



2014 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES GYMNASTICS



LOCATION: Iowa Events Center, 730 3rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

DATES:	Sunday July 27, 2014	*Athlete Check-In	Iowa Events Center
	Monday, July 28, 2014	Competition	Iowa Events Center
	Tuesday July 29, 2014	Competition	Iowa Events Center
	Wednesday July 30, 2014	Competition	Iowa Events Center

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

AGE DIVISIONS: Girls Compulsory Divisions:

Level 1
Level 2
Level 3
Level 4
Level 5

Girls Optional Divisions:

Level Excel Bronze, Excel Silver, Excel Gold, Excel Platinum, Excel Diamond, Level 6,
Level 7, Level 8, Level Open Optional (LOO)

Ladies Division: (No Age Divisions)

Level Excel Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond, L6, L7, L8, LOO

* Age determination date is July 28, 2014.

* 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 1, 2014.** 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 1 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. **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>.

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**COMPETITION
RULES:**

AAU National Routines and Rules – please refer to the National AAU Handbook <http://bit.ly/1cyJuRi>.

**COMPETITION
FORMAT:**

The format will be based on the number of entries.

QUALIFICATION:

LEVELS 1-5: All Athletes qualify to the AAU Junior Olympic Games through participation at District Championships. Participants who are unable to attend district championships in their skill level should contact the National Chair for petitioning process. See Below Petitioning Process.

Excel Levels Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond and LEVELS 6, 7 & 8 AND ALL LADIES DIVISIONS: All athletes qualify to the AAU Junior Olympic Games through participation at District Championships. Participants who are unable to attend district championships in their skill level should contact the National Chair for petitioning process. See Below Petitioning Process.

OPEN OPTIONAL: All athletes qualify to the AAU Junior Olympic Games through participation at District Championships. Participants who are unable to attend district championships in their skill level should contact the National Chair for petitioning process. See Below Petitioning Process.

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.

For Petitioning Process contact Liz Nichols, AAU Gymnastics National Chair, at aaunichols@bellsouth.net for details.

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 Greater 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@ausports.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.

AGE

DETERMINATION:

Determined by the gymnast's age on the first day of competition, Monday July 28, 2014.

**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.

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).

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CHECK-IN THE DAY PRIOR TO COMPETING.

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 at any venue.

**CELEBRATION OF
ATHLETES:**

The Celebration of Athletes will be held 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 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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GYMNASTICS

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE



The schedule is **TENTATIVE** and will be subject to change depending on the final number of participants in each level. The daily schedule runs from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Later sessions could be added if additional sessions are needed to accommodate number of entries.

Date	Description	Tentative Times and Levels
Sun July 27	Athlete Check In – Athletes must Check in the day prior to their event	
Mon July 28	Competition	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Excel Levels- Bronze Silver Gold
Mon July 28	Celebration of Athletes Drake Stadium	www.aaujrogames.org
Tuesday July 29	Competition	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Open Optional Excel Levels – Bronze Silver, Gold, Diamond, Platinum & All Ladies
Wednesday	Competition	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Levels 6, 7, 8, Open Optional Excel Diamond, Platinum All Ladies