

# PARENT INFO PACKET



JUNE 20-23, 2024  
OCEAN CENTER- DAYTONA BEACH



# WELCOME

Congratulations to all the gymnasts who qualified to the AAU Gymnastics National Championship! We can't wait to bring more than 2,900 gymnasts from over 35 districts together in sunny Daytona Beach, Florida at the beautiful Ocean Center! With world renowned theme parks like Walt Disney World less than an hour away & the beaches at your fingertips, we encourage you to explore all that central and west Florida has in store for your family during your time with us, making lifelong memories inside & outside the competition arena.!

Enclosed you will find important information you will want to review prior to the event to provide you with the best experience. You can find all other info (parade of champions, schedule, host hotel, etc.) on our website: [aaugym.com](http://aaugym.com) for your convenience.

We value our gymnastics parents as partners in sports and look forward to providing you with the best competition possible. Please provide us with feedback so we can continue to best serve you and your gymnast. Let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

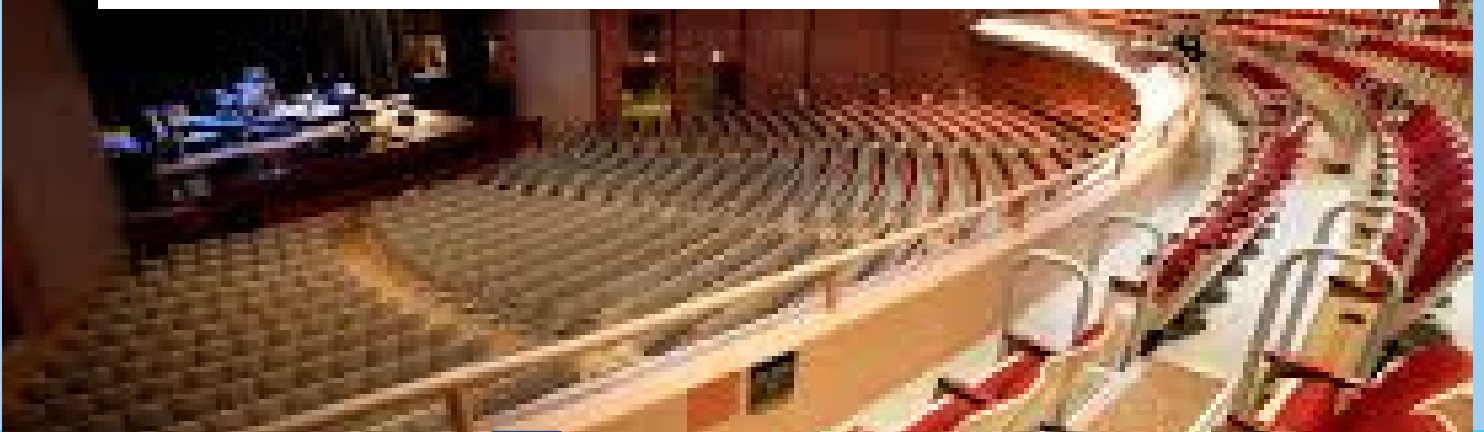
*Good luck gymnasts!*

JESSICA HARRIS  
AAU GYMNASTICS NATIONAL CHAIR

# FACILITY

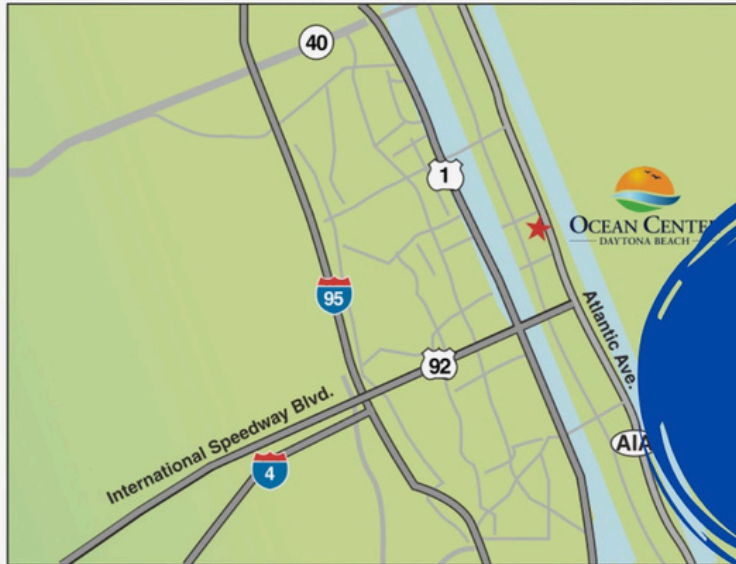


Competition is in the "Event Center" of the Ocean Center.  
Awards is in the Peabody Auditorium next door to the Ocean Center.



