



2016 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES CHEERLEADING



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

DATES: Sunday, July 31, 2016 Athlete 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

QUALIFICATION: This is an open event. No pre-qualification is required.

DIVISIONS: Team, Pom Squad, Stunt Team, Crowd Leader, Solo Cheer, Jump, Tumble Pass Levels 1-5
 Small Team, Medium Team, Large Team
 Tiny (5 & under), Mini (8 & under), Youth (11 & under), Junior (14 & under), Senior (10-18 yrs old).
 AAU Cheerleading follows the US All Star Federation (USASF) age grid.

RULES: AAU Cheerleading follows the US All Star Federation (USASF) rules for the 2015-2016 cheerleading season, as modified by AAU Cheerleading. For all Pom Squad, Tumble, Cheer Solo, Crowd Leader, Jumps and Stunt Teams, the competitions will follow the rules posted on the web site at www.aucheerleading.org (click on Rules).

AGE DETERMINATION: Divisions will be determined by the athlete's age as of **August 31, 2015.**

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes and coaches must be members of the AAU and be able to present their 2016 AAU membership card at the time of check-in. AAU membership is of \$14.00 per youth athlete and \$16.00 per coach (non-athlete). The cost of the membership card is in addition to the entry fee. To become a member of the AAU, register on-line at 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.

ENTRY FEE: \$48.00 per athlete for the first routine, \$10.00 per athlete each additional routine

Coaches submitting entry forms with the team forms will receive coaches' credentials based on the following formula. Additional coaches may register by paying the coach entry fee of \$40. All coaches must submit the coach's entry form by the entry deadline.

1-8 Athletes	No complimentary coaches credentials
9-16 Athletes	One (1) complimentary coaches credential
17-25 Athletes	Two (2) complimentary coaches credentials
Over 25 Athletes	Three (3) complimentary coaches' credentials

All entry fees must be in the form of either a cashier's check or money order made payable to: **2016 AAU Junior Olympic Games. No personal checks will be accepted.** Please do not send cash. The entry fee is in addition to the AAU membership card. All fees are non-refundable.

ENTRY DEADLINE: **Pre-Registration is required. All items must be received no later than Friday, July 8, 2016.** ANY ENTRY FORM (S) NOT RECEIVED BY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DEADLINE DATE MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED! Guaranteed overnight delivery is strongly advised and will become necessary if it is the only way to ensure that all forms are to be received by the published deadline date.

It is important that the following forms and all entry fees are returned together to the appropriate address.

<u>Send the following items:</u>	<u>Mailing Address:</u>
1. Cheerleading Individual Athlete and/or Coaches Entry Form(s)	AAU Junior Olympic Games
2. Cheerleading Team Summary Form(s)	Attn: Cheerleading
3. Correct Entry Fee	1910 Hotel Plaza Boulevard
	Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
	407-934-7200

NOTE: If you are entering the team competition, the Team Summary Form **MUST** be included and have all individual forms attached.

**ENTRY
CONFIRMATION:**

It is recommended to use an overnight mail service (i.e. FedEx, UPS) in order to track your entry. You can track your packet with the airbill number. If you receive confirmation that your entry was delivered, then your entry has been received and will be processed if complete. The Local Organizing Committee has spent many hours planning and preparing for this AAU Event. In order to make it a great success, we ask for your cooperation. It is the responsibility of the coach, designated person of a team, or athlete to return all the necessary monies and completed forms by the deadline date. Incomplete information will result in a longer wait at on-site check-in. **HOWEVER, THE AAU SHALL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ENTRY (S) BASED ON THE CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AND/OR THE DATE RECEIVED!**

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 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. 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.

FORMAT:

Team competition for all squad competition. Individual competition for Solo Cheer and Crowd Leader Divisions. Team cheerleading routine can not exceed two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30) in length. The individual cheerleading routine can not exceed one minute and forty-five seconds (1:45) in length. Competition will be held in one round only. No finals.

The Technical Committee reserves the right to eliminate or combine events in response to number and distribution of entries.

SCHEDULE:

Competition schedule is subject to change based on the number of entries.

This is tentative and subject to change.

Sunday, July 31, 2016:

Athlete and Coach Check-In

George R. Brown Convention Center

Monday, August 1, 2016

General Coaches Meeting

George R. Brown Convention Center

Practice & Competition

Celebration of Athletes

Location TBD

Assigned practice times and competition times will be posted online after entry deadline.

COACHES & OFFICIALS: All coaches must be registered members of the AAU. Participating officials qualify for certification and ranking.

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.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to each participant, 100% placement. Grand Champion overall trophy. All participants will receive a T-shirt and participation certificate commemorating the event. Technical Committee may change awards given.

EQUIPMENT:

Sound Equipment: Sound equipment will be provided. Each individual or team is responsible for providing their accompaniment to the Sound Manager on CD. The accompaniment must be the only sound on the CD and must be recorded at the very beginning of the CD. CD's should be clearly marked with the competitor's team name. The accompaniment must be recorded at the flat line of the equalizer to assure comparable volume for all teams. No volume adjustments will be made. The volume and quality of the accompaniment are the responsibility of the competitor and not the Sound Manager. Volume or quality of sound will not be judged. Coach or designated person will press button to start and stop music. Voice-overs on the CD's for the purpose of increasing the volume of cheers or chants are prohibited. Auxiliary input/iPod connections will also be available as well.

Warm-up: Warm up will consist of 42 by 42 foam cheer floor as well as a stretch and tumble strip.

Competition: Competition will consist of a 42 by 42 spring floor.

CHECK-IN:

Pre-Registration: It is extremely important that all entries be **received** no later than the entry deadline date. ENTRY FORM (S) RECEIVED BEYOND THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! Of course, we want as many athletes as possible to participate, so please get all entry forms in on time. Again, guaranteed overnight delivery will become mandatory if it is the only way to ensure compliance with the deadline date.

Onsite Check-In: Cheerleading participants must check-in to receive their athlete credential or coach wristband at the George R. Brown Convention Center. 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).

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 allowed at any venue.

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 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.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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