

2016 AAU LEAD REFEREE INVITE

I would like to invite you to be one of the lead refs for the 2016 AAU National Volleyball Championships. I'm asking you to be part of this staff because I feel you exhibit a high level of personal integrity and have a vast knowledge of the rules. In addition, I feel you have the ability to look at situations fairly, make correct rule interpretations, give coaches reasonable explanations and in general, have good people skills to deal with parents, referees and others. This same message is also being sent to all staff members. I am planning to use 500 referees for the event.

In 2016, we are using all of North Hall A and B and South Hall A and B, which is approx. 160 courts. In addition, we still have the 18 courts at ESPN. The boys' tournament is being played on the first weekend June 18 – 19. I can use a couple of referees to come in on Thursday June 16 to help with the boys. Just let me know if you want to come in early and help at the boys event. You would also be assisting with training and observing future candidates.

The tournament is eight days long this year, with play starting on Sunday June 19 and ending on the following Sunday June 26. Play for GJNC starts on Friday June 24. So I'm sure any of you who have been asked to work at Girls, will need to leave after the end of the first session. And maybe some of you can only work the last 4 day session. So I hope I can make plans up front, I hope to have enough help for the entire event.

Depending on the number of you who can only be in attendance for part of the time, will make me decide how many I will be able to keep after the first 6 days. So please complete your online reply form as soon as possible, so I can finalize the number of staff I need.

As a staff member, you receive some extra privileges, but I hope to expect some more attention from you. You will be fully outfitted in staff clothing (numbers could depend on the number of days you are in attendance). You will receive 2 meals on-site per day and will be reimbursed \$200 for your travel to the tournament. You will be paid \$225 per day when working as a lead referee. Some days are longer than others, but with additional staff members in place, I hope to give you ½ day off every third day. Your job is very important to the tournament and even though the days might be long, you have very important responsibilities versus a referee just out there blowing their whistle.

ARRIVAL: Play starts on Sunday June 19. I need you to arrive anytime on Thursday June 16 (if possible). We will meet as a group on Friday morning at a time yet to be determined. This year, I have some others who will do the check in, so none of you have to help with check-in, unless you want to.

DEPARTURE: The first session ends on Wednesday June 22. Girls JNC starts on Friday June 24, so I know those of you working girls staff will probably have to leave after the first 4 days. For those of you who can stay for the entire event and leave as late as possible on Sunday June 26 or on Monday June 27, it would be much appreciated.

All participants this year – all referees, staff, etc will need to be AAU members. Please register as an AAU member before you complete the reply form. You can register as a member by going to www.aausports.org and click on the membership tab. A background check is part of the membership process, so you must register as a member before you complete the reply form. You will register as a non-athlete. If you have questions, let me know.

To register to be part of this team, please go to www.omnevb.net and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on the AAU Volleyball logo on the RIGHT side and complete the reply form. If you have questions, please let me know. I look forward to your participation.

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