# PARKING

## MAP, DIRECTIONS AND PARKING



**Main  
Entrance  
for AAU  
Nationals**

### DIRECTIONS

Located near the intersection of I-4 and I-95, exit I-95 (exit# 261A) at International Speedway Blvd. (S.R. 92) and head east seven miles to N. Atlantic Avenue (S.R. A1A). Turn left (north) and travel one mile to the Ocean Center.

**DAILY PARKING:  
\$15**

**PARKING INFORMATION**  
701 Earl Street  
Daytona Beach, FL 32118  
386.238.3110



101 N. Atlantic Ave. ■ Daytona Beach, FL 32118 ■ 386.254.4500 ■ 800.858.6444 ■ [www.oceancenter.com](http://www.oceancenter.com)



*Handicap parking: Designated accessible parking is provided near the main entrance of all our venues. These spaces, which include van-accessible spots, are reserved for vehicles displaying a valid state-issued accessible parking placard or license plate. During events, parking lot attendants are available to direct patrons to accessible parking spaces. Please make sure that your parking placard is clearly visible to the attendants. Accessible parking spaces are subject to the same parking fees as general public parking spaces.*



# Parade of Champions



## WHAT TO WEAR?

Athletes should wear a district shirt or national event shirt with shorts. Shoes are required (sandals or tennis shoes preferred). No leos only

## WATER BOTTLE

Please make sure to send your child with a water bottle. There will be concessions available at the Bandshell



## CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

Food trucks will be available for purchase at The Bandshell

## RESTROOMS

Portable restrooms will be available at the Bandshell. Please make sure your child uses the restroom prior to the parade.



We wish for this to be an enjoy experience for everyone! Safety is our top priority. Please note that this is a voluntary event. Athletes are only to participate if the athlete and their parent/guardian feel comfortable.

**IGNITE THE CHAMPION WITHIN**



# Parade of



## Champions



### 1. ATHLETES & COACHES CHECK IN FOR PARADE

Coaches check-in 6pm | Athletes check in 6:30pm  
All athletes and coaches check in at the check in table for the parade. Coaches are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Coaches will be responsible for their athletes.

### 2. ATHLETES LINE UP AT BEACH

Athletes will then proceed to the beach and line up by district. On the beach we will have a handstand contest. Coaches are asked to stay with their athletes at all times.



### 3. PARENTS LINE THE BOARDWALK

Parents will line the boardwalk where they can observe the handstand contest. You will then have a front row seat to the parade and cheer on your favorite district! Parents will follow the conclusion of the parade to the bandshell where we will continue celebrating our athletes!

### 4. BANDSHELL

The parade will end at the bandshell where we will continue the celebration! We will have a live DJ, do the flash mob together, and end the night with fireworks! Athletes will stay with their team and district for the event in the section designated for athletes only.



### 5. DISMISSAL

Athletes will stay with their team/district until the completion of the fireworks. At the end of the evening, we will dismiss by district to their designated gate.

## ADMISSIONS



Located in the concourse at the Ocean Center outside the Event Center.

On site ticket sales only (online pre-sales are not provided).  
\*NO PETS ALLOWED

**Child: (ages 5-12, age 4 & under FREE)**

**Day Pass \$10**

**All Access Weekend Pass \$20**

**Adult: Day Pass \$20**

**All Access Weekend Pass \$40**

Cash and credit cards accepted (\*card transaction fees apply)

\*Registered athletes receive complimentary entrance to all sessions with their credentials.

