

AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES SALSA AND DANCESPORT

INTRODUCTION:

The Amateur Athletic Union is one of the largest, oldest and most prestigious multi-sport organization in the country, offering competition in 33 sports to over 400,000 amateur athletes. DanceSport has finally come of age and has reached a level of maturity and organization that makes it worthy of inclusion in the AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES.

The AAU has its own system of rules, which governs all AAU competitions. The AAU makes its own competition rules and is not bound by any rules that any other DanceSport organization may use. The AAU motto - ***Sports For All, Forever!*** - is particularly apt when applied to DanceSport

LOCATION:

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

DATES:

Friday, July 25

Studio, Schools, All Star, Community Recreation
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Athlete Check-In
Practice, Workshop, Competition

Ford Field
Ford Performing Arts Ctr

Saturday, July 26

Studio, Schools, All Star, Community Recreation
DanceSport and Salsa

Competition
Athlete Check-In

Ford Performing Arts Ctr
Ford Field

Sunday, July 27

DanceSport and Salsa
Clogging

Competition
Athlete Check-In

Ford Performing Arts Ctr
Ford Field

Monday, July 28

Clogging
All Divisions

Competition
Celebration of Athletes

Ford Performing Arts Ctr
Ford Field

Tuesday, July 29

Clogging

Competition

Ford Performing Arts Ctr

The schedule is subject to change depending on entries.

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

QUALIFICATION:

Competitors must compete and qualify at a regional or other qualifying AAU Salsa and/or DanceSport event. 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.

AGE CATEGORIES:

The age categories for amateur couples and singles are:

Pre-Teen (6 to 12) Junior (13 to 17) Youth (18 to 22)

In the case of couples, it is the age of the older competitor that controls the age bracket to be entered. A competitor's age is based on the age the competitor will be on July 26, 2003, which is the current date of the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games DanceSport Event.

For team competition, the age category is based on the average age of the team. The group team age is calculated by adding all the ages of the team members and dividing by the number of members on the team.

COMPETITION:

Competition will be held in three styles of dance on the stage at the Ford Performing Arts Center. Stage dimensions are 50 feet wide by 40 feet deep.

International Latin – Samba, Cha Cha, Rumba, Paso Doble, and Jive

International Standard – Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz, and Quickstep

Salsa

ENTRY FEES: For DanceSport and Salsa divisions, the entry fee is \$35 per athlete per each entry. For groups, the fee is \$35 per team member per entry.

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.

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.

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

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.

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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Competition Rules

The Competition Chairman of Judges shall be the sole arbiter on decisions concerning judging decisions.

The Ordinal Method of Judging will be used. Each couple's placements will be added together and the couple with the lowest total number of placements wins the event. In the event of a tie the tiebreaker is the first dance in each event. Ties are permitted if the tie cannot be broken.

Male competitors are required to wear numbers with the exception of the school figure and Salsa Shine competitions. Numbers may be picked up at check-in.

Maximum heat size is 24 couples. The maximum school figure heat is 24 athletes. No more than 50% will be eliminated in each round.

The final six couples in the couple competition, the final 6 competitors of the school figure competition and the final 3 teams from the group team competition will advance into the final round, which is called the Medal Round. Gold, Silver, and Bronze AAU Medals will be awarded to the three couples that finish the Medal Round. See the web site for photos of these medals. They are very nice.

The On-Deck system will be used for line up of competitors in their respective heats. Competitors must check in with the On-Deck Captain at least thirty minutes before the time their event is scheduled.

It is the responsibility of the competitors to verify the correctness of entries, dances, and partners in advance of the time scheduled for heats.

The AAU reserves the right to merge competitions together that have fewer than three entries.

Only figures on the ISTD International Latin and Standard Syllabus lists will be allowed in the amateur couple and school figure syllabus events (Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced) for Dancesport. Only figures from the World Salsa Federation (WSF) syllabus step lists will be allowed in the amateur couple and school figure syllabus events (Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced) for Salsa.

