



# 2016 AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling



**LOCATION:** George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010

<b>DATES:</b>	Sunday, July 31, 2016	Athletes & Coaches Check-In	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Sunday, July 31, 2016	Celebration of Athletes	Campbell Center
	Monday, August 1, 2016	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Tuesday, August 2, 2016	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Wednesday, August 3, 2016	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Thursday, August 4, 2016	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center

**QUALIFICATIONS:** United States athletes must compete and qualify at an AAU District, Regional, and/or Super Regional Championship in every event in which they wish to be eligible to compete in at the AAU Baton Twirling National Championships (individual, team, and corps events) conducted at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. A competitor can compete in only one status level/age group for each event. All non-United States athletes are invited to participate; however, you must complete a waiver through the AAU Baton Twirling Office in order to compete. For more information on obtaining a waiver, email [akeane@aausports.org](mailto:akeane@aausports.org).

**RULES:** Please go to [www.aaubaton.org](http://www.aaubaton.org) to download the 2015-16 AAU Baton Twirling Rule Book. There are descriptions of offered events, rule changes, and new rules that are important to know.

**AGE DIVISIONS:** Solo One Baton, Solo Two Baton, Solo Three Baton, Solo Multiple, Strut (X, Straight-line, etc.), Basic Strut, Military Strut, Parade Strut, Hoop and Flag: 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18; 19-22  
Boys Solo will be separate from girls: 5-9, 10-14, 15+  
Solo Dance Twirl and Solo Freestyle ages: 5-9; 10-12; 13-15; 16-18; 19-22  
Teams average ages: 0-6 (Tot), 7-9 (Juvenile), 10-13 (Junior), 14 -18 (Senior), 19-22 College (University/College)  
Corps average ages: 0-9 (Juvenile), 10-13 (Junior), 14-18 (Senior)  
Auxiliary Team: Elementary (1st Grade -5th Grade), Junior High (6th Grade – 8th Grade), Senior High (9th Grade – 12th Grade), Collegiate (Any one Graduated from HS and attending a Bona fide College)

**EVENTS:** Individual- Solo One Baton, Solo Two Baton, Solo Three Baton, Multiple Baton, Dance Twirl, Freestyle, Collegiate Half-Time Routine, Hoop, Flag, Basic Strut, Military Strut, Parade Strut, Straight-line Strut, X-Strut, Collegiate Downfield Strut, and All-Around Twirling Champion (includes collegiate champion; see grid below). Individual status of Challenger, Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Elite will be offered. College level will also be offered in the All-Around Champion event, Collegiate Half-Time and Collegiate Downfield Strutevents.

Corps- Twirling Corps and Parade Corps      Beginner and Advanced Status

Teams- Twirling Team (March Music), Dance-Twirl Team, Novelty Twirl Team, Street Parade Team, Show-Twirl Team, College Majorette Line, Auxiliary Teams (Pom Line, Dance Line, Drill Team, Guard, Majorette Line). Beginner and Advanced Status.

Team Sizes- Extra-Small Team: Two (2)-Three (3) athletes; Small Teams Four (4) to Nine (9) athletes; Large Teams may have Ten (10) to Nineteen (19) athletes; Extra Large teams may have Twenty (20) or more athletes.

**ENTRY FEES:** \*More information on the Showcase Package will be provided in a separate flyer.

Individual Events	Corps and Team Events	All Around Twirling Champion
1 Event \$60.00	\$20 per athlete per event	Challenger, Novice, Beginner, Intermediate - \$50
Each Additional event \$20.00		Advanced, Elite, and College - \$60
Showcase Package \$20*		

