

# 2016 AAU Junior Olympic Games Sport Stacking Championships



## Complete Championships Guide

### What Sport Stacking Is All About:

**We build only positive pyramids! Lots of encouragement! No put downs. Only humble winners and gracious losers**

Sport stacking not only develops important physical skills, such as hand-eye coordination, quickness and focus, it also promotes self-confidence, teamwork and good sportsmanship. Our intent in holding this tournament is to uphold these qualities and provide a positive experience for all. Please understand that most everyone involved in this event is a volunteer working hard to do the best job they can do. Like any athletic competition, decisions and judgments will be made--most will be correct, some inadvertently not--all will be sincere. We ask that all those taking part in the AAU Junior Olympic Games including Stackers, Relay Team Coordinators, Officials and Spectators, do their best to work together, be good sports and positive role models. Thanks for taking part in this year's AAU Sport Stacking Championships!

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**Note:** At the end of each day competition results will be posted on **theWSSA.com**

# AAU Junior Olympic Games Check-In

**All stackers must check in on-site at least one day prior to their competition.** A Relay Team Coordinator or other team representative can check in the athlete. At Check-In, a copy of the stacker's AAU Membership Card must be shown. Participants will receive a credential or wristband to gain admittance into the competition venues. Credentials and wristbands are non-transferable.

- **WHERE:** George R. Brown Convention Center in Ballroom B
- **WHEN:** Wednesday, July 27th 10 am - 6 pm or Thursday, July 28th 10 am - 6 pm.

## Sport Stacking Practice and Relay Team Coordinator Q & A session

The WSSA has set up a recommended practice time open to all sport stackers competing in the AAU Junior Olympic Games. This is a great opportunity to meet up and practice with your Relay Team. Contact your Relay Team Coordinator to learn more.

- **WHERE:** Sport Stacking Competition Area in the George R. Brown Convention Center Halls AB Level 1
- **WHEN:** Thursday, July 28 5-7 pm.

Please Note: Other sports that share our area may still be going on at this time. If this is the case, stackers who have checked in and received their credentials will be able to enter for free. Everyone else (Relay Team Coordinators, Family members, etc.) will need to purchase a daily spectator admission to enter. If those sports finish before 5 pm, then all will be free to enter.

- There will be a brief Relay Team Coordinator Q & A session at 6:30pm, this session is optional but recommended!

## Schedule of Events

Friday, July 29		Saturday, July 30	
7:45 - 8:15 am	Doors Open (Halls AB Level 1) Relay Team Coordinator Packet Pickup	8:00 am	Doors Open (Halls AB Level 1)
8:15 - 8:45 am	Opening Ceremonies	8:00-8:30 am	Warm Ups
8:45 - 9:00 am	Warm Ups	8:30 - 2:00 pm	Give It A Go! STACK ZONE
9:00 - 3:00 pm	Give It a Go! Stack Zone	8:30 - 9:00 am	Timed 3-6-3 Relay Finals (awards at competition tables directly following event)
9:00 - 11:30 am	<b>Round 1 Prelims:</b> Individuals, Doubles, Timed Relay (Note: Child/Parent Doubles at the STACK ZONE, one round exhibition only)	9:00 - 9:30 am	Age Division Doubles Finals (awards at competition tables directly following event)
11:00 - 11:30 am	19+/Special Stacker Head-to-Head Cycle Relay (Double Elimination)	9:30 - 10:30 am	Individuals Finals (Group 1)
11:30 - 12:00 am	Lunch Break and (Choosing of JRO Challenge Teams at 11:45 am)	10:30 - 11:30 pm	Individuals Finals (Group 2) Individual Awards (Group 1)
12:00 - 1:00 pm	<b>Round 2 Prelims:</b> Individual 3-3-3, 3-6-3, Cycle (everyone is required to participate)	11:30 - 12:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Head-To-Head Cycle Relay (6U does 3-6-3) (Double elimination)	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Individual Awards (Group 2) and Judges Cup Awards
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Warm ups for JRO Challenge Prelim Matches and Judges' Cup	1:00-1:30 pm	Break and Set up for SOC
2:30 - 3:30 pm	JRO Challenge Prelim Matches (Double Elimination HTH Cycle Relay)	1:30-3:00 pm	Stack of Champions and "Overall" Awards
6:00 pm (optional)	Games on the Green - Spend an evening exploring Discovery Green with other stackers. Discovery Green is a vibrant 12-acre park in the heart of downtown Houston. The WSSA staff will have lawn games at the Sarofim Picnic Lawn starting at 6:00pm	<b>Group 1:</b> 6U, 11-12F, 11M, 12M, 13-14F, 13-14M, 15-18F, 15-16M, 17-18M, 19-24 F, 19-24M and SS	
		<b>Group 2:</b> 7U F, 7U M, 8F, 8M, 9F, 9M, 10F, 10M, Masters 1-3 C and Seniors	

# Before you Arrive Checklist:

## Relay Team Coordinators:

- ☐ Be sure your team is registered and remember, each relay team is required to have at least 4 stackers to compete.
- ☐ Make plans ahead of time on when and where to meet your team (the practice time on Thursday would be ideal.) Have cell phone numbers of parents (and stackers if applicable) with you.
- ☐ To optimize warm-ups, each Relay Team Coordinator should plan to bring at least one StackMat for their stackers to use.

