



**Southeastern AAU Taekwondo
District Championship & National Qualifier
Smyrna, Tennessee
Nashville Area
March 16, 2024
On-line Registration**

[Register Here](#)



COMPETITION EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE QUALIFYING

Olympic Sparring

Point Sparring

**Bracketed Forms – Open Division only
with ITF, WT, and MDK/TSD allowed**

Board Breaking

Traditional & Creative Weapons Forms

Para Taekwondo Competition

All Events

**All athletes who compete in four or more events
will receive an Indominable Spirit Medal**

Registration deadline: Monday, March 11, 2024

Late Registration: Thursday, March 14, 2024

1 Event - \$95.00; Additional Events - \$10 each

Coaches Pass - \$15

Late Registration Fee - \$20 Athlete & Coach

Special Non-Qualifying

Me + 1 Division (ages 5 and under)

1 Event - \$45; Additional \$10

Contact

achievingssuccessma@gmail.com

to register directly with tournament director.

**For more information contact Debra Hooper, Tournament Director
achievingssuccessma@gmail.com or 615-310-0020**

This event is licensed by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S., Inc. All participants must have a current AAU membership. AAU membership may not be included as part of the entry fee to the event. AAU membership must be obtained before the competition begins, except where the event operator has a laptop available with an internet connection.

BE PREPARED: Non-Athlete memberships for Coaches are not instant and cannot be applied for at the event. Please allow up to 10 days for memberships to be processed.

Participants are encouraged to visit the AAU web site www.aausports.org to obtain their membership



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100 Bulldog Drive
Smyrna, TN 337167

Ages 5 & Up Entry Fee:

\$95 for first event
\$105 for any 2 events
\$115 for any 3 events
\$125 for any 4 events
\$135 for any 5 events
\$165 for all events
Team Forms - \$15/Team

Me + 1 Division Fee:

\$45 for any 1 event
\$55 for any 2 events
\$65 for any 3 events
\$75 for any 4 events

Registration Deadline:

March 11, 2024

Late Registration Closes:

March 14, 2023

Late Registration Fee \$20

Coaches Pass \$15

Coaches who have not completed the AAU Coaches Certification by the day of competition will not receive a coaches pass.

Spectators:

Cash only at the Door

Adults - \$10

Children - \$5

Under 5 years old - Free

**This is a qualifying event for the
2024 AAU Nationals held in Ft Lauderdale, FL
on July 1st - 7th
AND
2024 Junior Olympics held in Greensboro, NC**

Instructors will receive a free coach's pass for every 10 athletes they bring. Also, instructors who bring 20 or more athletes will receive a complimentary double occupancy hotel room for one night. **Contact achievingssuccessma@gmail.com by March 1, 2024 to notify tournament director if you expect to bring these numbers so arrangements can be made.**

Black Belt and Advanced Belt Olympic Sparring competitors and coaches should check in at 8:00 am in order to meet the 9:00 am staging time and 8:30 am Olympic Coaches Meeting.

Please ensure that the email address used to register athletes is working. Important information and confirmations will be forwarded to athletes and coaches using that email address prior to the competition.

All athletes, coaches and parents are encouraged to review the AAU Handbook found at [AAU Taekwondo Handbook](#) on the AAU Taekwondo website.

Coach's protest fee is \$100 cash.

No Athletes, Coaches or Officials will be allowed to participate in this event without a current 2024 AAU Membership.



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Important Information For Coaches and Competitors

Both Athletes and Coaches MUST be current 2024 AAU members

AAU Membership:

Youth & Adult Athlete Membership: All competitors, youth and adult, must have a current 2024 AAU Membership. Youth membership is \$20.00 and Adult membership is \$30. Both Athlete memberships are available immediately.

Youth & Adult Non-Athlete Membership: All coaches and officials must have a current 2024 AAU Membership. Adult membership is \$55 for one year and \$75 for a two-year membership, which is more cost effective. AAU's commitment to youth safety is second to none and all adults who request membership will have a background check. Please allow for at least 10 working days for the membership to be completed. Coaches and Officials under the age of 18 will not be required to have a Non-Athlete Membership. They will use their athlete membership to register as either. Their age is determined as of 12/31/2024.

