

GYMNASTICS

OPTIONAL
Boys/Girls

AGE LEVEL
Boys

MODERN RHYTHMIC
Girls

TEAM PERFORMANCE
Boys/Girls

LOCATION: Ford Field, 2000 Brush Street, Detroit, MI

DATES: Monday, July 28 Athlete Check-In (Ford Field)
Monday, July 28 **Celebration of Athletes (Ford Field)**
Tuesday, July 29 – Friday, August 1 Competition (Ford Field)

AGE DIVISIONS:	<u>Optional</u>	<u>Boys Level</u>	<u>Modern Rhythmic</u>	<u>Team</u>
	8-11 Boys	4-6	8-11 Girls	8-12
	8-11 Girls	7-11	12-13 Girls	13-15
	12-13 Boys	12-13	14-15 Girls	16-19
	12-13 Girls	14-15	16-19 Girls	
	14-15 Boys	16-19		
	14-15 Girls			
	16-19 Boys			
	16-19 Girls			

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries must be received by **Monday, June 30, 2003**. It is important that all forms are completed and returned together. Overnight delivery is strongly advised. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE DATE OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.**

The Local Organizing Committee 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**. It is not the responsibility of the LOC or the AAU to make sure all are completed, **ONLY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ENTRY (S) BASED ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED.**

ENTRY FEE: **\$75.00 per athlete** - No personal checks will be accepted. All entry fees must be in the form of either a cashier's check or money order. Please do not send cash. Make check payable to **2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games**.

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 BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE THEN YOUR ENTRY WILL BE PROCESSED. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE.**

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes and coaches must be able to present a 2003 AAU membership card at check-in. To purchase AAU membership cards simply call your local AAU Association at 1-800-AAU-4USA or register instantly at www.aausports.org.

COMPETITION FORMAT: Competition will be conducted in regular AAU Junior Olympic Games Optional Exercises, Boys Special "Age Group Championship" invitees, modern rhythmic gymnastics for girls and team performance gymnastics. Modern rhythmic and team performance gymnastics are new offerings for AAU Gymnastics Programs.

Please see each individual entry sheet for exact details and competition days.

QUALIFICATION: **OPTIONAL:** Gymnasts must have placed first, second or third in the All-Around category at their AAU Association Championships. For girls, fourth to twelfth place finishers in all age divisions may qualify for the AAU National Championships provided they score a minimum of 29.00 AA. For boys, places fourth to twelfth may qualify to the AAU National Championships with a minimum score of 26.00 AA in the all around.

Elite levels or above gymnasts are ineligible to compete. Winners of the USA Gymnastics National Junior Olympics Championships are eligible to compete providing they meet all AAU qualification requirements.

BOYS LEVEL: Boys level gymnastics must compete and place in the top six (6) all-around at the AAU Age Group National Championships held in Des Moines, IA, 2003. These winners can advance to the AAU Junior Olympic Games by invitation only.

MODERN RHYTHMIC: Must compete in any state or above rhythmic competition (USAIGC, USAG) to compete at the first AAU National Rhythmic Invitational.

TEAM PERFORMANCE GYMNASTICS: For this first AAU National Team Performance Invitational, we suggest that you compete in an AAU sanctioned team performance competition. The Team Performance National Invite will be an open qualification meet.

- AWARDS:** All athletes will receive a minimum of one medal. Each sport section will have awards based on entries. Option AAU Gymnastics will maintain awards as always.
- AGE DETERMINATION:** Determined by the gymnast's age at the day of the Celebration of Athletes (Monday, July 28, 2003). Gymnasts **MUST** compete at the **AAU Association Championships in the age division in which they will compete at the AAU National Championships.**
- 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:** **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.

AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES TENTATIVE GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 28	Athlete and Coach Check-In	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Ford Field
Monday, July 28	Celebration of Athletes	7:00 PM	Ford Field
Tuesday, July 29	Athlete and Coach Check-In	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Ford Field
Wednesday, July 30	Athlete and Coach Check-In	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Ford Field

* Registration hours are subject to change. Check Athletes', Coaches' and Parents' Handbook for additional information.

ALL TIMES ARE TENTATIVE. DAYS, AGES WILL REMAIN AS LISTED. WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY "PRACTICE" SCHEDULED.

EVENT SCHEDULE

GIRLS EVENTS:			
TUESDAY, JULY 29			
	Girls 12-13 Session #1	Girls 12-13 Session #2	Girls Session #1 Rhythmic
Stretch	7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	11:30 PM – 12:00 NOON	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Capital Cup Format	8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON	12:00 NOON – 4:30 PM	6:30 PM – 10:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30			
	Girls 14-15 Session #1	Girls 14-15 Session #2	Girls Session #2 Rhythmic
Stretch	7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	5:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Capital Cup Format	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
THURSDAY, JULY 31			
	Girls 8-11	Girls 16-19 Session #1	Girls 16-19 Session #2 (if needed)
Stretch	7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	5:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Capital Cup Format	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	1:00 PM – 6:00 PM	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
GIRLS ALL AGES – TEAM PERFORMANCE GYMNASTICS: 7:30 AM – 12:00 NOON			
BOYS EVENTS:			
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30			
			All Boys Class 8/7/6.5/6/5 & Modified
Stretch			5:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Warm-Up / Compete			5:30 PM – 10:00 PM
THURSDAY, JULY 31			
		Boys 8/11 & 12/13	Boys 14/15 & 16/19
Stretch		12:00 NOON – 12:30 PM	4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Warm-Up / Compete		12:30 PM – 5:00 PM	5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
FINALS:			
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1			
Parade of Champions	Meet at 9:00 AM. Parade at 9:30 AM AWARDS: Joel Ferrell, All American, & Senior Recognition		
Finals Competition	EACH EVENT – OPTIONAL GYMNASTICS ONLY Warm-up 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Compete 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM		

(AS ALWAYS - ALL TIMES TENTATIVE)

CLARIFICATION: Girls - 1B Rules for the 2002 Girls will use Level 9 rules (D's & E's are permitted) with full bonus

- Modified USAG Junior Olympic Rules (See Rulebook)
- Both boys and girls can send both A Team and B Team.
- "#1 TEAM" would be top six (1-6) in the age group; "#2 TEAM" would be the second six (7-12).
- All must meet the criteria score in that age group.
- At-Large athletes based on score and entries.
- Capital Cup Format used for girls
- Association awards done daily

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