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# 2016 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES 707 FOOTBALL

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HOUSTON, TEXAS JULY 27-30, 2016





The AAU Junior Olympic Games have crowned champions since 1962. For the first time ever, 7 v 7 football will be offered. This invitation only event will be held July 27 – 30, 2016. Join us for the inaugural 7 v 7 event and celebrate 50 years of the AAU Junior Olympic Games!

Compete for a gold medal, enter today.

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### **HISTORY**

The AAU Junior Olympic Games have become the showcase event of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), attracting more than 15,000 youth athletes for the largest national multi-sport event for youth in the United States.

Celebrating its 50th annual event this year, the AAU Junior Olympic Games began on Aug. 21, 1967 when Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey proclaimed the start at the Departmental Auditorium on Constitutional Ave. in Washington D.C. The inaugural event drew 523 youth athletes who competed for national championships in swimming and track and field, establishing 18 AAU records during the event.

Since then, the AAU Junior Olympic Games have been conducted in 19 states and 30 cities across the United States. One of the premier events in the nation, youth athletes have used the event as the starting point to an ultra-successful professional career.

As one of the largest amateur multi-sports events in the country, the AAU Junior Olympic Games is an exciting event for host cities as it brings visitors to the area, enhances tourism and has a significant economic impact to the localities. Since 2010, the AAU Junior Olympic Games have brought in over \$52 million per year to previous host cities like Hampton Roads, Va.; New Orleans, La.; Houston, Tex.; Detroit, Mich; and Des Moines, lowa.

#### **NOTABLE ALUMNI**



JACKIE JOYNER TRACK AND FIELD



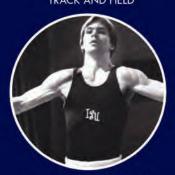
**CARL LEWIS** TRACK AND FIELD



**GREG LOUGANIS** 



KATHY MCMILLAN TRACK AND FIELD



**KURT THOMAS** GYMNASTICS



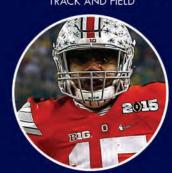
ROBERT GRIFFIN III TRACK AND FIELD



JORDY NELSON



TRACK AND FIELD



EZEKIEL ELLIOTT TRACK AND FIELD

\*all numbers are approximate



# 2016 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES 7v7 FOOTBALL



LOCATION: Joe Kelly Butler Sports Complex, 13755 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77035

DATES: <u>Athlete and Coach Check-In</u>

Wednesday, July 27, 2016 Athlete/Coach Check-In and Packet Pick-Up

7v7 Football Play

July 28 - July 29, 2016 Pool Play 3 Games Each Day

July 30, 2016 Bracket Play

\*Athletes must check-in the day prior to competing. Check-in will be held at the George R. Brown

Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, Texas.

**AGE DIVISIONS:** Youth: Athletes should be in the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Grade during the 2015 Academic Year. (September 2015 –

May 2016)

Middle School: Athletes should be in the 7th or 8th Grade during the 2015 Academic Year. (September 2015 –

May 2016)

High School: Athletes should be in the 9th - 11th Grade during the 2015 Academic Year. (September 2015 –

May 2016)

**AGE DETERMINATION:** The athlete's latest report card will determine his eligibility to play:

ONLINE ENTRY: Entries will only be accepted ONLINE at <a href="http://aaujuniorolympicgames.pylonfootball.com/">http://aaujuniorolympicgames.pylonfootball.com/</a> Visa,

MasterCard, and Discover accepted or Paypal. NO EXCEPTIONS!! All entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE

and NON-TRANSFERABLE.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All ATHLETE Online Entries must be submitted no later than <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>July 19</u>, <u>2016</u> at 11:59 p.m.

EST. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE DATE OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO

COMPETE - NO LATE ENTRIES.

It is the responsibility of the coach, designated person of the club, parent or athlete to make sure all athletes have an AAU membership which can be purchased online at <a href="https://www.aaujrogames.org">www.aaujrogames.org</a>. It is not the responsibility

of the AAU Junior Olympic Games or Pylon Elite Camps to make sure all are completed.

ONLINE REGISTRATON: Once an on-line entry is accepted, no changes can be made. Upon completion of the on-line entry process,

including the payment of the entry fee, athlete entries are locked and a confirmation e-mail is sent showing all athletes. The entry of a locked athlete cannot be removed, nor can the entry of a locked athlete be swapped for another. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**. The person who enters the athletes on-line assumes full responsibility for the events entered on-line. If an e-mail confirmation of an entry is not received within 24-hours, it is the

responsibility of the person entering the athletes to contact Pylon Elite Camps.

