

# 2022 AAU TKD NATIONALS

## JULY 3RD - 9TH



# LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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# 2022 AAU TKD Nationals – General Information

## ATHLETE ARRIVAL

Please consult the Schedule of Events to determine which day you **MUST** arrive. Check-in/weigh-ins have been scheduled over several days to ensure that your stay is as convenient as possible.

## PAYMENT/REGISTRATION INFO

Until your registration fee is actually paid; the individual athlete or coach **IS NOT REGISTERED** to participate. Regardless of when you actually begin the registration process, you must complete the transaction by the aforementioned deadline date(s) or late fees/disqualification will apply.

When completing your application, be sure to give the correct weight, and rank **as of the date(s) of competition**. It is your responsibility to ensure that your weight matches the weight class you listed on your application--failure to make weight will result in a change in division and a Fee will apply. ***If any corrections to your application ARE accepted at check-in, a \$40 Change Order Fee will be assessed—CASH ONLY!***

## AGE DETERMINING DATE

Athletes shall be placed in the appropriate AGE category based on their age as of **December 31, 2022** (AAU Taekwondo's Age Determining Date). Cadet and Junior athletes MAY be required to show a **copy** of their birth certificate or passport at check-in. Please be sure to bring yours in order to avoid a potential disqualification.

## AAU MEMBERSHIP

All athletes, coaches, and officials **MUST** be individual members of the AAU and be prepared to present their membership card at the time of their check-in.

## ELIGIBILITY

Due to the pandemic, the 2022 AAU Nationals will be an open competition with **NO** qualification will be required.

## RULES

The AAU Taekwondo Rules, as posted on the AAU Taekwondo Web Site, shall govern this event. All officials and coaches participating in the National Championship must have completed the 2022 AAU Certification process and be duly certified to perform same by the AAU Taekwondo Committee. All officials must also have in their possession the current rulebook. You may download these rules **FREE** at [www.aautaekwondo.org](http://www.aautaekwondo.org).

## EQUIPMENT & UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to the proper pages in the **2022 AAU Taekwondo Rulebook** for the mandatory and optional equipment requirements for point sparring and Olympic

## PSS SYSTEM

**The KPnP PSS System will be used in Olympic Style all 10 & Up intermediate, advance, and All Black Belt divisions.** All competitor's must provide their own sensor socks. To purchase the most current socks, please visit [www.mykick.com](http://www.mykick.com).

# 2022 AAU TKD Nationals - Hotel & Venue Info

MGM Grand – 3799 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109

- Competition Venue - Marquee Ballroom located within the MGM Grand



The AAU Taekwondo Committee appreciates all traveling parties booking with the designated “**Official Hotel**”.

Any questions on booking rooms, please reach out to Jennifer Miles, Sr. Sports Manager – [Email](#).

# 2022 AAU TKD Nationals – Schedule of Events

**Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** *Black Belt team selection based on 1<sup>st</sup> place winners*

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## **ALL Point Sparring**

- Single Elimination Format
- All age & belt divisions will compete point sparring
- National Team (black belt cadet, junior & senior) selection shall be decided by gold medal winners

## **Continuous Point Sparring**

- Same divisions as Traditional Point
- 6 x 6 ring
- Face shields will be required for all participants
- The face shield will be considered an extension of the headgear and a legal target area.
- Same infractions as Traditional Point (the face shield is a legal target area)
- Excessive contact - Gam Jeom deduction with Automatic DQ as an option (with judges meeting) just like in regular point sparring
- TL will manually (on paper) record infractions
- Accumulating infractions totaling 4 "points" will end the match for that player, and the other contestant will win
- First contestant to win 2 rounds wins the match - each round is 1 minute with a 15 second timeout between all rounds
- A match could be just two rounds, but there will be a third round if there is a tie after 2
- At the end of each round contestants come back to center where Referee says "Judges Call"
- Each Judge and the Center "vote" for the winner of the round based on Superiority (see below)
- The scoring screen (GUSS point) will be updated at the end of each round, with the winner of the round receiving 1 point manually added by computer operator
- Superiority
  - 1 - Offensive = Number of Legal Techniques landed
  - 2 - Defensive = Ability to evade techniques thrown
  - 3 - Aggressive Ring Management = offensive dominance

