AAU Junior Olympic Games

We applaud your efforts and are excited to potentially see you represent at this prestigious event, made even more special by the historic debut of Breaking.

Please review the important information below, taken from the official AAU Entry Packet. Coaches and parents — your attention and support are appreciated.

LOCATION	1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010
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DATES	July 22, 2025 : Check-In
DATES	 July 23, 2025: Champion Showcase of Stars Future Champion Workshops Judge/Coach/Ambassador Meetings Pop Gala & Orange Sock Hop Join us for an unforgettable evening at the Pop Music Dance Gala! Dance athletes and invited guests will enjoy a night of dance games, social dancing, and a surprise appearance featuring a special performance you won't forget! Don't miss this incredible celebration of talent, fun, and unforgettable memories! Parents, siblings, athletes, and guests – the Gala is a classy casual
	affair so 'Dress to Impress'. No tank tops, flip flops or offensive clothing. Dance shoes or clean sole tennis shoes are required for dancing. - Join AAU Dance 'Kids 4 Kids' at the "The Orange Sock Hop!" at the Pop Music Dance Gala with very Special Guest Stars! We're excited to announce that this fundraiser supports the National Bullying Prevention Center. Let's stand together and empower young voices. Be part of the magic with Kids 4 Kids! Stay tuned for details.

July 24, 2025:

- Dance Opening Ceremony
 - The Opening Dance Ceremonies at the AAU Junior Olympic Games unite AAU Dance Ambassadors and fellow Dancers in an Athlete Parade, honoring our country, families, and friends. With special presentations, oaths, and honored guests, the event builds excitement for the Opening Performance, celebrating the privilege of participating in this prestigious competition. Stay tuned for an exciting surprise!
- Preliminary Competition
 - 1-vs-1 Last Chance Qualifier for all Divisions
 - School vs School Qualifier (3-8 members)

July 25, 2025:

- Main Event Competition
 - 1-vs-1 National Breaking League Championship
 - School vs School Championship Tournament
- Medal Ceremony

July 28, 2025: optional

- The Celebration of Athletes
 - Location and time to be announced with further details. Please visit aausports.org/junior-olympic-games for information as it becomes available.

AAU MEMBERSHIP All Athletes and Coaches must be members of the AAU. Join online at www.aausports.org. You can no longer register for non-athlete (coach) membership onsite. Background screens are conducted for all non-athletes. Non-Athlete Memberships are no longer instant. BE PREPARED and register your coaches early! ENTRY SUBMISSION Individuals may submit entries and payment if they are not associated with a breaking school. Multiple participants from one school should be submitted by the Coach / Studio as one package and designate one coach to represent at the registration desk.

ENTRY DEADLINE: June 25th, 2025

Local organizing committees and the AAU have spent many hours planning and preparing for this AAU event. In order to make it a success, we are asking for your cooperation. It is the responsibility of the Parent, Coach, Instructor, and Athlete to make sure the entries are on time and complete in every detail.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Please have your certified AAU coach register you for the competition. If you will not have a coach present at the games, a parent may be able to register you solo. Keep in mind that only coaches and athletes are allowed in the Athlete zone.

Registration website - <u>aau.dancecompgenie.com</u>

Coaches, please follow the instructions accordingly!

- 1. Enter your email under the "add new account" section and press add. Complete the registration steps that follow. *Enter your breaking studio or school name on the form if you plan on bringing a team to compete in the open School vs School competition.
- Once you reach the dashboard page, press the <u>Dancer</u> option under the "add new registration" section > create new > complete registration for yourself under the Teacher option > complete registration for all competitors you will be representing under the Dancer option. This list must include those who qualified for the 1-vs-1 National League Championship and the Open School vs School battle.

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Please have all of the information below ready to complete the forms. For Dance Athlete(s): Role* O Dancer Teacher/Choreographer Assistant Teacher First Name* Last Name* Parent/Guardian Name* Parent/Guardian Cell Phone* Email* Gender* Female BirthDate* Please Select Please Select Please Select **Shirt Size** --- Select Shirt Size ---**AAU Membership Number*** ZipCode* Grade --- Select Grade ---For Coaches: Role* Dancer Teacher/Choreographer Assistant Teacher First Name* Last Name* Email* Female Gender* Male

BirthDate Please Select Please Select Please Select Shirt Size --- Select Shirt Size ---AAU Membership Number* ZipCode*

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3. Once Dancers and Coaches are added, head back to the dashboard, press "add new registration" > then press register for competition > then select AAU Junior Olympic Games

A pop-up prompt will ask how many "Routines" you will be registering. A "Routine" represents each breaker and team.

Please have the total number of "Routines" or registrants ready.

1-vs-1 Breaking instructions:

- Under "Routine" put in their Breaking name
- Select the dancer profile for that breaking name and press ADD
- Under "Entry Type" select AAU Breaking League Championship
 - Teacher > select Coach
 - Category > select Breaking
 - Class / Level > select Division

School vs School Breaking instructions:

- Under "Routine" put in your breaking school or studio name
- Select and ADD the dancers who will be competing
- Under "Entry Type" select Open Breaking Team Battle (3-8 dancers)
 - Teacher > select Coach
 - Category > select Breaking
 - Class/Level > select Division Open
- 4. Once all participants are registered under your profile, please pay and complete.

REGISTRATION FEES	Athlete Fee: \$65 per Athlete Coaches Fee: \$50 per Coach (\$60 onsite) Onsite athlete registration is not available.
ENTRY FEES	1-vs-1 Breaking: \$35 per Athlete (must be qualified) School vs School Breaking: \$35 per Athlete (open to all)
DEPOSIT OPTION	If you cannot fully register, you may submit a deposit to hold your spot through June 25. Unpaid registrations will get a follow-up call after that date. If fully registering, enter your estimated "routines", skip the deposit button, and click Save.