Go to www.aautaekwondo.org to join.

Coaches Certification:

The AAU Taekwondo Online Coaches Certification is required annually in order to coach at any licensed AAU Taekwondo event, including this District Championship. This certification is for the current competition year only, so the coach must have completed after September 1, 2023.

Certification/Recertification is required each year. There are different courses you may select to be certified as a coach. You must have a certification for of the events you plan to coach. Make sure you take the appropriate course. Anyone who will be 14 any time during 2024 may take this course and upon passing will be allowed to coach at any AAU Taekwondo event.

Go to [AAU - Taekwondo \(aautaekwondo.org\) - Coaches Certification](http://AAU-Taekwondo(aautaekwondo.org)-Coaches-Certification) to complete the appropriate course. The tournament director will only provide coaches passes to those who are reflected on the AAU website as having completed the coach's certification or that can provide their 2025 Certification Certificate at check-in.

All athletes and coaches must register on-line for the tournament prior to the LATE registration deadline of March 14, 2024. Anyone not registered by this deadline will be unable to compete or coach in the tournament.



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Olympic Style Sparring Competition Rules

Please read the full rules and policies as outlined in the AAU Taekwondo Handbook.

Divisions:

The Divisions and Weight Charts are found in the AAU Handbook in the General Policy and Regulations for Olympic-Style Sparring Section beginning on page 70. The tournament director will reserve the right to combine divisions by age, weight or belt in order to provide competition.

Uniform & Equipment Requirements:

The AAU rules requiring a clean white uniform and red and blue headgear for Olympic Style Sparring is highly encouraged since these requirements will be in force at AAU Nationals and Junior Olympics. However, for this qualifying event, these requirements will be waived. All athletes will be required to wear a mouthpiece. If an athlete has braces on top and bottom, the mouthpiece must cover both the top and bottom teeth. Also, arm guards, shin and instep guards and groin protection for males will be required and worn under the dobok. Color requirements for these are also waived for this tournament. There will not be an equipment vendor at the event.

Olympic Sparring advanced (red and brown) belts ages 10 and over and all black belt competitors will use KPnP electronic hogus and headgear. KPnP E-socks will be required for competition. There will be no E-socks for purchase at the event. Please go to Dynamics World at this link: [Dynamics World](#) or MyKick.com and use this link [E-Foot Protectors – KPnP](#) to purchase these before the tournament. Please allow sufficient time for shipping.

Match Times:

All color belt matches will be three sixty (60) second rounds. Black belt matches will be three ninety (90) second rounds. The format will be the Best of Three.

Penalties:

Refer to the AAU Handbook for the penalties and for those that can be challenged by a coach. IVR (Video Review) will be used and the coach will receive one challenge card.



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Point Sparring Competition Rules

Please read the full rules and policies as outlined in the AAU Taekwondo Handbook.

Divisions:

Competition at this event shall be divided by Height and Gender. Depending upon the number of athletes, the tournament director may combine divisions by age and belt, where appropriate. National's qualification will be determined based on the finishes in the tall and short divisions.

Match Times:

All matches will be one round with two minutes running time or a 12-point gap, whichever occurs first. If the match runs the full two minutes, the competitor ahead on score will be declared the winner. If a match is tied at the end of the two minutes, a Golden Round will determine the match. A competitor must win the Golden Round by a two (2) point net change in the score. Coaches may request one 10 second timeout when action is paused.

Points:

One point will be awarded for any valid hand technique executed to the legal body or head area.

One point will be awarded for any valid foot technique executed to the legal body area.

Two points will be awarded for any valid foot technique executed to the legal head area.

Three points will be awarded for any valid spinning/turning foot technique executed to the legal head area.

All contact must be made with light contact.

Penalties:

Refer to the AAU Handbook for the complete list of penalties. IVR (Video Review) will be used and the coach will receive one challenge card.

Coaches may only challenge the following:

- Head kick that is not scored for their contestant
- Misidentified kick (score for the body that should have been head)
- Head kick score given to the wrong contestant
- When referee forgot to invalidate point(s) after a penalty was given for a prohibited act.



