

AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES FIELD HOCKEY

- LOCATION:** Ocker Field, University of Michigan, 1000 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
- DATES:** Sunday, July 27 Athlete Check-In & Coaches' Meeting
Monday, July 28 Delegation Meeting & Practice
Monday, July 28 **Celebration of Athletes – Ford Field (7:00 pm)**
Tuesday, July 29 Practice
Wednesday-Saturday, July 30- August 2 Competition
- AGE DIVISIONS:** Girls - Under 16
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entries must be received by **Tuesday, July 15**. It is important that all forms are completed and returned together. The use of overnight delivery is strongly advised! **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE DATE OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.**
- ENTRY FEE:** \$35.00 per athlete. 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**. 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 must be members of their AAU Association and be able to present their AAU membership cards at the time of Athlete Check-In. Membership is \$10 per athlete and \$12 per coach. Avoid long lines at check-in and become a member prior to arriving in Detroit. Join on-line at www.aausports.org or contact your local AAU Association at 1-800-AAU-4USA.

- RULES OF PLAY:** Field Hockey will be governed by the competitive rules of the United States Field Hockey Association (USFHA).

- QUALIFICATION:** All athletes eligible to compete will have been selected from the USFHA Futures Program.

- AWARDS:** AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to all members of the top three- (3) teams.

- ATHLETE 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! 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 FIELD HOCKEY athletes and coaches participating in the AAU Junior Olympic Games will be held at the Convocation Center on the campus of Eastern Michigan University. The Convocation Center is located at 799 N. Hewitt Road, Ypsilanti. 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 or maps, please refer to the *Athletes', Coaches', and Parents' Handbook*.

DIRECTIONS TO CHECK-IN:

Convocation Center, Eastern Michigan University (799 N. Hewitt Road):
I-94 West to the Michigan Avenue exit (181B). Stay straight to go onto W. Michigan Avenue. Turn left onto Hewitt Road. After passing Washtenaw Avenue, you will begin to see the EMU campus. The Convocation Center will be on the right.

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.

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.

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.

FIELD HOCKEY SCHEDULE

<u>July 27 (Sunday)</u>	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Athlete Check-In (Convocation Center, Eastern Michigan University) Coaches Meeting
<u>July 28 (Monday)</u>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM – 4:00 AM 7:00 PM	Delegation Meeting Team Practice Celebration of Athletes (Ford Field, downtown Detroit)
<u>July 29 (Tuesday)</u>	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Team Practice
<u>July 30 (Wednesday)</u>	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 2:00 PM 3:30 PM	Game (Pool A) Game (Pool A) Game (Pool B) Game (Pool B) Game (Pool A) Game (Pool A)
<u>July 31 (Thursday)</u>	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 2:00 PM 3:30 PM	Game (Pool B) Game (Pool B) Game (Pool A) Game (Pool A) Game (Pool B) Game (Pool B)
<u>August 1 (Friday)</u>	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 2:00 PM 3:30 PM	A1 vs. B4, Game 1 B2 vs. A3, Game 2 B1 vs. A4, Game 3 A2 vs. B3, Game 4 Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, Game 5 Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, Game 6
<u>August 2 (Saturday)</u>	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 2:00 PM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, Game 7 Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Game 8 Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 (7th/8th Place) Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6 (5th/6th Place) Loser Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8 (Bronze Medal Game) Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (Gold Medal Game) Awards Presentation

** The first team listed on the schedule is considered the home team and will wear white uniforms.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 15-minute per-game warm-up on field
- 2 x 30-minute game, 5-minute halftime
- Teams will be placed in two pools of 4 teams each
- Pool play on Wednesday and Thursday will seed teams for the crossover matches starting on Friday
- In the case of a tie in the medal games, overtime will be played to determine a winner.

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