

Tournament Information Packet

2008 AAU BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



July 11th – July 18th
Salem Memorial Stadium
Salem, VA

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 FRIDAY, JUNE 27th, 2008.**

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

2008 AAU BASEBALL AGE 15&UNDER DIVISION 1 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

DATES: Team Check-in/Team Meeting: Friday, July 11
Competition: Saturday, July 12 – Thursday, July 17
Rain Date: Friday, July 18

Teams are advised to arrive in Salem, VA no later than 11:00 p.m. Thursday, July 10. Also plan on staying through Friday, July 18.

FACILITIES: Salem Memorial Stadium Salem Kiwanis Field
Staunton River High School William Byrd High School
Botetourt High School Franklin Co. High School
Cave Spring High School Hidden Valley High School
***Additional Offsite venues may be used as needed

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entry information must be received no later than: Friday, **June 27, 2008**. Entries received after this date will not be accepted

The Host Committee has 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 coach, designated person of the team, or athlete to return **all** the necessary monies and completed forms by the **deadline date**. The responsibility of the Host and the AAU is **ONLY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ENTRY (S) BASED ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED** and not to make sure all requirements are met.

ENTRY FEE: \$650.00 per team

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes, coaches, scorekeeper and bat-persons must hold a current AAU membership. In addition, all teams must hold a current AAU club membership.

RULES OF PLAY: The most current High School Baseball Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Districts except where modified (see AAU Baseball Handbook). Games will be seven (7) innings in length. The 10-run/15-run rule will be in effect except in gold through bronze medal games.

The time limit for the National Tournament games will be 2 hours and 30 minutes. There will be no games ending in a tie. Games will be played until there is a winner. However there will be no NEW inning starting after the time limit expires if the game is not tied. There will be no time limit in any medal game in the championship or classic rounds.

TEAM

QUALIFICATIONS: **The National Championship will be subject to monitoring by the National Baseball Executive Committee, provided: (a) the team conforms with AAU registration rules for athletes and clubs as outlined in the AAU Code Book, and (b) the team has participated in their District Championship, if one is held, and (c) the team is certified jointly by the District Governor and District Baseball Chair.**

At the National Championships in ALL AGE GROUPS, all team members must be on the roster presented at the time of team registration. Even though a player(s) may not be physically present at time of team registration, the player(s) will still be eligible to play if the player(s) check-in with AAU Tournament Director prior to the start of the team's first (1st) game in the second (2nd) round of pool play. All player(s) must be listed on the roster submitted at the time of team registration.

If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start of the tournament, the player will be expelled from the tournament. If a player is found to be ineligible after the tournament has begun, not only will the player be expelled, but also the team will also be expelled from the tournament and MAY be subject to further sanctions. Coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements.

Deadline for withdrawal of a tournament entry will be the tournament entry deadline. If there is no notification of withdrawal prior to the deadline date, the head coach and/or team may be subject to sanctions, with due process.

CHECK-IN: **On-Site Check-in:** On Friday, July 11, all teams must officially check in from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. at Moyer Park.

**PLAYER AGE
DETERMINATION:**

All players must have been born on or after **May 1, 1992**. 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!!

**PLAYER
ROSTER:**

Rosters are limited to a maximum of 20 players. A team advancing to an AAU National Championship from at least a three (3) team qualifier shall be allowed to add or replace up to five (5) players on its AAU District roster (to a team maximum of twenty).

COACHES:

Each team is entitled to a maximum of three (3) bench personnel (head coach and assistants) and (1) one scorekeeper. Each individual must be a registered as an AAU non-athlete.

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).

BATPERSONS:

No more than two (2) bat-persons may be registered by each team, provided that each bat-person is between the ages 8-18 at the time of the tournament and is a registered as an AAU non-athlete. Bat persons must wear helmets when in live playing areas.

**COACHES'
MEETING:**

FRIDAY, JULY 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Salem Memorial Stadium. This meeting is MANDATORY & WITHOUT EXCEPTION: The head coach and assistant coach from each team is required to attend (limit 2 coaches 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 coaches meeting, the head coach of that team will be suspended for one game in each instance.**

**OPENING
CEREMONIES:**

FRIDAY, JULY 11 at 3:00 p.m.: At the Salem Memorial Stadium. Opening Ceremonies will start promptly at 3:00 p.m. All players must be assembled at Salem Memorial Stadium no later than 2:30 PM. Tournament passes or a daily ticket will grant access to Opening Ceremonies (In order to beat the rush of friends and family buying tickets prior to the start of Opening Ceremonies, purchase tournament passes or daily tickets during team check-in). Please bring a replica of your State Flag or team banner for the Opening Ceremonies, if possible.

Also, several teams may bring "Team Pins" to exchange during opening ceremonies and during the week. You may consider participating in this activity. Usually, the pins have a team, state or city logo. Please no trading of Pins at the check-in area.