Southeastern AAU Taekwondo District Championship & National Qualifier March 16, 2024 Para Taekwondo Competition

Para Taekwondo Competition (formerly known as Special Needs Competition) has three types of competition that has had modifications to the rules. These events are: Forms, Point Sparring and Olympic Sparring. Each competition follows the rules for Forms, Point Sparring and Olympic Sparring, respectively, with the specific modifications outlined in the 2024 AAU Taekwondo Handbook.

For this competition, if there is no one in an athlete's division, the tournament director may combine divisions, where modifications are the same. Also, in sparring competition, if there is no one in their division, the tournament director may allow for a coach to provide competition for the athlete in the sparring division.

Board Breaking and Weapons Forms will have no modifications to existing rules. Para Taekwondo Competitors will compete in Para Divisions. 0



Southeastern AAU Taekwondo District Championship & National Qualifier March 16, 2024 Board Breaking Guidelines

Breaking competition will be timed.

Board Breaking Rules- Boards must be purchased from our National Sponsor AAMA by visiting website www.aamasupply.com. There will be also be boards available at the event site. They will be sold in packs of 10 boards for \$40 per pack.

All Board Holders must be an AAU member AND be either a registered athlete or coach for this event in order to hold boards for this event. A maximum of 2 board holders and 2 board feeders will be allowed. If cinder blocks are used, a maximum of 2 feeders will be allowed.

Board Breaking: Repetitive Spin Hook - Allowed technique is spinning hook kick

- Single break format; One board per strike
- 10 board competition
- Winner based on fastest time required to break 10 boards

Board Breaking: Repetitive Side Kick - Allowed technique is side kick

- Single break format; One board per strike
- 10 board competition
- Winner based on fastest time required to break 10 board

Board Breaking: Repetitive Hand Technique

- Single break format; One board per strike
- Allowed technique is hammer fist, palm, knife or fist (punch)
- 10 board competition
- Winner based on fastest time required to break 10 boards

BOARD SIZES:

- 5 to 13-year-old athletes = AAMA Demo Small
- 14 and older athletes = AAMA Demo Medium

Coaches must be prepared to hold boards for their athletes. Other athletes may be allowed to hold boards for athletes, but they must be registered for the tournament AND have their dobok on while holding. Blocks will be available for repetitive hand breaking. Coaches must have a coaches pass to be on the floor to hold boards.



Southeastern AAU Taekwondo District Championship & National Qualifier March 16, 2024 Weapons Forms

Weapons Forms Competition:

Weapons Forms: Traditional

- Single Elimination Format
- No live blades will be allowed
- The weapon must be in contact with the body at all times
- Inverted aerial maneuvers are not allowed, rolls are allowed, cartwheels are not allowed
- 90 second time limit
- Judging criteria includes Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace and Beauty
- Only one weapon may be used
- Competitor may not switch weapons during the competition
- Approved weapons for this event are: Kamas, Sword, Sai, Tonfa, Staff, Nunchaku, Knife, Polearm, Eku, Cane, Fan, and Escrima

Weapons Forms: Creative

- Single Elimination Format
- No live blades will be allowed
- Weapon releases are allowed in the creative division
- Inverted aerial maneuvers are allowed in the creative division
- 90 second time limit
- Judging criteria includes Creativity, Technique, Power, Focus, Rhythm, Grace and Beauty
- Only one weapon may be used
- Competitor may not switch weapons during the competition
- Approved weapons for this event are: Kamas, Sword, Sai, Tonfa, Staff, Nunchaku, Knife, Polearm, Eku, Cane, Fan, and Escrima

