2008 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES
BATON TWIRLING

LOCATION: Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374

DATES:

Monday, July 28, 2008	Athlete & Coach Check-In*	Rock Financial Showplace
Monday, July 28, 2008	Celebration of Athletes	Eastern Michigan University
Tuesday, July 29, 2008	Competition	Novi Middle School
Wednesday, July 30, 2008	Competition	Novi Middle School
Thursday, July 31, 2008	Competition	Novi Middle School
Friday, August 1, 2008	Competition	Novi Middle School

*Please note that Check-In and Competition are in two different places.

QUALIFICATION: Competitors must compete and qualify at an AAU District Championship in each and every event they wish to be eligible to compete in at the AAU National Championship (both team and individual events). A competitor can compete in only one level/one age group for each event.

AGE DIVISIONS:

Solo One Baton
Novice** - 0-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-20
Beginner - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Intermediate - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Advanced - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Elite - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Boys - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Challenger - 0-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-20

Solo Three Baton
Beginner - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Advanced - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Elite - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Challenger - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20

Strut (X, T, L, etc.)
Novice - 0-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-20
Beginner - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Intermediate - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Advanced - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Elite - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Challenger - 0-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-20

Hoop Baton
Beginner - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Advanced - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Challenger - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20

Basic Strut
Novice - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Beginner - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Advanced - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Challenger - 0-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-20

Twirling Duets (combined ages)
Beginner - 0-12, 13-18, 19-24, 25-40
Advanced - 0-18, 19-24, 25-30, 31-40
Challenger - 0-12, 13-18, 19-24, 25-40

****Small Twirling Teams (avg. ages)***
3-8 members
Beginner***, Advanced & Challenger
0-7.99, 8-10.99, 11-13.99, 14+

Solo Two Baton
Novice** - 0-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-20
Beginner - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Intermediate - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Advanced - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Elite - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Challenger - 0-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-20

Solo Freestyle
5-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Challenger - 5-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20

Solo Dance Twirl
5-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20

Multiple Baton Solo
Beginner - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Advanced - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Challenger - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20

Flag Baton
Beginner - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Advanced - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Challenger - 0-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20

Military Strut
Novice - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Beginner - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Advanced - 0-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20
Challenger - 0-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-20

Show Team (New in 2008!)
0-9, 10-13, 14-20

Twirling Trios (avg. ages)
Beginner - 0-12, 13-20
Advanced - 0-12, 13-20
Challenger - 0-12, 13-20

****Large Twirling Teams (avg. ages)***
9 & more members
Beginner***, Advanced & Challenger
0-7.99, 8-10.99, 11-13.99, 14+

****Small Dance Twirl Teams (avg. ages)***
3-8 members
Beginner***, Advanced & Challenger
0-7.99, 8-10.99, 11-13.99, 14+

****Small Twirling Corps (avg. age)***
0-9 (10-18 members)
10-13 (12-20 members)
14-20 (12-20 members)

****Small Parade Corps (avg. ages)***
10-16 members

Street Parade Team
0-9, 10-13, 14-20

****Large Dance Twirl Teams (avg. ages)***
9 & more members
Beginner***, Advanced & Challenger
0-7.99, 8-10.99, 11-13.99, 14+

****Large Twirling Corps (avg. age)***
0-9 (19 & more members)
10-13 (21 & more members)
14-20 (21 & more members)

****Large Parade Corps (avg. ages)***
17 & more members

Novelty Show Twirl Team
0-9, 10-13, 14-20

To calculate average ages, add all the athletes' ages together, then divide the sum by the number of athletes in the group.

*The National Competition Committee reserves the right to combine age divisions in group competition where there are less than 5 entries in an age division.

**Novice Solo One Baton Only. Athletes in this level may not perform more than a two-turn around and no high toss illusions

***Athletes that are Novice, Beginner or Intermediate in Solo one baton and have not received more than five first place Beginner team wins are considered Beginner team athletes. Athletes that are Advanced in Solo one baton are not allowed to compete on a Beginner team. Athletes that are Advanced in Solo one baton or have received five first place Beginner team wins are considered Advanced team athletes.

ENTRY FEE:

SOLO EVENTS		**GROUP EVENTS**
1 Event	$60.00	Duets, Trios, Teams & Corps
Each Additional Solo Event	$20.00	$15.00 per athlete per event

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY DEADLINE:

All registration materials must be received no later than **Monday, July 7, 2008.** Entries may be completed online or by traditional mailed paperwork.

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER:

(A) ONLINE ENTRY: Entries will be accepted ONLINE at www.aaujrogames.org through the entry deadline of Monday, July 7, 2008. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted. All fees are non-refundable. After registering and paying online, you will receive an email confirming your entry and acceptance of payment. Once you register and pay online, there is no need to send in any paperwork.

NOTE: Only COACHES are authorized to complete group registrations online for duets, trios, teams, and corps. Solo events can be handled by anyone (parents, athletes, coaches, etc.)

-OR-

(B) PAPER ENTRY: All paperwork and fees must be received no later than **Monday, July 7, 2008.** All entry fees must be in the form of either a cashier's check or money order made payable to **2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games. No personal checks will be accepted. Please do not send cash.** All fees are non-refundable.

