

2014 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES SPORT STACKING CHAMPIONSHIPS



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

SCHEDULE: Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 1 – Saturday, August 2, 2014
Check-in
Competition

EIGHT EVENTS: Three INDIVIDUAL events (3-3-3, 3-6-3, Cycle)
Two DOUBLES events (Age Division & Child/Parent*)
(*Note: Child/Parent Doubles will be offered as an "Exhibition only" event in the *Give it a Go! STACK ZONE.*)
Three RELAY TEAM events (2 Head-To-Head Relays & the Timed 3-6-3 Relay)

AGE DIVISIONS: Individual Events:
6U, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18
Separate Boys and Girls divisions (for the Individual Events only)
Special Stackers: SS6U, SS7-10, SS11-14, SS15-18, (Levels 1 & 2)
Doubles Events:
6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U, C/P 10U & C/P 11+ ("Exhibition event")
Special Stackers: SS6U, SS10U, SS14U, SS18U, SS C/P ("Exhibition event")
Relay Events:
6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U

ADDITIONAL WSSA SANCTIONED ADULT COMPETITION

Individual Events:
Collegiate (19-24), (Separate Men & Women divisions)
Masters 1 (25-34), Masters 2 (35-44), Masters 3 (45-59), Seniors (60+)
Special Stackers: SS19+ (Levels 1 & 2)
Doubles Events:
Open, 19+, 25+, 35+, 45+, 60+
Special Stackers: SS Open, SS 19+ (Levels 1 & 2 combined)
Relay Events:
Open, 19+, 25+, 35+, 45+, 60+

NOTE: The WSSA reserves the right to combine or split certain age divisions in order to create more meaningful competition.

WHO CAN COMPETE: (QUALIFICATION) This is an invitational tournament, open to qualified stackers worldwide.

In the USA and Canada, the WSSA will extend Letters of Invitation to the top 10 males and top 10 females in each of the three Individual events (3-3-3, 3-6-3, Cycle) in each of the following Age Divisions: 6U, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-59, 60+, and all Special Stackers divisions at all WSSA sanctioned tournaments in the USA and Canada during the July 2013 - June 2014 season.

Letters of Invitation will be sent out May through June, 2014. Receiving a WSSA Letter of Invitation entitles the stacker to participate in the AAU Junior Olympic Games and to compete in all 8 Sport Stacking events offered.

In all other countries, contact your WSSA National Affiliate to learn how to qualify from your country.

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes must be current members of the AAU and be able to present their AAU membership card at check-in. AAU membership is \$14.00. The cost of membership is in addition to the entry fee. Join on-line at www.aausports.org. **Collegiate, Masters and Seniors divisions**, please note that you must have an Adult athlete AAU membership and will need this membership ID to register for the event. **BE PREPARED** and register early! Background screens are conducted for all non-athletes and adult athletes. Membership is no longer instant.

ENTRY FEE: \$45 per athlete. All entry fees are non-refundable.

ONLINE REGISTRATION & ENTRY DEADLINE:

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE at www.thewssa.com beginning May 2014. (Stackers must first receive a Letter of Invitation from the WSSA designating them as a qualified entrant.)

Registration forms must be completed online by **Monday, July 7, 2014 or a \$10 late fee will apply.** Visa and MasterCard are 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 last day to register is Friday, July 18, 2014.

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, Relay Team Coordinator, instructor, and athlete to ensure that the application is in on time and complete in every detail.

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 aaurogames@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.

RULES OF PLAY:

World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) rules will govern play. See <http://www.thewssa.com/rules/>

AGE

DETERMINATION:

Individual events: Coincides with age on the second day of the tournament, August 2, 2014. (Note: The WSSA reserves the right to request proof of age for any stacker.)

Doubles Teams: 6U to 18U compete in division of **oldest** stacker on team; 19+ to 60+ compete in division of **youngest** stacker on team.

Relay Teams may be made up of Stackers of multiple ages (e.g., A Relay Team with Stackers of ages 7, 10, 11 and 12 will compete in the 12U division for the Relay events.) Teams 6U to 18U compete in division of **oldest** stacker on team; 19+ to 60+ compete in division of **youngest** stacker on team. Stackers on Teams are limited to competing with only one Team throughout a single event.

Note: Open Division (for Doubles and Relays) = one stacker is 18 or younger and one is 19 and older.

Special Stackers Division - A Special Stacker is defined as a stacker that has a diagnosed physical and/or mental disability that would impede with the normal functioning necessary to perform a variety of sequential physical skills, specifically sport stacking. A Special Stacker must be identified by a school or licensed psychologist or medical professional. See the WSSA Rules on age division for more specific information http://www.thewssa.com/rules/age_divisions/.

AWARDS:

AAU Junior Olympic Games medals and ribbons will be awarded to top competitors in each division/event.

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).

PRACTICE:

Practice will be available on Thursday, July 31. Time to be announced.

DRESS CODE:

Teams are encouraged to wear coordinating outfits, and the WSSA Apparel Code will be enforced per p10 Official Rule Book <http://www.thewssa.com/rules/>.

Apparel: A Stacker may not compete wearing any added clothing, accessories or equipment that is a distraction to the Judges or other Stackers as deemed by the Tournament Director and/or the WSSA. This would include, but not limited to: headphones, ear buds, ear plugs, sunglasses, blindfolds, gloves, tape, etc. (In the same regard, Stackers may not gain an advantage or distract fellow Stackers by purposefully blocking out sight, sound or touch.) Stackers may not wear apparel or accessories advertising competing brands to Speed Stacks, Inc., the Official Equipment Supplier of the WSSA. Logos and/or statements on apparel and/or other accessories, as deemed offensive or inappropriate by the Tournament Director and/or WSSA are strictly prohibited at WSSA events.

- 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:** All 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 beverages 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 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 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.
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