

TAEKWONDO

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

DATES:	Monday, July 28	Celebration of Athletes	Ford Field
	Tuesday, July 29	Athlete Check-In	Ford Field
	Tuesday, July 29	Coaches'/Officials' Meetings	Marriott Renaissance Center
	Tuesday, July 29	Weigh-In	Marriott Renaissance Center
	Wed., July 30 – Friday, August 1	Competition	Ford Field

*The Marriott Renaissance Center is located in downtown Detroit.

AGE DETERMINING DATE: Athletes shall compete at their age as of March 1, 2003.

AGE DIVISIONS: The following divisions will be offered for the 2003 event:

FORMS:

<u>AGE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>	<u>BELT DIVISIONS</u>
6-7	Male	Advanced, and Black
6-7	Female	Advanced, and Black
8-9	Male	Advanced, and Black
8-9	Female	Advanced, and Black
10-11	Male	Advanced, Black 1, and Black 2 AND UP
10-11	Female	Advanced, Black 1, and Black 2 AND UP
12-13	Male	Advanced, Black 1, and Black 2 AND UP
12-13	Female	Advanced, Black 1, and Black 2 AND UP
14-17	Male	Advanced, Black 1, and Black 2 AND UP
14-17	Female	Advanced, Black 1, and Black 2 AND UP

POINT SPARRING:

<u>AGE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>	<u>BELT DIVISIONS</u>	<u>WEIGHT CLASSES</u>
6-7	Male	Advanced, and Black	-50 lbs. 50+ lbs.
6-7	Female	Advanced, and Black	-50 lbs. 50+ lbs.
8-9	Male	Advanced, and Black	-65 lbs. 65+ lbs.
8-9	Female	Advanced, and Black	-65 lbs. 65+ lbs.
10-11	Male	Advanced, and Black	-80 lbs. 80+ lbs.
10-11	Female	Advanced, and Black	-85 lbs. 85+ lbs.
12-13	Male	Advanced, and Black	-110 lbs. 110+ lbs.
12-13	Female	Advanced, and Black	-110 lbs. 110+ lbs.
14-15	Male	Advanced, and Black	-115 lbs./ 115-155/ 156+ lbs.
14-15	Female	Advanced, and Black	-106 lbs./ 106-136/ 137+ lbs.
16-17	Male	Advanced, and Black	-165 lbs./ 136-165/ 166+ lbs.
16-17	Female	Advanced, and Black	-115 lbs./ 116-145/ 146+ lbs.

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<u>AGE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>	<u>BELT DIVISIONS</u>	<u>WEIGHT CLASSES</u>		
6-7	Male	Advanced, and Black	Under 45 lbs.	45-55 lbs.	Over 55 lbs.
6-7	Female	Advanced, and Black	Under 45 lbs.	45-55 lbs.	Over 55 lbs.
8-9	Male	Advanced, and Black	Under 55 lbs.	55-75 lbs.	Over 75 lbs.
8-9	Female	Advanced, and Black	Under 55 lbs.	55-75 lbs.	Over 75 lbs.
10-11	Male	Advanced, and Black	Under 70 lbs.	70-90 lbs.	Over 90 lbs.
10-11	Female	Advanced, and Black	Under 75 lbs.	75-95 lbs.	Over 95 lbs.
12-13	Male	Advanced, and Black	Under 100 lbs.	100-120 lbs.	Over 120 lbs.
12-13	Female	Advanced, and Black	Under 100 lbs.	100-120 lbs.	Over 120 lbs.
14-17	Male	Advanced, and Black	Under 127.7 lbs.	127.7-147.4	147.5-171.6
14-17	Female	Advanced, and Black	Under 112.3 lbs.	112.3-129.8	129.9-147.4
					Over 171.6 lbs.
					Over 147.4 lbs.

The tournament committee reserves the right to further divide or combine divisions depending on the number of competitors registered to compete in each.

SPECIAL NOTES: For AAU Taekwondo Competitions: Advanced Divisions consist of both Red and Brown Belts. Black Belt Divisions are meant to include Junior Black as well. If your school or club uses any other belt ranking order or system, your athlete should conform to the above-mentioned criteria.

Olympic Sparring Division is Modified WTF (Olympic) type sparring. If your athlete has not been trained and had experience with this type of sparring, NOW is **NOT** the time to begin.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries must be **received** by **Wednesday, July 9, 2003**. No applications will be accepted or processed which are received after this date. **OVERNIGHT EXPRESS MAIL** is highly recommended in order to meet this application deadline. **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 are asking 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 in every detail**. Incomplete applications (missing age, belt, weight, etc.) **WILL BE REJECTED!**

ENTRY FEE:

One (1) or two (2) events	\$70.00
Three (3) individual events	\$80.00
Team Forms	\$45.00 per three (3) member team

The three person team forms competition requires a separate entry form and entry fee.

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 the **2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games**. **Do not send cash.**

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, coaches, and officials must be members of AAU and be able to present their AAU membership card on demand. Athletes and coached who do not have a valid AAU membership at check-in will be required to purchase a membership at that time.

