



**2022 AAU GYMNASTICS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
BE LEGENDARY**

BOS Sports Arena Springfield, Illinois

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June 28 – July 3, 2022

AAU Cares Gymnastics Kids Helping Kids



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Entry Fee: \$95.00 per athlete

Covid Refund Policy: If the event as a whole should be cancelled due to any Covid conditions, refunds will be calculated upon consideration of non-recoupable expenses.

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. Each refund request is handled on a case-by-case basis. 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

Note: All youth athletes and **adult division** athletes much have a coach registered to be present with them in order to participate. AAU staff cannot provide coaching assistance. A designated coach must be assigned to all athletes, youth and adult.

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 participate 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 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 aanichols@bellsouth.net.

Entry Deadline:

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 11:59 PM EST - There will be a late fee of **\$30.00** per athlete for all athletes and coaches registered after the deadline, **if room allows**. **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: There is a check in where coaches will pick up all athlete credentials and gifts. Athletes will not individually check in – each coach must individually check in. At check in each athlete and coach will receive an AAU National T-shirt and a gift. Detailed Check in Information will be posted on www.aaugymnastics.org.

Competition Rules: **AAU National Routines and Rules (NO DISTRICT ALLOWANCES)** – 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

Schedule: **Schedule will be released 72 hours after the deadline date.**

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. 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: No Limited Number.

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) \$27.00/Adult
3 Days or More: \$25.00/Child (ages 5-12) \$35.00/Adult
Ages 4 and under is free!

Parking: Parking BOS Arena – \$7.00.

AAU Membership: All athletes and coaches must have a 2022 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 is determined by birthdate. 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: TBD depending on availability of space – organized activities will be announced at a later date. There will be no organized parade of athletes due to limited time and space.

Hospitality for Coaches: There will be limited coaches hospitality, drinks, and snacks, only during certain hours. More information to follow.

Housing and Fun Activities: www.aaugymnastics.org
Make sure you check to determine any parking fees that are charged at your selected hotel.

Coaches Registration: Clubs must register their coaches at www.aaugymnastics.org through the online registration system by entry deadline.

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 National Championship will be using an online athlete registration system ONLY with the except of HUGS athletes! If you wish to register a HUGS athlete, please contact Alex Wilzbacher at awilzbacher@ausports.org. Below are some instructions and helpful hints on how to register your team:

Login Steps:

1. To register your team(s) please visit [click here](#).
2. **Step 1:** Log In/Register (Create an Account) – **The person registering the team must create a username 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 a previous AAU National Championship, this account is still active for your use for the 2022 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 2022 AAU Membership ID and zip code. You may update an athlete's information from 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 2022 AAU Non-Athlete Membership card prior to entering your coaches. You may update a non-athlete's information from 2016 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 coach's 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 2022 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@aausports.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 _____