Tournament Information Packet

2008 AAU BASEBALL
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

July 26th – August 2nd
AAU Junior Olympic Games
Detroit, MI

Step 1: Read all pertinent tournament details in the Tournament Information Packet

Step 2: Log onto www.aaubaseball.org and click "ONLINE Registration" to enter your team

Please remember it is the responsibility of the Head Coach/Club Director to submit all necessary registration materials BEFORE FRIDAY JULY 11th, 2008.

THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION HOLDS THE RIGHT TO REJECT ENTRIES THAT MAY BE RECEIVED AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE

YEAR 2008 AAU BASEBALL
AGE 16:UNDER DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

DATES:

Friday, July 25, 2008	Team Check-In – Rock Financial Showplace
Friday, July 25, 2008	Coaches' Meeting – Rock Financial Showplace
Saturday, July 26 to Friday, August 1, 2008	Competition
Saturday, August 2, 2008	Rain Date
Monday, July 28, 2008	***Celebration of Athletes- Eastern Michigan University***

Teams are advised to arrive in Detroit, MI no later than 12:00 noon Friday, July 25 and plan on staying through Saturday, August 2.

The AAU Age 16:Under Division National Baseball Championship is played as part of the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games.

FACILITIES: The 2008 Championship will be played at the following locations:

Henry Ford Community College
Henry Ford Field
Bicentennial Park
Additional field to be announced

AGE DIVISION: 16:Under Division I

ENTRY FEE: $650.00 per team.

ENTRY SUBMISSION: Go to www.aaubaseball.org, click "Online Registration"

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entry information must be **RECEIVED BY Friday, July 11, 2008. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE DATE OR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT THE ENTRY.**
The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has spent many hours planning and preparing for this 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 to return **all** the necessary monies and completed forms by the **deadline date.** The responsibility of the LOC and the AAU is **ONLY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ENTRY(S) BASED ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AND NOT TO MAKE SURE ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.**

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes, coaches, scorekeepers and bat-persons must be members of their AAU District and must present their AAU membership card at Team check-in. In addition, all teams must be registered as an AAU Club with their AAU District and must comply with the regulations of the AAU Code.

RULES OF PLAY: Year 2008 High School Baseball Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, except where modified, will apply (see www.aaubaseball.org, AAU Baseball Rules). Games will be seven (7) innings in length. A player may pitch in a cumulative maximum of ten (10) innings in consecutive calendar days after which that player may **not** pitch the next calendar day. Extra player rule will apply. Designated hitter and re-entry rules will apply to any starting player. The 10-run/ 15-run rule will be in effect except in bronze and gold medal games.

There will be no games ending in a tie. Games will be played until there is a winner. Time limits on games will be 2 hours and 30 minutes with no new inning starting after the time limit has expired if the game is not tied. There will be no time limit on any medal games in the Championship or Classic Bracket Rounds.

PLAYER AGE DETERMINATION: All players must have been born on or after **May 1, 1991**. Proof of age will be required at time of entry.
Only the following documents are acceptable:

1. A photocopy of his/her birth record from the state, county or municipal bureau of vital statistics of the place of birth.
2. A photocopy of the delayed registration of birth (originals may be requested) if the athlete's birth was not recorded on the day of birth, issued by the same bodies.
3. Consular Service Form FS-240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. State Department.
4. Immigration and naturalization forms I-151 and I-25 and Form No. 43-R311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.
5. A valid Passport, Drivers License, or Homeland Security Card.

HOSPITAL RECORDS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!

TEAM PHOTO: A team photo is **mandatory** for each team with all players identified. If a player is not in the team photo, an individual photo of that player must accompany the entry.

TEAM ROSTER: Each team is entitled to a maximum of twenty (20) players, three (3) bench personnel (head coach and assistant coaches), one (1) scorekeeper and two (2) bat-persons. Each of these individuals must be a member of their AAU District.

BAT-PERSONS: No more than two (2) bat-persons may be registered by each team, provided that each bat-person is between the ages of 8 – 18 years at the time of the tournament and is a member of their AAU District. Bat-persons must wear approved batting helmets while in live-ball areas.

COACHES' ATTIRE: Coaches do not need to be in full uniform, but should be in **appropriate matching athletic attire, consistent with the team uniform** (such as collared shirts and coaches' shorts, with athletic shoes).

ON-SITE CHECK-IN: On **Friday, July 25**, all teams must officially check-in between **10:00 AM and 4:00 PM** 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 directions please visit www.aaujrogames.org. Each team will be assigned a registration time.

