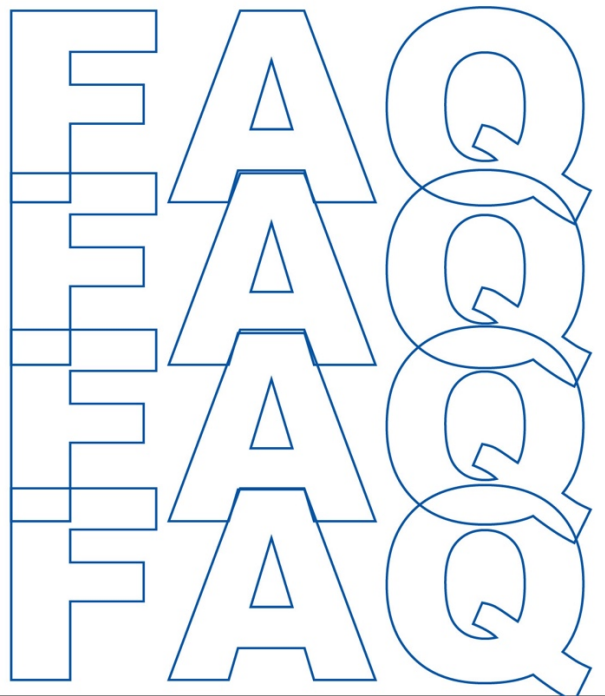


**FAQ**  
**AAU JUNIOR**  
**OLYMPIC GAMES**



**Q. Can any team participate in the AAU Junior Olympic Games flag football competition?**

A. Only teams that have qualified can participate in the AAU Junior Olympic Games, depending on the number of teams in a particular division at a qualifier will determine how many teams can qualify, some tournaments the top 2 teams will qualify, some will be top 4 and in large tournaments like Disney the top 8 teams can qualify, check with the tournament operator prior to the tournament to see how many teams are eligible to qualify.

**Q. Where are the tournaments listed that are qualifiers?**

A. You can find the full list of qualifying tournaments on [www.shsleagues.com](http://www.shsleagues.com)

**Q. What is the age cut off for the AAU Junior Olympic Games?**

A. The AAU uses 1/1/25 as a cut off.

**Q. If we win a qualifier do we win a full paid bid to the games?**

A. 1st place champions in each age division in each qualifier will earn a HALF paid bid to the games.

**Q. Does second place earn a bid to the games?**

A. No, second place will qualify but will have to pay in full to enter the games in Houston.

**Q. What is the cost to enter a team if we qualify?**

A. The team entry fee is \$550 to participate in the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

**Q. How many games will we get to play at the tournament?**

A. Every team will play a minimum of 4 games (3 round robin games followed by single elimination playoffs)

**Q. What are the dates of the games?**

A. July 25th-27th.

**Q. What's the format at the games?**

A. Friday, July 25th, each team will play 3 round robin games. Saturday, July 26th, will be playoffs. Sunday, July 27th will be semi finals and championship games.

**Q. Where is the tournament being held?**

A. Friday and Saturday's games will be held at Rice university stadium and intramural fields and Sunday's semifinals and finals will be played at the University of Houston's football stadium.

**Q. Is this a stay to play event?**

A. No this is not a stay to play event, however there is a full list of discounted hotels which can be found on the Zorts tournament page and on the AAU Website.

<https://www.aausportshotels.com/juniorolympicsflagand5v5football>

**Q. What rules are you using for this tournament?**

A. We will be using SHS/AAU flag football rules. [CLICK HERE](#).

**Q. How long are the games?**

A. The games will be 2x12 min halves.

**Q. Do you provide jerseys and flags for the tournament?**

A. Yes we will be providing jerseys and flags, the jerseys are only mandatory for the playoffs and Championships, the flags must be worn for all games.

**Q. Are you providing footballs for the tournament or can we use our own?**

A. We will be providing game balls for every tournament game.

**Q. Can we pre purchase the same footballs that will be used in the tournament?**

A. Yes they will be available on [www.shsleagues.com](http://www.shsleagues.com)

**Q. It's going to be hot in Houston in July, what's your plan for dealing with the heat?**

A. Yes, it is going to be hot we plan to play the games earlier and later in the day trying to avoid the mid-day heat. We will also have water stations at each field and tents will be permitted on the intramural field and both stadiums have shade in them.

**Q. Will there be a cost to watch the games?**

A. There will be no cost to watch the games on Friday and Saturday. For the teams that make it to the semifinals/finals on Sunday there will be a \$20 spectator fee to get into TDECU stadium. Players and coaches and kids under 6 do not pay.

**Q. When will the game schedule be released?**

A. The game-by-game schedule will be released by July 15th.

**Q. Can we attend more than one qualifier?**

A. Yes teams can go to multiple qualifiers there's no limit.

**Q. Can we combine bids that we have won?**

A. No bids cannot be combined.

**Q. We already qualified but some of our players can't make it, can we make changes to the roster?**

A. Yes you can make changes to the roster, however at least 50% of the roster that qualified must remain the same.

**Q. We qualified in one age group can we transfer that spot to another age group?**

A. No, if you qualified in 10U for example you cannot transfer it to a 12U team for example. The only exception is for the teams that qualified from the Turkey bowl in 2024 and Disney 2025 as both those tournaments used 1/1/24 as a cut off.

**Q. Our team qualified in Disney for 8U can we play in 8U at the games?**

A. No all teams that qualified in Disney must move up one age division due to the different cut off dates.

**Q. We are a team from outside the USA.**

A. N/A

**Q. We already qualified but have yet to hear anything with more details about then AAU Junior Olympic Games.**

A. If you did not receive your qualifying letter or additional information please contact [flagfootball@aausports.org](mailto:flagfootball@aausports.org)

**Q. If I have any questions who do reach out to?**

A. Please contact [flagfootball@aausports.org](mailto:flagfootball@aausports.org).

**Q. My team has already qualified how do enter my roster into zorts?**

A. We will be sending out coaches invites to everyone to add players to your team.

**Q. Can I sign up as an individual player?**

A. No, only qualified teams can enter the tournament.

**Q. What's the deadline to decide if we can make it or not?**

A. June 1st is the deadline. For all qualifiers after June 1st the deadline to confirm participation will be 7 days with the exception of UConn and Michigan will be just 2 days.

**Q. Do you need to have an active Zorts card to participate?**

A. yes every player and coach must have an active Zorts card to participate in the qualifiers and the games.

**Q. Do we need to be AAU members to participate in the games?**

A. Yes, every participant needs to be an AAU member, the cost is \$20 for the year and can be added to your zorts player card.