2008 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES
KARATE

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

SCHEDULE:

Friday, July 25, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Check-In	Rock Financial Showplace
Friday, July 25, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Officials & Coaches Clinic	Rock Financial Showplace
Saturday, July 26, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Competition (Kobudo, Kata)	Rock Financial Showplace
Sunday, July 27, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Competition (Kumite)	Rock Financial Showplace
Monday, July 28, 7:30 pm	Celebration of Athletes	Eastern Michigan University

AGE DIVISIONS: There will be no breakdown by karate experience. One division per age group (male and female) and category will be featured. However, each age division may be further sub-divided according to height and/or weight as deemed necessary by the National AAU Karate Committee.

7 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	13 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
8 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	14 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
9 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	15 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
10 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	16 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
11 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	17 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo
12 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo	18 years male/female kata, kumite & kobudo

AGE DETERMINING DATE: The athlete's age on July 1, 2008, shall determine the proper age division.

ENTRY FEE: One (1) event - $60.00. Two (2) events - $65.00. Three (3) or more events - $70.00.
All fees are non-refundable.

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

Entries must be completed online by **Wednesday, July 9, 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 members of their AAU District. Athlete AB membership is $14 and non-athlete (coach) AB membership is $16. To become an AAU member, join online at **www.aausports.org**.

RULES: AAU/Modified International Federation rules. Officials wishing to judge, referee or arbitrate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games must have completed the Officials' Certification Course at the AAU National Karate Championship and be a current AAU license holder. **This applies to all Officials**.

AWARDS: AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top three (3) places in each advanced division and discipline for the advanced competition.

UNIFORMS: Solid white GI only with official AAU Karate patch (must be sewn on) is mandatory. NO school or club design on back of the uniform. No lettering or striping may appear on the uniform

CAUTIONS: The following items may not be worn during competition: headbands, jewelry, colored t-shirts, and metal hair clips. Sleeves may not be rolled up. Fingernails should be cut short. Bandages and/or any wraps must be approved by the sports medicine staff on site prior to competition. Regular plastic eyeglasses may not be worn during fighting competition. Lettering on GI is not permitted.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT: AAU National Karate Committee approved equipment only. No competitor will be allowed to compete without proper uniform and mandatory equipment. Mandatory for Kumite competitors: Solid white headgear, mouth guards, cups all males, white naugahyde/leather fist guards (no foam plastic type).

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT: Shin and instep guard (white cotton type only), chest protectors (must be worn under Gi), certified prescription safety glasses with strap.

COACHES:

Coaches must register online at www.aaujrogames.org and pay the $40 coaches' entry fee. Coaches must have a non-athlete AAU membership and will need their number to register online for the event. **No on-site coaches' registrations will be accepted.**

ONLY AAU CERTIFIED KARATE COACHES ARE ALLOWED ON COMPETITION FLOOR. ALL COACHES MUST BE ASEP CERTIFIED IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE COACHES CLINIC.

Coaches Clinic: Coaches must be registered members of the National AAU Program. Coaches must attend the certification course in order to be allowed on the competition floor. The Coaches Clinic will be held at the Rock Financial Showplace on Friday, July 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ALL COACHES MUST WEAR WHITE GI PANTS AND DARK BLUE AAU COACHES SHIRTS TO BE ALLOWED ON THE COMPETITION FLOOR. *(A limited number of shirts will be on sale at the coaches' clinics)*

Coaches must be properly attired according to AAU Karate Rules. Only proper attire as deemed by the National AAU Executive Committee will be acceptable.

QUALIFICATION:

Qualification to the AAU Junior Olympic Games must be determined by actual competition. Qualification may be determined only through: (A) AAU National (Regional) Karate Championships, (B) AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifier, (C) AAU National Karate Championships.

A. AAU National (Regional) Karate Championship Qualifier
The Regional Championship shall qualify the top four (4) athletes from each appropriate age category from the Advanced and Intermediate Divisions to participate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

B. Special AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifier
The Region may opt, at the discretion of the Regional Director, in lieu of the method prescribed above, to conduct an AAU Junior Olympic Games qualifier separate from the Regional Championships. The Regional AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifier must conduct the same divisions that are utilized at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. These Regional AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifiers must be open to all levels within the appropriate age/experience categories. These Regional AAU Junior Olympic Games Qualifiers shall qualify the top eight (8) athletes from each appropriate age/experience categories to participate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

C. AAU National Karate Championship
The AAU National Karate Championships shall qualify the top sixteen (16) from each appropriate age category from the Advanced and Intermediate Divisions to participate at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. The same qualifying criteria apply to athletes registered by the host AAU District.

ATHLETE CHECK-IN:

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

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. **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.

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***.

TRANSPORTATION:

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

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