

# YEAR 2003 AAU BASEBALL AGE 16:UNDER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations on qualifying and electing to participate in the **2003 AAU Age 16:Under National Baseball Championship**. We thank you for your participation and hope that the tournament will be an exciting and memorable experience.

Please follow the instructions below to properly enter your team:

### **ENTRY DEADLINE:**

All entry materials **MUST** be received at the **2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games Office in Detroit** and **AAU Baseball Credentials Office in Des Moines**, no later than **Wednesday, July 9, 2003**. Tournament officials are under no obligation to accept any entry received **AFTER** the entry deadline.

### **MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

In order to assure that your materials are **RECEIVED** by the **ENTRY DEADLINE**, all entry materials **MUST** be sent via an overnight service (i.e. Federal Express, Airborne Express, US Postal Overnight, etc.). AAU Baseball is not responsible for entry materials lost in the mail, so protect yourself by using a reliable overnight mail service!

### **ENTRY FEE:**

The entry fee is \$500.00 per team and is non-refundable. The entry fee entitles your team to a maximum of twenty (20) players, one (1) scorekeeper, two (2) bat-persons and three (3) coaches credentials. **ONLY certified checks or money orders** are accepted. No personal checks will be accepted. You must send a portion of the entry fee to both the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games and the AAU Baseball Credentials Office. Please follow the directions below.

### **ENTRY PROCEDURES:**

**Entry materials and fees are sent to two separate locations as described below:**

**Please send the following materials to the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games Office indicated below: (Deadline: July 9, 2003)**

1. **Original copy** of the National Championship Team Entry Form.
2. **Original copy** of the Championship Roster Form.
3. Participant Entry Form for each player, coach, scorekeeper and bat-person.
4. Certified check or money order in the amount of **\$400.00** payable to: **2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games**.
5. Signed Athlete Waiver/Release Form for each player and bat-person.
6. Team photo with all players identified.
7. Signed copy of AAU Baseball Individual and Team Eligibility Verification Statement

**2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games  
Detroit Metro Sports Commission  
211 W. Fort St., Suite 1000  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Attn: Baseball  
Phone: 313-202-1905**

**Please send the following materials to the AAU Baseball Credentials Office indicated below: (Deadline: July 9, 2003)**

1. **Copy** of the National Championship Team Entry Form.
2. **Copy** of the Championship Roster Form.
3. **Legible** copy of birth certificate for each athlete.
4. Certified check or money order in the amount of **\$100.00** payable to: **AAU Baseball #403**
5. Copy of the signed AAU Baseball Individual and Team Eligibility Verification Statement

**AAU BASEBALL CREDENTIALS OFFICE  
Attn: Teresa Parmenter  
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Des Moines, IA 50310-4616  
515-255-4058 – Office  
parmentern@aol.com**

**Entries without entry fees are unacceptable.**

Birth certificates that are illegible due to poor quality are unacceptable.

Individual AAU cards must be presented by each athlete, coach, and bat-person at Team Check-In, but should **NOT** be sent with the above materials.

Upon receipt of entry materials, team name and association shall be posted on the AAU Baseball web site ([www.aaubaseball.org](http://www.aaubaseball.org), click on 2003 results). This does not imply that the team has been fully certified to compete, only that the entry materials have been received.

# YEAR 2003 AAU BASEBALL AGE 16:UNDER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**DATES:** Thursday, July 24 Team Check-In/Team Meeting – Ford Field  
Friday, July 25 to Friday, August 1 Competition  
Saturday, August 2 Rain date  
**Monday, July 28 Celebration of Athletes – Ford Field (7:00 pm)**

Teams are advised to arrive in Detroit, MI no later than 12:00 noon Thursday, July 24 and plan on staying through Saturday, August 2.

The AAU Age 16:Under Division National Baseball Championship is played as part of the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games.

