



AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES TAEKWONDO

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

DATES:

Friday, July 25 th	Athlete Check-In	George R. Brown Convention Center
	Coaches/Officials Meeting	
Saturday, July 26 th	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center
Sunday, July 27 th	Competition	George R. Brown Convention Center

AGE DETERMINING DATE: Athletes shall compete at their age as of **December 31, 2025**.

AGE DIVISIONS: The following divisions listed below will be offered for the 2025 event:

ENTRY FEE: Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted. Entry fees are non-refundable. To register, visit www.aaujrogames.org.

	Early/Regular Registration Until July 11	Late Registration July 12-23
One (1) Individual Event	\$169	\$199
Each Additional Event	\$49	\$49
Team Forms - per three (3) member black belt team	\$199 per team	\$229 per team
Demo Team – minimum of (3) and a maximum of (20)	\$499 per team	\$529 per team

Individual Traditional Forms: (ITF, WTF, TSD & Open will all be separate divisions)

WT Sport Poomsae Standards are NOT utilized for scoring

AGE	GENDER	BELT DIVISIONS
6-7	MALE & FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV, BLACK
8-9	MALE & FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV, BLACK 1, BLACK 2 & UP
10-11	MALE & FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV, BLACK 1, BLACK 2, BLACK 3 & UP
12-13	MALE & FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV, BLACK 1, BLACK 2, BLACK 3 & UP
14-15	MALE & FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV, BLACK 1, BLACK 2, BLACK 3, BLACK 4 & UP
16-17	MALE & FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV, BLACK 1, BLACK 2, BLACK 3, BLACK 4 & UP
18-24	MALE & FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV, BLACK 1, BLACK 2, BLACK 3, BLACK 4 & UP
N/A	MALE & FEMALE	PARA (SPECIAL NEEDS)

Individual Non-Traditional Forms & Self Defense & Weapons

AGE	GENDER	BELT DIVISIONS	EVENTS
6-7	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	CREATIVE FORMS CREATIVE MUSICAL FORMS TRADITIONAL WEAPONS FORMS CREATIVE WEAPONS FORMS MUSICAL WEAPONS FORMS PADDED WEAPONS
6-7	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
8-9	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
8-9	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
10-11	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
10-11	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
12-13	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
12-13	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
14-15	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
14-15	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
16-17	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
16-17	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
18-24	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
18-24	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
N/A	MALE	PARA (SPECIAL NEEDS)	
N/A	FEMALE	PARA (SPECIAL NEEDS)	

Individual Breaking

AGE	GENDER	BELT DIVISIONS	BREAKING EVENTS
6-7	MALE	NOV, INT & ADV	SPEED JUMPING/FLYING POWER HAND POWER AXE KICK POWER SIDE/BACK KICK POWER STOMP KICK REPETITIVE SPIN HOOK (10 Board) REPETITIVE SIDE KICK (10 Board) REPETITIVE HAND (10 Board) REPTITIVE HAND with FEEDER (10 Board)
6-7	FEMALE	NOV, INT & ADV	
8-9	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
8-9	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
10-11	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
10-11	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
12-13	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
12-13	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
14-15	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
14-15	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
16-17	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
16-17	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
18-24	MALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
18-24	FEMALE	NOV, INT, ADV & BLACK	
N/A	MALE	PARA DIVISION	
N/A	FEMALE	PARA DIVISION	

Team Events

AGE	GENDER	BELT DIVISIONS	TEAM EVENTS
6-17	MALE, FEMALE OR COMBINED	BLACK	TEAM FORMS
6-17	MALE, FEMALE OR COMBINED	COMBINED INT, ADV & BLACK	DEMO TEAM
18-24	MALE, FEMALE OR COMBINED	BLACK	TEAM FORMS
18-24	MALE, FEMALE OR COMBINED	COMBINED INT, ADV & BLACK	DEMO TEAM

**The tournament committee reserves the right to further divide or combine divisions depending on the number of competitors registered to compete in each.*

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS: FORMS

Individual Traditional Forms: ITF

- All white uniform required (Sport Poomsae uniforms are not allowed)
- Brazilian Repechage Format
- Allowed patterns are defined within pg. 34 of the AAU Taekwondo Handbook under ITF forms.
- Judging criteria includes Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace, and Beauty, in this order of importance.