There are no restrictions on costuming. Costumes may be worn but are not required. Props may not be used. Costumes should be in good taste. Remember this is a family orientated event.

There are no lifts, jumps, drops or drags permitted in the Standard Syllabus events or in the Latin Syllabus events. The proficiency levels are: Beginners (Bronze Level), Intermediate (Silver Level) and Advanced (Gold Level)

Open work is only permitted in the Championship Salsa, Salsa Showdance, Salsa Shine, Salsa Team, Open Latin and Open Standard events. Lifts are not permitted in the Dancesport Championship division but drops and drags and jumps are permitted. Rules for Championship Salsa, Salsa Showdance, Salsa Team, and Salsa Shines, are listed below.

Definition of Lifts

A lift is any movement during which one of the dancers has both feet off the floor at the same time, with the assistance or support of their partner. Under the above definition if both feet are higher than knee level or are off the floor for more than two counts of music then the move shall be determined to be a "lift". Couples who perform lifts in categories where lifts are not allowed may be disqualified, or may be dropped to last place in the final, at the discretion of the Chairman of Judges.

AGE Category

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Adding all the ages of the team members and dividing by the number of members on the team compute the group team age.

In the case of couples, it is the age of the older competitor that controls the age bracket to be entered.

A competitor's age is based on the age the competitor will be on the date of the event, which is the current date of the 2003 Junior Olympic Games DanceSport Event.

AAU General Rules For Competition in Salsa, Salsa Showdance Salsa Shine and Salsa Team Championships

Only figures of the World Salsa Federation Syllabus lists will be allowed in the amateur couple and school figure syllabus events.

Salsa Showdance Championship Rules For Competitors

1. Competitors must be members of the AAU.
2. Lifts and drops are allowed.
3. The competitors, on a CD format, must provide their music to the Organizers.
4. At least 75% of the routine has to be recognizable salsa.
5. Costumes are permitted and encouraged.
6. The maximum time for routines is 5 minutes, including entrances and exits.

Salsa Championship Rules For Competitors

1. Competitors must be members of the AAU.
2. Costumes are permitted and encouraged.
3. No lifts allowed.
4. In the semi-final round the couples will dance 3 times with music provided by the WSF. The first time all the couples will be on the floor at the same time for a 1 minute 30 seconds. The second time the couples will be on the floor in groups of three at a time for 2 minutes and the third time all the couples will again be on the floor for a final comparison for 1 minute 30 seconds.
5. In the final round the couples will dance 3 times with music provided by the WSF. The first time all the couples will be on the floor at the same time for 1 minute 30 seconds. The second time the couples will perform individually for 2 minutes and the third time all the couples will again be on the floor for a final comparison for a 1 minute 30 seconds.

Salsa Team Championship Rules For Competitors

1. Teams must consist of at least 4 people of any gender combination.
2. Lifts and drops are allowed.
3. The Team, on a CD format, must provide their music to the Organizers.
4. At least 75% of the routine has to be recognizable salsa.
5. Costumes are permitted and encouraged.
6. The maximum time for routines is 5 minutes, including entrances and exits.

Salsa Shine Championship Rules For Competitors

1. There is no discrimination between Male and Female.
2. Costumes are permitted and encouraged
3. In the preliminary rounds the contestants will dance with music provided by the AAU. The first time all the couples will be on the floor at the same time for 1 minute. The second time the couples will be on the floor in groups of three at a time for 1 minute and 30 seconds. The third time all the couples will again be on the floor for a final comparison for 30 seconds.
In the final round the contestants will dance individually to their own music provided to the AAU for a minimum of 2 minutes and a maximum of 2 minutes and 30 seconds.

The AAU endorses breaking on one and two only as the standard for Salsa competitions, with the exception of Salsa Showdance, Salsa Shine, and Salsa Team competitions which allows participants to compete on any beat or style and allows lifts and drops (anything goes!) Breaking on one for competitions in no way discredits other styles of Salsa or the beats that they break on.