cheerleading follows the US All Star Federation (USASF) rules for the 2013-2014 cheerleading season, as modified by AAU Cheerleading. For all Pom Squad, Tumble, Cheer Solo, Crowd Leader, Jumps and Stunt Teams, the competitions will follow the rules posted on the web site at www.aaucheerleading.org (click on Rules).
- AGE DETERMINATION:** Divisions will be determined by the athlete's age as of **August 31, 2013**.
- AAU MEMBERSHIP:** All athletes and coaches must be members of the AAU and be able to present their 2014 AAU membership card at the time of check-in. AAU membership is of \$14.00 per youth athlete and \$16.00 per coach (non-athlete). The cost of the membership card is in addition to the entry fee. To become a member of the AAU, register on-line at www.aausports.org.

BE PREPARED and register your coaches early! You can no longer register for non-athlete (coach) membership onsite at the event. New this year, background screens are conducted for all non-athletes and adult athletes. Membership is no longer instant. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1jkiUx6>.

ENTRY FEE: \$45.00 per athlete for the first routine, \$10.00 per athlete each additional routine

Coaches submitting entry forms with the team forms will receive coaches' credentials based on the following formula. Additional coaches may register by paying the coach entry fee of \$40. All coaches must submit the coach's entry form by the entry deadline.

1-8 Athletes	No complimentary coaches credentials
9-16 Athletes	One (1) complimentary coaches credential
17-25 Athletes	Two (2) complimentary coaches credentials
Over 25 Athletes	Three (3) complimentary coaches' credentials

All entry fees must be in the form of either a cashier's check or money order made payable to: **2014 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.

ENTRY DEADLINE: **Pre-Registration is required. All items must be received no later than Tuesday, July 8, 2014.** ANY ENTRY FORM (S) NOT RECEIVED BY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DEADLINE DATE MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED! 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.

It is important that the following forms and all entry fees are returned together to the appropriate address.

Send the following items:

1. Cheerleading Individual Athlete and/or Coaches Entry Form(s)
2. Cheerleading Team Summary Form(s)
3. Correct Entry Fee

Mailing Address:

**AAU Junior Olympic Games
Attn: Cheerleading
1910 Hotel Plaza Boulevard
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
407-934-7200**

NOTE: If you are entering the team competition, the Team Summary Form **MUST** be included and have all individual forms attached.

ENTRY

CONFIRMATION:

It is recommended to use an overnight mail service (i.e. FedEx, UPS) in order to track your entry. You can track your packet with the airbill number. If you receive confirmation that your entry was delivered, then your entry has been received and will be processed if complete. The Local Organizing Committee has spent many hours planning and preparing for this AAU Event. In order to make it a great success, we ask for your cooperation. It is the responsibility of the coach, designated person of a team, or athlete to return all the necessary monies and completed forms by the deadline date. Incomplete information will result in a longer wait at on-site check-in. **HOWEVER, THE AAU SHALL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ENTRY (S) BASED ON THE CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AND/OR THE DATE RECEIVED!**

HOUSING:

The AAU makes every effort to provide the best quality experience for athletes, coaches and families that participate in AAU events. Participants can choose from a wide variety of accommodations in various price points and with several levels of amenities. The Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, has carefully selected host hotels for participants with the lowest rates available. The hotels selected for the program not only provide great rates, but also the greatest convenience in regards to location and other amenities.

In order to complete your registration to participate in the 2014 AAU Junior Olympic Games, you are required to use hotel accommodations as advertised at www.aaujrogames.org. All reservations are handled through the Convention and Visitors Bureau. 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 call 800-451-2625 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 Form from aaujrogames@aausports.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.

FORMAT:

Team competition for all squad competition. Individual competition for Solo Cheer and Crowd Leader Divisions. Team cheerleading routine can not exceed two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30) in length. The individual cheerleading routine can not exceed one minute and forty-five seconds (1:45) in length. Competition will be held in one round only. No finals.

The Technical Committee reserves the right to eliminate or combine events in response to number and distribution of entries.

SCHEDULE:

Competition schedule is subject to change based on the number of entries.

This is tentative and subject to change.

Wednesday, July 30, 2014:

Athlete and Coach Check-In (10:00 am to 6:00 pm) Iowa Events Center

Thursday, July 31, 2014

General Coaches Meeting Iowa Events Center
Practice & Competition

Assigned practice times and competition times will be posted online after entry deadline.

COACHES & OFFICIALS: All coaches must be registered members of the AAU. Participating officials qualify for certification and ranking.

COACHES' EDUCATION: The AAU is happy to make available **FREE Coaches' Education** for all AAU non-athlete members. This excellent 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. Membership may be revoked from non-athletes who do not complete course prior to competition.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to each participant, 100% placement. Grand Champion overall trophy. All participants will receive a T-shirt and participation certificate commemorating the event. Technical Committee may change awards given.

SOUND EQUIPMENT:

Sound equipment will be provided. Each individual or team is responsible for providing their accompaniment to the Sound Manager on CD. The accompaniment must be the only sound on the CD and must be recorded at the very beginning of the CD. CD's should be clearly marked with the competitor's team name. The accompaniment must be recorded at the flat line of the equalizer to assure comparable volume for all teams. No volume adjustments will be made. The volume and quality of the accompaniment are the responsibility of the competitor and not the Sound Manager. Volume or quality of sound will not be judged. Coach or designated person will press button to start and stop music. Voice-overs on the CD's for the purpose of increasing the volume of cheers or chants are prohibited.

- CHECK-IN:** **Pre-Registration:** It is extremely important that all entries be **received** no later than the entry deadline date. ENTRY FORM (S) RECEIVED BEYOND THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! Of course, we want as many athletes as possible to participate, so please get all entry forms in on time. Again, guaranteed overnight delivery will become mandatory if it is the only way to ensure compliance with the deadline date.
- Onsite Check-In:** Participants must check-in at the **Iowa Events Center** located at 730 3rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50309 to receive their athlete credential or coach wristband. The appropriate credential or wristband will be needed prior to gaining admittance into the competition venues. Participants should check in at least the day prior to competing. *If that credential or wristband is lost or stolen there will be a replacement fee.* Parking fees do apply for the lots around the Iowa Events Center. For check-in hours, maps and additional directions please visit www.aaujrogames.org (click on Event Info, then Registration).
- PARKING:** Some locations will have parking fees such as the Iowa Events 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 allowed at any venue.
- CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES:** The Celebration of Athletes will be held on July 28, 2014 at Drake Stadium. You won't want to miss this year's celebration! More information will be posted at www.aaujrogames.org when available.
- 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 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.
- MORE INFORMATION:** Samantha Ursch, AAU National Office, 407-828-3836, sursch@aausports.org

