

2016 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES TABLE TENNIS



LOCATION:	George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010		
SCHEDULE:	<u>July 31</u> Athlete & Coach Check-In Practice	TIME TBD TIME TBD	George R. Brown Convention Center George R. Brown Convention Center
	August 1 USATT Junior Nationals	TIME TBD	George R. Brown Convention Center
	<u>August 2</u> AAU Age Group Singles Doubles	TIME TBD TIME TBD	George R. Brown Convention Center George R. Brown Convention Center
	August 3, 2016 District/State Team Event (Corbillon Cup)	TIME TBD.	George R. Brown Convention Center
	<u>NEW IN 2016:</u>		

NATT will also be hosting the JOOLA Teams South Tournament on July 30 – 31, 2016 at the George R. Brown Convention Center! Visit <u>www.natabletennis.com</u> or <u>www.aaujrogames.org</u> for information.

DIVISIONS: <u>AGE GROUPS FOR AAU SINGLES</u>

Under 8 Boys	Under 8 Girls
Under 10 Boys	Under 10 Girls
Under 12 Boys	Under 12 Girls
Under 14 Boys	Under 14 Girls
Under 16 Boys	Under 16 Girls
Under 18 Boys	Under 18 Girls
Under 22 Boys	Under 22 Girls

All athletes will automatically be entered in the lowest AAU singles event they are eligible for, which will be run round robin.

AAU DOUBLES - Doubles sign-up will take place the morning of August 1, 2016.

Under 8 Boys	Under 8 Girls
Under 10 Boys	Under 10 Girls
Under 12 Boys	Under 12 Girls
Under 14 Boys	Under 14 Girls
Under 16 Boys	Under 16 Girls
Under 18 Boys	Under 18 Girls
Under 22 Boys	Under 22 Girls

USATT JUNIOR NATIONAL SINGLES

USATT Junior Nationals will be organized based on rating. Each USATT-rated player will be entered into two divisions for play automatically, based on the ratings of the players attending. The players will be matched with players of similar ratings and also entered into the group of players with ratings immediately above their own. The very top players will only be entered in one division at the top of the field.

DISTRICT/STATE TEAM EVENT

There will be no limit on the number of teams from one district that will be allowed to compete in Corbillon Cup style competition. Teams: Boys' and Girls' Teams for Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, and Under 22. A minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) players per team. All teams must play in the lowest age category they are eligible for. Sign-up for the team event will take place by August 2, 2016. Players must form teams within their AAU District or State.

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes and coaches must be current members of the AAU and be able to present their AAU membership card at check-in. AAU membership is \$14.00 per youth athlete and \$16.00 per coach (non-athlete). The cost of membership is in addition to the entry fee. Join on-line at <u>www.aausports.org</u>. A current USATT membership card must be presented at the competition site.

ENTRY FEE: \$73.00 per athlete and \$40.00 per coach. Proof of AAU and USATT membership required. A \$20 USATT tournament pass, or a general membership may be purchase at the tournament. All entry fees are non-refundable.

ONLINE REGISTRATION & ENTRY DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE at www.aaujrogames.org.

Entries must be completed online by <u>Tuesday, July 12, 2016.</u> 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.

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. Late coach entries may be accepted onsite with an additional \$10 late fee.

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 Local Organizing Committee 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.

RULES OF PLAY: USA Table Tennis (USATT) rules will govern play.

QUALIFICATION: Each participant must have current memberships to AAU and USATT. Players must be US Citizens or permanent US residents to compete in the tournament.

AGE DETERMINATION: Determined by the competitor's age on the first day of table tennis competition, July 30, 2016.

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 <u>www.aausports.org</u> 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: AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top four (4) finishers in each event and each age division.

- CHECK-IN: Athletes and coaches must check-in at the George R. Brown Convention Center located at 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010. Check-in will take place on the 3rd Floor in Ballroom B. Parking fees do apply for the lots around the Convention Center. For check-in hours, maps and additional directions please visit <u>www.aaujrogames.org</u> (click on Event Info, then Registration). Participants should check in at least the day prior to competing.
- PRACTICE: Practice will be available on Sunday, July 31 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- **DRESS CODE:** Soft-soled shoes and socks are required. The USATT dress code will be enforced.
- CELEBRATION OF
 The Celebration of Athletes will be held on Sunday, July 31, 2016 7:30 PM CST at the Campbell Center,

 ATHLETES:
 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.

- **PARKING:** Some locations may have parking fees. Please visit <u>www.aaujrogames.org</u> 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:** 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. No coolers at any venue.
- 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 <u>www.aaujrogames.org</u>.

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, lodging, food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.

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