



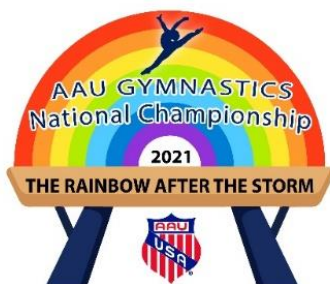
**2021 AAU GYMNASTICS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
THE RAINBOW AFTER THE STORM
With A Dose of Southern Hospitality**

**Savannah Convention Center, Savannah, GA
June 23-27, 2021**

AAU Cares Gymnastics Kids Helping Kids



www.augymnastics.org/national-championship



COVID Rules and Policies ***2021 AAU Gymnastics National Championship***

Dear AAU clubs, coaches, parents, and participants:

We are truly dedicated to providing the best event possible during the most difficult of times. AAU Gymnastics and the event host, Celebrate Savannah, are prepared to offer a safe and enjoyable event which will follow all COVID protocols necessary to run the event in compliance with local and state requirements along with any specific facility requirements. The event may look a bit different due to the COVID protocols below. However, we are devoted to making your experience a great one! Visit Savannah <https://www.visitsavannah.com/>.

COVID Protocols:

- *There will be temperature checks of all spectators, coaches, judges, staff, and athletes.*
- *Smaller Sessions.*
- *Sanitizing Stations for frequent hand sanitation.*
- *Athletes are encouraged to bring their own chalk although chalk will be available.*
- *There will no water stations, each athlete will need their own water bottle.*
- *Stringent cleaning procedures between sessions and awards.*
- *Masks will be required of all spectators, coaches, and judges except when actively eating or drinking. There will be no exceptions.*
- *Masks will be required of all athletes except while competing and stretch.*
- *Masks will be required in the awards area – Awards are an important part of our event. We are planning an awards ceremony, but it may look a little different to maintain all COVID protocols.*
- *The number of spectators per athlete should be limited to immediate family only.*
- *To help us maintain our COVID protocols, we ask that spectators only plan to watch their athlete's session to allow other families the opportunity to watch their athlete.*

- *Social distancing will be enforced throughout the Savannah Convention Center. We will need your cooperation keeping appropriate distances from others while entering the building, at athlete registration, at admission station, and merchandise area.*
- *Due to COVID restrictions, we will be unable to offer our Celebration of Athletes ceremony that has been a wonderful part of our event. The gathering of all athletes and spectators during a specified time would surely violate social distancing policies.*
- *AAU Gymnastics will be sending out detailed information about entrance and exiting instructions as well as check in procedures for all athletes, coaches, and spectators.*
- *If conditions or restrictions should significantly change in the coming months allowing us more flexibility, we will notify all coaches and post information on the web site <https://aaugymnastics.org/national-championship>.*

You are encouraged to visit <https://aaugymnastics.org/national-championship> where you will find a link to Visit Savannah video which is highly informative and will introduce you to this beautiful historic city. There will be much more information to follow in the upcoming weeks. Hope to see you in Savannah, be well and be safe!

*AAU Gymnastics National Chair Liz Nichols
AAU Gymnastics Sports Manager Alex Wilzbacher
Drew Davis, Celebrate Savannah*



2021 AAU Gymnastics National Championships June 23-27, 2021

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- Entry Fee:** \$90.00 per athlete
- Covid Refund Policy:** If the event should be cancelled due to any Covid conditions, all but \$5.00 per entry will be refunded.
- Refund Policy:** All entries are nonrefundable. If an athlete is unable to participate due to an injury or family emergency, proper documentation must be presented for a refund to be considered. Entry fees are not transferable to enter another athlete.
- Skill Levels /
Age Division:**
- Youth Girls Divisions:**
Level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Open
Xcel Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond
- Adult Division:** (No Age Divisions)
Xcel Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond, Open
- HUGS Division** – Hope Unites Gymnastics with Special Athletes

AAU CARES GYMNASTICS KIDS HELPING KIDS – This program will allow all participants, clubs, and coaches to participate in our “giving back” program. We will support a selected children’s charity to support with donations for the sales of our National Gymnastics Championship pin. Detailed information will be sent to all club wishing to participate in our fund-raising contest.

Qualification: Participants **are required** to participant in their District State Championships unless the district chair approves a petition. **There is no qualification score, therefore all participants who are planning to participate in their district championship must register before the stated deadline date.** Participants who are unable to attend district championships in their skill level should submit the petition form (**found at the end of this document**) to their district chair for consideration. If their skill level is not offered by their district or if the district does not have an AAU program, they should fill out the petition form and send it directly to the National Chair. Minimum age must be 4 years of age as of the start date of the competition unless approved by the national chair.

