



# 2014 AAU Junior Olympic Games

## Baton Twirling



**LOCATION:** Iowa Events Center, 730 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

<b>DATES:</b>	Saturday, July 26, 2014	Athletes & Coaches Early Check-In	Iowa Events Center
	Sunday, July 27, 2014	Final Check in & Competition	Iowa Events Center
	Monday, July 28, 2014	Competition	Iowa Events Center
	Tuesday, July 29, 2014	Competition	Iowa Events Center
	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Competition	Iowa Events Center

**QUALIFICATIONS:** United States Athletes must compete and qualify at an AAU District, Regional, and/or Super Regional Championship in every event in which they wish to be eligible to compete in at the AAU Baton Twirling National Championships (individual, team, and corps events) conducted at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. A competitor can compete in only one status level/age group for each event. All non-United States are invited to participate, however you must complete a waiver through the AAU Baton Twirling Office in order to compete. For more information on obtaining a waiver, email [akeane@aausports.org](mailto:akeane@aausports.org).

**RULES:** Please go to [www.aubaton.org](http://www.aubaton.org) to download the 2014 AAU Baton Twirling Rule Book. There are descriptions of offered events, rule changes, and new rules that are important to know.

**AGE DIVISIONS:** Solo One Baton, Solo Two Baton, Solo Three Baton, Solo Multiple, Strut (X, T, L, etc.), Basic, Military Strut, Parade Strut, Hoop and Flag are: 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16 +, Collegiate up to 25.  
 Boys Solo and Dance Twirl will be separate from girls (see rule book for age divisions).  
 Teams ages are average ages: 0-9 (Juvenile), 10-13 (Junior), 14 + (Senior), Collegiate (University/College student, etc.), 21+  
Junior High: This would be an individual team member who is in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in school.  
Senior High: This would be an individual team member who is in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in school.  
Collegiate: This individual athlete is currently enrolled at a college, university, technical or Junior college etc.

**EVENTS:** Individual- Solo One Baton, Solo Two Baton, Solo Three Baton, Freestyle, Dance Twirl, Multiple Baton, Basic March, Military March, Straight-line Strut, Free-style Strut, T-Strut, X-Strut, Parade Strut, Hoop, Flag, and All Around Twirling Champion (includes collegiate champion; see grid below). Individual status of Challenger, Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Elite will be offered. College level will also be offered in the All-Around Champion event.

Corps- Twirling Corps and Parade Corps Beginner and Advanced Status

Teams- Duets (March Music), Duet Dance Twirl, Duet Novelty Show Twirl Team, Trios (March Music), Trio Dance Twirl, Trio Novelty Show Twirl Team, Twirling Team, Dance Twirl Team, Street Parade Team, Novelty Show Twirl Team, Show Twirl Team, Auxiliary Team (Poms and Dance Line/Guard), and Junior High/High School/College Majorette Line. Beginner and Advanced Status.

**ENTRY FEES:**

<u>Individual Events</u>	<u>Corps and Team Events</u>	<u>All Around Twirling Champion</u>
1 Event \$60.00	\$20 per athlete per event	Challenger, Novice, Beginner, Intermediate - \$50
Each Additional event \$20.00		Advanced, Elite, and College - \$60
Showcase Package \$20*		

\*More information on the Showcase Package will be provided in a separate flyer.

## ALL AROUND TWIRLING CHAMPION:

<b>All Around Twirling Champion</b>				
<b>To be eligible, participant must be entered in all of the categories listed below for their level. Athlete must qualify in Solo One Baton. YOUR SOLO ONE BATON STATUS DETERMINES YOUR ALL AROUND STATUS</b>				
Challenger	Solo One Baton	Basic March	Parade Strut	
Novice	Solo One Baton	Basic March	Parade Strut	
Beginner	Solo One Baton	Solo Multiple Batons	Parade Strut	
Intermediate	Solo One Baton	Solo Two Baton	Dance Twirl	
Advanced	Solo One Baton	Solo Two Baton	Multiple Batons	Dance Twirl
Elite	Solo One Baton	Solo Two Baton	Multiple Batons	Dance Twirl
Collegiate	Solo One Baton	College Strut	College Half-Time	Freestyle

**AAU MEMBERSHIP:** All athletes and coaches must be current AAU members. To join, visit [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) and click on JOIN AAU to become a member of the AAU. **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.** For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/16Q3l6t>.