## Stackers:

- ☐ Bring your own set of Speed Stacks. Make sure you, a teammate or your Coordinator brings a StackMat to use when practicing at the Warm-Up Tables. (Speed Stacks will be available for purchase, along with all Speed Stacks sport stacking products.)
- ☐ Bring money for food and your official AAU Junior Olympic Games custom apparel.
- ☐ Prearrange a time and place to meet your Relay Team Coordinator and team. Practice Thursday evening is a great time to do this! Be sure you have communicated with them!

# Friday Morning Checklist:

## Relay Team Coordinators:

- ☐ Purchase your Daily Admission Wristband.
- ☐ 7:45 - 8:15 am: Report to the Relay Team Coordinator Packet Pick-Up. All of your team members must be present in Relay Team Meeting Area (next to Packet Pick-Up) in order for you to get your packet. Packet contents include: Coordinator Badge and Quick Guide, Stacker ID Badges, Personalized Prelim Time Sheets, Team sign for H-T-H Relays, Judges Procedures & Tips.
- ☐ Find a spot for your team in the Stacker Warm-Up Area. Encourage your team to stay together!
- ☐ Warm-Up and On-Deck tables are available. Your team may start warming up anytime. (Competition Tables are off limits until Prelims start!)
- ☐ Prelims begin at 9:00 am and may be done at ANY Competition Table in ANY Division. Find the shortest lines.

## Stackers:

- ☐ 7:45 - 8:15 am: Your Relay Team Coordinator will pick up your team packet with all Time Sheets, Stacker ID badges and instructions. In order for your Coordinator to pick up your packet, all your team members must be in Relay Team Meeting Area (next to Packet Pick-Up). Be there so you don't hold up your entire team!
- ☐ Place your Stacker ID Badge on the front center of your shirt so Judges and cameras can capture your correct information.
- ☐ Find a table for your team in the Stacker Warm-Up Area. Please stay with your team.
- ☐ Warm-Up and On-Deck tables are available. Start warming up anytime. (Competition Tables are off limits until Prelims start!)
- ☐ Prelims begin at 9:00 am. You may compete at ANY table in ANY Division. Find the shortest lines.
- ☐ Take part in the Stack Zone. Invite your family and friends to participate!

## Warm Ups

Warm-Up tables are located in the Stacker Warm-Up Area and out on the Competition Floor. In addition, each Competition Table has a corresponding On-Deck table that can be used during Warm-Up times. The On-Deck tables are also used to warm up just prior to stacking at the Competition Tables during Prelims and Finals.

## Individual Prelims

Prelims do not need to be done at your Age Division tables but can be done at ANY Division. Look for the shortest lines in ANY Division! Spectators should remain outside of the Competition Area. There will be two rounds of individual prelims. The best time for each event from either round will be used to qualify for finals. Male and Female Divisions are for Individual Timed Events only.

- All Stackers start at the On-Deck table and warm up prior to their turn at the Competition table. (Note: Normal warm-ups still happen at the Competition Table as well.) On Deck table time is limited and commits the Stacker to compete next--consider this the equivalent of an "on-deck circle" in baseball.
- Once at the Competition table, the Stacker will establish their fastest times in Individual 3-3-3, 3-6-3 and Cycle stacks (in this order) although he/she may choose not to compete in all three events. The Stacker will be greeted by a Judge, who will ask for their personalized Individual Prelim Time Sheet.
- Prior to each stack, the Stacker will have the opportunity for two warm-ups before being timed three times for each particular stack. (Warm-ups are optional. Any additional stacking done in between tries counts as the next try, although simply separating or rearranging cups in a stack is not considered stacking.)
- The Judge will record the "Best Time" in each event and then sign the Time Sheet. This sheet will remain at the table to be picked up by a Runner, who will deliver it to the Scoring Area.
- Once all times have been entered into the computer at the end of the Individual Prelims, Stackers whose time remains in the top 10 of their Division (posted on Leader Board), will qualify for that Individual Finals event on Saturday.

## Doubles Prelims

Doubles teams also start at the On-Deck tables. Once at the Competition table, Doubles Teams get up to two warm-ups and three tries in the Cycle stack (Special Stackers do the 3-6-3). Once all times have been entered for the Doubles Prelims, the top 5 teams in each Division (posted on Leader Board) will qualify for the Doubles Finals on Saturday. **NOTE:** Child/Parent Doubles are a one round Exhibition Only event at the JRO Games and take place in the STACK ZONE.

## Timed 3-6-3 Prelims

This event follows the same procedures as noted above in the Individual & Doubles Prelims except there are no warm-ups allowed at the Competition Table. The top 4 teams in each division from the Prelims (posted on Leader Board) will qualify for Saturday's Finals.

