



# AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES National Bowling Championships



*Singles/Doubles/Teams*

**LOCATION:** Competition: Armadilla II, 10055 Fuqua St. Houston, TX 77089  
Check-In: George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX

**DATES & SCHEDULE:**

Thursday, July 28, 2016	Athlete Check-In (4:00 – 6:00 PM)
Friday, July 29, 2016	9:00 AM - National Singles Competition Qualifying
Friday, July 29, 2016	12:00 PM - National Singles Semi Finals
Friday, July 29, 2016	4:00 PM - National Singles Finals
Saturday, July 30, 2016	9:00 AM - National Doubles Competition Qualifying
Saturday, July 30, 2016	12:00 PM - National Doubles Semi Finals
Saturday, July 30, 2016	4:00 PM - National Doubles Finals
Sunday, July 31, 2016	9:00 AM - National Team Competition Qualifying
Sunday, July 31, 2016	12:00 PM - National Team Semi Finals
Sunday, July 31, 2016	4:00 PM - National Team Finals

**\*Times for each event on each day are subject to change based on the flow of the tournament in order to allow an appropriate break for the athletes. Times will be announced during the events by the Tournament Director. Check in for each event is ONE HOUR prior to start. Walk-in entries are not allowed on the day of the events.**

**AGE DIVISIONS:** A player's age as of January 1, 2016 determines the division in which the player is eligible to compete in the same year.

\*Ages: 10 and under (singles and doubles events only)

\*Ages: 11 to 14 (singles, doubles, team events)

\*Ages: 15 to 19 (singles, doubles, team events)

**EVENTS:** 6-Person Team (Male/Female/Co-Ed), Singles, Doubles (Male/Female/Co-Ed). Athletes may participate in one single event, one doubles event, and one team event. Co-Ed teams must have a minimum of 2 female athletes on the team.

**QUALIFICATION:** 6-Person Teams may be entered either through Direct Entry or Local Qualifiers. Singles and Doubles will be Direct Entry.

**AAU MEMBERSHIP:** All participants must be members of the AAU which is \$14.00 per athlete. 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.** ALSO: All participants must have a 2015-2016 USBC Membership ID# in order to receive scholarship points. These memberships cannot be purchased on site. Please visit [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) for additional information.

**ENTRY FEE:** The first event entered is \$48 per athlete. The second event is \$35 per athlete and the third event is \$30 per athlete. The entry fee is in addition to the AAU membership card and USBC membership. All fees are non-refundable.

**Coaches Pass**

**\$40.00 per coach**

**Late Coaches Pass**

**\$50.00 per coach (onsite)**

\*Late Coaches Passes are **only** issued during operating hours of Registration at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Late Coaches Passes are **NOT** available at the bowling alley.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION  
& ENTRY DEADLINE:**

**All Entries must be completed online no later than July 1, 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.

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.

**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.

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). **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.

**QUALIFYING ROUNDS:**

**SINGLES:**

Individuals will bowl 4 regular games on 2 pair of lanes. After the scores are tallied, each age/gender division will be divided in half (to even number), those athletes will advance to the semi-finals. **DIVISIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:** Male/Female 10 and under, Male/Female 11 to 14, Male/Female 15 to 19. This event is a scratch tournament. No handicap is used. Coaches will be permitted in the bowler's area during the event.

**DOUBLES:**

Each pair will bowl 4 regular games, rotating lanes across 2 pair of lanes. Each partner's scores will be added together for a combined total score. After the scores are tallied, each age/gender division will be divided in half (to even number), those athletes will advance to the semi-finals. **DIVISIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:** Male/Female/Co-Ed 10 and under, Male/Female/Co-Ed 11 to 14, Male/Female/Co-Ed 15 to 19. This event is a scratch tournament. No handicap is used. Athletes are only able to compete in this event with one partner. Coaches will be permitted in the bowler's area during the event.

**TEAMS:**

Each team will consist of 6 players. Co-Ed teams will be required to have a minimum of 2 female athletes on the team. All 6 team members will bowl 3 regular games on 2 pairs of lanes next to each other (bowlers 1-3 will be one pair. bowlers 4-6 will be on another pair). After the scores are tallied, each age/gender division will be divided in half (to even number), those teams will advance to the semi-finals. **DIVISIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:** Male/Female/Co-Ed 14 and under, Male/Female/Co-Ed 15 to 19. This event is a scratch tournament. No handicap is used. Athletes are only able to compete in this event once. 1 Coach per team will be permitted in the bowler's area during the event.

**SEMI FINAL ROUNDS:**

**SINGLES:**

Individuals will bowl 3 games. Each game will be bowled across 3 pairs of lanes. After the scores are tallied, each age/gender division will advance the TOP 4 Athletes to the finals. This event is a scratch tournament. No handicap is used. Coaches will be permitted in the bowler's area during the event. Scores from previous event do not carry over.

