

2008 AAU SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**LIBERTY BELL COMPLEX
JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE
JUNE 27-28, 2008**

Please find enclosed important information concerning the 2008 AAU Southeastern District Track & Field Championships. There are some important procedure changes that you should make note of.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

- 1) **MEET ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ON-LINE VIA INTERNET.** See attached information.
- 2) **ATHLETES & CLUB MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT AAU MEMBERSHIPS PRIOR TO COMPETITION. NO "APPLIED FOR STATUS" WILL BE ALLOWED.** See attached information for details.
- 3) **PACKET PICK-UP WILL BE ON THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 26, 2008.** ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED BY MEETING. NO ENTRY CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS WILL BE MADE AFTER THURSDAY.

MEET HOST: Slipstream Track & Field Club

SANCTION: The AAU Southeastern District Track & Field Championships are sanctioned by the AAU Southeastern District.

AAU REGISTRATION: All athletes and coaches must have 2008 AAU memberships in order to compete. Clubs must also have a 2008 AAU club membership in order to compete as a club. Memberships will not be sold at the meet. Memberships must have been processed prior to competition. Memberships can be obtained on-line at www.aausports.org.

ENTRY FEE: \$14 PER ATHLETE. Entry fees will be paid online at the time of athlete entry.

ENTRY DEADLINE: MEET ENTRIES WILL BE DONE ON-LINE VIA INTERNET. You may access the on-line entry system after June 4, 2008 via www.coacho.com

ENTRY DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2008 at 6:00 pm Eastern

ENTRY FEES AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008.

PACKET PICK-UP Packet pick-up will be from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm on Thursday, June 24, 2008. Pickup will be at the Doubletree Hotel. If you have not provided AAU membership documentation by this time you will be removed from the meet.

AGE DIVISIONS: The athlete's year of birth, not actual age, determines the age division that he/she will compete in. Athletes may not compete in another age group.

DIVISION	YEAR OF BIRTH
Primary	2000 and after
Sub-Bantam	1999
Bantam	1998
Sub-Midget	1997
Midget	1996
Sub-Youth	1995
Youth	1994
Intermediate	1992-1993
Young Men/Women	1990-1991*

* Athletes who are still 18 through August 2, 2008 are also eligible.

RULES: The meet will be conducted under AAU Youth Athletic rules and the technical rules of USATF. You can print out an AAU Youth Athletic Handbook from the national web site at www.aausports.org.

REGIONAL QUALIFICATION: The top eight in each event will qualify for the AAU Region 3A Meet to be held from July 10-13, 2008 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

FACILITY: The Liberty Bell Complex is located in Johnson City, Tennessee next to Science Hill High School. There are limited bleachers for 500 spectators but there is plenty of area to set up tents. No tents will be allowed in the bleachers. Please recommend to your parents and fans that it would be a good idea to bring chairs with them.

The track is a nine lane rubberized surface with two long jump runways, two shot put rings, discus cage, javelin runway, pole vault and high jump areas. Full stadium lighting and loud public address system are also included.

ADMISSION FEE: There will be an admission fee for spectators that goes for rental of the facility.

CONCESSIONS: Concessions and T-shirts will be available for sale at the meet.

COMPETITION NOTES: In case of small numbers in some events, we will combine age divisions for time savings. Placing and awards will still be separated by divisions.

Seeding will be random. Qualification of the top nine in each preliminary will be on time. Events with nine or fewer entrants will automatically advance to finals. Events that will be timed finals will be seeded slow to fast.

The track will be closed to all coaches, parents, and non-competing athletes during competition.

The clerk of course area will also be closed to coaches and parents.

Running event warmups will not be allowed on the track.

MAILING ADDRESS: Awards & Images
Attn: Brian Buckner
3117-A Bristol Hwy
Johnson City, TN 37601

Home 423-477-2755

E-mail: brian@slipstreamtrackclub.com

Web site for late notices:

www.seaausports.com and www.slipstreamtrackclub.com

Meet schedule, housing information, maps, and event list can be found on-line at www.seaausports.com and at www.slipstreamtrackclub.com.

ON-LINE ENTRY

Athlete entry to the 2008 AAU Southeastern District Track & Field Championships will be on-line entry via the internet. Coaches will be able to access the on-line system and entry their athletes into the meet. You do not have to wait to enter your athletes until the last minute. You can go on-line and begin creating your roster ahead of time and then place them in events as you get closer to the entry deadline. The system will e-mail confirmation of your entries so you can double check for mistakes and if you find any then you can correct them.

All entries are due by Sunday, June 22, 2008 at 6:00pm Eastern. No entries will be accepted past that time.

You may access the on-line system at www.coacho.com. Go to the calendar and find this meet to link to on-line entry.

ENTRY FEE PAYMENT & AAU MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTATION

Entry fees will be paid online at the time of final entry at www.coacho.com.

You should send copies of AAU membership cards to be received by Tuesday, June 24, 2008 to:

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Attn: Brian Buckner
3117-A Bristol Hwy
Johnson City, TN 37601

If you do not send copies of your AAU membership cards you must provide them no later than packet pick-up on Thursday, June 26, 2008. Failure to do so will cause your club/athlete to be removed from the meet. Memberships will be checked.

HOTELS FOR 2008 SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Chamber of Commerce had been working to secure rates from the city hotels. I have listed some below. We are still awaiting a response from most hotels and I will update this list with further rates as soon as possible. Please try and use our host hotels first if possible as they are providing support for the meet. They are experienced with dealing with track groups.

Most hotels are within 2 miles to the track.

In order to guarantee the room blocks and rates you must make reservations by June 2, 2008. Mention that you are coming for the AAU Southeastern Meet.

All properties are Johnson City.

HOST HOTEL

DOUBLETREE HOTEL
211 Mockingbird Lane
(1/2 mile to track)
423-929-2000
Next to Movie Theaters and the Mall

CO-HOST

BEST WESTERN
2406 N Roan St
423-282-2161

HOLIDAY INN - \$85
101 W Springbrook Dr
423-282-4611

CARNEGIE HOTEL - \$89
1216 W State of Franklin Rd
423-979-6400

We will update this list as hotels contact us with room blocks and rates but wanted to start getting information out.

HOW TO OBTAIN AAU MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the AAU runs from September 1 to August 31. There are memberships available for clubs, athletes, coaches, volunteers, and officials. All clubs, athletes, and coaches must be currently registered members of the AAU to participate.

AAU membership is not entry into an event. To enter an event you must contact the meet director.

You should register your club and coaches prior to conducting a practice session. You should register your athletes prior to letting them practice.

To compete in AAU events, all athletes must be registered members of the AAU. Currently there are two levels of athlete membership. The first is the basic or "A" membership and the second is the "AB" membership. The "A" membership costs \$12 and covers an athlete in AAU sanctioned events only. The "AB" membership costs \$14 and covers an athlete in non AAU events if every athlete and a coach competing for your club has the "AB" membership. The coach membership costs \$14 for "A" and \$16 for "AB" membership.

There are three levels of club membership levels. Check them out at www.aausports.org.

The best and quickest way to register clubs, athletes, and coaches is to use the internet. Using a credit card, computer and printer you can go online to the AAU web site at www.aausports.org and register. You should register your club prior to registration of individuals.

If you do not have access to the internet just ask some of your friends. Access is readily available and most everyone knows someone who does have access that would be willing to help you out.

If you have any questions regarding AAU memberships you should contact your district sports chair or registration chair.