## ALL AROUND TWIRLING CHAMPION:

All Around Twirling Champion				
To be eligible, participant must be entered in all of the categories listed below for their level. Athlete must qualify in Solo One Baton. YOUR SOLO ONE BATON STATUS DETERMINES YOUR ALL AROUND STATUS				
Challenger	Solo One Baton	Basic Strut	Parade Strut	
Novice	Solo One Baton	Basic Strut	Parade Strut	
Beginner	Solo One Baton	Solo Multiple Batons	Parade Strut	
Intermediate	Solo One Baton	Solo Two Baton	Dance Twirl	
Advanced	Solo One Baton	Solo Two Baton	Multiple Batons	Dance Twirl
Elite	Solo One Baton	Solo Two Baton	Multiple Batons	Dance Twirl
Collegiate	Solo One Baton	College Half-Time	College Freestyle	Collegiate Downfield

**AAU MEMBERSHIP:** All athletes and coaches must be current AAU members. To join, visit [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) and click on JOIN AAU to become a member of the AAU. **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.**

**REGISTRATION & ENTRY DEADLINE:** **All Entries must be completed online no later than July 8, 2016 at 11:59 PM EST at [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) . Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover are accepted. All fees are non-refundable.**

You will need to have your AAU membership at the time of registering for the AAU Junior Olympic Games. After registering online for the events in which you have qualified, you will receive an email confirming your entry and acceptance of payment. Once you have registered and paid online, there is no need to send in any paperwork.

**Note: Only AAU registered COACHES are authorized to complete Corps, Teams, Duet and Trio Events. Parents, coaches, etc. may enter individual solo events.**

The Local Organizing Committee and the AAU spend 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 coach, parent, instructor, and athlete to ensure that the application is complete in every detail and processed on time.

**COACHES, BE PREPARED AND REGISTER EARLY! You may no longer register for non-athlete (coach) membership onsite at the event. New this year, background screening is conducted for all non-athlete and adult members. Membership is no longer instant.**

**AGE DETERMINATION:** The athlete's age will be determined by the athlete's actual age as of December 31, 2016. Athletes must have competed in their AAU District or Regional Championship in the age division in which they will be at the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Championships.

**SUBMITTING MUSIC:** A hard copy of music may be sent by a CD or a Flash Drive to AAU National Baton Chair Candice Dowdy: (email files at) [candicedowdyaa@gmail.com](mailto:candicedowdyaa@gmail.com); (mail files to) 522 Hallowell Circle, Orlando, FL 32828. Music mailed should be sent by: July 17, 2016. Any music submitted will not be used or stored for any other purpose other than your own performance. **If your music is NOT turned in one week prior to the start of the Baton portion of the AAU Junior Olympic Games, a 2.0 penalty will be assessed on your score sheet.** (See AAU Rulebook-page 15 for specific music information).

**COACHES:** All AAU Baton Twirling Coaches wishing to have access to the practice area and competition floor must be wearing an official AAU Baton Twirling Polo Shirt and be a registered coach for the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Championships (See Rule Book for Coach Types and Clarification on each type). To purchase the official polo, visit [www.aaubaton.org](http://www.aaubaton.org) for an order form, or you may contact Andrea Keane, AAU National Headquarters, at 407-828-3956 or [akeane@ausports.org](mailto:akeane@ausports.org).

To register for the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Championships, visit [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) and register online. The coaches' entry is \$40 and includes a coaches' gift, t-shirt and event credentials (allowing access to ALL competition venues). The coaches' registration fee is in addition to your non-athlete membership fee. Onsite coach entry may be accepted with a \$10 late fee (\$50 total); however, you must have your non-athlete membership number in order to register as a coach onsite.

**COACHES' EDUCATION:** The AAU is happy to make available FREE Coaches' Education for all AAU non-athlete members. In its third year, this excellent program is MANDATORY for all AAU non-athletes and will be administered by Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). Please visit, [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) and click on PCA COACHES EDUCATION order to enter and take the AAU/PCA coaches educational course. Membership may be revoked from non-athletes who do not complete course prior to competition. (See rulebook for clarification on which type of coach needs to complete education training)

**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 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](http://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 2016 AAU Junior Olympic Games, you are required to use hotel accommodations as advertised at [www.aaujrogames.org](http://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](http://www.aaujrogames.org).

