

# 2010 INVITATION TO NON-US JUMP ROPE ATHLETES

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The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) is delighted to continue to include Non-US athletes at the AAU Junior Olympic Games Jump Rope event August 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup> in 2010 in Hampton Roads, Virginia. Pre-Registration is required by July 8<sup>th</sup>. Check-in of Coaches and Athletes is on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Last year in Des Moines, Iowa, nearly 12,000 athletes competed in 19 different sports at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. 407 competed in Jump Rope. Full details can be obtained by going to [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org), click on Member Sports and then select Jump Rope. The complete rules are contained in the 2010 Jump Rope Handbook. This can be downloaded from the AAU Jump Rope web-page in mid November.

**EVENTS:** The following events are contested in AAU Jump Rope competition:

**Individual Rope Singles and Pairs**, consisting of a speed, power and freestyle Triple Crown (All-Around) combined event

**Age-groups** : **Singles** – Males 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17, 18-22

Females 8 and under, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-17, 18-22.

The 13-14 age-group will be split if more than 80 athletes register

**Pairs** - 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17, 18-22. Pairs may be mixed or same gender.

**Double Dutch Pentathlon**, consisting of speed, power and freestyle in Singles and speed and freestyle in Pairs Double Dutch.

**Age-groups**: 12 and under, 13-14, 15-17, 18-22. Teams are 4-person and may be mixed or same gender.

**Group Synchronized Routine** – 6-24 participants. Single rope choreographed routines 2-4 minutes in length.

**Age-groups**: 13 and under and 14-22.

The age of a jumper is determined by his/her age as of September 1, 2010.

## **HOW TO QUALIFY TO PARTICIPATE**

**US Athletes** must qualify by placing in the top 10 US Athletes in their event at **any** US qualifying tournament – see published list on the AAU web-site. Fee \$40.

**Non-US Athletes** must *either* qualify in the top 10 NON-US Athletes at any US qualifying tournament (providing their scores are within the range of the top 10 US athletes) *or* may be nominated by their National Governing Body (NGB) that administers the sport of Jump Rope/Skipping. An NGB may nominate a maximum of 10 athletes, pairs or Double Dutch teams in any age-group in any Triple Crown or Pentathlon by **June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. One Group Routine per age-group may also be nominated. Coaches or team managers will need to submit full personal details for all selected athletes who are nominated by their NGB and will need to specify events for which they are nominated to the AAU Jump Rope Committee on the entry forms that will be published for the 2010 events. Fee \$40 per athlete to enter a US qualifying tournament or \$40 to qualify by nomination from your NGB. **Registration for the AAU Junior Olympic Games is a separate \$40 fee.**

2010 AAU Junior Olympic Games registration will be handled online at [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) Fee \$40

2010 AAU Junior Olympic Games housing information is available at [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org). Participants, officials and families are responsible for their own accommodation and transportation.

For more information, please check the AAU Jump Rope web-site at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) and click on Jump Rope or e-mail Jean Hodges, AAU JR Secretary-General at [jeanhodges45@verizon.net](mailto:jeanhodges45@verizon.net)

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ATHLETES, COACHES AND JUDGES MUST BE AAU MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE. Youth \$12, Adults (18 and older) \$14\*\*\***