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

**ATHLETE ENTRY FEE:** \$99.00 per athlete for participation in the AAU Junior Olympic 7v7 Football Games

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE. Entry fees are per athlete, no

substitutions allowed after submission. All athlete entries must be made online

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes and coaches must be current AAU members prior to the AAU Junior Olympic Games. All

athletes must present current 2016 AAU Club membership at check-in. Athlete membership is \$14, non-athlete (coach) membership is \$16. Visit <a href="https://www.aausports.org">www.aausports.org</a> for more information and to register for membership.

BE PREPARED and register your coaches early! You can no longer register for non-athlete (coach) membership onsite at the event. Background screens are conducted for all non-athletes and adult athletes. Membership is no longer instant.

**QUALIFICATION:** 

Pylon Elite 7v7 Football: 72 Teams in three different age divisions have qualified/ will qualify to participate in the event at Pylon elite 7v7 football events.

HOUSING:

The AAU Junior Olympic Games makes every effort to provide the best quality experience for athletes, coaches and families that participate in the event. Athletes, coaches and families can choose from a wide variety of accommodations in various price points and with several levels of amenities. The Harris County-Houston Sports Authority 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 Junior Olympic Games and Pylon Elite Camps is not responsible for any refunds from cancellation.

In order to complete your registration to participate in the 2016 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.

CHECK-IN/ PACKET PICK-UP:

On-Site Check-In and Packet Pick-Up: Check-in for 7v7 Football athletes and coaches participating in the AAU Junior Olympic Games will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston. Athletes should check-in at the Convention Center 1 day prior to the first day of his competition. For additional check-in information, please visit www.aaujrogames.org.

NOTE TO ALL FOOTBALL ATHLETES, COACHES AND PARENTS:

ATHLETES/COACHES/PARENTS MUST GO TO CHECK-IN AND PICK UP THE ATHLETE WRISTBANDS. All athletes and coaches will be required to wear a wristband during the length of the event in order to gain admittance into the facility. The replacement cost for lost wristbands will be equal to the cost of admission.

WRIST BAND PICK-UP: All wristbands must be picked up at Packet Pick-Up in the George R. Brown Convention Center

Wristband pick-up is a MANDATORY part of the athlete check-in process. Wristbands are required for entry into the stadium. It is the responsibility of the head coach and parents to ensure that all of his/her athletes receive their wristbands during the check-in process.

AWARDS:

AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top 3 Teams (Up to 24 Athletes) in each age division and a Trophy will be given to the Championship Team at each age division. The top 24 Athletes from each age division will be honored as an "All American" and receive a custom set of Battle Gloves, Mouth guard, Arm Sleeve and Skull Cap.

**COACHES:** 

Coaches must register online for a non-athlete membership (\$16) at www.aaujrogames.org. Membership is no longer instant due to background screens and can take up to ten days to process. BE PREPARED and register for membership early.

\*A maximum of four (4) complimentary Coaches Passes will be given to any club. All coaches must register online to receive the complimentary pass. COACHES MUST HAVE AN APPROVED AAU MEMBERSHIP PRIOR TO REGISTERING. Additional coaches may also register online and pay the \$40.00 coaches' entry fee. ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE. Entry fees are per coach, no substitutions are allowed.

A coaches' pass will consist of a wristband that must be worn during the length of the event.

REMINDER: COMPLIMENTARY PASSES WILL ONLY BE MADE AVAILABLE ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE PRESCRIBED FORMULA. ALL COACHES (those who receive a complimentary pass or pay the entry fee) MUST BE CURRENT AAU MEMBERS AND PRESENT THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARD AT CHECK-IN

TENTS: Tents, sport-brellas, tarps and other shading devices will not be permitted in the stadium. There is a designated

tent area adiacent to the track. Tents left overnight are not the responsibility of the AAU, Pylon Elite Camps, Harris

Country-Houston Sports Authority or Humble High School.

COOLERS: Only credentialed athletes and coaches will be allowed to bring personal use coolers inside the stadium. Anyone

with medical needs will be allowed as well. Size limitations may be in effect for coolers. Additional information will

be posted online prior to the event. Coolers are subject to search as are all other bags, jackets, etc.

WATER: Water stations will be located at all event areas, clerking tent and finish line. Gatorade will be provided for Athletes

and Coaches.

TRANSPORTATION: All athletes, coaches, and fans are responsible for their own transportation to and from all activities, events, and

**PARKING:** Parking is available at the Stadium. Designated bus parking is also available. Parking maps will be available

online at www.aaujrogames.org.

All AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain the right to search any bags, backpacks, purses, jackets, etc. SECURITY:

throughout the duration of the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

**CELEBRATION OF** 

The Celebration of Athletes will be held on Sunday, July 31, 2016 - 7:30 PM CST at the Campbell Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd, Houston, TX 77032. You won't want to miss this year's Celebration! More ATHLETES:

information will be posted at www.aauirogames.org as it becomes 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.aauirogames.org.

NO GUARANTEE: The AAU Junior Olympic Games 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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