

WRESTLING

FREESTYLE COMPETITION - MALE DIVISION (Page 1)

- LOCATION:** Ford Field, 2000 Brush Street, Detroit, MI
- DATES:** Sunday, July 27 Team Check-In, Practice, Weigh-ins, Coaches Meeting – Ford Field
Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1 Competition – Ford Field
Monday, July 28 Celebration of Athletes – Ford Field – 7:00 PM
- AGE DIVISIONS:** TEAMS will be comprised of up to 18 wrestlers (must have a minimum of 8 competitors) having birth years of **1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990**. All wrestlers must have been in attendance in middle, junior high, or high school during the 02-03 school year. Documentation of age **AND** school attendance must be provided for all wrestlers. **NO POST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES MAY PARTICIPATE (i.e. graduated and then attending prep school)**
- WEIGHT CLASSES:** The weight classes will be as follows: **98, 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215, 275**, (maximum weight is 275 lbs.) No weight allowance will be given.
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entries must be received by **Friday, June 27, 2003**. Overnight delivery is strongly advised. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE DATE OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE**. It is the responsibility of the coach, designated team, or athlete to return all the necessary monies and completed forms by the **deadline date**. It is not the responsibility of the AAU Wrestling Committee or the Local Organizing Committee to make sure all are completed, **ONLY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ENTRY (S) BASED ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED**.
- ENTRY FEES:** The entry fee per team is \$700.00 and is non-refundable. 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: **AAU Wrestling Committee**. Do not send cash.
- ATHLETES and COACHES** must send entry forms and fees to the following address:
- Karen Wilson
29217 Commonwealth
Roseville, MI 48066**
- TABLE WORKERS:** Each team is required to provide one person to work at the scoring table during each of the team's dual meet. This person must be an AAU member and be at least 14 yrs. old.
- AAU MEMBERSHIP:** All athletes, team coaches, and table workers must be 2003 members of their AAU Association and be able to present their AAU membership cards at the time of Team Check-In. To become a member, register on-line at www.aausports.org or contact your local AAU Association at 1-800-AAU-4USA.
- RULES:** Competition will be conducted according to the rules as outlined in the current FILA Rules in the AAU Wrestling Handbook. This applies to wrestling techniques as well as conduct, attire and decorum on the mat.
- BIRTH CERTIFICATE:** All athletes must be able to present a **governmental proof of age documentation such as a birth certificate, drivers license or passport plus** documentation of school attendance at time of Team Check-In. **(AAU is not responsible for returning original birth records).**
- QUALIFICATIONS:** The following AAU Associations hold qualifying events for this tournament: Middle Atlantic, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio and New England. For information on these events, contact the Wrestling Chair in those Associations by either dialing the national office at 407-828-2892 for the appropriate phone number or visit www.aausports.org and click on Wrestling. All other Associations may enter teams without qualifying. There is not a limit to the number of teams that may represent a single Association. A team may only represent a single Association and all members comprising a team must be from the same AAU Association **(or released by their Association according to the guidelines in the annual AAU Wrestling Manual)**. Teams (in an Association which holds qualifying events) must receive approval from that Association wrestling chair if they did not qualify and wish to bring a team.

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TEAM 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! For a waiver of the entry deadline contact Karen Wilson at 586-775-5244. 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 insure compliance with the deadline date.

On-Site Check-In: Check-in for all wrestling teams will be on **Sunday, July 27 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** 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, downtown map and directions, please refer to the *Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook*.

DIRECTIONS TO FORD FIELD:

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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.

ATHLETE WEIGH-IN: **Sunday, July 27, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Ford Field**

Scales and a workout area will be available to competitors three (3) hours prior to the start of weigh-in. In addition, a workout area will be available Sunday, July 27, in Ford Field from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The actual weight classes of each competing wrestler will be established at the time of the initial weigh-in. **TEAM ROSTERS MAY NOT BE CHANGED AFTER BEING CERTIFIED AT WEIGH-INS.**

COACHES/OFFICIALS MEETING:

All coaches and officials and table workers are required to attend a meeting on Sunday, July 27. The Coaches Meeting will take place at Ford Field at 7:00 pm. The Officials Meeting will be held at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel (Downtown) at 9:00 pm.

COMPLETING YOUR ENTRY:

Send the entire team packet together which includes the following:

- 1) Wrestling (Freestyle) Team Entry Form
- 2) Wrestling Individual Athlete Entry Forms (Maximum of 18)
- 3) Coaches Entry Forms (Three (3) per team)
- 4) Table Worker Entry Form (use Coaches Form)
- 5) Signed Athlete Waiver/Release Forms (Maximum of 18)
- 6) School Attendance Documentation (for each wrestler)
- 7) Team Entry Fee of \$700.00 (cashier's check or money order only)
- 8) Copy of a governmental proof of age documentation

To the following address: Ms. Karen Wilson
29217 Commonwealth
Roseville, MI 48066

Sheets must be filled out entirely and **received by the June 27** deadline!

Each team will consist of up to 18 members (must have a minimum of 8 competitors):

15-wrestlers	1-coach	1-table worker
3-alternates	2-assistant coaches	

WEIGHT CLASSES: 98, 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215, 275

BOUTS: Length of bouts will be two 3-minute periods.

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.

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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 throughout the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games or Celebration of Athletes by purchasing an admission ticket. For more information on ticket options, please refer to the *Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook* or visit www.aaujrogames.org.

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