

AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES DANCE – DANCE/DRILL TEAM

LOCATION:

Ford Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48126

DATES:

Friday, July 25

Studio, Schools, All Star, Community Recreation	Athlete Check-In	Ford Field
Studio, Schools, All Star, Community Recreation	Practice, Workshop, Competition	Ford Performing Arts Ctr

Saturday, July 26

Studio, Schools, All Star, Community Recreation	Competition	Ford Performing Arts Ctr
DanceSport and Salsa	Athlete Check-In	Ford Field

Sunday, July 27

DanceSport and Salsa	Competition	Ford Performing Arts Ctr
Clogging	Athlete Check-In	Ford Field

Monday, July 28

Clogging	Competition	Ford Performing Arts Ctr
All Divisions	Celebration of Athletes	Ford Field

Tuesday, July 29

Clogging	Competition	Ford Performing Arts Ctr
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The schedule is subject to change depending on entries.

For additional information, please contact:

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DanceSport and Salsa – Issac Altman, 305-271-0606, ialtman@msn.com

Clogging – Susan Phillips, 770-985-5557, clog@clog.org

QUALIFICATION:

Competitors must compete and qualify at an AAU sanctioned or Score4Dance approved competition held throughout the country. Check the web site at www.aausports.org for a list of events.

AAU MEMBERSHIP:

All athletes and coaches must be members of the AAU and be able to present their 2003 AAU membership card at the time of check-in. AAU membership is available for \$10 per athletes and \$12 per coaches. The cost of membership is addition to the entry fee. To become a member, register on-line at www.aausports.org, contact your Local AAU Office at 1-800-AAU-4USA or contact the AAU National Office at 407-934-7200. **When registering for AAU membership, please use the sport code "DA".** If an athlete or coach does not have a membership card at the time of check-in, they will be required to purchase one at that time.

CLASSIFICATION ELIGIBILITY:

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGIATE:

This division includes teams from academic institutions only. Eligibility for performers in elementary, middle school, junior high, high school and collegiate competitions will be determined by the grade level at the time of the qualifying competition. The minimum age is 6 years old and the maximum age is 22 years old (except for solos which has a minimum age of 8). Elementary classification will be elementary schools. Junior classification will be junior high and middle schools. Senior classification will be high schools. Collegiate classification will be College/University schools (18 to 22 years of age).

STUDIO, COMMUNITY/RECREATION PROGRAMS AND ALL STARS:

This division includes teams from private studios, community/recreation programs and all star teams. Classification for studios and community/recreation programs will be determined by the age of the participant at the time of the qualifying competition. The minimum age is 6 years old and the maximum age is 22 years old. Competition classification for solos, duos and trios will be 8 to 9, 10 to 11, 12 to 14, 15 to 17, and 18 to 22 years old. Team classification will be determined by the average age of the team. Elementary classification will have an average age of 6 to 8 years old and 9 to 11 years old. Junior classification will have an average age of 12 to 14 years old. Senior classification will have an average age of 15 to 17 years old. Collegiate classification will have an average age of 18 to 22 years old.

Eligibility requirements will be strictly enforced. Any performer found to be ineligible prior to the start of a sanctioned competition will be expelled from the competition. If a performer is found ineligible after the competition has begun, both the performer and the team will be expelled.

CATEGORIES:

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGIATE (Academic Institutions):

Type of Routines: Military, Dance, Lyrical, Prop, Novelty, High Kick, Co-Ed, All Male, Show Production, Hip Hop/Funk, Modern/Abstract (*For DanceSport/Salsa and Clogging, please refer the specific entry information and the separate competition dates for those divisions*)

Divisions: Solos (minimum age 8), Officers (2-5 participants), Small Group (4-10 participants), Medium Group (11-16 participants), Large Group (A: 17-30 participants, B: 31+ participants)

STUDIO, COMMUNITY/RECREATION PROGRAMS AND ALL STARS:

Type of Routines: Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Tap, Novelty, Acrobatic Dance, All Male, Show Production, Hip Hop/Funk, Modern/Abstract, Pointe, High Kick, Prop (*For DanceSport/Salsa and Clogging, please refer the specific entry information and the separate competition dates for those divisions*)

Divisions: Solos, Duos/Trios, Small Group (4-10 participants), Medium Group (11-16 participants), Large Group (A: 17-30 participants, B: 31+ participants)

ENTRY FEES:

Individual Competition:

Solos – One Routine \$80 * \$25 each additional solo routine (*May compete in any category)

Duos/Trios – \$40 per athlete per routine (Studio, Community/Recreation Division Only)

Group Competition (Officers, Small, Medium and Large Group):

\$23 per athlete per routine

ENTRY DEADLINE:

All registration materials must be **RECEIVED** no later than **Tuesday, July 1**. 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.** Fees are non-refundable.

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

If sending via U.S. Mail:

AAU National Headquarters
c/o AAU Junior Olympic Games
P.O. Box 22409
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

If sending overnight (Fed Ex, Airborne, UPS):

AAU National Headquarters
c/o AAU Junior Olympic Games
1910 Hotel Plaza Boulevard
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
407-934-7200

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.**

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.

COMPETITION RULES:

The minimum age is 6 years old and the maximum age is 22 years old for all divisions. All school, studio, all stars and community/recreation competitions will follow the rules in the AAU/Score4Dance Rulebook and the National Federation of State High School Associations Spirit Rulebook. **A copy of the AAU/Score4Dance Rulebook may be obtained at www.aausports.org.** A copy of the NFHS Spirit Rulebook may be obtained at www.nfhs.org or 800-776-3462.

In addition to the AAU/Score4Dance and NFHS Spirit Rules, the following GENERAL GUIDELINES must also be adhered to:

(1) All routines must be appropriate for family viewing and listening. (2) All participants must be registered along with their coaches/teachers/advisors. (3) Dancers may compete in more than one number in their age division. However, they may only compete for one participating organization. (4) No teacher, advisor or coach may perform with students. (5) No professional dancers. (6) No use of pyrotechnics. (7) No glass on stage. (8) No glitter. (9) No use of live animals. (10) No coaching from the audience. (11) No singing. Lip-sync OK. Talking OK. (12) General lifts OK. (13) Props and scenery may be put on and taken off by the dancers or those designated by the dancers.

MUSIC: One (1) CD or cassette tape for each number. Music must be cued to the beginning. Recordings must be professionally recorded and of good quality. No other music on tape or CD. Punch out the tabs on both sides to prevent accidental erasing. Present one (1) copy of music for each routine in a separate 5x7 manila envelope to the Dance-Dance/Drill check-in desk on the day of your competition. Please bring a good back-up to use for practice. Music will be returned at the end of the competition. An advisor or responsible person must be at the sound table during your performance.

CHECK-IN:

Pre-Registration: It is extremely important that all entries be received 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 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:

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.

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