**FACILITIES:** The 2003 Championship will be played at the following locations:

Gabriel Richard High School, 15325 Pennsylvania Rd, Riverview, MI  
Allen Park High School, 18401 Champaign Rd, Allen Park, MI  
Monroe Jefferson High School, 5707 Williams Rd, Monroe, MI  
Flat Rock Community Fields, 25500 Gibraltar Rd, Flat Rock, MI  
Oestrike Stadium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

**AGE DIVISION:** 16:Under

**ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is \$500.00 per team and is non-refundable. ONLY **certified checks or money orders** are accepted. No personal checks will be accepted.

**Please make payable to:** AAU Baseball #403 \$100  
2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games \$400

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** All entry information must be **RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2003**. Postmark and date of shipment are not relevant. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE DATE OR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT THE ENTRY. OVERNIGHT DELIVERY IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has spent many hours planning and preparing for this event. In order to make it a great success, we are asking for your cooperation. It is the responsibility of the coach, designated person of the team, or athlete to return all the necessary monies and completed forms by the deadline date. The responsibility of the LOC and the AAU is **ONLY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ENTRY(S) BASED ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AND NOT TO MAKE SURE ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.**

**AAU MEMBERSHIP:** All athletes, coaches, and bat-persons must be members of their AAU Association and must present their AAU membership card at Team check-in. In addition, all teams must be registered as an AAU Club with their AAU Association and must comply with the regulations of the AAU Code.

**COMPETITION FORMAT:** In general, the eight (8) days of competition will consist of:

1. Three (3) days of initial pool play on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (July 25-27). Following completion of initial pool play, at least the top two finishers in each initial pool will advance to the championship pools and the remaining teams will be placed in classic pools.
2. Three (3) days of championship/classic pool play on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (July 28-30). Not less than two teams from each championship pool will advance to the championship bracket. The number of teams advancing from the classic pools to the classic bracket will be determined based on the total number of participating teams.
3. Two (2) days of championship/classic bracket play on Thursday and Friday (July 31-August 1). The championship bracket will be a "modified single elimination playoff" under which first through eighth places will be determined. The classic bracket will be single elimination.

Particular circumstances may result in some deviation from the described tournament format, subject to the prior approval of the National AAU Baseball Competition Task Group.

If any portion of the tournament is delayed or modified due to inclement weather or any other cause, all participating teams are expected to play at any time, including Saturday, August 2. No exceptions will be made to accommodate travel plans made for the rain date.

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to change the tournament format to ensure completion of the tournament.

**RULES OF PLAY:**

Year 2003 High School Baseball Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations except where modified (see 2003 AAU Baseball Handbook, www.aausports.org). Games will be seven (7) innings in length. A player may pitch in a cumulative maximum of ten (10) innings in consecutive calendar days after which that player may **not** pitch the next calendar day. Extra player rule will apply. Designated hitter and re-entry rules will apply to any starting player. The 10-run/ 15-run rule will be in effect except in bronze and gold medal games.

There will be no games ending in a tie. Games will be played until there is a winner. Time limits on games will be 2 hours and 30 minutes with no new inning starting after the time limit has expired if the game is not tied.

**PLAYER AGE DETERMINATION:**

All players must have been born on or after August 1, 1986. Proof of age will be required at time of entry. Only the following documents are acceptable:

1. A copy of birth record from the STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.
2. A copy of the delayed registration of birth (originals may be requested) if the athlete's birth was not recorded on the day of birth, issued by any of the same bodies listed.
3. Consular Service Form FS-240, "Report of Birth," issued by the US State Department.
4. Immigration and Naturalization Forms I-151 and I-25 and Form 43-R311-7 issued by the United States Department of Justice.

**HOSPITAL RECORDS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!****TEAM PHOTO:**

A team photo is **mandatory** for each team with all players identified. If a player is not in the team photo, an individual photo of that player must accompany the entry.