## REGISTRATION AND ENTRY DEADLINE:

**All Entries must be completed online no later than July 10, 2014 at 11:59 PM EST at [www.aaujogames.org](http://www.aaujogames.org) . Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover are accepted. All fees are non-refundable.**

You will need to have your AAU membership at the time of registering for the AAU Junior Olympic Games. After registering online for the events in which you have qualified, you will receive an email confirming your entry and acceptance of payment. Once you have registered and paid online, there is no need to send in any paperwork.

**Note: Only AAU registered COACHES are authorized to complete Corps, Teams, Duet and Trio Events. Parents, coaches, etc. may enter individual solo events.**

The Local Organizing Committee and the AAU spend 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 coach, parent, instructor, and athlete to ensure that the application is complete in every detail and processed on time.

**COACHES, BE PREPARED AND REGISTER EARLY! You may no longer register for non-athlete (coach) membership onsite at the event. New this year, background screening is conducted for all non-athlete and adult members. Membership is no longer instant.** For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/16Q3l6t>.

**AGE DETERMINATION:** The athlete's age will be determined by the athlete's actual age as of **July 27, 2014**, which is the first day of competition of the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Championships. Athletes must have competed in their AAU District or Regional Championship in the age division in which they will be at the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Championships.

**SUBMITTING MUSIC:** Music for the AAU Junior Olympic Games should be submitted at the official baton twirling registration/check-in. If there is any way possible to submit music early, you may email a MP3 file of the music to [candicedowdyaa@gmail.com](mailto:candicedowdyaa@gmail.com) by July 18, 2014. Any music submitted will not be used or stored for any other purpose other than your own performance.

**COACHES:** All AAU Baton Twirling Coaches wishing to have access to the practice area and competition floor must be wearing an official AAU Baton Twirling Polo Shirt and be a registered coach for the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Championships (See Rule Book for Coach Types and Clarification on each type). To purchase the official polo, visit [www.aaubaton.org](http://www.aaubaton.org) for an order form, or you may contact Jennifer Miles, AAU National Headquarters, at 407-828-3956 or [akeane@aausports.org](mailto:akeane@aausports.org).

To register for the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Championships, visit [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) and register online. The coaches' entry is \$40 and includes a coaches' gift, t-shirt and event credentials (allowing access to ALL competition venues). The coaches' registration fee is in addition to your non-athlete membership fee. Onsite coach entry may be accepted with a \$10 late fee (\$50 total); however, you must have your non-athlete membership number in order to register as a coach onsite.

**COACHES'  
EDUCATION:**

The AAU is happy to make available FREE Coaches' Education for all AAU non-athlete members. In its third year, this excellent program is MANDATORY for all AAU non-athletes and will be administered by Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). Please visit, [www.aausports.org](http://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. (See rulebook for clarification on which type of coach needs to complete education training)

**HOUSING:**

The AAU makes every effort to provide the best quality experience for athletes, coaches and families that participate in AAU events. Participants can choose from a wide variety of accommodations in various price points and with several levels of amenities. The Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau 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.

In order to complete your registration to participate in the 2014 AAU Junior Olympic Games, you are required to use hotel accommodations as advertised at [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org). **All reservations are handled through the Convention and Visitors Bureau. DO NOT CONTACT THE HOTELS DIRECTLY AS YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED AAU RATE. Go to [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) and click on Hotels to make your reservations, or call 800-451-2625 for assistance.** If your team or athlete is local or not planning to stay at one of the recommended properties, you can request a Housing Exemption Form from [aaujrogames@aausports.org](mailto:aaujrogames@aausports.org).

Please check online regarding deposit requirements and cancellation policies that may vary depending on hotel. AAU is not responsible for any refunds from cancellation.

**ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

Athletes and coaches must check-in at the Iowa Events Center located at 730 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50309. At check-in each participant, athlete or coach, will be issued a credential or wristband. This will allow you access to competition area. *If that credential or wristband is lost or stolen there will be a replacement fee.* Parking fees do apply for the lots around the Convention Center. For check-in hours, maps and additional directions please visit [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) (click on Event Info, then Registration). Participants should check in at least the day prior to competing.

**PARKING:**

Some locations will have parking fees such as the Iowa Events Center. Please visit [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) (click on Event Info, Map & Parking) for more information. **Also, most downtown hotels will charge for parking.** Please check with your hotel for specific information as prices vary.

**CELEBRATION  
OF ATHLETES:**

The Celebration of Athletes will be held on July 28, 2014 at Drake Stadium. You won't want to miss this year's Celebration! More information will be posted at [www.aaujrogames.org](http://www.aaujrogames.org) when available.

**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.

**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 may 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 [www.aaujrogames.org](http://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 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.

**COMPETITON SCHEDULE:** *This is only a tentative schedule and is subject to change. A Final Schedule will be available at the Athlete Check-in.*

Challenger events will occur at the same time as Novice/Beginner Events. Prelims only for Intermediate, Advanced, Elite, Boys Solo /Dance Twirl for Solo, Strut, Two Baton, and Dance Twirl, and for Groups. All other events are only finals, no Prelims.

<b><u>TENTATIVE BATON TWIRLING SCHEDULE</u></b>	
<i>NOTE: SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE; SCHEDULE BASED ON NUMBER OF ENTRIES RECEIVED.</i>	
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>TUESDAY:</b>
Early Registration (TBA)	All Remaining All-Around Champion Strut & Solo Events
	All Levels Basic & Military March (Finals)
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Challenger/Nov/Beg Final Strut Events (X, T, Straightline, Parade, Freestyle)
Registration (Morning Only)	Int/Adv/Elite Prelim Strut Events (X, T, Straightline, Parade, Freestyle)
Showcase Practice/Clinic	All Levels 3 Baton, Multiple, Hoop, Flag (Finals)
Coach's Seminar	Challenger/Nov/Beg Final Solo Events (One & Two Baton)
<b>COMPETITION BEGINS SUNDAY AFTERNOON</b>	Int/Adv/Elite Prelim Solo Events (One & Two Baton)
All Duet, Trio, Team, Corp (Prelims)	Boys Solo One-Baton (Prelim)
	<b>Showcase Performance</b>
<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>Awards for Strut and Solo Events (Final Events Only)</b>
All Freestyles (Finals)	<b>Awards for All-Around Champion (Including Collegiate Champion)</b>
All Solo Dance-Twirls (Prelims)	<b>Int/Adv/Elite/Boys Prelim Results Posted</b>
Select All-Around Events (Dance-Twirl, Collegiate Halftime, Collegiate Freestyle)	
All Duets, Trios, Teams, Corp (Finals)	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>Awards for Freestyles</b>	Solo Dance-Twirls (Finals)
<b>Awards for Duets, Trios, Teams, Corp</b>	Int/Adv/Elite Strut, One-Baton, Two-Baton & Boys Solo (Finals)
<b>CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES (SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE)</b>	<b>Awards for Solo Dance-Twirl Finals</b>
	<b>Awards for Int/Adv/Elite/Boys Final Events</b>
<b>EVENTS FOR EACH DAY ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER AT THIS TIME; A DETAILED SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED SOON.</b>	

**SHOWCASE PACKAGE:** Each year twirlers have the opportunity to take part in the Baton Twirling Showcase. Registration **MUST BE** done separately from the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Entry. To register for the Twirling Showcase & Clinic go to the AAU Baton Twirling Website ([www.aubaton.org](http://www.aubaton.org)) and follow the link provided. All participants MUST include your t-shirt size when you register (Sizes are Youth S, M, L and Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL). Cost of the package is \$20 and includes: Custom showcase t-shirt that twirlers will wear for performance and a ticket to participate in the showcase clinic (clinic is designed to focus on rolls, tricks, and new material and is only open to twirlers who participate in the showcase). See Showcase flyer for more details.

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