

KARATE

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

SCHEDULE:	Friday, July 25, 12:00pm-5:00 pm	Check-In	Ford Field
	Friday, July 25, 4:00pm-5:30 pm	All Officials (Referee) Meeting	Marriott Renaissance Center
	Friday, July 25, 6:00pm-8:00 pm	Coaches' Clinic	Marriott Renaissance Center
	Saturday, July 26, 9:00am-6:00 pm	Competition (Kobudo, Kata)	Ford Field
	Sunday, July 27, 9:00am-6:00 pm	Competition (Kumite)	Ford Field
	Monday, July 28, 7:30pm	Celebration of Athletes	Ford Field

AGE DIVISIONS: There will be no breakdown by karate experience. One division per age group (male and female) and category will be featured. However, each age division may be further sub-divided according to height and/or weight as deemed necessary by the National AAU Karate Committee.

7 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	13 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
8 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	14 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
9 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	15 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
10 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	16 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
11 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	17 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
12 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	18 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo

AGE DETERMINING DATE: The athlete's age on July 1, 2003, shall determine the proper age division.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries must be received by **Wednesday, July 9, 2002**. It is important that all forms are completed and returned together. Overnight delivery is strongly advised in order to meet deadline date. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE DATE OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.**

The Local Organizing Committee and the AAU have 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 parent, coach, instructor, and athlete to ensure that the application is in on time and complete.

ENTRY FEE: One event - \$60.00, Two (2) events - \$65.00, Three (3) or more events - \$70.00. No personal checks will be accepted. All entry fees must be in the form of either a cashier's check or money order and should be made payable to: **2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games**. Please do not send cash. All fees are non-refundable.

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.

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes and coaches must be members of their AAU Association and **be able to present their AAU membership card at time of check-in**. To purchase AAU membership cards you can call your local AAU Association at 1-800-AAU-4USA or register on-line at www.aasports.org.

RULES: AAU/Modified International Federation rules. Officials wishing to judge, referee or arbitrate at the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games must have completed the Officials' Certification Course at the AAU National Karate Championship and be a current AAU license holder. **This applies to all Officials.**

AWARDS: AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top three (3) places in each advanced division and discipline for the advanced competition.

UNIFORMS: Solid white GI only with official AAU Karate patch (must be sewn on) is mandatory. NO school or club design on back of the uniform. No lettering or striping may appear on the uniform

CAUTIONS: The following items may not be worn during competition: headbands, jewelry, colored t-shirts, and metal hair clips. Sleeves may not be rolled up. Fingernails should be cut short. Bandages and/or any wraps must be approved by the sports medicine staff on site prior to competition. Regular plastic eyeglasses may not be worn during fighting competition. Lettering on GI is not permitted.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT: Mandatory for Kumite competitors: Solid white headgear, mouth guards, cups all males, white naugahyde/leather fist guards (no foam plastic type). AAU National Karate Committee approved equipment only. No competitor will be allowed to compete without proper uniform and mandatory equipment.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT: Shin and instep guard (white cotton type only), chest protectors (must be worn under Gi), certified prescription safety glasses with strap.

COACHES: Coaches must register with the Local Organizing Committee by submitting the Coaches Entry Form and the \$35 coaches' entry fee. An additional \$10 will be charged for coaches entry forms submitted after the July 9 deadline or for on-site registration.

ONLY AAU CERTIFIED KARATE COACHES ARE ALLOWED ON COMPETITION FLOOR. ALL COACHES MUST BE ASEP CERTIFIED IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE COACHES CLINIC.

Coaches Clinic: Coaches must be registered members of the National AAU Program. Coaches must attend the certification course at the Marriott Renaissance Center located in downtown Detroit in order to be allowed on the competition floor.

ALL COACHES MUST WEAR WHITE GI PANTS AND DARK BLUE AAU COACHES SHIRTS TO BE ALLOWED ON THE COMPETITION FLOOR. (A limited number of shirts will be on sale at the coaches clinics)

Coaches must be properly attired according to AAU Karate Rules. Only proper attire as deemed by the National AAU Executive Committee will be acceptable.

QUALIFICATION: Qualification to the AAU Junior Olympic Games must be determined by actual competition. Qualification may be determined only through: (A) AAU National (Regional) Karate Championships, (B) AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifier, (C) AAU National Karate Championships.

A. AAU National (Regional) Karate Championship Qualifier

The Regional Championship shall qualify the top four (4) athletes from each appropriate age category from the Advanced and Intermediate Divisions to participate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

B. Special AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifier

The Region may opt, at the discretion of the Regional Director, in lieu of the method prescribed above, to conduct an AAU Junior Olympic Games qualifier separate from the Regional Championships. The Regional AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifier must conduct the same divisions that are utilized at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. These Regional AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifiers must be open to all levels within the appropriate age/experience categories. These Regional AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifiers shall qualify the top eight (8) athletes from each appropriate age/experience categories to participate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

C. AAU National Karate Championship

The AAU National Karate Championships shall qualify the top sixteen (16) from each appropriate age category from the Advanced and Intermediate Divisions to participate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. The same qualifying criteria apply to athletes registered by the host AAU Association.

ATHLETE CHECK-IN: **Pre-Registration:** It is extremely important that all entries be received no later than the previously mentioned-deadline date. ENTRY FORM (S) RECEIVED BEYOND THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! 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. **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, check-in and maps, please refer to the *Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook*.

DIRECTIONS: **Directions to Ford Field (Check-In and Competition Venue)**

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.

Directions to the Marriott Renaissance Center – Downtown (Coaches & Officials Meeting)

From Ford Field (Downtown): Take Brush St to Madison St and turn left. Turn right on Beaubien St. Take Beaubien 0.7 miles to Atwater St. Turn right on Atwater St. Turn right on W. Renaissance Dr. The hotel entrance and additional parking are available on W. Renaissance Dr.

From the West (Airport): Take I-94 East to I-75 South to I-375 Freeway. Then proceed onto Jefferson Avenue west exit. Take Jefferson Avenue west and make a U-turn at Woodward Ave. to get to eastbound Jefferson. You will pass Ford Auditorium, make a right at Bates Street, a left at Atwater and a final left at W. Renaissance Drive. The hotel entrance and additional parking are available on W. Renaissance Drive.

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.

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.

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.

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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