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

- All white uniform required (Sport Poomsae uniforms are not allowed)
- Brazilian Repechage Format
- Allowed patterns are defined within pg. 34 of the AAU Taekwondo Handbook under WT forms.
- Judging criteria includes Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace, and Beauty, in this order of importance.

Individual Traditional Forms: MDK/TSD

- All white uniform required (Sport Poomsae uniforms are not allowed)
- Brazilian Repechage Format
- Allowed patterns are defined within pg. 34 of the AAU Taekwondo Handbook under MDK/TSD forms.
- Judging criteria includes Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace, and Beauty, in this order of importance.

Individual Traditional Forms: OPEN

- All white uniform required (Sport Poomsae uniforms are not allowed)
- Brazilian Repechage Format
- ITF, WT, MDK/TSD patterns will be allowed to compete together.
- Allowed patterns are defined within pg. 34 of the AAU Taekwondo Handbook under WT, ITF and MKD/TSD forms.
- Judging criteria includes Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace, and Beauty, in this order of importance.

Para Traditional Forms

- All white uniform required (Sport Poomsae uniforms are not allowed)
- Numeric Scoring method used.
- Allowed patterns are defined within pg. 34 of the AAU Taekwondo Handbook under WT, ITF and MKD/TSD forms.
- Merit will be awarded on the basis of SPIRIT, Focus, Technique, Power, Rhythm, Grace and Beauty, in this order of importance.

Creative Forms

- Single Elimination Format
- Creative division shall allow forms to include contemporary martial arts techniques.
- These may be added to a traditional form, or the form may be devised in its entirety by the competitor.
- A form in the Creative Forms Event must include the majority of techniques which originate from martial arts (gymnastic type motions allowed, but form must remain primarily martial arts based)
- Spinning kicks, jump spinning kicks, flying kicks, multiple kicks, splits are allowed.
- Judging criteria includes Creativity, Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace & Beauty in this order of importance.
- Ninety (90) second time limit

Creative Musical Forms

- Single Elimination Format
- The Creative Musical Event utilizes the above criteria for Creative Forms and additionally will include music.
- Each competitor must provide a music player of reasonable and non-intrusive size at ringside to play his or her music, and an attendant at the player who must be present at all times during the performance.
- Judging criteria includes Creativity, Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace & Beauty in this order of importance.
- Ninety (90) second time limit

Weapons Forms - Traditional

- Single Elimination Format
- No live blades will be allowed.
- Ninety (90) second time limit
- Refer to AAU Taekwondo Handbook for permitted weapons.
- The body must be in contact with the weapon at all times – no releases.
- Inverted aerial maneuvers are not allowed; rolls on the ground are allowed; cartwheels are not allowed.
- Competitor may not switch weapons during traditional weapons form.
- Weapons are subject to inspection by Chief Referee and may be prohibited if deemed unsafe.
- Judging criteria includes Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace & Beauty in this order of importance.

Weapons Forms - Creative

- Single Elimination Format
- No live blades will be allowed.
- Ninety (90) second time limit
- Refer to AAU Taekwondo Handbook for permitted weapons.
- Weapon releases are allowed.
- Inverted aerial maneuvers are allowed.
- Competitor may not switch weapons during creative weapons form.
- Weapons are subject to inspection by Chief Referee and may be prohibited if deemed unsafe.
- Judging criteria includes Creativity, Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace & Beauty in this order of importance.

Musical Weapons Forms

- Single Elimination Format
- No live blades will be allowed.
- Ninety (90) second time limit
- Refer to AAU Taekwondo Handbook for permitted weapons.
- Weapon releases and inverted aerial maneuvers are allowed.
- Competitor may not switch weapons during musical weapons form.
- Each competitor must provide a music player of reasonable and non-intrusive size at ringside to play his or her music, and an attendant at the player who must be present at all times during the performance.
- Weapons are subject to inspection by Chief Referee and may be prohibited if deemed unsafe.
- Judging criteria includes Creativity, Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace & Beauty in this order of importance.

