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### **NEED AAU HOTEL INFO**

We are just 2 months away from the start of the 2016 AAU National Volleyball Championships, so it's time to finalize your travel arrangements and hotel dates. This message is being sent to all the referees who are currently accepted. A list of accepted referees is posted on my website at [www.omnevb.net](http://www.omnevb.net) under the AAU tab. If you have not already made travel arrangements, you need to keep in mind a couple of meetings. A preliminary schedule of events will be posted to the website soon.

I am closing referee registration on May 1. So if your friends (or roommate) are not registered yet, please tell them to do so soon.

### **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Everyone must check their hotel dates immediately. AAU will cover ½ of the cost of a room that is shared with another referee starting on Saturday June 18 for every night that you work. The night of the last day you work is also covered. Referees are only accepted for 4 or 8 days of officiating, so if you are arriving or leaving in the middle of a session, you will be responsible for the extra nights.

So you must cover the entire cost of any additional nights you stay. The price per night, if shared with another referee is \$40 each. The cost of an extra night for singles or families is \$80 (slight change from previous information). Singles or families will also pay the ½ rate for each night you are in attendance. Once the final list of hotel nights and roommates is posted on my website, you will be given one week to make any changes. After the change period, I will not make any adjustments to your departure date. If you have not given me the correct departure date, you will still be responsible for the stated nights. At officials check-in, you will be presented with a paper that states how much will be deducted from your final pay. The only changes I will make after the change period is additional nights. The cost of any additional nights or single/family rooms will be deducted from your final pay. If you want to change/make a roommate request, just let me know.

Payment for officiating will be made through RefPay (arbiterpay).

### **PUERTO RICO REFEREES**

There will be a meeting of all Puerto Rican referees at 6:00 pm on Saturday June 18 at the Orange County Convention Center. There will be bus transportation leaving from the hotel at 5:30 pm. Look for the room location on the schedule of events later. All referees must attend the regular referee meeting at 8:00 pm to be held at the convention center too.

### **CANDIDATES:**

If you are a JN or National candidate this summer, please send me an email immediately, so I can note your candidacy and make sure you get the appropriate matches prior to your ratings. If you are a NATIONAL referee candidate, you are invited to officiate at the AAU Boys Championships, which will be held in Orlando on June 18 – 20. Please let me know if you want to officiate at the boys event (national candidates only). If you are selected to officiate at the boys tournament, you would need to arrive on FR June 17 and your hotel would be covered on that night.

Don't forget that we also host a JN/National candidate information meeting at 4 pm on Saturday June 18 at the hotel. Anyone is welcome to attend, but this meeting is very helpful to candidates.

### **NEW THIS YEAR**

This year, I will have an additional meeting for first time attendees prior to the general officials meeting. The meeting will give first time attendees the chance to see the layout of the facility, to hear some of the philosophies of the tournament, figure out where to go, where not to go, etc. The meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Saturday June 18. There will be a bus leaving the hotel at 5:30 pm. This meeting is NOT mandatory, but is a chance to familiarize yourself with the venue, etc.

I am using a new email sending program this year (mailchimp), so if you see a message from them to opt out, etc, please don't opt out, otherwise you will not receive any messages from me.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you soon,

