

BATON TWIRLING

LOCATION: Lake Orion High School, 495 E Scripps Road, Lake Orion, MI 48360

DATES:	Monday, July 28, 2003	Athlete Check-In	Ford Field
	Monday, July 28, 2003	Celebration of Athletes	Ford Field – 7:00 PM
	Tuesday, July 29, 2003	Competition	Lake Orion High School
	Wednesday, July 30, 2003	Competition	Lake Orion High School
	Thursday, July 31, 2003	Competition	Lake Orion High School
	Friday, August 1, 2003	Competition	Lake Orion High School
	Saturday, August 2, 2003	Competition	Lake Orion High School

QUALIFICATION: Competitors must compete and qualify at an AAU Association or Regional Championship in each event they wish to be eligible in order to compete at the AAU National Championship. A competitor can compete in only one level/one age group for each solo event.

AGE DIVISIONS:	<p><u>Solo one baton</u> Novice** – 0-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-20 Beginner – 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20 Intermediate - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20 Advanced - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20 Boys - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20</p> <p><u>Solo three baton</u> 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20</p> <p><u>Twirling Duets (combined ages)</u> Beginner – 0-12, 13-18, 19-24, 25-40 Advanced – 0-18, 19-24, 25-30, 31-40</p> <p><u>*Small Twirling Teams (average ages) 4-8 members</u> Beginner*** – 0-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-20 Advanced – 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20</p> <p><u>*Small Dance Twirl Teams (average ages) 4-8 members</u> Beginner*** – 0-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-20 Advanced – 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20</p> <p><u>*Small Twirling Corps (average age)</u> 0-9 (10-18 members) 10-13 (12-20 members) 14-20 (12-20 members)</p> <p><u>*Small Parade Corps (average ages) 12-16 members</u> 0-9, 10-13, 14-20</p>	<p><u>Solo two baton</u> Novice** - 0-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-20 Beginner - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20 Intermediate - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20 Advanced -0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20</p> <p><u>Solo freestyle</u> 5-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20</p> <p><u>Twirling Trios (average ages)</u> 0-12, 13-20</p> <p><u>*Large Twirling Teams (average ages) 9 & more members</u> Beginner*** – 0-8, 9-12, 13-20 Advanced – 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20</p> <p><u>*Large Dance Twirl Teams (average ages) 9 & more members</u> Beginner*** – 0-8, 9-12, 13-20 Advanced – 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20</p> <p><u>*Large Twirling Corps (average age)</u> 0-9 (19 & more members) 10-13 (21 & more members) 14-20 (21 & more members)</p> <p><u>*Large Parade Corps (average ages) 17 & more members</u> 0-9, 10-13, 14-20</p>
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To calculate average ages, add all the athletes' ages together, then divide the sum by the number of athletes in the group. Any average ending in a .5 or higher must be rounded up to the next whole number. Athletes participating in a group may not be any older than the next higher age group they are competing in. Therefore, if a small twirling corps' average age were 9.2, they would compete in the 0-9 division and could not have any one older than 13 years old in the group. If a small twirling corps' average age were 9.2 and they have a member that is older than 13 years old in the group, they would compete in the 10-13 division. But if a small twirling corps' average age were 9.5, they would compete in the 10-13 division and could have 20 year olds in the group.

*The National Competition Committee reserves the right to combine age divisions in group competition where there are less than 5 entries in an age division.

**Novice solo one baton & Novice solo two baton. Athletes in this level may not perform more than a two-turn around, no more than two continuous elbows, no front or back neck rolls (i.e. open throat, propellers, neck traps, etc.) and NO toss illusions are allowed.

***Athletes that are Novice, Beginner or Intermediate in Solo one baton and have not received more than five first place Beginner team wins are considered Beginner team athletes. Athletes that are Advanced in Solo one baton are not allowed to compete on a Beginner team. Athletes that are Advanced in Solo one baton or have received five first place Beginner team wins are considered Advanced team athletes.

AGE**DETERMINATION:**

Determined by the athlete's age at the time of the AAU National Championships first day of competition, (July 29, 2003). For solos & duets the athlete must compete in their current age group. Athletes **MUST** compete at their AAU Association or Regional Championship in the age division in which they will be at the AAU National Championships.

ENTRY FEE:**SOLO EVENTS**

1 Event	\$60.00
2 Events	\$80.00
3 Events	\$100.00
4 Events	\$120.00

GROUP EVENTS

Duets, Trios, Teams & Corps
\$15.00 per athlete per event

ENTRY DEADLINE:

All registration materials must be received no later than **Friday, June 27, 2003**. All entry fees must be in the form of either a cashier's check or money order made payable to **2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games**. **No personal checks will be accepted. Please do not send cash.** All fees are non-refundable.

ATHLETES and COACHES must send entry forms and fees to the following address:

**2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games
Detroit Metro Sports Commission
211 W. Fort St., Suite 1000
Detroit, MI 48226**

ENTRY CONFIRMATION: TO CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR PACKET:

- PUT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ON THE ENTRY FORM. ONCE YOUR ENTRY HAS BEEN PROCESSED, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION.
- IF YOU HAVE SENT YOUR PACKET VIA AN OVERNIGHT SERVICE (i.e. FedEx, UPS, Priority Mail) YOU CAN TRACK THE PACKET WITH THE AIRBILL NUMBER. IF YOUR PACKET HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND SIGNED FOR THEN YOUR ENTRY WILL BE PROCESSED.

The Local Organizing Committee has spent many hours planning and preparing this AAU 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. It is NOT the responsibility of the Host or the AAU to make sure all forms are completed, **ONLY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ENTRY (S) BASED ON THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED.**

AAU MEMBERSHIP:

All athletes and coaches must be members of their AAU Association and be able to present their 2003 AAU membership card at check-in. Register for membership at www.aausports.org.

CHECK-IN:

Pre-Registration: It is extremely important that all entries be received in Detroit no later than the above-mentioned deadline date. 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: Check-In for athletes, coaches, clubs and teams participating in the AAU Junior Olympic Games will be held at Ford Field located in downtown Detroit at 2000 Brush Street. Please follow posted signs to the Check-In Area. For check-in hours, 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*.

**DIRECTIONS TO
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.

**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.aaujrogames.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.

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.aaujrogames.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.

TRANSPORTATION:

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

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.

FOOD:

All 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain exclusive rights to concessions. Outside food and beverage are not 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.aaujrogames.org.

COMPETITION**SCHEDULE:**

This is only a tentative schedule and is subject to change. A final schedule will be available at athlete check-in.

Tuesday, July 29, 2003

Wednesday, July 30, 2003

Thursday, July 31, 2003

Friday, August 1, 2003

Saturday, August 2, 2003

Solo Freestyle, Solo Two Baton & Solo Three Baton Prelims

Solo One Baton Prelims & Group (Duets/Trios/Teams) Prelims

Balance of Solo Prelims & Group Prelims

Solo & Group (Duets & Teams) Finals

Parade of Athletes

Solo & Group (Duets/Trios, Team & Corps) Finals

* Schedule will be based on the number of entries received.

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