**DOUBLES:** Partners together will bowl 6 games of baker style bowling. Games will be bowled on 3 pairs of lanes. Baker games will use both lanes in the pair that they are on. As an example, team is assigned to lanes 3 and 4. Teams will bowl rotating frames on both lanes. After the scores are tallied, each age/gender division will advance the TOP 4 Doubles teams to the finals. This event is a scratch tournament. No handicap is used. Athletes are only able to compete in this event with one partner. Coaches will be permitted in the bowler's area during the event. Scores from previous event do not carry over.

**TEAMS:** Each team will bowl 10 games of baker style bowling. Teams will move to a new pair of lanes after each set of 2 baker games have been completed. Baker games will use both lanes in the pair that they are on. As an example, team is assigned to lanes 3 and 4. Teams will bowl rotating frames on both lanes. 5 bowlers will bowl a baker game. Each coach can use their alternate bowler before the start of a new baker game. Alternates cannot be used in the middle of a game. (unless of injury, in which bowler must stay out for an additional game) Coaches can also change baker team line up before the start of a new baker game. Line ups cannot be changed in the middle of a game. **During the semi's every bowler must bowl in 3 baker games** After the scores are tallied, each age/gender division will advance the TOP 4 Teams to the finals. This event is a scratch tournament. No handicap is used. Athletes are only able to compete in this event once. 1 Coach per team will be permitted in the bowler's area during the event. Scores from previous event do not carry over.

**FINALS:**

**SINGLES:** The top 4 individuals will advance to the Finals Round. The top 4 bowlers will bowl 1 game elimination stepladder match. The 4<sup>th</sup> seed bowler will bowl one game against the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed bowler. The winner will advance to play the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed bowler. That winner will bowl the 1<sup>st</sup> seed bowler for the National Championship. The Top 4 bowlers in each division will receive medals. This event is a scratch tournament. No handicap is used. Coaches will be permitted in the bowler's area during the event. Scores from previous event do not carry over. Any ties will be broken in a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off. Higher seed bowlers (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> only) will receive 2 balls on each lane as a warm up. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seed bowlers will receive 2 balls on each lane as warm up.

**DOUBLES:** The top 4 doubles teams will advance to The Finals Round. The top 4 doubles teams will bowl best of 3 baker style elimination stepladder match. The 4<sup>th</sup> place qualifier will face the 3<sup>rd</sup> place seed. The winner will advance to play the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed bowler. That winner will bowl the 1<sup>st</sup> seed bowler for the National Championship. Frames will rotate between the pair of lanes assigned for the finals. The Top 4 doubles teams in each division will receive medals. This event is a scratch tournament. No handicap is used. Athletes are only able to compete in this event with one partner. Coaches will be permitted in the bowler's area during the event. Scores from previous event do not carry over. Any ties after the 3 baker style matches, a 1 game sudden death match will take place to declare a winner. Higher seed bowlers (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> only) will receive 2 balls on each lane as a warm up. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seed bowlers will receive 2 balls on each lane as warm up.

**TEAMS:** The top 4 teams will advance to The Finals Round. The top 4 teams will bowl best of 3 baker style elimination stepladder match. **Alternates must bowl in at least 1 game in the final round.** The 4<sup>th</sup> place qualifier will face the 3<sup>rd</sup> place seed. The winner will advance to play the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed bowler. That winner will bowl the 1<sup>st</sup> seed bowler for the National Championship. Frames will rotate between the pair of lanes that are assigned. The Top 4 teams in each division will receive medals. This event is a scratch tournament. No handicap is used. Athletes are only able to compete in this event once. 1 Coach per team will be permitted in the bowler's area during the event. Scores from previous event do not carry over. Any ties after the 3 baker style matches, a 1 game sudden death match will take place to declare a winner. Higher seed bowlers (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> only) will receive 2 balls on each lane as a warm up. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seed bowlers will receive 2 balls on each lane as warm up.

## **RULES:**

### **EQUIPMENT**

All Equipment must be in the center at the start of competition. Each entrant must have a bowling ball for their individual use in the tournament. Only USBC approved bowling balls will be allowed and MUST have the manufacture's name, product name and serial number clearly visible at all times for identification purposes. Any scores bowled using a bowling ball that does not meet the above requirements will not count. Random bowling ball checks may be done as deemed necessary by tournament staff. Bowling balls depicting alcohol, tobacco or gambling may not be used in competition. Tournament staff has the right to remove balls from tournament play that are deemed in violation of the rules. Athletes will be allowed to alter ball surface prior to the start of each event. Once an event has begun, athletes will only be allowed to wipe off their bowling equipment. No athlete will be allowed to place any powder substance on the bottom of their bowling shoes for the safety of their fellow athletes.