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS: BOARD BREAKING

Board Breaking – Board Holders

All board holders must be either a coach or athlete that is registered for Junior Olympics and has appropriate credentials. Attire for board holders is coach's attire or athlete's uniform/dobok. No shorts, t-shirts or other attire will be allowed on the floor. For any timed break that requires board holders, the number of board holders/feeders will be limited to two (2) board holders and two feeders (2). Power Breaking board holders will be allowed two holders or four cinder blocks.

There will be a **0.5 second penalty** assessed in the timed breaking events where the coach breaks the board before the athlete strikes it.

Board Breaking Rules

Boards must be purchased at the host site. Each event will utilize ten boards or less. The only exception to this would be power breakers who decide to attempt more than 10 boards.

- **AAU Small Boards = All athletes 5 to 13 years old**
- **AAU 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
- Board holders must comply with the requirements outlined above.
- Timed competition, fastest competitor to break 10.
 1. Fastest competitor to break 10 wins gold.
 2. 2nd fastest competitor to break 10 wins silver.
 3. 3rd fastest competitor to break 10 wins bronze.
 4. 4th fastest competitor to break 10 wins bronze.

Repetitive Speed Side Kick Breaking

- Single break format; One (1) board per strike
- Allowed technique is SIDE KICK; 10 board competition
- Board holders must comply with the requirements outlined above.
- Timed competition, fastest competitor to break 10.
 1. Fastest competitor to break 10 wins gold.
 2. 2nd fastest competitor to break 10 wins silver.
 3. 3rd fastest competitor to break 10 wins bronze.
 4. 4th fastest competitor to break 10 wins bronze.

Repetitive Speed Hand Breaking (human hold)

- Single break format; One (1) board per strike
- Allowed techniques include HAMMER, KNIFE, RIDGE, PALM or FIST/PUNCH; 10 board competition
- Board holders must comply with the requirements outlined above.
- Timed competition, fastest competitor to break 10.
 1. Fastest competitor to break 10 wins gold.
 2. 2nd fastest competitor to break 10 wins silver.
 3. 3rd fastest competitor to break 10 wins bronze.
 4. 4th fastest competitor to break 10 wins bronze.

Repetitive Timed Hand Breaking (Feeder system)

- Single break format; One (1) board per strike
- Allowed techniques include HAMMER, KNIFE, RIDGE, PALM or FIST/PUNCH; 10 board competition
- Boards will be fed through feeder system provided by the tournament organizing committee.
- Board holders must comply with the board holder instructions above.
- If any boards are not broken by an athlete, that athlete will be placed below the athlete who broke all boards and had the slowest time. If multiple athletes fail to break boards, their ranking at the below the athlete who broke all boards with the slowest time will first be ranked according to the number of boards actually broken and if still tied, ranked by the fastest time.
- Timed competition, fastest competitor to break 10.
 1. Fastest competitor to break 10 wins gold.
 2. 2nd fastest competitor to break 10 wins silver.
 3. 3rd fastest competitor to break 10 wins bronze.
 4. 4th fastest competitor to break 10 wins bronze.

Speed Board Breaking

- Single Elimination Bracketed Format
- Athletes compete in a side-by-side manor (superior technique advances to the next round)
- One (1) Station per competitor
- Board(s) must be supported by a maximum of 1 side.
- No spacers will be allowed.
- A maximum of 3 attempts per station is allowed.
- Athlete technique will be judged based on Technique, Focus, Balance, Power, and Creativity
- For 2 competitors executing the same technique as part of competition
 - A break performed on the 1st try is superior to a break completed on the 2nd try.
 - A 2-board break is superior to a 1 board break; a 3-board break is superior to a 2-board break.