PAPER ENTRY FOR BATON TWIRLING IS A TWO-PART PROCESS:
It is important that the following forms and all entry fees are sent together to the appropriate address. Failure to do both will jeopardize your eligibility to compete.

STEP#1: Send the following items to the AAU Junior Olympic Games Office:

1. Baton Twirling Individual Athlete and/or Coaches Entry Form(s)
2. Baton Twirling Group Summary Form(s)
3. Correct Entry Fee

2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games
Attn: Baton Twirling
211 W Fort Street, Suite 1000
Detroit, MI 48226

STEP#2: Send the following item to AAU Baton Twirling:

1. A copy of Baton Twirling Group Summary Form(s)

-OR- Fax: (813) 643-0332

AAU Baton Twirling
C/O June Bryan
5851 Heron Park Place
Lithia, FL 33547

ENTRY CONFIRMATION: TO CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR PACKET:

- It is recommended to use an overnight mail service (i.e. FedEx, UPS) in order to track your entry. You can track your packet with the airbill number. If you receive confirmation that your entry was delivered, then your entry has been received and will be processed if complete.
- If your email address is on the entry form, you will receive an email confirmation once your entry has been processed. Due to the volume of entries, please allow 7 to 10 days for processing. Coaches, if your email address is listed on multiple athlete forms you will receive multiple emails. Please note that accounts with spam blocks and controls might not receive the confirmation.

The Local Organizing Committee has spent many hours planning and preparing this AAU event. In order to make it a great success, we are asking for your cooperation. It is the responsibility of the coach, designated person of the team, or athlete to return all the necessary monies and completed forms by the deadline date. It is not the responsibility of the Host or the AAU to make sure all forms are completed, **ONLY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ENTRY (S) BASED ON THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED.**

AGE DETERMINATION: Determined by the athlete's age at the time of the AAU National Championships first day of competition, July 29, 2008. Athletes MUST compete at their AAU District or Regional Championship in the age division in which they will be at the AAU National Championships.

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes and coaches must be members of their AAU District and be able to present their 2008 AAU membership card at check-in. To join AAU, visit www.aausports.org.

COACHES: All AAU Baton Twirling coaches wishing to have access to the competition floor must be wearing the official AAU Baton Twirling Polo Shirt and be a registered coach for the event. To purchase the official polo, please visit www.aausports.org for an order form, or contact Amanda Stokes, AAU National Headquarters, at 407-934-7200 or amanda@aausports.org. To register as a coach for the event, visit www.aaujrogames.org and register online. The coaches entry fee is $40 and includes a gift, t-shirt and an event credential (allowing access to all competition venues and the Celebration of Athletes).

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 Baton Twirling participants will be held at the Rock Financial Showplace located at 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI 48374. A $5 per day parking fee will apply. Please follow the posted signs to the Check-In Area. For check-in hours, mapping and additional directions please visit www.aaujrogames.org.

Please note that Check-In and Competition are in two different places.

PARKING: Parking is $5 per day at the Rock Financial Showplace. Please visit www.aaujrogames.org for additional parking information.

CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES: The 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games ***Celebration of Athletes*** will be held on Monday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. on the campus of Eastern Michigan University at Olds-Marshall Track. All athletes are encouraged to attend, as you won't want to miss this year's celebration. Check the web site at www.aaujrogames.org for more announcements on the ***Celebration of Athletes***.

HOUSING: The Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau will handle all requests for hotels. **To make reservations, visit** www.aaujrogames.org **and click on Housing.** For assistance, please call the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) DETROIT or (800) 338-7648. You will need to have the following information ready when making reservations:

1. The sport in which you will compete
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: Please check online or with the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau regarding deposit requirements and cancellation policies. AAU is not responsible for any refunds from cancellations.

TRANSPORTATION: All participants and spectators are responsible for their own transportation to and from all activities, events, and hotels.

SECURITY: All AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain the right to search any bags, backpacks, purses, jackets, etc. throughout the duration of the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

FOOD: All AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain exclusive rights to concessions. Outside food and beverage are not permitted throughout the duration of the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

ADMISSION FEE: Admission to all venues and the Celebration of Athletes for credentialed participants 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 2008 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 visit www.aaujrogames.org.

NO GUARANTEE: The AAU can not and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event. The AAU has sanctioned (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for any participant's or spectator's expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction of any participant, friend, family, or spectator, this includes, but is not limited to all travel, lodging, food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE:

This is only a tentative schedule and is subject to change. A final schedule will be available at athlete check-in. Challenger events will occur at the same times as Novice/Beginner Events.

***Prelims only for Intermediate and Advanced Solo, Strut, Two Baton, Dance Twirl, and Groups. All other events are only Finals, no Prelims.**

Tuesday, July 29, 2008
Prelims Groups, Duets, and Trios; Awards Duets and Trios

Wednesday, July 30, 2008
Finals Groups, Freestyle; Prelims Dance Twirl; Awards Groups and Freestyle

Thursday, July 31, 2008
Prelim Intermediate and Advanced Solo, Strut, and Two Baton; Novice and Beginner all Solo Events; Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced of Basic, Military, Multiple Baton, Three Baton, Hoop and Flag; Awards for all non-prelim events

Friday, August 1, 2008
Finals Intermediate and Advanced Solo, Strut, Two Baton, and Dance Twirl; Awards to follow.

*Schedule will be based on the number of entries received.

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