**COACHES:**

Each team is entitled to a maximum of three (3) bench personnel (head coach and assistant coaches), one (1) scorekeeper and two (2) bat-persons. Each of these individuals must be a registered AAU member. The daily tournament admission fee for these coaches, athletes, and bat-persons is included in the team entry fee.

**BAT-PERSONS:**

No more than two (2) bat-persons may be registered by each team, provided that each bat-person is between the ages of 8 – 18 years of age at the time of the tournament and is a registered AAU member. Bat-persons must wear approved batting helmets while in live-ball areas.

**COACHES' ATTIRE:**

Coaches do not need to be in full uniform, but should be in **appropriate matching athletic attire, consistent with the team uniform** (such as collared shirts and coaches' shorts, with athletic shoes).

**CHECK-IN:**

**Pre-Registration:** It is extremely important that all entry materials be received no later than the previously mentioned deadline date. ALL TEAM ENTRY FORM (S) RECEIVED BEYOND THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! Of course, we want as many athletes as possible to participate, so please get all entry forms in on time. Again, guaranteed overnight delivery will become mandatory if it is the only way to ensure compliance with the deadline date.

**On-Site Check-In:** On Thursday, July 24, all teams must officially check-in between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm at Ford Field located in downtown Detroit at 2000 Brush Street. Please follow posted signs to the Check-In Area. For additional check-in information, mapping and directions please consult your *Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook*. **Parking fees will typically range from \$3.00-\$6.00 per day, but other area events can cause parking fees to fluctuate.** For more information on parking, please refer to the *Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook*.

All players, coaches, and team personnel with required materials must be present at registration. Please bring copies of all forms, including birth certificates, submitted with your entry, to on-site registration. Practice times will be made available for that day.

**All players will be required to present a photo ID to verify identity at Team Check-In.**

**Directions to Ford Field:**

**From the West (Airport):** Take I-94 East to I-96 East, exit left at the I-75 exit. Proceed on I-75 North. Take the Grand River exit (# 50). Follow the service drive to Woodward Avenue and go East on Woodward. Comerica Park will be on your left and Ford Field is behind it. Turning left on Montcalm or Adams will take you to the stadium.

**From the North/South:** Take I-75 to the Grand River exit (#50). Follow the service drive to Woodward Avenue and go East on Woodward. Comerica Park will be on your left and Ford Field is behind it. Turning left on Montcalm or Adams will take you to the stadium.

**COACHES' MEETING:**

**THURSDAY, JULY 24 at 8:00 p.m.:** The head coach from each team is required to attend a coaches' meeting which will be held at the headquarters hotel, the Ramada Downriver. The second coaches meeting will be held at the end of the first round of pool play (site and time TBA).

**Directions to the Ramada Downriver:**

**From Ford Field (Downtown):** Take I-75 South to Exit 36 (Eureka Rd. exit). After exiting, you will be headed West on Eureka Rd. Take the first turnaround to head East on Eureka Rd. After passing underneath the freeway, the Ramada Inn will be immediately on your right.

**From the Airport:** Take Airport exit (Rogell Dr.) to Goddard Rd. exit. Go right on ramp to Goddard Rd. Take Goddard Rd. (about 1/2 mile) to Middlebelt Rd. and turn right on Middlebelt Rd. Take Middlebelt Rd. approx. 3 miles to Eureka Rd. Take a left onto Eureka Rd. After about 4 miles, you will pass I-75 and the Ramada Inn will be on your right just past the freeway.

**AWARDS:**

Team trophies and individual AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top eight (8) teams in the championship bracket. Team trophies and individual medals will be awarded to the top two (2) teams in the classic bracket. The baseball winner of the Joel Ferrell AAU Junior Olympic Games Award will be selected. The presentation of awards will be held immediately following completion of championship bracket games.

**INSIGNIA:** The official AAU Baseball cloth emblem (patch) must be affixed to the left sleeve of the primary uniform jersey worn by each player and coach during the National competition. A uniform with an official AAU Baseball cloth emblem must be worn to (1) opening ceremonies, (2) first preliminary pool game, and (3) final game in both championship and classic brackets. Order forms are available at [www.aabaseball.org](http://www.aabaseball.org).

