

Tournament Information Packet

2008 AAU BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



July 19th – July 27th
Ed Smith Stadium
Sarasota, FL

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

Step 2: Log onto www.aabaseball.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 THURSDAY JULY 3rd, 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 14:U DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

DATES: Team Check-in/Team Meeting/ Practice Saturday, July 19, 2008
Competition Sunday, July 20 – Saturday July 26
Rain Date Sunday, July 27, 2008

Teams are advised to arrive in Sarasota, FL Friday, July 18th. Also plan on staying through Sunday, July 27.

FACILITIES: Ed Smith Stadium, IMG Academies, Sarasota High School, Lakewood Ranch High School, Twin Lakes Park, Braden River Park, and Sarasota Babe Ruth Complex.

Additional offsite venues that may be utilized are Englewood Sports Complex, Venice Well Field, Cardinal Mooney High School, Riverview High School, and Venice High School.

AGE GROUP: 14:U Division 1

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entry information must be **RECEIVED Thursday, July 3rd, 2008.**

ENTRY FEE: \$650.00.

COACHES' MEETING: **Saturday, July 19 at 12:30 PM.** The Coaches' Meeting will take place at the Hospitality Room at the Cincinnati Reds Clubhouse. **This meeting is MANDATORY & WITHOUT EXCEPTION.** **The head coach OR assistant coach from each team is required to attend (limit 1 coach per team. Additional coaches will not be allowed entry). Non-compliance may result in the disqualification of your team without refund of entry fee. ***If a team representative does not attend the preliminary and second coaches meeting, the head coach of that will be suspended for one game in each instance.**

PICNIC AND OPENING CEREMONIES:

There will be a Skills Competition at the City of Sarasota Sports Complex and Ed Smith Stadium on Saturday, July 19, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in conjunction with the player picnic on site. Each team will be asked to provide a different player for each of two contests: home run and base-running, and four players for an around-the-horn competition. The awards for the skills competition will be given between innings of the Sarasota Reds game. Players and coaches will parade into the stadium with banners and official replicas of state flags beginning at 4:55 p.m. staging for the parade will begin at 4:40 p.m.

Entry to Opening Ceremonies and Sarasota Reds game included with advance purchase of \$40 tournament pass either on the order form provided in packet or at Registration. Advance tickets for Opening Ceremonies and Sarasota Reds game may be purchased in advance for \$4.00 on separate order form included in packet. Tickets purchased at the gate for Opening Ceremonies and Sarasota Reds game will cost \$5.00

SKILLS COMPETITION: A baseball skills event will take place from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 19. Each team in the tournament may enter eligible players to compete in these events.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Closing Ceremonies will be held for all medal-winning teams and for the "All Tournament Team Members". This includes 1st - 8th place teams in the "Championship Bracket" and the 1st and 2nd place teams in the "Classic Bracket." These ceremonies will take place immediately following each "medal" game. Teams will be instructed to walk over to the medal ceremony by Tournament Director or representatives of. This will be a semi-formal ceremony in where pictures will be allowed.

AWARDS: Team trophies and individual medals will be awarded to the top eight (8) teams in the medal round. Team trophies will be awarded to the top two (2) teams in the consolation bracket. A Sportsmanship Trophy will also be awarded to a team or individual that exemplifies the award during the tournament. The presentation of awards will be held immediately following the completion of the each Championship

Game (1st - 8th place and Consolation 1st & 2nd). In addition, a twenty (20) member All-Tournament Team will be selected.

**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.

**SPECTATOR
ADMISSION:**

Spectator admission is required for all events.
Daily admission will be available for \$10.00 per adult (6 and under admitted free) A week-long tournament pass may be purchased for \$40.00. Both will be available at all sites for purchase.

COOLER POLICY:

Coaches may bring a single cooler into the facility for icing purposes only (e.g. towels) for team use. Adequate water, cups and ice are provided by the tournament for the teams. Carrying in of **food and beverages is prohibited.** Food and beverage concessions are available for purchase at all facilities.

HOUSING:

Please contact Keys to Sarasota at 1-888-670-1898 or visit www.keystosarasota.com for your housing needs or rental cars/vans.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION:**

Pat Calhoon
2700 12th Street
Sarasota, FL 34239
941-954-4101 ex. 5200
Patrick.calhoon@sarasotagov.com

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.