In addition, all athletes should be prepared to produce a copy of their birth certificates at athlete check-in and/or at the competition site.

COACHES/OFFICIALS: All coaches and officials must attend the appropriate **NATIONAL** clinic to be held on Tuesday afternoon, July 29, beginning at 12:00 pm. The clinics will take place at the Marriott Renaissance Center located in Downtown Detroit. The National Coach's Clinic Fee will be \$20.00 and includes your AAU Taekwondo Coach's Pass to get on the competition floor. Checks should be made payable to the National AAU Taekwondo Fund and paid **at the clinic to the clinic instructor only. This clinic fee is separate from any and all other fees charged by the Local Organizing Committee in order to obtain coaches'/athletes' credentials.** In addition, those officials or coaches who do not have the current AAU Taekwondo handbook will be required to purchase it at \$10.00. To obtain a copy, visit our website at www.aausports.org.

Please Note: All coaches must have been previously certified and worked at least one AAU Taekwondo sanctioned qualifier in order to coach or work at this event. **Unless you can substantiate that you have met these criteria (i.e., present your license book), you will not be allowed into the National Clinic or onto the competition floor!**

Coaches must also 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. Again, all coaches must also attend the National Clinic to obtain the AAU Taekwondo Coach's Pass to get on the competition floor

RULES: AAU Taekwondo rules shall apply to all Taekwondo competition at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. Again, please refer to the AAU Taekwondo Handbook.

QUALIFICATION: Qualification to the event must be determined by actual competition. Qualification may only be determined through: (A) AAU Association Championships, (B) AAU Regional Championships, (C) AAU Regional Junior Olympic Games Qualifiers, or (D) the prior year's AAU Junior Olympic Games.

A, B, and C above may qualify the top eight (8) athletes from each appropriate age and belt division category to participate in the AAU Junior Olympic Games. Last year's AAU Junior Olympic Games Gold Medallists are also eligible to participate.

AWARDS: AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top four (4) competitors in each division competed.

CHECK-IN & WEIGH-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.

On-Site Check-In: Check-In for athletes, coaches, and officials 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 check-in, parking, mapping and directions, please refer to the *Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook*.

Athletes should first check-in with 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games Personnel and pick up their credentials, t-shirt, certificate, and goody bag prior to check-in/weigh-in with the Taekwondo Committee.

All AAU Taekwondo athletes must also check-in and weigh-in with the AAU Taekwondo Committee on Tuesday, July 29 between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm at the Marriott Renaissance Center located in downtown Detroit. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** At that time your weight AND what events you have entered will be verified by the Committee. Failure to weigh-in will prohibit you from participating in any sparring event. Those who fail to "make weight" will be automatically disqualified from sparring competition (i.e. if you register, as a lightweight you MUST come in under the weight as prescribed for your age bracket according to AAU Taekwondo rule or you will be disqualified). The national committee reserves the right to move athletes up in weight class, but will not move an athlete down.

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

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 is 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 (Weigh-Ins, 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.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE: All athletes should be prepared to produce a birth certificate at Taekwondo Committee check-in or at the competition site.

SCHEDULE:

Monday, July 28

7:00pm

Celebration of Athletes

Ford Field

Tuesday, July 29

9:00am-3:00pm

Athlete Check-In

Ford Field

9:00am-3:00pm

Athlete Weigh-In

Marriott Renaissance Center- Downtown

12:00 noon-4:00pm

Officials' and Coaches' Clinics

Marriott Renaissance Center- Downtown

Wednesday, July 30

9:00am-9:45am

Taekwondo Opening Ceremony

Ford Field

10:00am-3:00pm

Individual Forms Competition

Ford Field

3:00pm-5:00pm

Team Forms Competition

Ford Field

Thursday, July 31

9:00am

Individual Olympic Sparring

Ford Field

Friday, August 1

9:00am

Individual Point Sparring (All Divisions)

Ford Field

UNIFORMS:	All contestants must wear a clean, white dobok. Patches will be limited to the AAU Taekwondo patch, which must be worn on the upper left breast. Other than this one patch, the uniform must be totally free of any other embellishment including school logo with the exception of corporate brand names/logos (i.e., Adidas, USA Spirits, etc.) and Black Trim (collar only for Black Belts). See AAU Taekwondo Handbook for further description.	
MANDATORY EQUIPMENT:	<p>Point Sparring: All competitors must wear full hand and foot protectors (RED foam dipped or vinyl only), FULL headgear (RED or WHITE FOAM dipped only), and mouth guard. Male competitors must also wear groin cup and supporter.</p> <p>Olympic Sparring: All competitors must wear an Olympic style chest protector, headgear, shin/instep protectors (white only), forearm protectors (white only) mouth guard and groin protector.</p>	
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. <u>The format of this year's Celebration has changed dramatically.</u> 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:	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>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.</p>	
FOOD:	All 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain the 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 <i>Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook</i> or visit www.aaujrogames.org .	
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.	
PARKING:	<p>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 <i>Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook</i>.</p> <p>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.</p>	
TRANSPORTATION:	All athletes, coaches, and fans are responsible for their own transportation to and from all activities, events, and hotels.	
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