Jumping & Flying Breaking

- Single Elimination Bracketed Format
- Athletes compete in a side-by-side manor (superior technique advances to the next round)
- One (1) Station per competitor
- Technique must be executed with both feet in the air.
- No spacers will be allowed.
- A maximum of 3 attempts is allowed.
- No jumping over humans will be allowed.
- Board holders must meet board holder requirements listed above. Maximum of two board holders.
- Athlete technique will be judged based on Technique, Focus, Balance, Power, and Creativity
- For 2 competitors executing the same technique as part of competition
 - A break performed on the 1st try is superior to a break completed on the 2nd try.
 - A 2-board break is superior to a 1 board break; a 3-board break is superior to a 2-board break.
 - A break supported on 1 end (speed break) is superior to a break supported on both ends.

Power Hand Breaking

- Single Break Format: One (1) attempt allowed.
- Athletes compete in an individual manner.
- Ninety (90) second time limit on set up for break.
- One (1) Station per competitor; Spacers REQUIRED – will be provided by tournament.
- Acceptable techniques include Fist, hammer fist, palm heel, knife hand, and ridge hand.
- Board holders must comply with board holder instructions above.
- One attempt allowed.
- 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 Axe Kick Breaking

- Single Break Format: One (1) attempt allowed.
- One (1) Station per competitor; Spacers REQUIRED – will be provided by tournament.
- Maximum of two board holders or use of four cinder blocks and must comply with board holder instructions above.
- Acceptable techniques include axe kick (No stomp)
- Spacers are REQUIRED (spacers will be provided by the organizing committee)
- Ninety (90) second time limit on set up for break.
- One (1) attempt allowed.
- 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 Stomp Kick Breaking

- Single Break Format: One (1) attempt allowed.
- One (1) Station per competitor; Spacers REQUIRED – will be provided by tournament.
- Maximum of two board holders or use of four cinder blocks and must comply with board holder instructions above.
- Acceptable techniques include downward stomp kick.
- Spacers are required (spacers will be provided by the organizing committee)
- Ninety (90) second time limit on set up for break.
- 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 Side/Back Kick

- Single Break Format: One (1) attempt allowed.
- One (1) Station per competitor; Spacers REQUIRED – will be provided by tournament.
- Maximum of two board holders or use of four cinder blocks and must comply with board holder instructions above.
- Board Holders – Must be AAU Member and registered as Coach or Athlete
- Acceptable techniques include side or back kick.
- Spacers are required (spacers will be provided by the organizing committee)
- Ninety (90) second time limit on set up for break.
- 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.

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS: TEAM EVENTS

Black Belt Team Traditional Forms

- All white uniform required (Sport Poomsae uniforms are not allowed)
- Brazilian Repechage Format
- Junior (5-17) and Adult (18+) Divisions
- ITF, WT, MDK/TSD patterns will be allowed to compete together.
- Allowed patterns are defined within pg. 34 of the AAU Taekwondo Handbook
- Black Belt Teams may complete any black belt pattern.
- Judging criteria includes Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace, and Beauty, in this order of importance.

Mixed Belt Rank Team Traditional Forms

- All white uniform required (Sport Poomsae uniforms are not allowed)
- Brazilian Repechage Format
- Can be a combination of Youth and Seniors, all Colored Belts, a combination of Colored Belts and Black Belts, all Black Belts consisting of both Youth and Seniors.
- ITF, WT, MDK/TSD patterns will be allowed to compete together.
- Allowed patterns are defined within pg. 34 of the AAU Taekwondo Handbook
- Mixed Belt Rank Teams may perform any form up to and including the rank of the most senior member of the team.
- Judging criteria includes Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace, and Beauty, in this order of importance.

Demo Team Competition

- Three (3) to twenty (20) member teams (any rank); more than 75% of team must compete in individual event(s)
- All members & volunteers must be current AAU members and registered as a Demo Team Member.
- Maximum two (2) minute set up time, maximum six (6) minute performance and maximum two (2) minutes for cleanup.
- 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. Demo Team performance criteria must include elements from forms/poomsae/patterns, board breaking, and self-defense.
- Scoring will be a maximum of ten (10) points for originality; a maximum of ten (10) points for technique and a maximum of ten (10) points for difficulty.
- Penalties are assessed for exceeding the time limit. Refer to the AAU Taekwondo Handbook for details.
- All props are subject to inspection by the Chief Referee and may be prohibited if deemed unsafe.
- No jumping over humans will be allowed.

