



2018 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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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:** Sport Stacking Competition Venue
- **WHEN:** Wednesday, July 25, 12 pm - 6 pm or Thursday, July 26, 8 am - 6 pm

Sport Stacking Practice and Packet Pick-up (packet pick-up is also available Friday morning)

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
- **WHEN:** Thursday, July 26, 5-7 pm
- **Parent Meet & Greet** at 6:00 pm

NEW This year the AAU has an admission fee of \$15 per day or \$45 for all of JO's. These can be purchased at the ticket booths located around the venue. Remember, all competitors are competing both days this year, so you will need a pass for at least those 2 days. We advise getting these as soon as you can to avoid any lines right before competition.

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 27		Saturday, July 28	
7:45 am	Doors Open Relay Team Coordinator Packet Pick-up	8:00 am	Doors Open
7:45 - 8:30 am	Warm-ups	8:00 - 8:30 am	Warm-ups
8:30 am	Opening Ceremonies	8:30 - 9:30 am	Prelims Round 2: Individual
9:00 - 11:00 am	Prelims Round 1: - Individual 3-3-3, 3-6-3, Cycle - All Doubles & Timed 3-6-3 Relays	9:30 - 10:30 am	Head-To-Head Cycle Relays: - Single Elimination - Top 4 Awarded at Competition Tables
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Head-To-Head 3-6-3 Relay: - Double Elimination - Top 4 Awarded at Competition Tables	10:30 - 11:00 am	STACKOUT (Cycle) - Top 10 All-Around Females - Top 10 All-Around Males
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch and JRO Challenge Team Selection	11:00 - 11:30 am	Lunch Break
1:00 - 1:30 pm	Finals: - Timed 3-6-3 Relay	11:30 - 12:30 pm	Individual Finals: Group 1 - 11-12 F, 13-15 F, 16-18 F, 19-34 F, 10 M, 11 M, 12 M, 13 M, 14-15 M, 16-18 M, 19-24 M
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Finals: - Age Division Doubles - Sanctioned C/P Doubles (After Divisional)	12:30 - 1:30 pm	Individuals Finals: Group 2 - All SS, 6U F, 7-8 F, 9-10 F, 35-59 F, 60+F, 7U M, 8 M, 9 M, 25-59 M Individual Awards: Group 1
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Awards: (on completion of each division) - All Doubles & Timed 3-6-3 Relay	1:30 - 2:00 pm	Individual Awards: Group 2
2:30 - 3:30 pm	JRO Challenge Prelim Matches Cycle (Double Elimination)	2:00 - 3:15 pm	Stack of Champions (SOC): - JRO Challenge Finals - Top 3 Timed 3-6-3 Relay, Top 3 Doubles - Individual Events: Top 3 F and Top 3 M - Top 3 Overall awards will follow each event
Share on Social Media: Don't forget to tag @speedstacksync and include #SpeedStacks, #SpeedStacksJO and #AAUJROGames in your posts on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.		3:15 - 3:30 pm	Awards: Top 3 All Around Champion Female Awards Top 3 All Around Champion Male Awards

Table Assignments:

Table #	1	2	3	4	5	Stage	6	7	8	9	10
Prelims	open	open	open	open	open	open	open	open	open	open	open
H-T-H Relay	SS / 6U	8U	10U	10U	14U	--	12U	12U	18U	19+	25+
Timed Relay / Doubles	SS / SS CP	6U	8U	10U	12U	--	14U	18U	19+ / CP	25+ / CP	--
Individuals Group 1	10 M	11-12 F	11 M	12 M	13 M	13-15 F	14-15 M	16-18 F	16-18 M	19-34 F	19-24 M
Individuals Group 2	SS 7-18	SS 19+	7U M	6U F	8 M	--	7-8 F	9 M	9-10 F	25-59 M	35-59 F, 60+

Before you Arrive Checklist:

Relay Team Coordinators:

- 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.
- You will pick up your Relay Team's Packet on either Thursday evening or Friday morning. Packet contents include: Coordinator Badge and Quick Guide, Stacker ID Badges, Personalized Prelim Time Sheets, and a Team sign for H-T-H Relays.
- Each stacker will have two Individual Prelim Time Sheets. Keep the second one to hand out for use on Day 2.

Stackers:

- All stackers should bring their own StackMat for practice and their own cups for competition (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: For those who did not get their packet on Thursday evening, report to the Relay Team Coordinator Packet Pick-Up.
- 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!
- Don't forget to wear your Stacker ID badge.
- 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.

Reminder We are running two separate groups for Child/Parent Doubles:

Child/Parent (Exhibition Only) - You are in this group if only the child is registered to compete in the AAU Junior Olympic Games Sport Stacking Championships. Child/Parent Doubles take place in the Give It A Go StackZone on July 28 (Day 1 of competition) any time before 11:00. First place winners will be posted and will win a prize from the Speed Stacks Store.

Child/Parent Sanctioned Event - You are in this group if BOTH child and parent are registered to compete in the AAU Junior Olympic Games Sport Stacking Championships. Child/Parent Doubles Prelims take place at any Competition Table on July 28 (Day 1 of competition). Prelims must be completed by 11:00. Top 5 will advance to Finals on the afternoon of July 28 with awards immediately following.

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 Finals.

Head-To-Head Relays

When H-T-H Relays begin 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. H-T-H can be single or double elimination. The double elimination “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 4 teams will advance to the 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.

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. **See schedule for awards time and location.**

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 ranked. **See schedule for awards time and location.**

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 ranked. **See schedule for awards time and location.** NOTE: Sanctioned C/P Doubles will run a Finals just like the age divisions do. The C/P in the StackZone will only be 1 round and will not have Finals.

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.