



2023-2024
Florida Gold AAU
Gymnastics Competition Handbook



Florida Gold District Competition Handbook

Welcome to the 2023/2024 competition season. Thank you for your continued support.
Enclosed you will find information pertaining to the season.

GENERAL ALL LEVELS

Note: The AAU National Program will follow the governing body's rules and policies and changes instituted throughout the Competitive year for all levels unless specifically stated with allowance clarifications in the National AAU Rules and Policies. All clubs, program directors, judges, and coaches should be aware of this policy and is their responsibility to monitor any changes within the governing body and apply them to their current program unless specifically recorded as allowances. Contact aaunichols@bellsouth.net if you have any questions. Only AAU National Gymnastics Rules will be used at all Regional and National licensed events – no district allowances over and above national program.

Florida Gold District will follow AAU National rules that will be posted on the AAU National website. <http://aaugymnastics.org/Rules/RulesHandbook.aspx> A copy of those rules will also be posted on the FL Gold website at www.gcgym.com This AAU FL Gold handbook will be also posted on the FL Gold website.

****NEW* Beginning with the 2023-2024 membership year, AAU will now be offering this new introductory competitive level.***

<https://image.aausports.org/sports/gymnastics/AAUCOPPERRULES.pdf>

Remember- all coaches are to share time on event warm ups.

Coaches need to be aware of time restrictions on beam, vault and bars. When athletes who take too long or take additional turns the end result is other athletes may only get partial/insufficient time for warm-ups. Coaches need to work together to ensure all athletes get their ample warm-up.

- AAU Age Group Nationals will be held in Daytona, June 20th-23rd, 2024

I look forward to having a successful year! Coaches, keep up all the hard work you do with your athletes.
Let's make our Florida Gold District shine! If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,
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1. AAU Membership

Please make certain to register your club, your coaches and your athletes via AAU National office online at www.aausports.org. Memberships must be renewed each year beginning in August. With the AAU registration process and background screening that is in place for adults, membership approval is no longer instant. Although the delay is not lengthy, please take this factor into account and register early!

Athletes and coaches must have current/active membership to be on the floor.

Meet Directors must verify all coach and athlete AAU memberships prior to each competition. Be sure to submit membership numbers with every meet entry. Entering an AAU competition creates an expressed understanding that all athletes registered are current AAU members prior to competition. Only currently registered AAU athletes, coaches, judges & clubs are permitted to participate in AAU Licensed events.

In the fairness of competition for athletes and coaches, who may be competing in both the USA and AAU programs. Once a gymnast competes in a level, they MAY NOT drop down to a lower level for a competition. Example: Gymnast competes in USA/AAU competition as a level 4 – May not compete at an AAU/USA competition as a level 3. This is NOT permitted!!

2. Florida Gold AAU Qualifier Competition Calendar

Events listed on the calendar below are designate Licensed qualifiers to the FL Gold AAU District Championships. Only the events listed are licensed qualifying competitions. **ATHLETES** must compete in a minimum of 2 AAU licensed competitions to participate at Fl. Gold Championships. -Athletes need to compete at Fl. Gold District Championships to compete at Age Group Nationals

- If a meet is cancelled, the following year, it will not be eligible to be a licensed AAU event and will not be placed on the Florida Gold calendar. (2018)

****All AAU Licensed event hosts on the above calendar have signed the Host Agreement, which states that the host will follow Florida Gold AAU award guidelines (outlined below)**

Coaches attire:

Please dress professionally while on the floor coaching.

- * Shoes must be worn during the competition. Closed toe shoes are appropriate. Flip flops are not allowed
- * Appropriate length shorts.
- * Females: tops that cover mid-drift and upper areas, no strapless/tank or spaghetti strap tops

3. Competition Guidelines

- a. FL Gold will follow AAU National rules. Currently, we do not have any District allowances
All competitions will be judged by NAWGJ certified and contracted judges.
Level 1,2, Bronze, Silver may be judged by a one judge panel.
Level 3 and up must be judged by two judge panels.

- b. Awards – ALL QUALIFIERS & FL GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW THE OUTLINED GUIDELINES LISTED BELOW FOR AWARDS! There is NO individual event placement awarded at levels 1 & 2 (achievement only). Level 2 allows All Around placement. Level 1 does not! Event hosts must include awards structure on all pre-meet information sheets, including meet info page for AAU Handbook.