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS: PADDED WEAPONS SPARRING

Padded Weapons Sparring

Required protective equipment includes Mouthguard, Full Headgear (red for red competitor and blue for blue competitor); Face Shield; and for male competitors, a groin cup and supporter inside the dobok.

Divisions:

- There will be two divisions defined by the length of the padded weapon:
 - Long Weapons Division
 - Padded Sword – Long; Padded Cane; Padded Bo
 - Short Weapons Division
 - Padded Cane; Padded Sword - Short

Matches:

1. All color belt matches will consist of two (2) ninety (90) second rounds, with a thirty (30) second break between rounds. The winner will be determined by the highest score or the first competitor to reach a 12-point gap after the end of the first round.
2. Black Belt matches will consist of two (2) two (2) minute rounds with a thirty (30) second break between rounds. The winner will be determined by the highest score or the first competitor to reach a 12-point gap after the end of the first round.
3. In the event of a tie, an untimed Golden Round will occur; the first contestant scoring a point will win the match.

Point Scoring:

- Competitors have the option to compete with one or two hands on the weapon at any time.
- Three (3) points will be awarded for a head strike (not to include the neck),
- Two (2) points for a strike to the trunk between the collar bone and hip
- One (1) point for a strike the limbs (limbs are defined as to include the arms below the shoulder to the wrist and the legs below the hip to the ankle)
- Referee will call Kal-yeo and both competitors will return to their starting position while Referee calls for “Judges Call.”
- The clock will continue to run unless stopped to issue penalties.

Warnings/Penalties/Disqualification:

1. Penalties will be worth 1 point to be awarded to the competitor against whom the violation was committed.
2. An accumulation of 5 penalties that caused a deduction of points will result in an automatic disqualification.
3. Penalty violations include:
 - a) Attacking an unarmed opponent
 - b) Attacking after Kal-yeo (break) has been called.
 - c) Causing an injury serious enough that opposing competitor cannot continue the match. (may be DQ as well)
 - d) Illegal techniques: striking the groin, striking the neck, sweeping, striking with the butt of the weapon, punching, kicking to head, legs, torso or spine.
 - e) Unsportsmanlike conduct: profanity, disobeying a referee, disrupting the competition either by coaches or support groups.
 - f) Running away to intentionally avoid the fight.

SPECIAL NOTES: For AAU Taekwondo Competitions: Intermediate Divisions consist of Green, Purple and Blue. Advanced Divisions consist of both Red and Brown Belts. Black Belt Divisions are meant to include Junior Black as well. If your school or club uses any other belt ranking order or system, your athlete should conform to the above-mentioned criteria. ***Also, Poom Belts (half red and half black) should be worn by JUNIOR Black Belts age 15 and younger ONLY!***

Any Junior Black Belt under the age of 8 who wishes to compete is more than welcome to do so, but he/she must compete in the 8–9 Age Division.

ONLINE ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE at www.aaujroqgames.org.

REGISTRATION & ENTRY DEADLINE:

Early Entries must be completed online by **Friday, July 11, 2025**. Late Entry must be completed online by **Wednesday, July 23, 2025**. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE DATE OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.**

For Demo Teams, please print the Demo Team Roster form from the online system once the demo team is registered. This form must be completed and submitted at the Taekwondo Check-In.

The Local Organizing Committee and the AAU have spent many hours planning and preparing for this AAU Event. 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 on time and **complete in every detail**.

AAU MEMBERSHIP:

All athletes, coaches, and officials must be members of AAU and be able to present their AAU membership card on demand. AAU membership numbers will be needed in order to register online for the competition. Coaches and officials must have the non-athlete membership card.