## FOOD & DRINK

Outside Food/Drink (coolers, take-out, etc.) are prohibited. Concessions will be available for purchase. Gymnasts are allowed to bring a small snack & water bottle (NO glass).

\*Food purchased at Ocean Center may not be taken to Peabody Auditorium and viseversa.



# GYMNAST CHECK-IN

Gymnasts may check in anytime before their designated session (located in the meeting rooms 103/104 downstairs of the Ocean Center, directly inside the entrance near the crosswalk outside the Peabody Auditorium). Gymnasts must wear these credentials to gain entrance into the competition venue. Gymnasts wishing to return to another time to cheer on their teammates will need these credentials to gain free entrance. Only pre-registered gymnasts will receive credentials.

Gymnasts will also receive their gymnast gift at gymnast check-in.

**EARLY CHECK-IN/CREDENTIALING:  
WEDNESDAY 6/18 (5pm-7pm)**



**\*It is the head coach's responsibility to review the roster sent from the meet director to verify all their gymnasts and coaches are registered and their information is correct prior to arrival.**

# ATHLETIC TRAINER



With the focus of athlete safety, health and well-being at the forefront of what we do, AAU Gymnastics has partnered with Premier Sports Medicine to provide industry leading athletic trainers during this weekends competition.



# JUDGES

Our judges for this event are all certified members of the National Association of Gymnastics Judges, represented from more than 15 states and come at the recommendation of their district delegation. These officials spend countless hours annually fulfilling required continuing education credits, hold memberships in many different organizations (USAG, NCAA, etc.) and have devoted their weekends to serving the sport of gymnastics. Please be respectful to not talk to the judges or negatively discuss scores or judgments with your neighbors or your athletes. Direct all scoring questions to your coaches.



## MEET ETIQUETTE

AAU Gymnastics promotes an inclusive, rewarding & positive competitive experience for everyone. Please support all the athletes by staying in the competition seating area until the final athlete of the session competes. You can also help maintain our vision of a supportive sports community by refraining from making judgemental comments or inappropriate remarks about any athlete, coach, judge, etc. We encourage you and your gymnasts to cheer for all the gymnasts from your team and opposing teams during both competition and awards. Thank you for being a valued partner in AAU Gymnastics!



# AWARDS

The awards area is located in the Peabody Auditorium (across Auditorium Blvd. directly across the entrance of the Ocean Center).

Hosting our awards ceremony in this auditorium is sure to finish the event in an exciting and comfortable way, with ample seating, fantastic lighting and unbeatable ambiance & sound. We ask for your cooperation with ensuring your gymnasts report directly to the award area after their session in an effort to keep the event running efficiently as all three gyms will be sharing this one stage.

\*Session competition times were staggered to prevent overlapping awards ceremonies, but please be patient as we anticipate wait times.



Gymnasts are subdivided into awards group of 14 or fewer athletes based on their birthdate. AAU National Championship Medals will be awarded to the top 50% + 1 on each individual event and 100% in the all-around. There are no club team awards.

AAU All-American plaques are presented to the highest all-around gymnast per session, per level, regardless of age.

# NATIONAL TEAM

Each session, gymnasts with the top 3 scores on each individual event, per level, regardless of age group will be recognized as the National Team Members at the conclusion of each awards ceremony, receiving an AAU National Team Member Pin.



In addition to receiving a National Team Member pin, youth, female National Team Members in Levels: 1-7, Copper, Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum will also receive an **AAU Junior Olympic Qualifier Certificate** and be eligible to register for the AAU Junior Olympic Games!

**Qualifying gymnasts should report to the AAU Junior Olympic Booth in the lobby of the Peabody Auditorium to learn more, register & secure your spot!**

**Deadline to register to AAU Junior Olympic Games:  
Sunday 6/23 @ 2pm**

# AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

**JULY 27-29, 2024  
GREENSBORO, NC**

The Sport of Gymnastics is excited to announce that it is re-joining the historic AAU Junior Olympic Games, one of the largest multi-sport competitions nationwide this summer!

Gymnasts in level 1-7, Copper, Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum will be qualifying to this prestigious event by being recognized as a \*National Team Member at this week's National Championship!

