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### **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 Saturdays games will be held at Rice university stadium and intramural fields and Sundays semi finals 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.

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

A. We will be using SHS/AAU flag football rules.

**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 are 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 semi finals/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 can not 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 can not 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 thenAAU 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. July 1st for all tournaments prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, after July 1<sup>st</sup>, we must know within 7 days following the tournament.

**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.