



2008 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES GYMNASTICS



LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi, MI

DATES:

*Wednesday, July 23	Athlete Check-In	Rock Financial Showplace
Thursday, July 24	Competition	Rock Financial Showplace
Friday, July 25	Competition	Rock Financial Showplace
Saturday, July 26	Competition	Rock Financial Showplace
Monday, July 28	Celebration of Athletes	Eastern Michigan University

** Athletes must check-in the day prior to their event. Check-in is open daily, please refer to www.aaujrogames.org for times.*

** Updated May 2008 –Gymnastics competition will conclude on Saturday, July 26.*

AGE DIVISIONS:

Open Optional:	Girls 8-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-19
Intermediate Optional:	Girls 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
Team Performance:	All Ages
Ladies:	Level 8, Modified Optional

ENTRY FEE: \$75.00 per athlete. For Team Performance, \$40.00 per athlete if not competing in artistic gymnastics. For athletes also competing in artistic gymnastics or cheerleading, the entry fee is an additional \$10 per athlete. Entry fees are non-refundable.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

& ENTRY DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE at www.aaujrogames.org.

Entries must be completed online by **June 20, 2008**. Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover is accepted. You will need to have your AAU membership at the time of registering. After registering online, you will receive an email confirming your entry and acceptance of payment.

The Local Organizing Committee and the AAU have spent many hours planning and preparing for this AAU Event. In order to make it a great success, we are asking for your cooperation. It is the responsibility of the parent, coach, instructor, and athlete to ensure that the application is in on time and complete in every detail.

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes and coaches must be able to present a 2008 AAU membership card at check-in. To purchase AAU membership cards register instantly at www.aausports.org or call your local AAU District at 1-800-AAU-4USA.

COMPETITION

FORMAT: **Competition will be conducted in regular AAU Junior Olympic Games Open Optional Girls Exercises, Intermediate Optional Gymnastics for Girls and Team Performance Gymnastics. Open Optionals (Girls) will have the opportunity to advance to AAU Junior Olympic Championship FINALS on Sunday!**

Please see each individual entry sheet for exact details and competition days.

QUALIFICATION: **OPEN OPTIONAL:** Gymnasts must have placed first, second or third at their AAU District Championships. For girls, fourth to twelfth place finishers in all age divisions may qualify for the AAU National Championships provided they score a minimum of 29.00 AA. **OPEN OPTIONALS - GIRLS WILL ADVANCE TO FINALS (TOP 10 EACH EVENT).**

INTERMEDIATE OPTIONAL: These girls will compete as a separate competition. This "intermediate optional" program will compete using the AAU Girls Gymnastics Modified Rules as printed on the web site at www.aausports.org.

Elite levels or above gymnasts are ineligible to compete. Winners of the USA Gymnastics National Junior Olympics Championships are eligible to compete providing they meet all AAU qualification requirements.

TEAM PERFORMANCE GYMNASTICS: No qualification required, open meet.

AWARDS: All athletes will receive a minimum of one medal. Each sport section will have awards based on entries. Open Optional AAU Gymnastics will maintain awards as always. AAU Gymnastics also includes these special awards. All American (Top six female scores from any age division in the "Open Optional" Gymnastics prelims. Plaques and patches are given each athlete. We will honor our graduating Senior Gymnasts in all divisions. The "Joel Ferrell Outstanding Athlete Award", as nominated by the coaches will also be presented. A gymnast competing in the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games in any

division is eligible. One female will be selected from the coach's nominations. This is a most prestigious award and coaches are asked to submit their nominations after the preliminary rounds of competition.

AGE

DETERMINATION:

Determined by the gymnast's age on the first day of competition (Thursday, July 24, 2008). Gymnasts **MUST** compete at the **AAU District Championships in the age division in which they will compete at the AAU National Championships.**

CHECK-IN:

On-Site Check-In: Check-In for GYMNASTICS 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.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CHECK-IN THE DAY PRIOR TO COMPETING.

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.***

PARKING:

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

HOUSING:

The Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau will handle **all** requests for hotels. **Visit www.aaujrogames.org to make reservations, view hotel lists, maps and more.** 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:

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. No coolers at any venue.

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 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, hotel (lodging), food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.

CLARIFICATION:

Girls Open Optionals -

- Modified AAU Junior Olympic Rules (See Rulebook)
- Girls can send both A Team and B Team.
- "#1 TEAM" would be top six (1-6) in the age group; "#2 TEAM" would be the second six (7-12).
- All must meet the criteria score in that age group.
- All Star athletes based on score and entries.
- Capital Cup Format used for girls
- District awards done daily

Girls Intermediate Optionals

- See Rulebook
- Developed for Level 6, 7, 8 early optionals
- “#1 TEAM” would be top six (1-6); “#2 TEAM” would be the second six (7-12).
- No criteria score to advance to Nationals.
- All Star athletes (13 and below) eligible
- District awards done daily
- No finals for intermediate optionals

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