

JUMP ROPE

LOCATION: Ford Field, 2000 Brush Street, Detroit, MI 48229

DATES:	Thursday, July 24, 2003	Athlete Check-In	Ford Field
	Thursday, July 24, 2003	Practice/Coaches/Judges Meeting	Ford Field
	Friday, July 25, 2003	Competition	Ford Field
	Saturday, July 26, 2003	Competition	Ford Field
	Sunday, July 27, 2003	Competition	Ford Field
	Monday, July 28, 2003	Competition	Ford Field
	Monday, July 28, 2003	Celebration of Athletes	Ford Field – 7:00 PM

AAU MEMBERSHIP: **All athletes and coaches must be current members of the AAU and be able to present their 2003 AAU membership card at check-in.** AAU membership will be available for purchase at check-in for \$10.00 per youth athlete and \$12.00 per coach. The cost of membership is in addition to the entry fee. All athletes and coaches should have already purchased a membership card prior to the qualifying tournament. To become a member, register on-line at www.aausports.org, contact your local AAU Association at 1-800-AAU-4USA or the AAU National Headquarters at 407-934-7200.

ENTRY FEE: **\$40.00 per athlete** **\$35.00 per coach**

ENTRY DEADLINE: All registration materials must be received no later than **Tuesday, July 1**. 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. The entry fee is in addition to the AAU membership card. **ANY ENTRY FORM (S) NOT RECEIVED BY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DEADLINE DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! NO EXCEPTIONS!** Guaranteed overnight delivery is strongly advised and will become necessary if it is the only way to ensure that all forms are to be received by the published deadline date.

Registration for the jump rope events is a two-part process:

STEP #1: 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**

It is important that the following forms are completed and returned together to Detroit.

- 1) Jump Rope Individual Athlete Entry Form and/or Coaches Entry Form
- 2) Signed Athlete Waiver/Release Form
- 3) Correct Entry Fee(s)

STEP #2: COACHES must also enter athletes into events by completing the **JUMP ROPE TEAM ENTRY FORMS**. These forms should be obtained at your qualifying tournament in addition to the entry packet. Forms must be mailed or faxed by **Tuesday, July 1**, directly to **Jean Hodges, 26 N. Heron Dr, Lewes, DE 19958, 302-945-9571 (Fax)**. If you need additional TEAM ENTRY FORMS, contact the AAU National Headquarters at 407-934-7200 or visit our web page at www.aausports.org.

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.**

The Local Organizing Committee, (LOC) has spent many hours planning and preparing for this AAU Event. In order to make it a great success, we ask for your cooperation. It is the responsibility of the coach, designated person of a 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 forms are fully completed and received on time. **HOWEVER, THE LOC AND AAU SHALL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ENTRY(S) BASED ON THE CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AND/OR THE DATE RECEIVED!**

QUALIFICATION: Participation in the JUMP ROPE event requires qualifying at one of the designated AAU Junior Olympic Games Jump Rope Qualifying Tournaments to be held at different geographic locations at various times, including the Open Qualifying Tournaments. For more information on qualifying tournaments, contact Jean Hodges at 302-945-1627 or hodgesj@juno.com, or visit the web site at www.aausports.org.

COMPETITION FORMAT: All competition will be held in a single round. The Technical Committee reserves the right to eliminate or combine events in response to the number and distribution of entries.

Competition will be held in a single round, consisting of the following four component events: (1) Individual rope singles Triple Crown Competition (Speed - Power - Finesse/Freestyle). (2) Individual rope pairs Triple Crown Competition (Speed - Power - Finesse/Freestyle). (3) Double Dutch Pentathlon combining five events which are specified in the AAU Jump Rope Manual. (4) Group Synchronized Routine.

When the number of entries exceeds 30 in singles, pairs or double dutch divisions, only the top ranked athletes after the speed and power events will compete in freestyle.

COACHES AND OFFICIALS: All coaches and officials should be registered members of the AAU. **Teams should provide officials in a ratio of 1 official per 4 athletes.** All officials should be dressed in white shirts and navy pants, skirts or shorts.

RULES: The 2003 FISAC rules of competition, as modified by the AAU Jump Rope Committee, will apply. To obtain a copy of the 2003 AAU Jump Rope Rulebook, please visit our web site at www.aausports.org.

EVENTS:	DIVISIONS	AGE	SIZE CATEGORY
	JUMP ROPE	9 & U	Singles, Pairs
		10-11	Singles, Pairs, Double Dutch <i>Boys and Girls Singles compete separately.</i>
		12-14	Singles, Pairs, Double Dutch <i>Team may be coed.</i>
		15-17	Singles, Pairs, Double Dutch
		18-20	Singles, Pairs, Double Dutch
		13 & U	Junior Group Routine (Mixed)
		14-20	Senior Group Routine (Mixed)

AGE DETERMINATION: The competitor's age is determined by December 31st of the competition year. Whatever the age of the competitor on December 31, 2003 is competitor's official competition age for the 2003 competition year. Proof must be provided if challenged (certified birth certificate or comparable legal document).

AWARDS: AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top three (3) individual athletes per combined event in each age category of each division. A team plaque will be awarded to the top three (3) teams in the Group Synchronized Routine. Winners of the component parts will receive a medal. Place winners (2-10) will receive ribbons. All participants will receive a T-shirt and participation certificate commemorating the event. The Technical Committee may change awards given.

SOUND EQUIPMENT: Sound equipment will be provided. Each individual or team is responsible for providing their accompaniment to the Sound Manager on a standard audiocassette tape or CD. Tapes should be clearly marked with the competitor's team name. No volume adjustments will be made. The volume and quality of the accompaniment are the responsibility of the competitor and not the Sound Manager. Volume or quality of sound will not be judged. Tapes must be cued so the music begins immediately when pressing the start button. CD's must be compatible with standard audio systems. A back-up cassette should be available.

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. Team entry forms must also be received by the deadline in order for athletes to be entered in the events.

On-Site Check-In: Check-In for jump rope 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.aaujogames.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.

TRANSPORTATION: Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from all competition venues.

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.aaujogames.org.

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.

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COMPETITION AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(Competition times - Subject to change based on number of entries)

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Athlete and Coaches Check-In	Ford Field
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Practice	Ford Field
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Coaches/Judges Meeting - Jump-Rope	Ford Field

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Coaches and Judges Meeting	Ford Field
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Competition	Ford Field

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Coaches and Judges Meeting	Ford Field
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Competition	Ford Field

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Coaches and Judges Meeting	Ford Field
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Competition	Ford Field

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2003

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	AAU Jump Rope Coaches/Officials Meeting	Ford Field
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	AAU Jump Rope Judges Briefing	Ford Field
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Junior & Senior Group Routine Competition	Ford Field
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony	Ford Field
7:00 p.m.	Celebration of Athletes	Ford Field

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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