

GUIDE TO NATIONALS

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TO: All Coaches

RE: AAU Junior Olympics Games-Cheerleading Schedule

FROM: Shelly Paull, AAU National Cheerleading Chairman

Dear Coaches,

Welcome to the 2003 National Championships! This guide is designed to help you get through the games with as little confusion as possible. If you have any questions that are not answered here, please feel free to ask me. I can be reached at 941-627-5342 until Saturday, July 26th. I hope you and your athletes will have a great competition! Please find attached the schedule for all the cheerleading events at the AAU Junior Olympic Games for 2003. Included is the overall schedule for all events and times, list of competitors for all teams competing with divisions and breakdowns, list of athletes competing cheer solo and list for crowd leader. Please make sure you review all materials and double check your athletes and teams for correct information. Some divisions have been combined to facilitate competition in each division. Teams will be awarded the official AAU Junior Olympic 2003 medals for competition in each division. Overall grand champion will be divided into the following three divisions:

- PEE-WEE NOVICE
- JUNIOR/SENIOR NOVICE
- ADVANCED

Grand Champion Trophies will be awarded at the team awards ceremony approximately 6:15 pm.

Coaches need to read over the schedule carefully to understand the format. I have tried to spell out everything to make it clear a have the competition run on time and smoothly. Please educate all coaches and athletes to this format prior to the AAU Junior Olympic Games. There will be no time to be looking for teams to warm-up. Each team will have a squad leader appointed by the AAU to help with your team rotating to each warm-up station and competition mat. When your team is called, please report immediately. Please be respectful to these volunteers, they are volunteers and like all want to have a safe and successful competition for everyone.

During the coaches meeting we will review all this information and more. Please plan on attending this coaches meeting to be held promptly at 3:30 pm in the warm-up gym area

near the tumbling strip. All coaches need to be wearing credentials, no one without proper credentials will be allowed on the competitive floor. Coaches are required to dress appropriately and in coaching attire. We want to present a professional image.

There will be someone at the music table to collect your teams and individual music, all music must be turned in and cued at the designated time or you will be subject to a two point penalty per team.

Please make sure you register on Monday, July 28th early, I will personally be there during the morning and afternoon prior to the Celebration of Athletes.

As the national chairman for our sport I strongly encourage you and your teams, family and friends to attend the Celebration of Athletes held Monday night July, 28th. I have been personally told that this will be outstanding. Many different sports will be highlighted, cheerleading included! We need all of our cheerleading fans to come cheer, yell and holler for our favorite sport. After the inside portion of the celebration finishes there will be a carnival outside the arena for everyone to enjoy. Each athlete will receive five free tickets for rides, games and other activities going on. There are ten different things for athletes to choose to use their tickets on and can purchase additional tickets for only \$1.00 each. There will be great bands performing throughout the night so wear your dancing shoes!

Grand March-

All athletes, coaches and judges are invited to participate in the Grand March. The Grand March will begin at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, July 29th. Athletes should report to the stretching area at 3:30 pm dressed in team warm-ups or team uniforms. Each team must report to the check-in table located in the stretching area to receive further instructions. Team banners may be carried, if desired.

On behalf of the AAU Cheerleading program have a safe trip to Detroit and good luck to your teams at the AAU Junior Olympic Games this year!

Sincerely,

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