## **Special Needs Point Sparring Divisions**

- All special needs sparring divisions

## **Demo Team Competition**

- Three (3) to twenty (20) member teams (any rank)
- All members & volunteers must be current AAU members
- Six (6) minute demonstration time limit
- All technical Taekwondo skills are graded for execution, presentation and difficulty
- Teams are granted freedom to add creativity to their demonstration, however synchronization may or may not be part of the team demonstration
- All props are subject to inspection of Chief Referee, and may be prohibited if deemed unsafe

Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

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**WT Sport Poomsae Competition Advanced (Blue & Red) and Black Belt Competition**

- Recognized Individual
- Sport Poomsae Pairs
- Sport Poomsae 3 Person Team

**Board Breaking Sizing & Purchase Overview**

Boards must be purchased at the host site

Each event will utilize ten (10) boards or less. The only exception to this would be power breaking athletes who decide to attempt more than ten (10) boards.

- Demo Small Boards = All athletes 5 to 13 years' old
- Demo Medium Boards = All athletes 14 years and older

**Repetitive Speed Spin Hook Breaking**

- Single break format
- One (1) board per strike
- Allowed technique is SPINNING HOOK KICK
- 10 board competition
- Timed competition, fastest competitor to break 10
  1. Fastest competitor to break 10 wins' gold
  2. 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' silver
  3. 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' bronze
  4. 4<sup>th</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' bronze

**Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> (Event Schedule Continued)**

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**Repetitive Speed Side Kick Breaking**

- Single break format; One (1) board per strike; 10 board competition
- Allowed technique is SIDE KICK
- Timed competition, fastest competitor to break 10
  1. Fastest competitor to break 10 wins' gold
  2. 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' silver
  3. 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' bronze
  4. 4<sup>th</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' bronze

**Repetitive Speed Hand Breaking (*human hold*)**

- Single break format; One (1) board per strike
- Allowed technique includes HAMMER, KNIFE, RIDGE, PALM or FIST/PUNCH
- 10 board competition
- Boards held by person or Boards repeatedly placed on bricks by person – *Must have current AAU Membership*
- Timed competition, fastest competitor to break 10
  1. Fastest competitor to break 10 wins' gold
  2. 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' silver
  3. 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' bronze
  4. 4<sup>th</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' bronze

**Repetitive Speed Hand Breaking (*feeder system*)**

- Single break format; One (1) board per strike; 10 board competition
- Allowed technique includes HAMMER, KNIFE, RIDGE, PALM or FIST/PUNCH
- Boards will be fed through feeder system provided by tournament organizing committee. Person feeding boards – *Must have current AAU Membership*
- Timed competition, fastest competitor to break 10
  1. Fastest competitor to break 10 wins' gold
  2. 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' silver
  3. 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' bronze
  4. 4<sup>th</sup> fastest competitor to break 10 wins' bronze

## Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> (Events Continued)

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### **Power Hand Breaking**

- Single Break Format; One (1) attempt allowed
- Athletes compete in an individual manor
- One (1) Station per competitor; Spacers allowed
- Acceptable techniques include: Fist, hammer fist, palm heel, knife hand, ridge hand
- Board holders/volunteers must be current AAU members
- Judging criteria is based on the number of boards broken to determine the winner. The competitor who breaks the most (or, in the event of a tie, has the highest percentage broken) is the winner.
  - **Tie Example** "A" broke at 100%; competitor "B" broke at 83%. Competitor "A" is the winner. If more than one competitor has the same percentage broken after their initial break, there will be a break off to determine the winner.

### **Power Foot Breaking**

- Single Break Format; One (1) attempt allowed; No spacers will be allowed
- Athletes compete in an individual manor
- Acceptable techniques include any kicking technique executed using a part of the foot below the ankle
- Board holders/volunteers must be current AAU members
- Judging criteria is based on the number of boards broken to determine the winner. The competitor who breaks the most (or, in the event of a tie, has the highest percentage broken) is the winner.
  - **Tie Example** "A" broke at 100%; competitor "B" broke at 83%. Competitor "A" is the winner. If more than one competitor has the same percentage broken after their initial break, there will be a break off to determine the winner