BE PREPARED and register your coaches early! You can no longer register for non-athlete (coach) membership onsite at the event. For more information, visit www.aautaekwondo.org

COACHES/OFFICIALS:

All coaches must register for the event online at www.aaujrogames.org by July 23, 2025. The coaches' entry fee is \$50. An additional \$20 will be charged for coaches' entry forms submitted after the entry deadline or for onsite registration, if allowed by the National Chair. **Please note, non-athlete (coach) membership is no longer instant. BE PREPARED and register for membership early!**

IN ADDITION to the AAU Coaches entry fee of \$50, there is a \$50 AAU Taekwondo floor pass fee. Coaches' credentials and wristbands **must first** be picked up at the George R. Brown Convention Center – 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010. These credentials should then be taken **to Taekwondo Check-In** in the George R. Brown Convention Center and be presented at the AAU Taekwondo coaches' check-in table to receive the photo ID floor pass which will be affixed to the back of the credentials. The \$50 TKD Floor Pass fee is payable at this time with cash or money order. **This floor pass fee is separate from any and all other fees charged by the Local Organizing Committee in order to obtain coaches credentials.**

Coaches must wear the Coaches Wristband in order to gain admittance to the competition facility. The credential with the photo ID floor pass must be worn to have access to the competition floor.

There will be a MANDATORY information meeting for coaches Friday, July 25th, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Note: All coaches must have been previously certified through the AAU TKD Online Coaches Certification Course in order to coach at this event. *Please be prepared to show your clinic certification card if requested.* If your name is not in the database as having taken the 2025 online coaches' clinic and you cannot present a 2025 clinic card, you will not be allowed on the competition floor.

Late Fee & Photo Fee: Coaches badges purchased onsite will be charged a \$20.00 late/processing fee by the Taekwondo Committee and will require additional time at check-in to process the badge. **PLEASE REGISTER EARLY AND ONLINE!** Coaches who do not upload a photo ID when taking the online clinic will also be required to pay this additional processing fee to have a photo taken and a badge processed onsite. To obtain a copy of the AAU Taekwondo Rulebook, visit our website at www.aautaekwondo.org.

All Officials should register online. There will be a mandatory official's clinic for all officials. The Officials Clinic will be held in conjunction with the Coaches Information Meeting **Friday, July 25th, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the George R. Brown Convention Center.**

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 is simply based on a **valid AAU Membership for this year only**. Para Taekwondo (formerly Special Needs) athletes are not required to participate in a previous AAU event, but it is encouraged.

AWARDS:

AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top four (4) competitors in each division competed.

UNIFORMS:

All contestants must wear a clean, **white** dobok only. See AAU Taekwondo Rulebook for further description.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT:

Please visit www.aautaekwondo.org and download the competition handbook for a complete description of all mandatory gear requirements.

CHECK-IN:

Taekwondo participants must check-in at the George R. Brown Convention Center – 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010 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).

Athletes should first check-in with AAU Junior Olympic Games personnel at the George R. Brown Convention Center and pick up their credentials, t-shirt, certificate, and goody bag prior to check-in with the AAU Taekwondo Committee. At that time the events you have entered will be verified by the Committee.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE:

All athletes must be prepared to produce a copy of their birth certificate or passport at Taekwondo Committee check-in or at the competition site if asked to do so.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 25TH

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Athlete and Coach Check-In
(Pick up credentials from Sport Committee)

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Coaches' Informational Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Officials' Clinic (MANDATORY)

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH

9:00 AM Taekwondo Opening Ceremony

9:30 AM Individual Traditional Forms, Team Forms,
Creative Forms, Creative Musical Forms, Padded Weapons Sparring & Weapons Forms

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH

9:00 AM Demo Team, Open Board Breaking, Jump/Flying Board Breaking, Repetitive Board Breaking
Speed Board Breaking & Power Board Breaking

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 regard to location and other amenities.

All reservations are handled through the Local Organizing Committee. 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.

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.

FOOD:

All AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain the 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 28th. 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 \$20.00 (3 & under free) and includes admission to all competition venues on the designated day only. Event passports are \$50.00 (3 & under free). For more information on ticket options, please visit www.aaujrogames.org.

SECURITY:

All AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain the right to search for any bags, backpacks, purses, jackets, etc. throughout the duration of the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

TRANSPORTATION:

All athletes, coaches, and fans are responsible for their own transportation to and from all activities, events, and hotels.

PARTICIPATION:

The AAU cannot and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participants(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.

QUESTIONS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

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