ENTRY CONFIRMATION	Please check spelling of names and correct entries that are in error promptly by email. Name on entry must be spelled the same as AAU Membership to verify. Fees that were missed or added must be paid before Event.
CHANGE FEES	Changes must be in writing by email to AAUDancesport@gmail.com. If there is no response within 48 hours, confirm receipt by Text to 951-526-5255. Include Athlete name and Category. No charge for corrections of our errors. A \$10 admin fee will be charged if there are any changes requested after the List has been finalized and sent to the Coach.

ADMISSION

Athletes and Coaches:

You must have the appropriate wristband or credential for admittance into any venue or event. With the appropriate credential, you will receive admission to all competition venues and the Celebration of Athletes, Pop Gala, Dance Opening Ceremonies, Pizza Party, and Pre-Champ Showcase as part of your Registration Fee.

All Coach and Dance participants should check-in on Tuesday, July 22nd at the George R. Brown Convention Center to receive appropriate credentials or wristbands. which is needed prior to gaining admittance into the competition venues. Independents and Schools/Studios must also check-in their Teams at the Dance Desk. If the credential or wristband is lost

For check-in hours, maps and additional directions please visit <u>aausports.org/junior-olympic-games</u> (click on Event Info, then Registration).

Schedule will be made available as it is verified.

or stolen, there will be a replacement fee.

NOTE:

In addition to checking in to receive your credentials, Coaches MUST also check in at the Dance Sport table at the George R. Brown Convention Center during the designated Coach Check-In time.

Spectator Tickets:

- Single Day Tickets available for admittance to Dance and any other sports event.
- Multi Day Pass available allowing entrance to all events, all days.

COMPETITOR ZONE

An area designated for Athletes, Coaches and Officials with Credentials only. Dressing Rooms, Practice Floor, Costume Invigilation, and ON-Deck are within these perimeters.

DRESS CODE

To ensure efficiency, safety, and professionalism, all B-Boys and B-Girls must follow the official dress code.

This dress code allows for individual style, while maintaining a family-friendly, respectful, and competitive environment.

Coaches Dress Code

Must be dressed professionally in casual business attire.

B-Boy Dress Code

- **Tops**: Loose-fitting t-shirts or long sleeves
- **Bottoms**: Sweatpants, track pants, or knee-length shorts. No sagging below the waist.
- **Footwear:** Sneakers with proper grip and ankle support (no sandals, boots, or bare feet).
- **Headwear:** Beanies, caps, or headbands are allowed, but must stay secure during rounds.

B-Girl Dress Code

- **Tops**: T-shirts or long sleeves. Clothing must fully cover undergarments at all times.
- **Bottoms**: Sweatpants, track pants, or knee-length shorts. Leggings must be worn with knee length shorts over them.
- **Footwear**: Sneakers with proper grip and ankle support (no sandals, boots, or bare feet).
- **Headwear**: Beanies, caps, or headbands are allowed but must stay secure during rounds.

Additional Guidelines for All Competitors:

- Outfits should allow full range of motion without risk of wardrobe malfunctions.
- Secure fastenings are required to prevent accidental exposure during performance.

Competitors not following the dress code may be asked to change before competing.

Not Allowed:

- Explicit or inappropriate graphics, wording, or imagery.
 Clothing should reflect a positive and respectful atmosphere.
- Culturally insensitive designs.
- Attire should respect all backgrounds and cultures.
- Sharp or dangling accessories that could injure the dancer or others. This includes large chains, jewelry, or loose belts.

Cause for Disqualification

Competitors failing to conform to the Breaking Dress Code is cause for disqualification.

The Breaking Dress Code sets a clear, structured, and fair dress code for all youth while allowing dancers to maintain their personal style in a safe, inclusive, and professional manner.

Questions regarding the Dress Code may be emailed to the Dress Code Invigilator. Please include the age of the athlete and a front and back picture of the athlete in the costume in question. Send to Mary - depaoli.mary@gmail.com. Please allow 48 hours for reply.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please visit - <u>aausports.org/junior-olympic-games</u> for easier assistance.

Hotel Discounts:

https://app.eventconnect.io/events/25793/hotels?nav=hidden?nav=hidden

Airport:

- George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)
 28 minutes to venue 18.4 miles
- William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)
 22 minutes to Venue 10.2 miles

Transportation:

Participants and spectators are responsible for their own transportation to and from hotels, activities, and events.

Parking:

Some locations may have parking fees. Please visit <u>aausports.org/junior-olympic-games</u> 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.

COACHES TRAINING

The AAU has partnered with Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) to provide FREE Coaches' Education for all AAU non-athletes. Please visit aausports.org/positive-coaching-alliance

Three courses are offered and are mandatory to complete.

Level 1: Winning and Life Lessons

Level 2: Culture, Practices, and Games

Level 3: Developing Triple-Impact Competitors

Membership may be revoked if courses are incomplete prior to the competition. Submit Completed Certificate upon request.

EARLY ENTRY BONUS

(not required)

Schools and Independents with fully paid entries and AAU memberships by June 5th can submit a Freestyle Routine for the Virtual "Future Champion Stars Showcase".

The top 3 routines, as voted by the audience, will perform at the Dance Opening Ceremonies on July 24th.

- Videos due: June 6th
- Voting: June 10th June 30th
- Winners announced: July 10th

The event will be showcased on July 22nd - 25th on the AAU Dance Channel. Get ready to become an AAU Junior Olympic Games Dance Star!

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.

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