



AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES KARATE



LOCATION: Iowa Events Center, 730 3rd St, Des Moines, IA 50309

SCHEDULE:

Friday, July 27, 2018		
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Check-In	Iowa Events Center
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Officials & Coaches Clinic	Iowa Events Center
Saturday, July 28, 2018		
9 AM – 5 PM	Kobudo, Kata Competition	Iowa Events Center
Sunday, July 29, 2018		
9 AM – 5 PM	Kumite Competition	Iowa Events Center

AGE DIVISIONS: There will be breakdown by karate experience as follows:

- Novice (Beginner/Novice) – Athletes with 2 years and less experience
- Advanced/International (Intermediate/Advanced) – Athletes with over 2 years' experience

Two divisions per age group (male and female) and category will be featured. Divisions may be combined when minimum numbers are not achieved. However, each division may be further sub-divided as well according to weight as deemed necessary by the National AAU Karate Committee.

6 years male/female	11 years male/female	16 years male/female
7 years male/female	12 years male/female	17 years male/female
8 years male/female	13 years male/female	18–22 years male/female
9 years male/female	14 years male/female	(Collegiate Division)
10 years male/female	15 years male/female	

AGE DETERMINING DATE: The athlete's age on July 31, 2018, shall determine the proper age division.

ENTRY FEE: One (1) event - \$75.00. Two (2) events - \$80.00. Three (3) or more events - \$85.00.
All fees are non-refundable.

ONLINE REGISTRATION & ENTRY DEADLINE: **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE at www.aaujrogames.org.** Entries must be completed online by **Thursday, July 19, 2018**. 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.

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes and coaches must be members of their AAU District. Athlete AB membership is \$16 and non-athlete (coach) AB membership is \$18. To become an AAU member, join online 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.**

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 has 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 Greater Des Moines Convention & Visitors Bureau. 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. 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 2018 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:** AAU/USA Karate rules. Officials wishing to judge, referee or arbitrate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games must have completed the Officials' Certification Course at the AAU National Karate Championship and be a current AAU license holder. **This applies to all Officials.**
- AWARDS:** AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top three (3) places in each division and discipline for the competition.
- UNIFORMS:** Solid white GI only with official patch (must be sewn on) is mandatory. NO school or club design on back of the uniform. No lettering or striping may appear on the uniform.
- CAUTIONS:** The following items may not be worn during competition: headbands, jewelry, colored t-shirts, and metal hair clips. Sleeves may not be rolled up. Fingernails should be cut short. Bandages and/or any wraps must be approved by the sports medicine staff on site prior to competition. Regular plastic eyeglasses may not be worn during fighting competition. Lettering on GI is not permitted.
- MANDATORY EQUIPMENT:** Approved equipment only. No competitor will be allowed to compete without proper uniform and mandatory equipment. Mandatory for Kumite competitors: Solid white headgear, mouth guards, cups for all males, white or red naugahyde/leather fist guards (no foam plastic type). To purchase your approved AAU Karate equipment from our sponsor AAMA, [Click Here](#).
- OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT:** Shin and instep guard (white naugahyde or cotton type), chest protectors (must be worn under Gi), certified prescription safety glasses with strap.
- COACHES:** Coaches must register online at www.aaujrogames.org and pay the \$40 coaches' entry fee. Coaches must have a non-athlete AAU membership and will need their number to register online for the event. **BE PREPARED and register your coaches early! New this year, background screens are conducted for all non-athletes and adult athletes. Membership is no longer instant.**

No on-site coaches' registrations will be accepted.

ONLY AAU CERTIFIED COACHES ARE ALLOWED ON COMPETITION FLOOR. ALL COACHES MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE PCA COURSE(S) IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE COACHES CLINIC. SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Coaches Clinic: Coaches must be registered members. Coaches must attend the certification course in order to be allowed on the competition floor. The Coaches Clinic will be held on Friday, July 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Iowa Events Center.

ALL COACHES MUST WEAR WHITE GI PANTS AND DARK BLUE (Administrative Coach) OR RED (Technical Coach) AAU COACHES SHIRTS TO BE ALLOWED ON THE COMPETITION FLOOR. (A limited number of shirts will be on sale at the coaches' clinics.)

Coaches must be properly attired according to Rules. Only proper attire as deemed by the National Committee will be acceptable.

- 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.
- QUALIFICATION:** Qualification to the AAU Junior Olympic Games is OPEN to all AAU athletes between the ages of 6 years old and 22 years old.
- ATHLETE CHECK-IN:** Karate participants must check-in at the Iowa Events Center 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.* 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:** All athletes, coaches, and fans 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.

CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES: The Celebration of Athletes will be held on Monday, July 30, 2018 – Time TBD at Drake Stadium at Drake University, 2719 Forest Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311.

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 \$15.00 (6 & under free) and includes admission to all competition venues on the designated day only. Event passports are \$45.00 (6 & under free). For more information on ticket options, please visit 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, hotel (lodging), food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.

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