



2015 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES GYMNASTICS



LOCATION: Boo Williams Sportsplex, 5 Armistead Pointe Parkway, Hampton, VA 23666

DATES:	Tuesday, August 4, 2015	*Athlete Check-In	TBA
	Wednesday, August 5, 2015	Competition	Boo Williams Sportsplex
	Thursday, August 6, 2015	Competition	Boo Williams Sportsplex
	Friday, August 7, 2015	Competition	Boo Williams Sportsplex

** Athletes are encouraged to check in the day before completion. If this is not possible due to travel arrangements, please contact aaunichols@bellsouth.net or tony@ausports.org. Please refer to www.aaujrolympicgames.org for times.*

LEVELS: 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 August 5, 2015.

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

* Age Division will have a maximum of 15 athletes

TEAM

PERFORMANCE: Small Team and Large Team Divisions – Refer to www.aaugymnastics.org for rules and score sheets

ENTRY FEE: \$80.00 per athlete. For Team Performance, the entry fee is \$48.00 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.aaujrolympicgames.org.

Entries must be completed online by Tuesday, July 5, 2015. 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.

IMPORTANT: Your entry for JO Games is populated from your information used when registering for an individual AAU membership number. Therefore, if the birthdate of your athlete was entered incorrectly while registering for your individual membership, they will be incorrect on the entry information. We ask your due diligence in making sure that all of your data is correct, otherwise your athlete could be placed in the incorrect age division. Correct entry information is absolutely of utmost importance in being able to provide a complete schedule in a timely manner to all participants.

TEAM PERFORMANCE: Entries for Team Performance must be submitted by paper entry form. Check the website at www.aaujrogames.org or www.aaugymnastic.org for the entry form. Entries must be received by July 5 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.**

**COMPETITION
RULES:**

AAU National Routines and Rules (no district modifications) – please refer to the National AAU Handbook (Go to www.aaugymnastics.org and select rules)

**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 or if their skill level is not offered by their district, they should contact the National Chair for petitioning and approval 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 or if their skill level is not offered by their district, they should contact the National Chair for petitioning and approval 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 or if their skill level is not offered by their district, they should contact the National Chair for petitioning and approval 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 and Approval 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. Athletes, coaches and families can choose from a wide variety of accommodations in various price points and with several levels of amenities. The Hampton Roads Sports Commission and PSE Housing Services have 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.

All reservations are handled through PSE Housing Services. DO NOT CONTACT THE HOTELS DIRECTLY AS YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED RATE. Please visit the website at www.aaujrogames.org and click on Hotels to make your reservations, or call 888-417-6446 for assistance. Please check online regarding deposit requirements and cancellation policies which may vary depending on hotel. AAU is not responsible for any refunds from cancellation.

In order to complete your registration to participate in the 2015 AAU Junior Olympic Games, you are required to use hotel accommodations as advertised at www.aaujrogames.org. If your team or athlete is local or not planning to stay at one of the recommended properties, you can submit a Housing Form available online at www.aaujrogames.org.

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 for events and all places in the All Around will be recognized.

DISTRICT TEAM

AWARDS:

District awards 1st through 3rd will be presented based on the top three scores from each event in each skill level regardless of age division.

AAU Gymnastics also includes these special awards:

- 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, Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

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:

Gymnastics participants must check-in to receive their athlete credential or coach wristband. The location of the check-in will be posted when available. 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.* For check-in hours, maps and additional directions please visit www.aaujrogames.org (click on Event Info, then Registration). ** Athletes are encouraged to check in the day before completion. If this is not possible due to travel arrangements, please contact aaunichols@bellsouth.net or tony@ausports.org. Please refer to www.aaujrogames.org for times.*

PARKING:

Some locations may have parking fees. Please visit www.aaujrogames.org and click on Maps & Directions for more information. Also, some hotels may 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 AAU Junior Olympic Games Celebration of Athletes will be held on August 3, 2015 at Norfolk State University. This is a unique ceremony where all athletes regardless of sport gather to celebrate the games. You won't want to miss this year's Celebration! More information will be posted at www.aaujrogames.org as it becomes available.

GYMNASTICS RECOGNITION OF DISTRICTS

MARCH IN CEREMONY: More Information will be available when final schedule of competition is published. This Gymnastics opening March –In Ceremony to recognize our gymnasts and their district will be great fun.

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.

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 9:00 PM.

Date	Description	Tentative Times and Levels
AAU Junior Olympic Celebration of Athletes		www.aaujrogames.org TBA
Gymnastics Recognition of Districts March In Ceremony		TBA
Tuesday Aug 4	Athlete Check In – Please See Information Provided in Entry Information	
Wed Aug 5	Competition	8:00 AM – 9:00 PM Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Excel Levels- Bronze Silver Gold
Wed Aug 6	Competition	8:00 AM – 9:00 PM Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Open Optional Excel Levels – Bronze Silver, Gold, Diamond Platinum & All Ladies Team Performance
Friday Aug 7	Competition	8:00 AM – 9:00 PM Levels 6, 7, 8, Open Optional Excel Diamond & Platinum All Ladies Team Performance

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