**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 AAU representatives. 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.

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. **PENALTY: The violator of this rule MAY be ejected as determined by the tournament director.**

**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.

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 fans for any damages incurred to the 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.

**SPECTATOR
ADMISSION:**

Spectator admission is required for all venues used in the National Championship tournament. Daily admission will be available for \$6 per adult and \$4 per youth/senior. Children 12 years of age and younger are admitted free. Also, a tournament pass may be purchased for \$25 per adult and \$15 per youth/senior.

PARK POLICIES:

Coaches may bring a **single** cooler into the facility of up to five (5) gallons for team use. No alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers will be permitted. Please also note that no lockable storage is available for cooler or other personal belongings. Also, no pets allowed.

**TRANSPORTATION
AND PARKING:**

For team transportation please see **TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS** below. Team parking is complimentary.

HOUSING:

For specially-priced housing accommodations please see **HOUSING INFORMATION** below.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION:**

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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.

HOUSING INFORMATION

You will be responsible for making your accommodation arrangements directly with the hotel of your choice. Please call the hotel properties listed below to make your reservations. State and local taxes are not included in the rate quoted.

<u>Holiday Inn Tanglewood</u>	<u>Comfort Inn - Airport</u>
Hotel Contact: Mary Ayers	Hotel Contact: Carmen Natale
Telephone# (540) 774-4400	Telephone# (540) 527-2020
\$89.00 Singles	\$92.99 Singles
\$89.00 Doubles	\$92.99 Doubles
Flat rate 1-4 People	Flat rate 1-4 People
Tax rate is 10%	Tax rate 12%

<u>Sleep Inn</u>	<u>Best Western Inn – Valley View</u>
Hotel Contact: Robin Austin-Goff	Hotel Contact: Ginger Hill
Telephone# (540) 772-1500	Telephone# (540) 362-2400
\$79.00 Singles	\$79.95 Singles
\$79.00 Doubles	\$79.95 Doubles
Flat rate 1-4 People	Flat rate 1-4 People
Tax rate 10%	Tax rate 12%

<u>Comfort Suites</u>	<u>Ameri Suites- Valley View</u>
Hotel Contact: Rebecca Hash	Hotel Contact: Gloria Patton
Telephone# (540) 375-4800	Telephone# (540) 366-4700
\$95.00 Singles	\$99.00 Singles
\$95.00 Doubles	\$99.00 Doubles
Flat rate 1-4 People	Flat rate 1-4 People
Tax rate 12%	Tax rate is 12%

<u>Holiday Inn Roanoke</u>	<u>MainStay Suites</u>
Hotel Contact: Brenda Phillips	Hotel Contact: Brenda Elliott
Telephone# (540) 362-4500	Telephone# (540) 527-3030
\$82.00 Singles	\$112.95 Singles
\$82.00 Doubles	\$112.95 Doubles
Flat rate 1-4 People	Flat rate 1-4 people
Tax rate is 12%	Tax rate is 12%

<u>Super 8 Motel</u>	<u>Courtyard by Marriott - Airport</u>
Hotel Contact: Corina Smith	Hotel Contact: Celia Gerig
Telephone# (540) 563-8888	Telephone# (540) 563-5002
\$60.00 Singles	\$109.00 Singles
\$60.00 Doubles	\$109.00 Doubles
Flat rate 1-4 people	Flat rate 1-4 People
Tax rate is 12%	Tax rate is 12%

<u>Quality Inn – Salem</u>	<u>Wyndham Roanoke</u>
Hotel Contact: Kim O’Conner	Hotel Contact: Robin Sampson
Telephone# (540) 562-1912	Telephone# (540) 563-9300
\$80.00 Kings	\$92.00 Singles
\$80.00 Doubles	\$92.00 Doubles
Flat rate 1-4 People	Flat rate 1-4 People
Tax rate is 12%	Tax rate is 12%

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<u>Holiday Inn Express Roanoke</u>	<u>Days Inn</u>
Hotel Contact: Damini Patel	Hotel Contact: Mike Patel
Telephone# (540) 982-0100	Telephone# (540) 342-4551
\$89.00 Singles	\$65.00 Singles
\$89.00 Doubles	\$65.00 Doubles
Flat rate 1-4 People	Flat rate 1-4 People
Tax rate is 12%	Tax rate is 12%

<u>Baymont Inn</u>	<u>The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Cnt</u>
Hotel Contact: Bhanu Patel	Hotel Contact: Bonnie Dominguez
Telephone # (540) 562-2717	Telephone# (540) 985-5900
\$89.00 Singles	\$129.00 Singles
\$89.00 Doubles	\$129.00 Doubles
Flat rate 1-4 People	Flat rate 1-4 People
Tax rate is 12%	Tax rate is 12%

<u>Days Inn Salem</u>	<u>Natural Bridge of Virginia</u>
Hotel Contact: Nadia Bablu	Hotel Contact: Anita Aaron
Telephone # (540) 986-1000	Telephone# (800) 533-1410
\$85.00 Singles	\$99.00 Singles
\$85.00 Doubles	\$99.00 Doubles
Flat rate 1-4 People	Flat rate 1-4 People
Tax rate is 12%	Tax rate is 12%

RESERVATION PROCEDURE:

Please specify that you are part of AAU Baseball Boys 15U National Championship group when making your reservations in order to be guarantee discounted group rates.