ATHLETE WAIVER/RELEASE FORM ("AGREEMENT")

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in any Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S. Inc. activity ("Activity") I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin: **1. ACKNOWLEDGE**, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of the Activity and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity. **2. FULLY UNDERSTAND** that: (a) ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity. **3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE** the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S. Inc. (AAU), the Florida Association of the AAU, the Sarasota Area Sports Authority, its sponsors and suppliers, the State of Florida, City of Sarasota, Cincinnati Reds, School Board of Sarasota County, School Board of Manatee County, Sarasota County Parks & Recreation, Manatee County Parks & Recreation, Sarasota Babe Ruth, Cardinal Mooney High School, Florida Sports Foundation, IMG Academies, Sahib Shrine Center, Sarasota County Agricultural Fair Association, Inc., and the Sarasota & Her Islands Convention & Visitors Bureau and the municipalities in which any such activity is conducted, including the representatives, and related affiliated and subsidiary companies of each, as well as the officers, directors, sponsors, agents, employees and assigns of each, and the AAU's Associations, clubs, coaches, officials, administrators, members, volunteers, participants, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, and any other party indemnified and held harmless by the AAU, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS, NEGLIGENT SECURITY, TRAVEL, AND RECREATIONAL OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Release's, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

Agreement to Participate

I, or we, grant to the Directors, Assistants, or assigned chaperons of this event to act as guardians/spokesman in granting permission for emergency treatment/hospitalization (including anesthesia) if necessary for my child en route to or from or at the site of AAU event or hospital or other medical facility. I understand that should a health emergency arise, I will be attempted to be notified, but that if I cannot be reached by telephone, such medical treatment as deemed necessary by competent medical personnel is authorized. I hereby state that to the best of my knowledge the following information is complete:

PERSONAL PHYSICIAN'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

I am presently taking the following medication or pills: _____

I am allergic to the following (medicine, bee/insect stings, other): _____

I hereby authorize the AAU to allow the reproduction, dissemination, and/or publication of my name and likeness for media coverage, public relations, or any other purpose which may involve the use of photographs, films, and/or video tape recording. This is to be done in conjunction with my participating in this AAU event and I understand and agree that I may neither pay a fee to receive individual promotional consideration from my participation in this event, nor will I receive any payment for the possible commercial use of my name or likeness. **INSURANCE:** AAU membership provides excess medical insurance for any member athlete participating in an AAU-sanctioned practice or event. If the athlete has other medical coverage, theirs will be applied first, followed by AAU insurance. I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

PRINTED NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____ PHONE: _____

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE (only if age 18 or over): _____ DATE: _____

TEAM NAME: _____

MINOR RELEASE: AND I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEE'S FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (only if participant is under the age of 18): _____

2008 BASEBALL CAMP WAIVER

Name of Camper: (please print) _____ (“Participant”).

Waiver: In consideration of Participant’s participation in the baseball camp held at IMG Academies (including AAU camps) and Participant’s use, today and on all future dates, of the property, facilities, and services of IMG Academies (hereafter referred to as “IMG”), Participant and Parent/Guardian, on behalf of Participant, Participant’s heirs, personal representatives, or assigns, hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue, IMG, its affiliated companies and each of its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, sponsors, independent contractors, and agents from liability from any and all claims arising from the negligence of IMG or any of the aforementioned parties. This agreement applies to (1) personal injury (including death) from accidents, injuries or illnesses arising from participation in various activities including, but not limited to, participation in baseball training, travel, competition, educational classes, lessons, social activity, and individual use of facilities, premises, or equipment; and (2) any and all claims resulting from the damage to, loss of, or theft of property. Participant and Parent/Guardian consent to all videotaping and photographing of Participant and agree that IMG can use these images at any time and in any manner without payment to Participant and without Participant’s or Parent/Guardian’s approval.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: Participant and Parent/Guardian also agree to HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY IMG from all claims resulting from the negligence of IMG and to reimburse IMG for any expenses incurred as a result of Participant’s participation in the baseball camp and presence at IMG facilities. Participant and Parent/Guardian further agree to pay all costs and attorneys’ fees incurred by IMG in investigating and defending a claim or suit but only if Participant’s claim is withdrawn or to the extent an arbitrator determines that IMG is not responsible for the injury or loss. Participant and Parent/Guardian agree to hold harmless and indemnify IMG from all claims and amounts related to legal and other action brought against IMG for damages caused by Participant (for example, for damages caused by Participant while fighting with another participant).

Severability and Venue: Participant and Parent/Guardian further expressly agree that this waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Florida and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the remaining portion of the waiver will continue in full legal force and effect. Also, Participant and Parent/Guardian agree that all disputes will be resolved using binding arbitration (to the extent permitted by law) and take place at the office of the American Arbitration Association located nearest to Bradenton, Florida.

Acknowledgment of Understanding: Participant and Parent/Guardian have read this waiver and fully understand its terms. Participant and Parent/Guardian understand that Participant is giving up rights, including the right to compensation for injury resulting from negligence of IMG. Participant and Parent/Guardian acknowledge that they are signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and intend their signatures to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.



