



AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling and Dance



LOCATION: The MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex – 6500 Grand Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266

DATES:	Thursday, July 27, 2023	Athlete/Coach Check-In	RecPlex
	Friday, July 28, 2023	Competition	RecPlex
	Saturday, July 29, 2023	Competition	RecPlex
	Monday, July 31, 2023	Celebration of Athletes	Drake Track

QUALIFICATIONS: Open to all current AAU Members

RULES: Please go to www.aubaton.org to download the 2023 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.

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 2021-2022 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 \$65.00	\$30 per athlete per event	Challenger, Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, College - \$50
Each Additional event \$20.00		Advanced, Elite, and - \$60

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	X-Strut	
Advanced	Solo One Baton	X-Strut	Multiple Batons	Dance-Twirl Freestyle
Elite	Solo One Baton	X-Strut	Multiple Batons	Dance-Twirl Freestyle
Collegiate	Solo One Baton	College Half-Time	Collegiate Downfield	

ALL AROUND TWIRLING CHAMPION:**AAU MEMBERSHIP:
JOIN**

All athletes and coaches must be current AAU members. To join, visit www.aausports.org and click on 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 Wednesday, July 5, 2023 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 27, 2023 (this is the day of athlete/coach check-in for the 2023 AAU Baton Twirling Competition).

SUBMITTING MUSIC:

A hard copy of music may be sent by a CD or a Flash Drive to AAU National Baton Chair Candice Dowdy: (mail files to) 522 Hallowell Circle, Orlando, FL 32828. Music must be postmarked by: July 5, 2023. Music may also be emailed to: Karina Emeric, Music Coordinator, at kamericaau@gmail.com Emails must be sent by the July 5, 2023 entry deadline. Any music submitted will not be used or stored for any other purpose other than your own performance. **If your music is NOT turned in by the AAU Junior Olympic Games/National Competition entry deadline of July 5, 2023, 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 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 <http://aaurogames.org/Sports/BatonTwirling.aspx> for an order form.
- To register for the AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling and Dance Championships, visit www.aaurogames.org and register online. The coaches' entry is \$40 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 (\$50 total); however, you must have your non-athlete membership number in order to register as a coach onsite.
- COACHES' EDUCATION:** The AAU is happy to make available FREE Coaches' Education for all AAU non-athlete members. In its third year, this excellent program is MANDATORY for all AAU non-athletes and will be administered by Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). Please visit www.aausports.org and click on PCA COACHES EDUCATION order to enter and take the AAU/PCA coaches educational course. Membership may be revoked from non-athletes who do not complete the course prior to competition. (See rulebook for clarification on which type of coach needs to complete education training)
- 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.aaurogames.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.
- In order to complete your registration to participate in the 2023 AAU Junior Olympic Games, you are required to use hotel accommodations as advertised at www.aaurogames.org/Hotels.** If your team or athlete is local or not planning to stay at one of the recommended properties, you can submit a Housing Exemption Form available online at www.aaurogames.org/Hotels.
- ONSITE CHECK-IN:** Baton Twirling and Dance participants must check-in at the RecPlex 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.aaurogames.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.aaurogames.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 31, 2023 More information will be posted at www.aaurogames.org/CelebrationofAthletes 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. Daily passes are \$15.00 (6 &

under free) and includes admission to all competition venues on the designated day only. Event passports are \$45.00 (6 & under free). For more information on ticket options, please visit www.aajirogames.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.

2023 AAU Junior Olympic Games Baton Twirling/Dance Final Schedule

THURSDAY, JULY 27
Athletes & Coaches Check-In
FRIDAY, JULY 28 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 All Solo Novelty Freestyles All Dance Solos Collegiate Downfield Collegiate Half-Time All All-Around Baton Events with Own Music (Novelty Freestyles, Dance-Twirl Freestyles, Collegiate Downfield, Collegiate Freestyle)
<i>Awards for Friday events except All-Around Special Team Award Presentations: Outstanding Team and Outstanding Choreography</i>
SATURDAY, JULY 29 Competition Starts 8am
EVENTS ARE IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER
All Remaining All-Around Champion Strut Solo Competition for: Basic, Military, Parade Strut, X-Strut & Straight-Line Strut All Remaining All-Around Champion Solo Events Solo Competition for: One, Two Baton, 3-Baton, Multiple Baton, Boys Solo One-Baton
<i>Awards for Saturday Events Awards for All-Around Championships Special Award Presentations: Rising Star, Can Galbraith, Joel Ferrell</i>

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.

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