HUGS Divisions – Ladies Divisions – Are all Open (No Qualification Required)

Please send in all completed petition forms to Liz Nichols, AAU Gymnastics National Chair, at aaunichols@bellsouth.net.

Entry Deadline:

Saturday, May 2 at 11:59 PM EST - There will be a late fee of **\$25.00** per athlete for all athletes and coaches registered after the deadline, **if room allows** and a onetime club late fee of \$50. **Any onsite registrations will result in a \$35.00 late fee. The AAU Executive Committee reserves the right to close registration early based on the number of gymnasts fully registered and paid for the AAU Gymnastics National Championship any time prior to the deadline date listed above.**

Online Registration:

Athletes and Coaches must register online at www.aaugymnastics.org. You must have your AAU Membership ID for each athlete and coach to complete the registration process. Instruction at the end of this packet.

IMPORTANT: *Your entry for the National Gymnastics Championship is populated based off the information on your AAU Membership. Therefore, if the birthdate of your athlete was entered incorrectly while registering for your individual AAU membership, they will be incorrect on the entry information. We ask your due diligence in making sure that all of your data is correct, otherwise your athlete could be placed in the incorrect age division. Correct entry information is absolutely of utmost importance in being able to provide a complete schedule in a timely manner to all participants.*

You will be sent a roster to confirm all athlete information. There will be a **\$10.00 change fee** for each correction that has to be made to the data **after the schedule is complete**. All instructions for online registration are included in this entry packet.

ALL COACHES MUST BE REGISTERED ONLINE BY THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE. Coaches must be able to present their coaches credential at any time, if asked, while on the competition floor.

On-Site Check-In:

All athletes and coaches will be required to check in prior to their competition to pick up credentials which will allow them to enter the competitive area. Check in will be located at the venue – more detailed instructions will be posted at www.aaugymnastics.org. At check in each athlete and coach will receive an AAU National T-shirt and a gift.

Competition Rules:

AAU National Routines and Rules

(NO DISTRICT MODIFICATIONS) – refer to AAU National Rules and Policies Modification at www.aaugymnastics.org.

HUGS DIVISION – Routine requirements, allowable skills and judges guidelines https://usagym.org/PDFs/Group/Rules/hugs_wartistic.pdf

- Tentative Schedule:** **There will be no schedule released until after deadline.**
- Competition Format:** Modified Capital Cup for all divisions. There will be **two competition areas**; coaches should be prepared that athletes in different levels could be competing at the same time in different designated areas in the competitive area. **Subject to change as determined by number of participants.**
- Awards:** How awards will be presented will be determined by facility requirements and space to maintain all Covid protocol. This will be determined after deadline when numbers in each session is determined. Awards are provided for each skill level and age division. Every athlete will be awarded an AAU National Championship All-Around Medal. Individual event awards are provided at 50% + 1 medals within each age division. National All-American Award is awarded to the highest All-Around score regardless of age in level of each session
- Spectators:** Limited to immediate family groups to maintain Covid protocol. Masks will be required to be always worn in the Convention Center, no exceptions.
- Admission:** Athletes that are entered in the AAU Gymnastics National Championship receive complimentary entrance to all sessions. Spectator admission is required. There will be a touchless option as well as a cash option. **When using the touchless option debit or credit card, a small transaction fee will be added to the admission price listed below.** **There is an ATM in the lobby of the Convention Center.**
- Daily Pass: \$10.00/Child (Ages 5-12) \$17.00/Adult**
2 Day Pass: \$17.00/Child (ages 5-12) \$30.00/Adult
3 Days or More: \$25.00/Child (ages 5-12) \$40.00/Adult
Ages 4 and under is free!
- Parking:** Parking Convention Center – \$5.00. For those in walking distance, there is a free boat shuttle that crosses the river to the Convention Center. Regarding the ferry, it does run on a schedule and sometimes the extremely large transport ships affect that schedule when they come through so allow extra time when using the ferry. Those aren't constant but can hold the ferry up 10 minutes or so until it has passed.

AAU Membership: All athletes and coaches must have a 2021 AAU Membership before registering online. For more information on AAU Membership, or to purchase your athlete or non-athlete membership go to www.aaugymnastics.org. You can no longer register for non-athlete (coach) membership onsite. Background screens are conducted for all non-athletes and adult athletes therefore memberships are no longer instant. Be Prepared and register your coaches early.

Ages and Groups: Age determining date is the opening date of the AAU Gymnastics National Championship, June 23, 2021. Athletes in each level will be grouped into Age Divisions determined by birth date ranges not to exceed 14 athletes in a division and no more than 2 years apart in the youth division. If greater than 2 years coaches will be contacted. Minimum age is 4 years old as of the determination date unless approved by national chair.

Athlete Celebration: Due to Covid restrictions we will not be offering an Athlete Celebration at this time. If conditions should change that would allow this gathering, all will be notified.