IMG Academies

In signing this waiver as parent or guardian, I acknowledge that I am consenting to Participant’s participation in a baseball camp at IMG and acknowledge that I understand that any and all risks, including that of negligence, whether known or unknown are expressly assumed by Participant and Parent/Guardian and all claims, whether known or unknown, are expressly waived in advance.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Minor Participant: _____ Date: _____

Address of Participant: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

Assumption of Risks: Physical activity, by its very nature, carries with it certain dangers and risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. IMG has facilities for various sport specific activities such as soccer, golf, tennis, hockey, football, cycling, and basketball and related activities such as strength training, running, and swimming. Some of these activities involve strenuous exertions of strength using various muscle groups, some involve quick movements involving speed and change of direction, some involve contact with equipment, other participants (including participants that are older or younger and who may be larger or smaller (in terms of weight and height) than Participant), and various surfaces (which may be uneven), and others involve sustained physical activity which places stress on the cardiovascular system. Participant will also

be exposed to risks while traveling and participating in various activities. Some of these activities involve travel in vehicles (for example, in vans when traveling to a competition or to the airport) and exposure to large crowds (such as at a music concert).The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but in each activity the risks range from (1) minor injuries such as scratches, cuts, bruises, and sprains to (2) major injuries such as loss of sight, loss of teeth, broken bones, joint or back injuries, concussions, and heart attacks to (3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death. I also understand that the Participant may expose others, or may be exposed, to contagious disease such as influenza, chicken pox or measles.

Participant and Parent/Guardian have read the previous paragraphs and (1) understand the nature of the activities at IMG, (2) understand the demands of those activities relative to the physical condition and skill level of Participant, and (3) appreciate the types of illnesses and injuries which may occur as a result of activities made possible by IMG. Participant and Parent/Guardian hereby assert that participation is voluntary and that Participant and Parent/Guardian knowingly assume all such risks.

Acknowledgement of Rules and Standards of Conduct: I understand that IMG has rules and standards of conduct that are set forth in the Student Handbook. I agree to abide by these rules and standards for the safety of Participants, staff, and the other participants.

Acknowledgment of Understanding: Participant and Parent/Guardian have read this agreement to participate and fully understand its terms. Participant and Parent/Guardian acknowledge freely and voluntarily signing the agreement and intend the signatures to signify a complete assumption of the inherent risks of participating in or observing activities at IMG to the greatest extent allowed by law in the State of Florida.

In signing this assumption of risk as Parent/Guardian, I acknowledge that I am consenting to the Participant's participation at IMG (as specified in paragraph one) and acknowledge that Participant and Parent/Guardian expressly assume all inherent risks of the activity.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Minor Participant: _____ Date: _____

2008 14U (90') AAU National Championship

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT PASS ORDER FORM

TEAM NAME: _____

COACH'S NAME: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

\$40.00 Tournament Spectator's Pass is the week-long pass which includes entry to Opening Ceremonies and the Sarasota Reds baseball game on July 19th.

Number of Tournament passes requested: _____ x **\$40.00** (\$39.00 + \$1.00 surcharge) = \$ _____

TEAM PRE-ORDER TOTAL: \$ _____ (Check or Money Order ONLY)

Please make one (1) money order or cashiers check total per team payable to Ed Smith Stadium.

Return this official tournament pass order form with payment to:

Ed Smith Stadium
Pat Calhoon, Tournament Director
2700 12th Street
Sarasota, FL 34239

Passes will be entrusted to your Coach at Check-in on Saturday, July 19th at the Sahib Shrine Center

For additional advance tickets for Opening Ceremonies and Sarasota Reds game a separate order form follows.

**2008 14U (90') AAU National Championship
ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORM
OPENING CEREMONIES AT ED SMITH STADIUM**

**SARASOTA REDS VS. PALM BEACH MIRACLES
SATURDAY, JULY 19TH, 2008**

GATES OPEN AT 3:00 PM

**PRE-GAME CEREMONIES BEGIN AT 4:00 PM
GAME BEGINS AT 6:00 PM**

Admittance included with purchase of tournament pass.

***Order additional advance tickets here for \$4.00
(Tickets will be \$5.00 at the gate)**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE
AT WWW.SARASOTAREDS.COM
OR CALL 941-955-6501**

**TEAM
NAME: _____ HOMETOWN: _____**

CONTACT NAME: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELLPHONE: _____

NUMBER OF TICKET: _____ X \$4.00 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

MAIL IN REQUEST WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

**SARASOTA REDS
1090 N. EUCLID AVENUE
SARASOTA, FL 34237*YOUR PRE-ORDERED TICKETS WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT REGISTRATION SATURDAY,
JULY 19TH.**

2008 AAU 14-U NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Skills Competition Participants

TEAM NAME: _____

1. Player's Name: _____

HOME RUN HITTING CONTEST

2. Player's Name: _____

BASE-RUNNING CONTEST

3. Players' Names:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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PLEASE NOTE:

- ONE PLAYER MAY COMPETE IN ONLY ONE EVENT
- HOME RUN HITTING CONTESTANT MUST SUPPLY OWN PITCHER
(MAY BE COACH, ADULT, OR TEAMMATE)

PLEASE PRESENT FORM AT CHECK-IN ON JULY 19, 2008.