All reservations will be held for arrival prior to 4:00PM unless otherwise guaranteed for late arrival by the individual.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

AIRLINES

Roanoke Regional Airport	(540) 362-1999
Atlantic Southeast Airlines (Delta)	1-800-282-3424
COMAIR (Delta)	1-800-354-9822
Northwest Airlinck	1-800-225-2525
USAirway/USAirway Express	1-800-428-4322
USAirway/USAirway Express Flight Information	1-800-943-5436
United Express (Atlantic Coast)	1-800-241-6522
Comminson Office, Roanoke Regional Airport	540-362-1999
Airport Parking	540-345-7710

BUS LINES

Valley Metro 540-982-2222
Hours of operation: Mon-Sat 5:45AM to 8:45PM

SHUTTLES

Check with each hotel for Shuttle service

CHARTER BUS LINES

Greyhound Lines, Inc.	1-800-231-2222
	540-343-5436
Abbott Bus Lines	540-343-1133
Great American Vacation	540-563-1773
Linkous Christian Tours	540-362-5943
Commonwealth Coach & Trolley Museum, Inc.	540-342-2383

RAILROADS

(Passenger service available at Cliflon Forge and Lynchburg)
1 ½ hours from Salem, Virginia
Amtrak 1-800-872-7245
1-804-847-8247

TAXI SERVICE

Liberty Cab	540-344-1776
Salem Taxi	540-389-8131
Yellow Cab	540-345-7711

LIMOUSINES

Executive Town Car & Limousine Service, Inc	1-888-854-1998
	540-366-4644
Prestige Limousine Service	1-888-271-7295
	540-342-8049
Roanoke Airport Limousine Service	1-540-345-7710
Aloha Limousine Inc.	1-540-345-1446

RENTAL CARS

(Based out of Rke. Airport)
Avis – 540-366-2436
(Official Tour. Sponsor)
www.piedmontvaasa.org

MAJOR HIGHWAYS

North/South	I-81/I-581
North/South	US 11
East/West	US 460
North/South	US 220
North/South	US 221
Scenic Byway	Blue Ridge Parkway

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Amusement

Va. Museum. of Transport Roanoke, Virginia 540-342-5670	Dixie Caverns Salem, Virginia 540-380-2085	Blue Ridge Parkway Roanoke Co. Virginia	Mountain Lake Resort Giles, Virginia 1-800-346-3334	Monticello Charlottesville, Virginia 804-984-9822
Appomattox Battlefield Appomattox, Virginia 804-352-8987	Manassas Battlefield Manassas, Virginia 703-361-6599	Chesapeake Bay Chesapeake, Virginia	Virginia Beach Virginia Beach, Virginia	Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Virginia 757-253-3350
Massanutten Water Park Harrisonburg, Virginia 540-437-3340	Virginia Explore Park Roanoke Co. Virginia 1-800-842-9163	Water Country Williamsburg, Virginia 757-253-3350	Kings Dominion Doswell, Virginia 1-800-553-PASS	Mount Vernon Alexandria, Virginia 703-780-2000
P. Buckley Moss Waynesboro, Virginia 540-949-6473	New Market Battlefield New Market, Virginia 540-740-3101	ThunderValley Go-Carts Salem, Virginia 540-387-9477	Smith Mountain Lake Huddleston, Virginia 540-297-6066	Claytor Lake Dublin, Virginia 540-643-2500

Golf Courses

Hanging Rock Golf Salem, Virginia 540-389-7275	Blue Hills Golf Roanoke, Virginia 540-344-7848	London Downs Golf Forest, Virginia 804-525-4653	Westlake Golf Hardy, Virginia 540-721-4214	Ole Monterey Golf Roanoke, Virginia 540-563-0400
Countryside Golf Roanoke, Virginia 540-563-0391	Brookside Par 3 Golf Roanoke, Virginia 540-366-6059	Auburn Hills Riner, Virginia 540-381-4995	Pete Dye River Course Radford, Virginia 540-633-6732	

Shopping

Valley View Mall Roanoke, Virginia 540-563-4400	Tanglewood Mall Roanoke, Virginia 540-989-4685	Wal-Mart Salem, Virginia 540-265-5600	New River Valley Mall Christiansburg, Virginia 540-381-0004	Towers Shopping Cntr. Roanoke, Virginia 540-982-6791
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