# Head-To-Head Relays

Immediately following Individual Prelims Round 2, Relay Team Coordinators should take their teams to the Warm-Up tables in their respective Divisions. At this time, your Division Manager will call up all Coordinators in your Division for a brief pre-tournament meeting. Roll will be called, brackets will be passed out and checked, and a quick review of procedures & rules will be done. The first teams to compete will be called up. These teams report to the Competition tables that have been assigned to them for that race (announced by a Division Manager). Subsequent teams will be called to the On-Deck tables where they will have the opportunity to warm up. From there, teams will be called up to compete at a Competition table when it becomes available. When not at the Competition table or On-Deck table, your team should be at your corresponding Warm-Up table (4 teams per table--2 on each side) preparing to compete. Spectators must remain outside the Competition Area.

**COORDINATORS & STACKERS:** To exhibit good sportsmanship, at the beginning and end of each match, win or lose, please line your team up to “high five” or shake hands with members of opposing team. Please work hard to keep the day positive for everyone involved!

- Your team will compete at the same Competition table(s) throughout your Age Division tournament. This will be a Double Elimination tournament. This assures every team of competing in at least two matches. A “match” consists of the best two out of three relay “races” between two teams.
- Once you’ve completed each relay match, return to your Warm-Up table in the backcourt area. A large poster will be on display in your Division showing the competition bracket and how your team is progressing.
- At all times, keep your EYES and EARS open for your Division Manager. They will give a “first call” and a “last call” for your team to compete. If your team is late, it will result in an automatic forfeit. If your team continues to progress in the tournament, return to your Warm-Up area between matches. If your team loses two matches and is eliminated, please exit the Competition Area and go participate in the STACK ZONE or take a break.
- The last two teams remaining in each Division will qualify to compete in the final match to take place right then. The 3rd and 4th place teams should remain for the medal presentation.
- Once the final match in your Division Tournament is completed, your Division Manager will present awards to the top 4 teams in your Division. The presentation will be made at your Division close to the spectators

## JRO Challenge

Teams will be formed using the top 32 male and top 32 female stackers based on the cycle times from the first round of prelims to create 16 highly competitive teams consisting of the top male and female stackers of the morning. Each team will consist of 2 male and 2 female stackers. Alternates will not be placed on these teams. These teams will compete in a dual bracketed, double elimination, H-T-H Cycle tournament. The final 2 teams from each bracket will advance to the semi-finals on Saturday at the STACK OF CHAMPIONS. All are invited to watch this Speed Stacks JRO Games Challenge to see which team can earn bragging rights as the fastest at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

**Note:** Teams will be formed by the WSSA during the lunch break on Friday and those stackers will meet at 2:00 pm the same day for practice followed by the preliminary rounds of competition.

# Finals

- You will not need time sheets for finals, Judges will have finals sheets at the competition tables.
- All Stackers who qualify for Finals may warm up at On-Deck or at the Warm-Up tables on the Competition floor. Competition tables are off limits. Spectators please remain outside of Competition Area.

**TIE BREAKERS:** In all Timed Events, ties are broken in both the Finals competition of each Division, as well as the Top Overall standings as follows: Ties produced by identical times shall be separated by the second-best performances of the tying competitors; if a tie still remains, by the third-best performances; and finally then by the best Prelims time. If a tie still remains, then it shall simply be deemed a tie.

## Individual 3-3-3, 3-6-3 and Cycle

**The top 10 Stackers** in each age division and each event qualify for finals based on their best prelim times and will compete for 1st through 10th places. Stackers will go one at a time starting with the 10th-ranked finalist ending with the 1st-ranked finalist. Once all 10 stackers have competed, they will be ranked and awards will be presented at the Awards Presentation Area.

## Timed 3-6-3 Relay

**The top 4 relay teams** from the Prelims in each Division qualify for their Divisional Finals. Remember, for this event no warm-ups will take place at the Competition table once official competition begins. The 4th-ranked team will stack first followed by the 3rd, 2nd and 1st-ranked teams. Once all four teams have competed, they will be re-ranked. **Awards will be presented at the competition table immediately following the event.**

## Age Division Doubles Finals

**The top 5 doubles teams** in each of the Age Division Doubles from the Prelims will compete for 1st through 5th places in the Finals. The 5th-ranked team will stack first, followed by the 4th-ranked team continuing in ascending order. Once all five teams have competed, they will be re-ranked. **Awards will be presented at the competition table immediately following the event.** NOTE: Child/Parent Doubles take place in the STACK ZONE as a 1 round exhibition-only event.

## Stack of Champions

**The top 3 Overall Male and top 3 Overall Female in each individual event, top 3 Overall Doubles and top 3 Overall Timed 3-6-3 relay teams** will compete in The STACK of CHAMPIONS to showcase the top stackers. Beginning with the 3rd fastest from that event, each stacker has earned the opportunity to have another shot at bettering their time and potentially affecting the "Overall" outcome of the tournament. Stackers can only "better" their times; they cannot "lose" what they have previously accomplished. Potential improved times will be video reviewed *after* the three tries.