

Tournament Information Packet

2008 AAU BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



July 13th – July 20th
***Disney's Wide World of Sports*® Complex**
Lake Buena Vista, 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 MONDAY JUNE 30th, 2008.**

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

2008 AAU BASEBALL AGE 8&UNDER PLAYER PITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

DATES: Team Check-in/Team Meeting: Sunday, July 13
Competition: Monday, July 14 - Saturday, July 19
Rain Date: Sunday, July 20

Teams are advised to arrive in Orlando, FL no later than 11:00 p.m., Saturday, July 12. Also plan on staying through Sunday, July 20.

FACILITIES: *Disney's Wide World of Sports*® Complex
***Additional Offsite venues may be used as needed

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entry information must be received no later than: Monday, **June 30, 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: \$495.00 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 five (5) 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 8U National Tournament will be 2 hours and 15 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.

COMPETITION FORMAT: In general, the six (6) days of competition will consist of:

1. Initial pool play.
Following completion of initial pool play, at least the top two finishers in each initial pool will advance to the championship bracket and the remaining teams will be placed in a consolation bracket.
2. Championship/Classic double elimination bracket play.
The championship bracket will be double elimination in which first through eighth place will be determined. Places fifth through eighth will not play for order of finish; however ranking will be determined by runs allowed, runs scored, head to head, higher seed, and finally a coin flip if necessary. The classic bracket will be double elimination in which first and second place will be determined.

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.

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.

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to change the tournament formats to ensure completion of the tournament.

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:

Sunday, July 13th at Disney's All Star Resort in Celebrity Hall. All teams must officially check in from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Disney's All Star Resort
1701 W. Buena Vista Dr
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

Only coaches must be present at check-in..

PLAYER AGE DETERMINATION:

All players must have been born on or after **May 1, 1999**. 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:

SUNDAY, JULY 13th at 5:00 PM at Disney's All Star Resort – Celebrity Hall. 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 will be suspended for one game in each instance.**

**OPENING
CEREMONIES:**

SUNDAY, JULY 13th at 8:30PM: At *Disney's Wide World of Sports*[®] Complex. Opening Ceremonies will start promptly at 8:30 p.m. All players and coaches must be assembled no later than 7:30 PM. Tournament passes will grant access to Opening Ceremonies (In order to beat the onslaught of friends and family buying tickets prior to the start of Opening Ceremonies, purchase tournament passes 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/*Disney* 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.**

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 events at *Disney's Wide World of Sports*[®] Complex. Daily admission will be available for \$11.75 per adult and \$9.00 per child (ages 3-9). Also, a length of event (LOE) pass may be purchased for \$48.75 per adult and \$36.25 per child (ages 3-9). You may purchase your passes at the Box Office upon arrival at *Disney's Wide World of Sports*[®] Complex.

COOLER POLICY:

Each guest may bring a single cooler of up to one gallon in size for personal use. 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. *Disney* is not responsible for personal items that are lost or stolen.

TAPING POLICY:

Taping is free if athletes bring their own tape and pre-wrap. Athletes that did not bring their own taping kit and are seeking preventative taping may purchase a taping kit (one roll each of pre-wrap and tape) for \$3.00 at D-Sports between the hours of 10am-5pm. The receipt is taken to the Trainer to receive the kit and to be taped. After hours, please bring exact change directly to the Athletic Trainer to receive your kit. Additional rolls of tape may be purchased for \$1.50. There is no fee for taping related to injuries sustained during competition, IF the injury has been evaluated and logged at the time it occurred by the Athletic Trainer.

**TRANSPORTATION
AND PARKING:**

Teams are responsible for their own transportation to and from *Disney's Wide World of Sports®* Complex. Parking at *Disney's Wide World of Sports®* Complex is complimentary. Please plan to arrive early. If the parking lot is full you may need to be shuttled to and from *Disney's Wide World of Sports®* Complex.

**HOUSING AND
THEME PARK:**

For specially-priced housing accommodations and theme park tickets please visit www.aatravelplanner.org for more information.

**FOR MORE
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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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CREDENTIAL

The Sports Complex uses a biometric Ticketing system that will match your Credential to you - once a credential is used by an athlete, the athlete must use the same credential for the duration of the competition. Therefore, in order to insure access for competition, it is Critical that EACH ATHLETE WRITE THEIR NAME ON THE BACK OF THEIR CREDENTIAL so that credentials do not get mixed. By following this process, this will assist you in gaining access in an efficient manner.