



AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling and Dance



- LOCATION:** Greensboro Coliseum Complex - Fieldhouse—1921 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, NC 27403
- DATES:**
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| Wednesday, July 24, 2024 | Athlete/Coach Check-In | Greensboro Coliseum Complex –Fieldhouse |
| Thursday, July 25, 2024 | Competition | Greensboro Coliseum Complex - Fieldhouse |
| Friday, July 26, 2024 | Competition | Greensboro Coliseum Complex - Fieldhouse |
| Saturday, July 27, 2024 | Competition | Greensboro Coliseum Complex – Fieldhouse |
| Monday, July 29, 2024 | Celebration of Athletes | North Carolina A&T Stadium |
- Events to be announced: Baton Twirling Clinic
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Open to all current AAU Members
- RULES:** Please go to www.aaubaton.org to download the 2024 AAU Baton Twirling Rule Book. There are descriptions of offered events, rule changes, and new rules that are important to know.
- AGE DIVISIONS:**
- Individual Baton Solo Events:** 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18; 19-22
Boys Baton Solo (boys will be separate from girls in one-baton solo only): 5-9, 10-14, 15+
Dance-Twirl Freestyle: 5-9; 10-12; 13-15; 16-18; 19-22
Novelty Freestyle: (All Levels) 5-9; 19-22; (Beg/Adv Levels) 10-12; 13-15; 16-18
Teams average ages: 0-6 (Tot), 7-9 (Juvenile), 10-13 (Jr), 14 -18 (Sr), 19-22 College (University/College)
Corps average ages: 0-9 (Juvenile), 10-13 (Junior), 14-18 (Senior)
Auxiliary Team: Elementary (1st Grade -5th Grade), Junior High (6th Grade – 8th Grade), Senior High (9th Grade – 12th Grade), Collegiate (University/College)
Dance Baton Solo Events: 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18; 19-22
Dance Teams average ages: 0-6 (Tot), 7-9 (Juvenile), 10-13 (Jr), 14 -18 (Sr), 19-22 (University/College)
- EVENTS:**
- Baton Individual Events-***
One Baton, Two Baton, Three Baton, Multiple Baton. X-Strut, Straight-Line Strut, Parade Strut, Basic Strut, Military Strut, Novelty Freestyle, Dance-Twirl Freestyle, Collegiate Half-Time Routine, Collegiate Downfield Strut, All-Around Twirling Champion (includes collegiate champion; see grid)
- Individual Baton Status Levels:*** Challenger, Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Elite will be offered. College level will also be offered in the All-Around Champion event, Collegiate Half-Time and Collegiate Downfield Strut events.
- Sports Press Presentation:*** Contestants will be interviewed by a “Sports Reporter” and have the opportunity to present their twirling and performance skills. Twirlers will be interviewed about baton twirling and their twirling experiences and present a 30 second routine in a designated area as though a camera was filming. Routine may exist of twirling (one baton, strutting, and poses to display twirler’s skills and represent the best of baton twirling.
- AAU World Twirling Challenge-*** High School and Collegiate Twirlers can vie for the title of 2024 Twirler of All Trades. This is a two-part competition. Part A will consist of the athletes competing with a Novelty Solo routine to music of their choice (AAU Novelty Solo Time Limit Applies). The Top 3 winners for each division will advance to finals. In the final’s competition, athletes will be given a set song to which they must choreograph a one baton Dance-Twirl Solo (Time limit will be 1:30 Max). Along with the regular criteria, athletes will be judged on creativity, expressiveness, and their interpretation of the musical selection. A cash prize will be awarded.
- Age Divisions:*** Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Collegiate.
- Individual Baton Status Levels:*** Challenger, Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Elite will be offered. College level will also be offered in the All-Around Champion event, Collegiate Half-Time and Collegiate Downfield Strut events.
- Baton Corps-*** Twirling Corps and Parade Corps Beginner and Advanced Status
- Baton Teams-*** Twirling Team (March Music), Dance-Twirl Team, Novelty Twirl Team, Street Parade Team, Show-Twirl Team, College Majorette Line, Auxiliary Teams (Pom Line, Dance Line, Drill Team, Guard, Majorette Line). Beginner and Advanced Status.
- Baton Team Sizes-***
Extra-Small Team (Twirling Team, Dance-Twirl Team, Novelty Twirl Team, Auxiliary Majorette): 2-3
Athletes Small Teams: 4-9 athletes; Large Teams: 10-19 athletes; Extra Large Teams: 20+

Dance Individual Events-

Jazz/Lyrical, Hip Hop, Modern/Contemporary, Pom (divided by age; not status levels)

Dance Team Events-

Pom, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern/Contemporary, Hip Hop, Kick, Musical Theater/Character, Novelty, Mix, Production

Dance Team Sizes-

Extra-Small Team: 2-3 Athletes; Small Teams: 4-9 athletes; Large Teams: 10-19 athletes; Extra Large Teams: 20+; Production 10+ Athletes (divided by age; not status levels)

All-City Majorette and Dance Team Events-

Categories: Majorette Dance-Twirl Team, Majorette Half-Time Team, Dance Pom Team, Dance Open Team
Grade Levels: Grades as of the 2022-2023 School Year. Middle School (Gr. 6-8) High School (Gr. 9-12)

EVENT COST:

<u>Baton & Dance Individual Events</u>	<u>Corps and Team Events</u>	<u>All Around Twirling Champion</u>
1 Event \$69.00	\$25 per athlete per event	Challenger, Novice, Beginner, Intermediate - \$50
Each Additional event \$20.00		Advanced, Elite, and College - \$60
ADDITIONAL FEES THAT REQUIRE SEPARATE REGISTRATION: Clinic: \$25 (Pre-registration Fee); \$30 (On-Site)		

*More information & Registration for the Clinic can be found on the AAU Junior Olympics Baton Twirling Page

YOUR SOLO ONE BATON STATUS DETERMINES YOUR ALL AROUND STATUS

Challenger	Solo One Baton	Basic Strut	Parade Strut	
Novice	Solo One Baton	Basic Strut	Parade Strut	
Beginner	Solo One Baton	Solo Multiple Batons	Parade Strut	
Intermediate	Solo One Baton	Solo Multiple Batons	Strut (X-Strut, SL Strut)	
Advanced	Solo One Baton	Strut (X-Strut, SL Strut)	Multiple Batons	Dance-Twirl Freestyle
Elite	Solo One Baton	Strut (X-Strut, SL Strut)	Multiple Batons	Dance-Twirl Freestyle
Collegiate	Solo One Baton	College Half-Time	Collegiate Downfield	

ALL AROUND TWIRLING CHAMPION:

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes and coaches must be current AAU members. To join, visit 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, background screens are conducted for all non-athletes and adult athletes and can take up to 10 business days.**

REGISTRATION & ENTRY DEADLINE: **All Entries must be completed online no later than Friday, July 5, 2024 at 11:59 PM EST at www.aaujrogames.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.

AGE DETERMINATION: The athlete's age will be determined by the athlete's actual age as of July 24, 2024 (this is the day of athlete/coach check-in for the 2024 AAU Baton Twirling Competition).

SUBMITTING MUSIC: *All team and solo events that require music must email the music director an MP3 file to kemericau@gmail.com by the July 5th entry deadline. Music will be played on a laptop through the sound system at the contest. Team directors and Solo Dancers should also bring a back-up copy of your music. **If your music is NOT turned in by the AAU Junior Olympic Games/National Competition entry deadline of July 5, 2024, a \$25 late fee will be applied to the entry. This fee will be due at check-in at the AAU Junior Olympic Games or AAU National Baton Competition. This fee will apply to solos as well as teams.***

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 <https://aaujrogames.org/BatonTwirling> for an order form.

To register for the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling and Dance Championships, visit www.aaujrogames.org and register online. The coaches' entry is \$50 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 (\$60 total); however, you must have your non-athlete membership number in order to register as a coach onsite.

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 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.

ONSITE CHECK-IN: Baton Twirling and Dance participants must check-in at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex to receive their athlete credential or coach wristband. The appropriate credential or wristband will be needed prior to gaining admittance into the competition venues. *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). Participants should check in at least the day prior to competing.

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.

CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES: The Celebration of Athletes will be held on Monday, July 29, 2024. More information will be posted at www.aaujrogames.org as it becomes 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.

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.

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, lodging, food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE:

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

2024 AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling/Dance Final Schedule

NOTE: More info on separate flyers for Baton Twirling Clinic and All-City Majorette/Dance Competition

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24
Athletes & Coaches Check-In Baton Twirling Clinic-Time and Location TBD
THURSDAY, JULY 25 Competition Starts 8am
EVENTS ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER
All Baton Team/Corp and Dance Team Events All-City Majorette and Dance Team Events All Solo Dance-Twirl Freestyle (Prelims) All Dance Solos Awards for Teams/Corps and Dance Solos
FRIDAY, JULY 26 Competition Starts 8am
EVENTS ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER
Dance-Twirl Freestyle (Finals) All Solo Novelty Freestyles (Finals) Collegiate Downfield Collegiate Half-Time All All-Around Baton Events with Own Music (Novelty Freestyles, Dance-Twirl Freestyles, Collegiate Downfield, Collegiate Freestyle) Solo Competition for: Basic, Military & Parade Strut (Finals) Awards for Dance-Twirl Freestyle, Novelty Freestyle, Collegiate Downfield/Half-Time Awards for Basic, Military, Parade Strut, World Challenge & Sports Press Presentation
SATURDAY, JULY 27 Competition Starts 8am
EVENTS ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER
All Remaining All-Around Champion Strut & Solo Events Solo Competition for: X-Strut & Straight-Line Strut (Finals Challenger/Nov/Beg) X-Strut & Straight-Line Strut (Prelims Int/Adv/Elite) One & Two Baton (Finals Challenger/Nov/Beg) One & Two Baton (Prelims Int/Adv/Elite) Boys Solo One-Baton (Prelim) 3 -Baton, Multiple Baton (Finals) Int/Adv/Elite Strut, One-Baton, Two-Baton & Boys Solo (Finals) Awards for all remaining Strut and Solo Events Awards for All-Around Champion (Including Collegiate Champion)

ALL-CITY MAJORETTE AND DANCE TEAM COMPETITION:

A full flyer for this event regarding rules and requirements will be posted on the AAU Jr. Olympics website as a separate flyer.

BATON TWIRLING CLINIC:

A baton twirling clinic will be offered at the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling Competition on the day of in-person registration. Cost is \$25 if paid by set deadline; \$30 if paid on-site. Full details for the clinic will be posted on the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling website page. This payment is separate from the AAU Registration and Entry Fee. A full flyer for this event along with a registration link will be posted on the AAU Junior Olympics' website.

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