### **Special Needs Board Breaking Divisions**

- All special needs board breaking divisions

## Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> - **Black Belt team selection based on 1<sup>st</sup> place winners (via point system)**

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### **Traditional Forms: ITF**

- Brazilian Repechage Format
- Allowed patterns are defined within pg. 39 of the AAU Taekwondo Handbook under ITF forms
- This event will be offered for all ages
- This event will be offered for all belt levels
- Judging criteria includes Beauty, Grace, Rhythm, Focus, Power, & Technique

### **Traditional Forms: WT SPORT POOMSAE STANDARDS DO NOT APPLY**

- Brazilian Repechage Format
- Allowed patterns are defined within pg. 39 of the AAU Taekwondo Handbook under WT forms
- This event will be offered for all ages
- This event will be offered for all belt levels
- Judging criteria includes Beauty, Grace, Rhythm, Focus, Power, & Technique

### **Traditional Forms: TSD**

- Brazilian Repechage Format
- Allowed patterns are defined within pg. 39 of the AAU Taekwondo Handbook under TSD forms
- This event will be offered for all ages
- This event will be offered for all belt levels
- Judging criteria includes Beauty, Grace, Rhythm, Focus, Power, & Technique

### **Traditional Forms: Open Traditional**

- Brazilian Repechage Format
- ITF, WT & TSD patterns will be allowed to compete together
- Allowed patterns are defined within pg. 39 of the AAU Taekwondo Handbook
- This event will be offered for all ages
- This event will be offered for all belt levels
- Judging criteria includes Beauty, Grace, Rhythm, Focus, Power, & Technique

## Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> - Events Continued

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### Special Needs Forms

- Numeric scoring method used

### Black Belt Team Forms

- Brazilian Repechage Format
- All traditional forms accepted (ITF, WT, TSD)

### Mixed Belt & Age Team Forms

- Brazilian Repechage Format
- Team **MUST** be comprised of both Junior and Adult members **and/or** include under black belt members.
  - (i.e. Team membership would NOT meet the requirements to compete in the existing Junior Team Forms nor Adult Team Forms divisions.)
- All traditional forms accepted (ITF, WT, TSD)

### Weapons Forms: Traditional

- Brazilian Repechage Format; No live blades will be allowed
- Minimum one hand must remain in contact with the weapon at all times
- Inverted aerial maneuvers are not allowed
- Weapons are subject to inspection by Chief Referee and may be prohibited if deemed unsafe
- Judging criteria includes Beauty, Grace, Rhythm, Focus, Power, & Technique

### Weapons Forms: Creative

- Brazilian Repechage Format; No live blades will be allowed
- Weapon releases are allowed in creative division
- Inverted aerial maneuvers are allowed in creative division
- Weapons are subject to inspection by Chief Referee and may be prohibited if deemed unsafe
- Judging criteria includes Beauty, Grace, Rhythm, Focus, Power, Technique & Creativity

## Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

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### Olympic Sparring Competition

- 5 – 9 Novice & Intermediate competition (**No** KPnP)
- 10 & 11, 12-14, 15-17, 18-32 and 33 & Older Novice competition (**No** KPnP)
- 10 & 11, 12-14, 15-17, 18-32 and 33 & Older Intermediate competition (KPnP)

## Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

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### Olympic Sparring Competition

- 5-9 Advanced competition (**No** KPnP)
- 10 & 11 Advanced competition (KPnP)
- 12 – 14 Black Belt competition (KPnP)
- 15 – 17 Black Belt competition (KPnP)
- 18 – 32 Advanced competition (KPnP)
- 33 – 42 Advanced competition (KPnP)
- 43 & Up Advanced competition (KPnP)

## Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

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### Para Divisions

### Olympic Sparring Competition

- 5-11 Black Belt competition (KPnP)
  - 10-11yr old Black Belt team selection based on 1<sup>st</sup> place winners
- 12 – 14 Advanced competition (KPnP)
- 15 – 17 Advanced competition (KPnP)
- 18 & older Black Belt competition (KPnP)