AAU Approved for Weapons Forms Competitions



Kamas



Sword – various kinds



Sai



Tonfa



Staff – various kinds



Nunchaku



knife – various kinds



Polearms
various kinds



Eku - Oar



Cane



Fan



Escrima Stick



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Tentative Staging Times

Arrive and Check in 1 hour before Staging

8:30 am Officials Meeting	8:00 am	Doors Open for Athlete Check – In (Priority will be given to Olympic Sparring Advanced and Black Belts)
8:30 am Coaches Meeting	9:00 am	Olympic Style Sparring and Forms Staging All Adult Advanced and Black Belts
ME+1 Division is not a qualifying division	9:30 am	Opening Ceremonies ME + 1 Ages 5 & Under – Go to Ring 2 – All Events Olympic Style Sparring and Forms Staging - All Youth Advanced and Black Belts
	1:00 pm	Olympic Sparring & Forms Staging– Novice and Intermediate Belts – All Ages Para Taekwondo Report to Ring 2 – All Events
	3:00 pm	Point Sparring Staging – All Belts, All Ages
	4:00 pm	Board Breaking Staging - All Belts, All Ages Weapons Forms – All Belts, All Ages

Actual staging times may vary slightly. Staging times are not the time the match will start, but when divisions are confirmed.

Communication from the tournament director the week of the event will finalize the staging times.



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100 Bulldog Drive
Smyrna, TN 337167

Directions to Venue



Smyrna High School is located southeast of Nashville, TN.

Located off Interstate 24, it is easily accessible from any direction. There will be plenty of visitor parking and seating available all day.

Directions:

From Atlanta/Chattanooga/Southeast: Take I24W to Exit 70 north of Murfreesboro, TN. Take the ramp for TN-102 toward Smyrna and turn right onto Almaville Rd / TN-102. Go 2.2 miles and turn left onto Bulldog Drive.

From Knoxville/Lebanon/East: Take I40W to I840W towards Chattanooga/Memphis. At Exit 57, head right on the ramp toward Sulphur Springs Rd and turn right onto Sulphur Springs Rd. Go 1.8 miles and stay straight onto Florence Rd. Continue straight 0.1 miles onto George Franklin Rd. Proceed 0.6 miles and turn right onto US-70S/US-41N/TN-1/New Nashville Hwy. Proceed for 1.8 miles and take the ramp on the right and follow signs for I-24/TN-102. Merge onto TN-102. Turn right onto Bulldog Dr.

From Memphis/Arkansas: Take I40W to I840E towards Chattanooga/Knoxville. Take I24W towards Nashville to Exit 70 north of Murfreesboro, TN. Take the ramp for TN-102 toward Smyrna and turn right onto Almaville Rd / TN-102. Go 2.2 miles and turn left onto Bulldog Drive.

From St Louis/Louisville: Proceed to Nashville TN and take I24E out of Nashville to Exit 70 north of Murfreesboro, TN. Take the ramp for TN-102 toward Smyrna and turn right onto Almaville Rd / TN-102. Go 2.2 miles and turn left onto Bulldog Drive.



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Official Hotel

La Quinta Inn & Suites
by Wyndham
2537 Highwood Blvd.
Smyrna, TN 37167
Phone: 615-220-8845



Come to compete at the SEAAU Tournament and explore the lively Music City and enjoy the relaxing amenities and friendly service at La Quinta[®] by Wyndham Smyrna TN – Nashville. Conveniently located off I-24 and 16 miles from Nashville International Airport (BNA), our pet-friendly hotel is a quick drive from the heart of the Tennessee capital and attractions such as Ryman Auditorium, the Grand Ole Opry[®], the National Museum of African American Music and the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum.

Make yourself at home in one of the **Athlete** guestrooms featuring refrigerators and flat-screen televisions. Wake up with a free Bright Side Breakfast[®] of eggs, waffles, and more. Each of our non-smoking guest rooms features a flat-screen HDTV, mini-refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, desk, ironing amenities, and hair dryer. Plus, take advantage of extras like free parking, laundry facilities, and the Bright Side Market.

To Reserve your Athlete room, click here: [Reserve Athlete Room](#). You may also call direct to the hotel and request an **Athlete Room**. Reservations must be made by **3-1-2024**. After that date, the **La Quinta Smyrna**, will release any remaining rooms and the group rate of **\$139** will no longer be available.

Individual reservations have a 24-hour cancellation policy. Reservations must be canceled by 6pm the day prior to arrival or they are subject to a cancellation fee of one night's room and tax. Guest's who fail to cancel a reservation and do not check in will be charged a **No-Show** fee of one night's room and tax.