

2016 AAU INFORMATION #5

(Friday June 14, 2016)

Print this document and take it with you when you travel. Or access it on my website.

My website address is www.omnevb.net where you can always view these documents. Please type the above website address into your browser. The link does not always work from these messages. My phone number is 402-598-4782. Texting is preferred over calling. If you need to call and I do not answer, please leave a message.

Line Judge flags are not provided by the tournament, so if you own flags, please bring them.

INFORMATION on WEBSITE

There are a number of documents posted on my website that contain critical information, like contact info for your fellow officials. You can find the link to contact info by clicking on the words at the top of the AAU page called '2016 AAU Referee Attendance'. Hotel info can also be found there.

The smartsheet also has referee pictures posted. Click on the paperclip on the right side of the page (beside the referee's name), then click on the second link and you can see the referee's picture. Currently only referee pictures from 2015 are posted.

A copy of the meeting powerpoint as well as a pdf version of the powerpoint is also posted.

HOTEL ATTENDANCE DATES

June 6th is the last day to make changes to your hotel dates. You can still send changes to me after this date, but you will still be responsible for any charges that were listed on the June 6 sheet.

Check your hotel dates. There have been a number of roommate changes due to some date changes and some referee cancellations.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Check out the [schedule of events](#) listed on my website. That document has meeting times, meeting rooms, designated shirt of the day, etc.

On the schedule of events, there is a late officials check-in on Saturday June 18 at the convention center (OCCC) from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. However, the 7:30 pm end time will be strictly adhered to, so even if you are standing in line when it is 7:30, there will be no more check-ins until 7:00 am the next morning.

OFFICIALS CHECK-IN

After you check into the hotel and get settled, you should not forget to come to the Pomelo room to check in as an official. Officials check-in is on SA June 18 from 9 am to 5 pm (and again at the convention center prior to the meeting from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm). At officials check-in, you will verify your work dates and other information and receive your shirts and jacket. Each official must complete their own check-in. No one can check in for another official.

ORLANDO TRAGEDY

This message is from a referee who will be at this tournament: He is a retired Police Operations Commander from the Blacksburg Virginia Police and graduate of the 232nd session of the FBI National Academy. He retired on February 1, 2015 after 33 years of service. He was one of the first few through the doors of Norris Hall on the Virginia Tech Campus, in Blacksburg, on April 16, 2007. That shooting continued as America's worst mass shooting until early Sunday morning when terror struck Orlando without notice.

'In light of the most recent events in Orlando I'd think it astute to advise our fellow referees of a couple of basic things. First, the people of Orlando are in mourning, virtually every one of them and they will stay that way for a long time to come. No matter their address in the city, their "neighborhood" was struck with the absolute unthinkable. Some will want to talk about it but we should allow them to start that conversation and then keep it brief and avoid personal opinions.

Second, the citizens of Orlando are scared. And rightfully so as every single one of them has just been slapped in the face with how venerable they are in their hometown. Yes, unfortunately their world was toppled about by someone that most of us cannot imagine exists.

Lastly, every police officer that we encounter will be on edge and have very little tolerance for less than direct, honest, professional behavior. They will have little or no sense of humor. They just lived through something that will affect every single fiber of their being for the rest of their lives. I'm certain that there are Critical Incident Debriefing personnel from all over the south on site and working with these boys and girls in blue, but the trauma of that night will continue for life. I think it's imperative that we be especially professional, a little more understanding and particularly non-judgmental.'

From Sue: If anyone has further concerns about safety, etc, please talk with me. I am discussing this further with AAU and Disney.

SATURDAY JUNE 18 MEETINGS

SA June 18	9:00 am – 5:00 pm		Officials Check-in (Pomelo room at hotel)
SA June 18	4:00 pm	Hotel	Optional Candidate meeting
SA June 18	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm		Officials Social
SA June 18	6:00 pm	OCCC rm N210	Mandatory Puerto Rican referees
SA June 18	6:00 pm	hotel to OCCC	Optional meeting for new officials
SA June 18	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm		Officials late check-in (at OCCC)
SA June 18	8:00 pm	OCCC rm N201	Mandatory pre-tournament for everyone
SU June 19	7:00 am	OCCC rm N322	Pre-tournament meeting for late arrivals
WE June 22	7:00 pm	OCCC rm N322	Pre-tournament meeting for new arrivals