

2003 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES USA TEAM TENNIS

- LOCATION:** Plymouth Salem High School – 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI
Churchill High School – 8900 Newburgh, Livonia, MI
- SCHEDULE:**
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| Sunday, July 27 | Team Check-in (Ford Field – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM)
Coaches Meeting (Ford Field – 4:00 PM) |
| Monday, July 28 | Competition (TBA)
AAU Junior Olympic Games Celebration of Athletes (Ford Field – 7:00 PM) |
| Tuesday, July 29 | Competition (TBA) |
| Wednesday, July 30 | Competition (TBA) |
| Thursday, July 31 | Competition/Finals (TBA) |
- DIVISION:** **Blue Stars Division – 3.0 & below** **18 & Under**
- MATCH FORMAT:** A team must consist of eight (8) players, a minimum four (4) boys and four (4) girls. The maximum number of players is ten (10). Each team match will consist of one boy's singles, one girl's singles, one boy's doubles, one girl's doubles, and one mixed doubles.
- SCORING:** Two out of three six games sets of no-ad scoring will be used, with a ten (10) point tiebreaker in place of a third set. The tournament committee reserves the right to implement a different scoring system in the event of inclement weather or any other unforeseeable circumstance. Places will be determined by Total Games Won.
- AGE DETERMINATION:** USTA age eligibility requirements states the players are eligible until the last day of the month preceding the month in which they turn 19.
- 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 is \$10.00 per athlete and \$12.00 per coach. To become a member, register on-line at www.aausports.org or contact your local AAU Association at 1-800-AAU-4USA.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all Blue Stars Division participants of USA Team Tennis. **Players holding a current national ranking are ineligible to participate in the AAU Junior Olympic Games.**
- ENTRY FEE:** \$335.00 per team. 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**. Please do not send cash. No refunds. The team entry fee entitles each team to a total of two (2) coach's credentials and a maximum of ten (10) athlete credentials. Entry fee does not include AAU Membership for athletes and/or coaches. A **\$250.00 Commitment Deposit Fee (per Team) must be made out to the USTA and sent to the USTA National Office with the appropriate entry forms.** This deposit will be returned to the "Head Coach" at the end of the tournament. The deposit will be kept only if the team does not show up or withdraws early.
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** All entry materials **MUST** be received at the **USTA National Office in White Plains, New York**, no later than **Wednesday, July 2, 2003!** ALL ENTRIES ALONG WITH A \$250.00 COMMITMENT CHECK AND \$335.00 ENTRY FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE DATE OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.
- ATHLETES and COACHES** must send entry forms and fees to the following address:
United States Tennis Association
Attn: Paul D'Amico
70 West Red Oak Lane
White Plains, NY 10604
- RULES:** This championship will be conducted under the USTA and USA Team Tennis (Youth) rules in accordance with the United States Tennis Association (USTA).
- AWARDS:** AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top four places in each division. The 2003 Joel Ferrell Memorial Award will be presented to the outstanding male and female athlete in the competition. In addition, USTA Sportsmanship Awards will be awarded to one male and one female.
- TEAM CHECK-IN:** ***Pre-Registration:*** It is extremely important that all entries be received on later than the previously 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 all 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. **ALL TEAM REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BETWEEN 10AM – 3PM ON SUNDAY, JULY 27 BEFORE THE COACHES MEETING.** 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, please refer to the *Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook*.

DIRECTIONS TO CHECK-IN:

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.

COACHES MEETING: A **mandatory** meeting for all participating tennis coaches will be held on Sunday, July 27 at 4:00 pm at Ford Field.

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.

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