Level 1 Provide achievement awards for all events
Provide 100% all around awards in the form of a trophy
Provide all athletes goody bags and/or gifts
Award team placement 100%

Level 2 Provide achievement awards for all events
Provide all around placement awards*
**(Maximum 16 athletes per age group)*
Provide 100% all around awards in the form of a trophy
Provide all athletes goody bags and/or gifts
Award team placement 100%

Level(s) 3 & up Award individual placement 50% + 1 per awards group
Award team placement 100%

c. **Divisions**

Florida Gold will not separate athletes into divisions. Athletes may be divided equally by birth date within each session for levels 3 and up, in order to keep awards groups small and awards percentages generous. A maximum of 20 – 25 athletes per award group is recommended. For level 2 All Around awards, there is to be no more than 16 athletes per award group.

d. **Achievement Ribbons for levels 1 and 2**

9.5 – 10.0 “Super Blue” (rainbow blues)
9.0 – 9.475 Blue
8.0 – 8.975 Red
Below 8.0 White

(If using alternate color ribbons, follow the above score guidelines, using 4 different colors)

4. Ages for athletes for competition: Per USA Gymnastics, changes were made to the x-cel program-

Athletes who compete Bronze may enter Level 1,2—and have also reached 5th birthday
Athletes who compete Silver may enter Level 1,2,3—and have also reached 6th birthday
Athletes who compete Gold may enter Level 3,4—and have also reached 7th birthday
Athletes who compete Platinum may enter Level 5,6—and have also reached 8th birthday
Athletes who compete Diamond may enter Level 7,8,9,10—and have also reached 9th birthday

5. Athletes competing out of session:

It is at the discretion of the meet Director to permit/add athletes to compete out of session. It is **not required** for a Meet Director to add an athlete to the meet. If an athlete is permitted to compete out of session, they are **not eligible** for individual or team awards. However, they may be recognized and be given a participation award.

If an athlete arrives to meet at the incorrect session time. It is at the discretion of the meet Director to permit/add athletes to compete out of session. If added, athlete is **not eligible** for individual or team awards. However, they may be recognized and be given a participation award.

6. Qualifications to Florida Gold District Championships are as follows:

1. Athlete, coach & club AAU memberships must be in good standing.
2. *Athlete must compete* in a minimum of **two (2) FG qualifiers** in current season.
Only meets listed on the calendar in this FL Gold Handbook are designated as FG qualifiers.
3. Completed entry form and accompanying entry fees must be received by the deadline.
4. Any athlete/club not meeting qualification criteria must be petitioned in-writing by the entry deadline and include any supporting documentation.

7. Qualifications to AAU Nationals are as follows:

1. Athlete, coach & club AAU memberships must be in good standing.
2. **Athletes and club must compete in the Florida Gold District Championships**
3. Completed entry form and accompanying entry fees must be received by the deadline.

4. Any athlete not meeting qualification criteria must be petitioned by the entry deadline and include any supporting documentation. Petition must be submitted to Florida Gold Chairman for approval.
- * **Petitions are for injury, sickness-** NOT for inconvenient competition date/times, out of town, party, Weddings, etc.

8. Additional Information

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Vaulting Boards:

FG will continue to use the aero board for all levels with the exception for Yurchenko vaults.

**In the event a club wants to bring their board to a competition, it must be on the competition floor for the entire meet and available for all sessions to allow all athletes to use it. However, it is up to the meet director to permit or deny the use of an outside piece of equipment due to liability.

2023-2024- Florida Gold AAU Licensed Event Form & Hosting Agreement

Please complete this form and add all information that would be pertinent in detailing your meet
Please send completed forms by email to: info@gcgy.com (Deadline July 20th, 2022)

As a FL Gold AAU Gymnastics licensed event host, I am current/up-to-date with any/all fees due associated with hosting competitions, member in good standing, I agree to abide by the following meet hosting agreement event guidelines outlined for this Florida Gold District Qualifier. I will: pay and obtain an AAU license for this event, verify AAU athlete and coaches numbers, follow the awards guidelines for all levels, and submit post competition score report to the Fl. Gold Gymnastics Chairman. I will submit athlete assessment fee of \$1.50 per athlete payable to Florida Gold Gymnastics, Inc.
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Print Name: _____ Title: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Competition Name: _____
Date(s) of Competition: _____
Host Club: _____ AAU Club # _____
Meet Director _____ AAU Professional # _____
Club Phone: _____
Alternate contact number: (cell) _____
Email _____

Levels being offered:

Level 1 – 5 _____ Level 6 – 10 _____ Level 1 – 10 _____
All XCEL Divisions _____ OR Bronze _____ Silver _____ Gold _____ Platinum _____
Diamond _____ Ladies _____

Site Details

In-House event _____ Outside location _____

Facility Name _____
Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____

Meet Host Agreement

In order to host a Florida Gold Licensed event the member club must be current/up-to-date with any/all fees due associated with hosting competition, is a member in good standing and follow the event guidelines.

*** In order to keep in-line with USAG meets for assigning judges and to be placed on the FI. Gold District calendar, All Meet hosting agreement forms, flyers, and judges request forms- need to be submitted starting January 1st-May 1st for the following season.**

As a FL Gold AAU Gymnastics event host, I agree to abide by the following:

I. Meet Information & Event Hosting Forms

Event Hosting forms, including all meet information, competition date(s), levels, event site, entry fees, spectator admission fees, etc must be submitted to the AAU Chairman via email to info@gcgym.com
Event information sheets must be submitted to FI Gold Chairman by deadline. Information must be in either pdf, Microsoft Publisher or Microsoft Word format or a link to the gym website where info is listed.