**CONDUCT:** Players' and coaches' conduct should be above reproach, both on and off the diamond. Any misconduct will result in disqualification from the championship. Coaches listed on the official team roster will be responsible for the conduct of their players and for any damages incurred to the hotel(s) or motel(s) or facilities used by their roster players. Any player or coach who is ejected from a game will also be disqualified from that team's following game. The second occurrence during the tournament results in suspension for the remainder of the tournament as well as possible imposition of further sanctions.

**PROTESTS:** Protests must be made verbally with the umpire by the offended team at the time of the play and before the next pitch. A fee of \$100.00 cash (refunded if upheld) must accompany the protest. All decisions of the protest committee shall be final. Only decisions involving the misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule may be protested. No protest shall be allowed in matters involving solely the officials' judgment.**HOUSING:** All requests for hotels will be handled by the Detroit Housing Bureau. **Contact the Housing Bureau toll free at 877-228-9389 or book your rooms on-line at [www.aaujrogs.org](http://www.aaujrogs.org).** For a complete listing of properties please see the housing section of the Handbook or the web site. You will need to have the following information ready when contacting the Housing Bureau:

1. The sport you will be competing in
2. The number of people in your party
3. The number of rooms you need
4. Your arrival and departure dates
5. Your credit card number

**IMPORTANT: All reservations require a one-night room and tax deposit through an approved form of credit. In the event an attendee needs to cancel their reservation, the cancellation must occur prior to 72 hours from the confirmed arrival date. If the cancellation occurs within 72 hours of the scheduled arrival, the hotel reserves the right to charge the guest for one night's room and tax.**

#### **CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES:**

The 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games **Celebration of Athletes** will be held at Ford Field located in downtown Detroit on Monday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. All athletes are encouraged to attend, as you won't want to miss the 2003 Celebration. The format of this year's Celebration has changed dramatically. Take some time to meet your fellow athletes from other states. Check the web site at [www.aaujrogs.org](http://www.aaujrogs.org) for more announcements on this year's **Celebration of Athletes**. Parking fees will typically range from \$3.00-\$6.00 per day, but other area events downtown can cause parking fees to fluctuate.

**PARKING:** The majority of venues for the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games will offer complimentary parking. However, exceptions to this include Ford Field in Downtown Detroit and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Parking fees will typically range from \$3.00-\$6.00 per day, but other area events can cause parking fees to fluctuate. Parking regulations are strictly enforced both in Downtown Detroit and on-campus at Eastern Michigan University. Please obey all posted parking regulations, as the cost of a parking ticket will outweigh the cost of parking. More details on parking can be found in the *Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook*.

Also, please note that most downtown hotels will charge for parking at their location. These prices vary and often can be added directly to your hotel bill upon checkout. Please contact your hotel directly to determine if you will be charged for parking.

**FOOD:** All 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games baseball facilities maintain exclusive rights to concessions. Outside food and beverage shall not be permitted throughout the duration of the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games.

**ADMISSION FEE:** Each sport is a part of the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games. Admission to all venues and the Celebration of Athletes for credentialed participants only is included in your entry fee. Please note that you must check-in and pick up your athlete or coach credential prior to receiving admittance into any venue, including the Celebration of Athletes. All other spectators will be able to enjoy any of the sporting events and ceremonies throughout the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games by purchasing an admission ticket that is valid for all the sports involved in the Games. For more information on ticket options, please refer to the *Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook* or visit [www.aaujrogs.org](http://www.aaujrogs.org).

**SECURITY:** All 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain the right to search any bags, backpacks, purses, jackets, etc. throughout the duration of the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games.

**TRANSPORTATION:** All athletes, coaches, and fans are responsible for their own transportation to and from all activities, events, and hotels.

#### **INFORMATION:**

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