All players, coaches, scorekeepers and bat-persons with required materials must be present at registration. Please bring copies of all forms submitted with your entry, including birth certificates, to on-site registration. Practice times will be made available for that day.

All players will be required to present a photo ID to verify identity at Team Check-In.

At the National Championships in ALL AGE GROUPS, all team members must be on the roster presented at the time of team on-site check-in. Even though a player may not be physically present at the time of on-site check-in, the player will still be eligible to play at ANYTIME during the National Championship, as long as a player is on the roster submitted at on-site check-in. A team may add players to the roster up until the conclusion of on-site check-in.

COACHES' MEETING: **FRIDAY, JULY 25 at 8:00 p.m. at the Rock Financial Showplace.** The head coach from each team is required to attend a coaches' meeting. The head coach from each team is also required to attend a second coaches' meeting after the end of the first round preliminary pool play. The site and time for the second coaches' meeting will be announced during the first meeting.

AWARDS: Team trophies and individual AAU Junior Olympic Games medals will be awarded to the top eight (8) teams in the championship bracket. Team trophies and individual medals will be awarded to the top two (2) teams in the classic bracket. In addition, a twenty (20) member All-Tournament Team will be selected along with the baseball winner of the Joel Ferrell AAU Junior Olympic Games Award. The presentation of awards will be held immediately following completion of championship bracket games.

AAU PATCH: An Official AAU Baseball Patch must be affixed to the left sleeve of the uniform jersey or over the left chest of a sleeveless uniform jersey worn by both player and coach alike during NATIONAL TOURNAMENT competition during. EXCEPTION: Each District may have a different set of requirements for the "Official AAU Baseball Patch.

1.) National Championship Opening Ceremonies
2.) The first game of preliminary pool play in the National Championship tournament
3.) All medal games in both championship and classic brackets in the National Championship tournament

PENALTY: The head coach of a team that is in violation of this rule MAY be ejected as determined by the tournament director.

CONDUCT: Players' and coaches' conduct should be above reproach, both on and off the diamond. Any misconduct will result in disqualification from the championship. Coaches listed on the official team roster will be responsible for the conduct of their players and for any damages incurred to the hotel(s) or motel(s) or facilities used by their roster players.

Any player or coach who is ejected from a game will also be disqualified from that team's following game. The second occurrence during the tournament results in suspension for the remainder of the tournament as well as possible imposition of further sanctions.

PROTESTS: Protests must be made verbally with the umpire by the offended team at the time of the play and before the next pitch. A fee of $100.00 cash (refunded if upheld) must accompany the protest. All decisions of the protest committee shall be final. Only decisions involving the misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule may be protested. No protest shall be allowed in matters involving solely the officials' judgment.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

In general, the seven- (7) days of competition will consist of:

1. Two (2) days of initial pool play.
   Following completion of initial pool play, at least the top two finishers in each initial pool will advance to the championship pools and the remaining teams will be placed in consolation pools.

2. Three (3) days of championship/consolation pool play.
   Not less than two teams from each championship pool will advance to the championship bracket. The number of teams advancing from the consolation pools to the consolation bracket will be determined based on the total number of participating teams.

3. Two (2) days of championship/consolation bracket play.
   The championship bracket will be a "modified single elimination playoff "under which first through eighth places will be determined. The consolation bracket will be single elimination. Places fifth through eighth will not play for order of finish; however, runs allowed, runs scored, head to head, higher seed, and finally a coin flip if necessary, will determine ranking. Medals and trophies will still be awarded to all top eight finishers.

NOTE: Particular circumstances may result in some deviation from the described tournament format, subject to the prior approval of the National AAU Baseball Competition Task Group.

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to change the tournament formats to ensure completion of the tournament. If any portion of the tournament is delayed or modified due to inclement weather or any other cause, all participating teams are expected to play at any time. No exceptions will be made to accommodate travel plans made for the rain date.

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***.

PARKING:

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

COOLERS:

All AAU Junior Olympic Games baseball facilities maintain exclusive rights to concessions. One (1) team cooler allowed for Baseball per team for dugout purpose only. Other outside food and beverage shall not be 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 participant credentials 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 2007 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 Event Handbook or visit www.aaujrogames.org.

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.

TRANSPORTATION:

All athletes, coaches, and fans are responsible for their own transportation to & from all activities, events, & hotels.

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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