Hosting Information:

- 1) Host club must have an AAU "Club Membership" of Level 2 or 3 - BE PREPARED!
<https://play.aausports.org/Clublevels.aspx> To purchase a club membership you must **first obtain the memberships of the representatives** or contacts that will be listed on the club application. "RENEWALS" for club membership are no longer available. To continue a membership from a previous year, complete the corresponding application below. For Level 3 clubs, please use the same EIN number used last year.

The AAU membership year runs from Sept 1 to Aug 31. AAU membership is required to participate in all AAU events.

<u>AAU Club Memberships- LEVEL</u>	<u>AAU Club Memberships- LEVEL 3</u>
Eligible to participate in events	Eligible to participate in events
Eligible to vote at appropriate district bi-annual meetings	Eligible to vote at appropriate district bi-annual meetings
Eligible to receive certificate for practice insurance	Eligible to receive certificate for practice insurance
Eligible to receive sanction to host an event	Eligible to receive sanction to host an event
Eligible to use the AAU logo & Name in AAU sanctioned events	Eligible to use the AAU logo & Name in AAU sanctioned events
\$60.00 - Youth Club Per Membership Year	\$60.00 - Youth Club Per Membership Year
	Eligible for tax - exempt status
	Eligible to receive tax-exempt donations
	Eligible to become sales tax exempt in your state
	\$300.00 - Youth Club Per Membership Year

- 2) After obtaining Club Membership you must then "license" (formerly called sanction) your event. On AAU website go to – Event License Application
<https://play.aausports.org/Default.aspx?TabId=11922&returnurl=%2finsurance%2fSanctioning%2fClubSanction.aspx&flushed=t>
- 3) On meet information/flyer: It only should show AAU information and must include the following information:-

**This event is licensed by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S., Inc.*

**All participants must have current AAU Membership. AAU membership may not be included as a part of the entry fee to the event. *AAU Youth Athlete membership must be obtained before the competition begins except where the event operator has a laptop available with an internet connection. Be Prepared: Adult and Non Athlete Memberships are no longer instant and cannot be applied for at event. Please allow 10 days for membership to be processed. Participants are encouraged to visit the AAU website www.aausports.org to obtain their membership. AAU Florida Gold Award guidelines & National Rules*

II. Recommended Entry Fees

In-house meet \$ 65-80 per level
Out of facility \$70-125 per level
Championships \$80-125 per level

III. Recommended Spectator Admission Fees

In-house meet \$10 adults/\$5 children
Out of facility \$10-20 adults/\$5-10.00 children

IV. Fee to FI. Gold District .

Event hosts are assessed **\$1.50 per athlete**. This assessment is due no later than 30 days post event. Assessments received later than 30 days will incur an additional \$100 late fee. Make all checks payable to **FL Gold Gymnastics, Inc.**

Send to: Gold Coast Gymnastics
1420 Rupp Lane
Lake Worth Beach, Fl. 33460

V. Post Competition Report & fees

Along with the check payable to Florida Gold Gymnastics, Inc. The event host must submit a copy of the scores to the AAU Chair. Send payment of \$1.50 per athlete –deduct deposit amount from total.

VI. AAU Registration

All qualifiers/invitational are open to ALL REGISTERED AAU ATHLETES / CLUBS. The Event Host/meet director is responsible for verifying all club, coaches & athlete AAU Numbers prior to competition.

VII. Competition Deadline & Competition Schedule

Competition Deadlines are recommended to be a minimum of 5-6 weeks prior to the event. Event Host must release their competition schedule 3 weeks prior to the event via, email, website, or Fax.

VIII. AAU Rules, Policies & Regulations

ALL AAU Rules, Policies & Regulations must be followed by the Event Host. This includes, but is not limited to, both National and Local District Rules, Policies & Regulations.

IX. Awards

All AAU Licensed FL Gold District events must follow the complete athlete award guidelines published in the FL Gold AAU Handbook distributed to all clubs and posted online. Achievement award guidelines for levels 1 and 2 must be adhered to. There will be no placement awards for level 1. Level 2 will only have placement in the All Around, and there is to be no award group larger than 16 athletes.

There are four ribbons and score divisions for Achievement awards for Level 1 &2:

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Level 3 and higher: 50% +1 for events. 100% placement for All-Around.

X. Athlete gifts

It is recommended that athletes receive a gift or goody bag/ gift at each competition.

The Florida Gold District by continued preference of our District members, we will follow the rules set forth by AAU National Office. ***It is each member's responsibility to stay informed of the rules and any changes that AAU National Office may institute during the season.*** AAU National rules may be found on the AAU website.

AAU Rules Handbook- <http://aaugymnastics.org/Rules/RulesHandbook.aspx>

Code Book- <http://www.aaugymnastics.org/Rules/AAUCodebook.aspx>

Please send completed forms by email to: info@gcgym.com

FLORIDA JUDGES REQUEST FORM Also required to be completed.

****See judges request form**