# 2022 AAU TKD Nationals – Spectator Fees

<b>SPECTATOR TICKETS</b>			
<b>Ticket Type</b>		<b>In Advance</b>	<b>At the Door</b>
<b>Adult Tickets (12 &amp; Older)</b>	One Day Pass	\$20	\$25
<b>Adult Tickets (12 &amp; Older)</b>	All Event Pass	\$80	\$100
<b>Youth Ticket (6-11)</b>	One Day Pass	\$10	\$15
<b>Youth Ticket (6-11)</b>	All Event Pass	\$40	\$60
<b>5 and Under</b>	One Day Pass or All Event Pass	FREE!	FREE!
<i><b>Please Note:</b> In Advance Spectator Tickets – Need to be ordered in the online system and you will pick up your wristbands in the Registration Area.</i>			
<b>NEW &amp; IMPROVED Coaches Hospitality Area</b>			
	One Day Pass	\$25	
	All Event Pass*	\$100	
Coaches Hospitality Area – All Event Pass, FREE with Platinum Elite Networking Membership. More Information on this program <a href="#">Click Here</a> .			



# 2022 AAU TKD Nationals - Awards

## AWARDS

National AAU Championship medals will be awarded to the top four (4) places in each division.

## TOP 20 CLUBS

We will be awarding a custom banner to the Top (20) Clubs in attendance at the 2022 AAU Taekwondo National Championships

## GRAND CHAMPIONS

This award is given to the most successful all-around athlete per age group. The Grand Champion title is one of the most challenging awards to earn as it requires the athlete to perform at a high level in multiple events across the board. Grand Champion winners, will receive a grand champion jacket made just for this year's nationals from our national sponsor.

Grand Champion Age Groups				
5 Female & Male	6 – 7 Female & Male	8 – 9 Female & Male	10 – 11 Female & Male	12 – 13 Female & Male
14 – 15 Female & Male	16 – 17 Female & Male	18 – 32 Female & Male	33 – 42 Female & Male	43+ Years Old Female & Male

Point System	
Gold (with competitors)	7 Points
Uncontested Gold	5 Points
Silver	3 Points
Bronze	1 Point

Tie Breaker		
Who faced more competitors in total	If still tied: Who registered for more events	If still tied: Who broke higher # of boards.

## INDOMITABLE SPIRIT AWARD – Every Athlete Can Win This Award!

Earn this award for the second year in a row at the **2022 AAU National Championships in Las Vegas!** The AAU Indomitable Spirit Award is given to recognize each of those athletes who put forth an extra effort by becoming involved and competing in a variety of events and activities. This prestigious award is earned by those athletes that compete in four (4) or more events at the **2022 AAU National Taekwondo Championships!**

**Here's How It Works:** You will receive the AAU Indomitable Spirit Award by earning four (4) or more credits from the list of individual events below. *Each event is worth one credit per athlete.*

- Open Traditional forms
- ITF Traditional Forms
- WT Traditional
- TSD Traditional Forms
- Weapons Forms (Traditional)
- Weapons Forms (Creative)
- Sport Poomsae Individual Recognized
- Point Sparring
- Olympic Style Sparring
- Repetitive Side Kick Breaking
- Repetitive Hand Breaking – (Feeder System)
- Repetitive Hand Breaking – (Human Hold)
- Repetitive Spin Hook Kick Breaking
- Power Hand Breaking Power Foot Breaking
- State Championship

# 2022 AAU TKD Nationals – AAU National Teams

## **OLYMPIC SPARRING**

The **Mini-Cadet (10-11)** Teams shall be established at the National Championship by virtue of capturing the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gold Medal in single elimination competition. **Mini-Cadet Team Members** will be invited to train and travel with the National Teams at their own expense.

The top four finishers in the **Cadet (12-14), Junior (15-17) and Senior (18-32) Black Belt** divisions will be invited to Team Trials at the **2022 AAU Junior Olympic Games** along with the current member of that team to compete under international rules (regarding a kick to the head) for the Team Member slot.

**Please Note:** *All current team members will be required to compete at Nationals in order to be eligible for a Team Trials invitation. However, their placement at Nationals will not interfere with their ability to be invited.*

For those Black Belts competing in the Olympic Sparring Divisions, everyone must compete in the age category befitting their age according to our Age Determining Date. Fourteen-year olds must compete as 12-14-year olds at the National Championship AND if you place in the top, four spots you will be invited to the 12-14-year-old Cadet Team Trials. Should you turn 15 in 2022 you will be invited to travel with the Junior Team at that time.