Hospitality for Coaches: **Provided by Celebrate Savannah**

Housing and Fun Activities: www.aaugymnastics.org/national-championship
Make sure you check to determine any parking fees that are charged at your selected hotel. <https://www.visitsavannah.com/>

Coaches Registration: Clubs must register their coaches at www.aaugymnastics.org through the online registration system by entry deadline. It is extremely important that we know how many coaches are planning to be present to plan hospitality and to maintain Covid policy in the competition areas.

For more information:	<u>National Chair</u>	<u>AAU National Office</u>
	Liz Nichols	Alex Wilzbacher
	678-596-1374	407-934-7200
	aaunichols@bellsouth.net	awilzbacher@aausports.org

This event is licensed by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S., Inc. All participants must have a current AAU membership. AAU membership may not be included as part of the entry fee to the event. AAU membership must be obtained before the competition begins except where the event operator has a laptop available with an internet connect. Participants are encouraged to visit the AAU web site www.aausports.org to obtain their membership.

Online Instructions

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*****AAU ONLINE ATHLETE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS*****

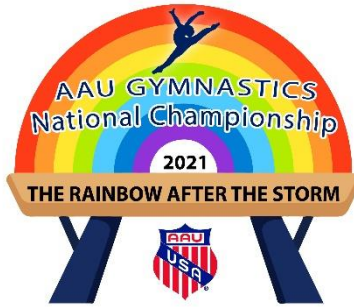
The AAU Gymnastics Age Group National Championship will be using an online athlete registration system ONLY! Below are some instructions and helpful hints on how to register your team:

Login Steps:

1. To register your team(s) please visit www.aaugymnastics.org. Click on the online registration link to get started!
2. **Step 1:** Log In/Register (Create an Account) – **The person registering the team must create a user name and password. This is not your AAU membership or club number.** A confirmation email to confirm your information and activate your account will be sent. You must activate your account before you can proceed. Once your account is activated you can begin to register your Gym and athletes.
*If you created your account for the 2020 event, this account is still active for your use for the 2021 event.
3. **Step 2:** Enter Gym Information – Add your Gym information. As a team, be sure that you list the gym's name as you wish to have it presented/announced at the event (no abbreviations or shorthand). If you are an individual, please complete the information as well even if the rest of your team/gym is not competing with you at this event (no abbreviations or shorthand).

Roster Steps:

4. **Step 1:** Enter Athletes to Roster – Click on the Enter Athletes link. To add an athlete to the Gym roster you will need to enter their 2021 AAU Membership ID and zip code. You may update an athlete's information from 2020 by clicking on the athlete's name from your roster. **IMPORTANT: From the Gym Roster screen please make sure that you enter your entire athlete's Level information! You cannot process your registration until this is complete!**
5. **Step 2:** Enter Coaches – Click on Enter Head Coach, Assistant Coaches link. **IMPORTANT:** You MUST have all coaches 2021 AAU Non-Athlete Membership card prior to entering your coaches. You may update a non-athlete's information from 2020 by clicking on the non-athlete's name from your roster. Please note, that you will only be able to list one (1) Head Coach per Club/Team entered.
6. **Step 4:** Hotel & Contact Info Form – Please be sure to complete the hotel and contact information in its entirety listed in Step #4 of the online roster system.
NOTE: Please review your entire roster and be sure that each athlete is listed correctly: 1) check the date of birth, 2) the division 3) the age and 4) any other pertinent information. Please also review that you have your coaches information listed correctly and your team name listed correctly.
7. **Step 5:** Check Out - This is where you pay your entry fee(s). Please use a debit or credit card ONLY (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express). If you cannot pay with a credit card please contact Alex Wilzbacher at awilzbacher@ausports.org 407-934-7200 for further instructions Once this process is completed, you will receive an email confirmation verifying your payment. We recommend printing and saving this email for your own records.



Petition to Compete in the 2021 AAU Gymnastics National Championship

Any gymnast that wishes to petition into the National meet must fill out and return this form to their District Gymnastics Director. To petition into the National meet coaches must fill out and sign the form below. If your district does not have an AAU program or a district championship in which to qualify, please send this form to the AAU Gymnastics National Chair at aaunichols@bellsouth.net or Alex Wilzbacher at awilzbacher@ausports.org.

Gymnast Name _____
 Club Name _____ District (state) _____
 AAU Member Number _____

Please explain why you were unable to attend and qualify from the AAU District Championships.

If petitioning an entire team, please list names and Levels below and why you did not attend your district championship.

Name	Level		Name	Level
1.			9.	
2.			10.	
3.			11.	
4.			12.	
5.			13.	
6.			14.	
7.			15.	
8.			16.	

Coaches Signature _____ Date _____

District Chairman's Signature of Approval if required _____