### **DRESS CODE**

Athletes are expected to wear suitable attire. Please use good judgment when selecting attire.

Examples of appropriate attire:

- Collared shirts, mock-turtle necks are allowed
- Dress slacks, shorts, or skirts are allowed. LENGTH OF SHORTS and SKIRTS: MUST BE TO FINGERTIP LENGTH WITH HANDS AT SIDE. APPROXIMATELY 3" FROM TOP OF KNEE.
- Tournament Director has final discretion/decisions on dress code.

(Examples of prohibited attire include but are not limited to:

- Head gear – (for medical reasons only)
- T-shirts, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, etc.
- Workout attire, yoga pants, short shorts, short skirts, bib overalls, jeans, etc.

**Attire depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, illegal substances or inappropriate language/gestures may not be worn in accordance with USBC Rule 301b.** Bowlers will be required to change if attire is deemed inappropriate by tournament management or designee. Tournament management or designee decision will be final.

### **ETIQUETTE**

Bowlers are not allowed to use electronic equipment of any kind in the bowler's area during competition. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, pagers, video recorders, cameras, radios, palm pilots, headphones, etc. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated on the lanes or inside the bowling center. Individuals are subject to removal for engaging in improper tactics or conduct including, but not limited to physical and verbal abuse toward other persons.

### **LANE COURTESY**

One lane courtesy is required and will be enforced

### **PACERS**

Pacers shall not be permitted in the tournament.

### **PROTESTS, APPEALS AND TOURNAMENT AUTHORITY**

Any protest or appeal must be made by a registered AAU coach concerning scoring must be made in writing stating briefly the grounds of the protest or appeal and submitted to the bowling tournament office immediately, before the next round has begun or before awards are presented.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS BOWLERS**

Bowlers who require special assistance must indicate it on the entry form so that special scheduling consideration can be arranged.

### **UNABLE TO COMPETE**

Substitutions are allowed to rosters of teams which "qualify" for the National Finals.

### **BOWLING UP AN AGE**

Any Male/Female who levels up for the Teams Divisions or Doubles will be allowed to compete in the Male/Female division based on the January 1<sup>st</sup> age rule. Male/Female in Singles will compete in the specific age and gender division regardless if they leveled up in Doubles or Team. Male/Female in lower age division may choose to bowl in older Singles Divisions and must report that before the Singles Squad begins.

### **TARDY BOWLERS**

Teams and/or individuals arriving late shall begin play and the scores shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Entrant will receive a zero for all frames missed.

### **TEAM CAPTAIN**

Each team shall designate a captain who will be responsible to ensure that all team members are advised of the rules of the event.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

All scholarships will be deposited into the USBC SMART Scholarship Fund and will be paid directly to the institution after students' graduation from High School. Scholarships will be awarded based on the specific states rules. See [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) on how to apply for scholarship funds.

### **OTHER RULES**

The 2015-16 AAU Playing Rules will be enforced. Tournament games cannot be re-bowled, except as authorized by the tournament management when scores are irretrievably lost in the scoring process. Only competitors and tournament officials shall be allowed in the settee area. Tournament management has the authority to make decisions regarding anything not covered by these rules. Athletes under the age of 18 are under the governance of their parent/guardian for the duration of the event. All athletes shall abide by the rules and conditions for the event.

#### **AWARDS:**

AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to all members of the top teams and individuals for ages divisions. All athletes will receive a complimentary AAU Junior Olympic Games T-shirt. Awards are subject to change.

#### **ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

Participants must check-in at the **George R. Brown Convention Center** located at 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 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 may apply for the lots around the George R. Brown Convention Center. For check-in hours, maps and additional directions please visit [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) (click on Event Info, then Registration).

#### **COACHES:**

To have access to the bowler's area, coaches must register. Only 2 coaches per team are permitted and only 1 coach will be allowed in the bowler's area at a time. All registered coaches will receive a coach's gift, t-shirt and an event pass allowing access to all AAU Junior Olympic Games venues at no charge. The coaches' entry fee is \$40 if registered by the entry deadline. Late coach entries may be accepted onsite for \$50; however, coaches must already have their AAU membership number. **You cannot apply for membership onsite. 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.**

#### **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 MANDATORY AAU/PCA coaches educational course. Membership may be revoked from non-athletes who do not complete course prior to competition.

#### **PARKING:**

Some locations will have parking fees. Please visit [www.aaujrogames.org](http://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.

**ADMISSION FEE:  
(Celebration of  
Athletes Event)**

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.auirogames.org](http://www.auirogames.org).

**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.auirogames.org](http://www.auirogames.org) as it becomes available.

**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 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.

**FOR MORE  
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