

## WELCOME TO THE 2008 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

Dear Athletes, Coaches, and Parents,

Congratulations and welcome to the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games! Detroit, Michigan is pleased to host your talents and we hope you will take advantage of the great facilities, many attractions, and numerous restaurants that the Motor City has to offer.

Since 1888, the AAU has set the standard for amateur sports across the United States. 'Sports For All, Forever' has been our focus and drive for 120 years and counting. It's more than a motto – it's our vision for sports in the United States and throughout the world. Today, the AAU is proud to host more sporting events for more age divisions in more cities than any other organization in the world.

The AAU Junior Olympic Games are the largest multi-sport youth event in the Nation – and you are here taking part in them! From the beginning, they have introduced America's youth to discipline, teamwork, and persistence. The Celebration of Athletes, one of the most notable nights during the Event, will feature entertainment and sport demonstrations on the campus of Eastern Michigan University. Take some time to meet and greet fellow athletes, coaches, and parents from other sports and states.

The AAU Junior Olympic Games continues to grow and serve as a rewarding experience for our AAU family. We hope to see you with us again the future. Congratulations on being a part of the tradition.

Sincerely,

The AAU National Officers



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