**PARENTS** will be responsible for paying the \$115 registration fee for their qualifying gymnast **ON SITE** to the AAU Junior Olympic Games. Please visit the JO Games Booth in the lobby of the Peabody Auditorium after your gymnast's awards ceremony.



**[HTTPS://AAUJROGAMES.ORG/GYMNASTICS](https://aaujrogames.org/gymnastics)**

**JO GAMES REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD AT 2PM!**

*\*Please confirm your gymnasts' club is intending to attend this event.*

*\*Additional coaches fees may apply. Inquire within your gym club.*

*\*Event open to all athletes under ONE set of Junior Olympic rules (modified level 8) without qualification.*

*\*Event applicable to youth, female athletes only this year.*

# REMINDERS

- Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled session to allow time for parking, navigating the competition venue, ticketing and gymnast check-in.
- This is an AAU licensed event: only pre-registered AAU gymnasts, coaches, staff and judges are allowed onto the competition floor. If you need your athlete, please contact your coach.
- Please be mindful not to use excessive glitter or makeup that leaves residue on equipment.
- Do not allow your children to throw balls in the spectator area as this poses a risk to the competitors.
- Flash photography or lights on cameras is prohibited for the safety of the gymnasts.
- Weapons are strictly prohibited \*see venue website for more restricted items.
- Leave the professional photography to our vendor! Professional grade photography equipment is prohibited.
- Sideline coaching can be very distracting and dangerous to the gymnasts. Allow your coaches to do their jobs during the event. Sit back and enjoy watching your gymnast's hard work pay off this season!
- Beware of online scammers! AAU Gymnastics does not offer ticket pre-sales, live streaming or recordings of this event!
- Follow us on social media for event highlights, giveaways, special awards and updates @aaugymnastics

# VENDORS

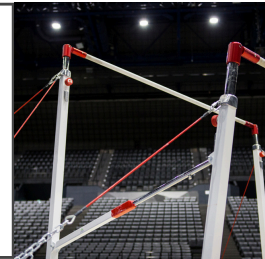
## SCOREKING

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW LIVE SCORING AND ACCESS ROTATIONS FOR THE EVENT THROUGH SCOREKING2.COM



## AAI EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT FOR THIS EVENT IS SUPPLIED BY LIGHTNING CITY GYMNASTICS- THE OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER OF THE AAU NATIONAL GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS.



## JT PERCEPTIONS

THE OFFICIAL EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY COMPANY TAKING LIVE ACTION SHOTS OF YOUR GYMNASTS ON FLOOR EXERCISE, CAPTURING THE MEMORIES FOR YOU SO YOU CAN ENJOY THE MOMENT.



## NORTHWEST DESIGNS APPAREL

CUSTOM DESIGNED EVENT SPECIFIC APPAREL TO COMMEMORATE YOUR EXPERIENCE AT NATIONALS.



## LEOTARD VENDORS

LEOTARD AND OTHER GYMNASTICS MERCHANDISE SOLD BY TRUSTED BRANDS.



## SUPPORT AAU CARES

SUPPORT OUR OUTREACH CAMPAIGN BY VISITING THE AAU CARES BOOTH. 100% OF THE DONATIONS RECIVED GO TO OUR SELECTED FOUNDATION!



## AAU CARES

The AAU strives to provide athletes with first-class athletic opportunities but, beyond the athletic surface, we strongly believe in instilling a sense of social responsibility in our 800,000 members nationwide. AAU Cares is our way of giving back to the community.



AAU Gymnastics is PROUD to support Give Kids the World Village. Give Kids the World Village is an 89 acre, whimsical nonprofit resort in Kissimmee, Florida, that provides week-long, cost-free wish vacations to critically ill children and their families from around the world. Since 1986, Give Kids the World Village has welcomed more than 188,000 families. A trip to Give Kids the World Village is a magical week of "YES" where wish kids can experience the simple joys of childhood, and where families can recapture some of the precious moments that may otherwise be missed due to illness.

<https://www.aaugym.com/aau-cares>

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Come visit our AAU Cares Booth to:

- make a donation to "Give Kids the World"
- pick up sibling coloring activity pages
- decorate spirit pins for your teammates, coaches & judges!  
\*Crafts are donation based, no minimum donation required.

*Small change can make a big difference!*