**Executive/Ultra (33+) Black Belt Olympic Sparring Team** shall be determined at the National Championship by virtue of capturing the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gold Medal in single elimination competition.

## **POINT SPARRING**

All Point Sparring Teams shall be determined at the National Championship by virtue of capturing the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gold Medal in single elimination competition for 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 and 18-32 year old Black Belts.

## **SPORT POOMSAE**

All Sport Poomsae Team Members shall be determined at the National Championship by virtue of capturing the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gold Medal in the Individual Recognized division.

## **NEW: TRADITIONAL FORMS**

All traditional forms Team Members shall be determined at the National Championship by using the same point system used to calculate Grand Champion. To be considered - at a minimum you must compete in the open division and at least one (1) additional traditional forms division. (non-weapons) Ties will be decided by individual who faced highest total number of competitors. Eligible team spots will be 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 18-32 year old Black Belts and Executive/Ultra (33+).

# 2022 AAU TKD Nationals – Entry Fees & Credentials

ENTRY FEES			
# of Events	Early Registration April 20 <sup>th</sup> – May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Registration May 19 <sup>th</sup> – June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Late Registration June 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>
1 Individual Event	\$149	\$179	\$279
Each Additional Event	\$29	\$29	\$29
Team Form	\$189	\$229	\$329
Sport Poomsae Pairs	\$189	\$229	\$329
Sport Poomsae Team	\$189	\$229	\$329
Demo Team	\$395	\$425	\$525

CREDENTIAL FEES	
Official's Refresher Course & Credentials	<b>FREE</b> <i>(Via Online Registration)</i>
Coaches Credentials	<b>\$100.00</b> <i>(Via Online Regular Registration)</i>

If you plan to coach at all during this event, you must register and pay for a coach's credentials.

**Please Note:** In order to coach at this event, you must have been previously certified (in 2022 competition year) through our online certification course and be able to prove it! **This course may be accessed through our web site [aautaekwondo.org](http://aautaekwondo.org). On home page under rules tab, click on COACHES CERTIFICATION.**




**All officials (currently certified) who wish to work the National Championship MUST be individual members of AAU and attend the national clinic.**

All applications must be processed through our ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM located at [Click Here](#) AND **completed no later than Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST).**



# What Level Will Your Club Be?

1. Personalized hotel booking link that they can share with their club.
  - a. Deadline Date for Requesting Your Unique Club Link is **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** to receive benefits
2. The benefits outlined below are only accessible to clubs who book through the AAU National Headquarter unique club link(s).

 <p><b>Gold Level</b></p>	 <p><b>Silver Level</b></p>	 <p><b>Bronze Level</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 20 Hotel Rooms (at a minimum of 2 nights each) = 4 free room nights to Club Designee</li> <li>➤ 20 Room Rooms (at a minimum of 3 nights each) = 5 free room nights to Club Designee</li> <li>➤ Personalized hotel booking link that they can share with their club.</li> <li>➤ VIP Weigh-In (Priceless) with one designated specific time for entire team prior to registration hours.</li> <li>➤ 10% discount on Advance Spectator Passes – must be purchased all at once with one form of payment.</li> <li>➤ Event Poster for registered athletes &amp; coaches.</li> </ul> <p>Note: <i>The Free room night(s) is to the designated person, not to each booked reservation!</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 15 Hotel Rooms (at a minimum of 2 nights each) = 2 free room nights to Club Designee</li> <li>➤ 15 Hotel Rooms (at a minimum of 3 nights each) = 3 free room nights to Club Designee</li> <li>➤ Personalized hotel booking link that they can share with their club.</li> <li>➤ VIP Weigh-In (Priceless) with one designated specific time for entire team prior to registration hours.</li> <li>➤ Event Poster for registered athletes &amp; coaches.</li> </ul> <p>Note: <i>The Free room night(s) is to the designated person, not to each booked reservation!</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 10 Hotel Rooms = 2 free room nights to Club Designee</li> <li>➤ Personalized hotel booking link that they can share with their club.</li> <li>➤ Event Poster for registered athletes &amp; coaches.</li> </ul> <p>Note: <i>The Free room night(s) is to the designated person, not to each booked reservation!</i></p>