- ONSITE CHECK-IN:** Baton Twirling participants must check-in at the George R. Brown Convention Center located at 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010 to receive their athlete credential or coach wristband. The appropriate credential or wristband will be needed prior to gaining admittance into the competition venues. *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](http://www.aaujrogames.org) (click on Event Info, then Registration). Participants should check in at least the day prior to competing.
- PARKING:** Some locations may have parking fees. Please visit [www.aaujrogames.org](http://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.
- CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES:** 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 information will be posted at [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) as it becomes available.
- 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 beverage are not permitted throughout the duration of the AAU Junior Olympic Games.
- 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 may 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](http://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 licensed (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, lodging, food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.
- COMPETITION SCHEDULE:** ***This is only a tentative schedule and is subject to change. A Final Schedule will be available at the Athlete Check-in.*** Challenger events will occur at the same time as Novice/Beginner Events. Prelims only for Intermediate, Advanced, Elite, Boys Solo /Dance Twirl, X-Strut, Parade Strut, Straight-Line Strut, Two Baton, Dance Twirl, and for Groups. All other events are only finals, no Prelims. In the event that there is only (1) individual, team, corp in a category, the executive committee has the right to implement a FINALS ROUND ONLY for that division. See next page for tentative schedule.

**SUNDAY, JULY 31**

Athletes &amp; Coaches Check-In

3-5pm Showcase Practice (Location TBA)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1 Competition Starts 8am****EVENTS ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER**

All Baton and Dance Team Events (Finals)

All Baton Corp Events (Finals)

All Team Awards (All first place Adv. Teams advance to Team Twirl-Off on Tues.)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 Competition Starts 8am****EVENTS ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER**

Baton Team Twirl-Off (All first place Adv. Teams)

Showcase Performance

**Awards for Baton Team Twirl-Off (Top 10 placements named)**

Solo Freestyles (Finals) and Solo Dance-Twirls (Prelims)

All Dance Solos

Collegiate Downfield

Collegiate Half-Time

All All-Around Events with Own Music (Solo Freestyles, Solo Dance-Twirls,  
Collegiate Downfield, Collegiate Freestyle)**Awards for Solo Freestyles and Dance Solos****Awards for Collegiate Downfield and Collegiate Half-Time****WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 Competition Starts 8am****EVENTS ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER**

All Remaining All-Around Champion Strut &amp; Solo Events

Solo Competition for:

Basic, Military, &amp; Parade Strut (Finals)

X-Strut &amp; Straight-Line Strut (Finals Challenger/Nov/Beg)

X-Strut &amp; Straight-Line Strut (Prelims Int/Adv/Elite)

One &amp; Two Baton (Finals Challenger/Nov/Beg)

One &amp; Two Baton (Prelims Int/Adv/Elite)

Boys Solo One-Baton (Prelim)

3-Baton, Multiple, Hoop, Flag (Finals)

**Awards for Strut and Solo Events (Final Events Only)****Awards for All-Around Champion (Including Collegiate Champion)****Int/Adv/Elite/Boys Prelim Results Posted****THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 Competition Starts 8am**

Solo Dance-Twirl (Finals)

Int/Adv/Elite Strut, One-Baton, Two-Baton &amp; Boys Solo (Finals)

**Awards for Solo Dance-Twirl****Awards for Int/Adv/Elite/Boys Final Events**

**SHOWCASE PACKAGE:** Each year twirlers have the opportunity to take part in the Baton Twirling Showcase. Registration **MUST BE** done separately from the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Entry. To register for the Twirling Showcase go to the AAU Junior Olympic Games website, click on sport of baton twirling and follow the link provided. All participants **MUST** include your t-shirt size when you register (Sizes are Youth S, M, L and Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL). Cost to take part in the baton twirling showcase is \$20 and includes a Custom showcase t- shirt that twirlers will wear for performance on Tuesday, August 2. See Showcase flyer for more details. Showcase registration deadline is same as AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Entry Deadline.

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