

Dear AAU referee,

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The 2017 AAU National Volleyball Championships will continue with all level of tournaments having a 4 day format. This year there will be three separate 4 day sessions. During the first and second sessions, all 175+ courts will be used. During the last 4 day session, only 75 courts will be used. The AAU tournament finishes very close to the end of some other summer tournaments. Check the dates of all events very carefully taking into consideration travel times and pre-tournament meetings before you register to work.

AAU Dates of Play:

TH June 15 – MO June 26

For specific tournament levels of play, see www.aausports.org

1st session – TH June 15 – SU June 18

2nd session – MO June 19 – TH June 22

3rd session – FR June 23 – MO June 26 (priority given to National/Junior National officials and candidates)

A MANDATORY pre-tournament officials meeting will be conducted on the night prior to the start of each 4 day session. You must attend one before you start to officiate. When making your travel plans, please make sure you allow enough time to get from the airport to the meeting site. You should allow at least 2 hours from the time your plane lands until you arrive at the hotel (or convention center).

Mandatory Pre-Tournament Officials Clinics

- **WE June 14 (8:00 pm)**

o (makeup clinic for those who do not arrive in time will be on TH June 15 at 9:00 am)

or

- **SU June 18 (7:00 pm)**

or

- **TH June 22 (7:00 pm)**

I will need 500+ referees in the first 2 sessions. I will need only 200 referees in the third session. You can register to work one or two 4 day session, but not all three. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO WORK ALL 3 SESSIONS.**

I'm sure I will be able to accept most of you who will register for the first 2 sessions. But please understand that in a very rare case I might only be able to accept you for one session or the other. You can send this info to all your friends.

When you register to work the event and make your travel plans, keep in mind the dates of other tournaments you are planning to attend. And keep in mind my need to cover all finals, etc, which means you should not make travel arrangements to leave before 5 pm on the final day. If you make your travel plans to leave at noon or 1 pm on the final day, you will not be scheduled to work any matches, as the only match times you can work are the first 2 time slots.

USA GJNC SCHEDULE (SU June 25 – TU July 4) - Minneapolis

Rating sessions and camps:

PREMIER TRAINING CAMP (June 28 – June 30) - Minneapolis

- Campers & trainers must arrive on the evening of Tuesday June 27 and attend a pre-camp meeting, time "TBA", but no earlier than 4pm.

JUNIOR NATIONAL REFEREE RATING SESSION (July 1– July 3) - Minneapolis

The National referee rating session will be held from Saturday, July 1 through Monday, July 3.

- Candidates & raters are REQUIRED to attend a meeting on Saturday, June 30, at 7pm.

NATIONAL REFEREE RATING SESSION (June 29 – July 1) - Columbus

The National referee rating session will be held from Saturday, July 1 through Monday, July 3.

- Candidates & raters are REQUIRED to attend a meeting on Saturday, June 30, at 7pm.

USAV only takes a limited number of referees for the first day. The rest of the schedule can be found on the USA Volleyball website.

USA Boys Junior Nationals (Columbus) does not start until Saturday July 1 (through SA July 8).

The **Volleyball Festival** in Phoenix is from TH June 29 through SU July 2.

AAU MEMBERSHIP

All referees who work at the AAU National Championships must be AAU members. Just as it is with any other organization, you must be a member of that organization in order to work events for that organization (ie your state high school association, PAVO, USAV, etc). BEFORE you can register to work this event, you must register as an AAU member. There is a background screen performed as part of the membership process. Go to www.aausports.org and click on the Join AAU box. You will register as a Youth program/non-athlete. The membership fee is \$16, which includes your background screen and insurance.

You MUST register as an AAU member before you can register to officiate. An AAU membership is good from Sept 1 through Aug 31.

REGISTRATION

I am using the same registration system as last year.

The link to the registration form is posted on my website (under the AAU tab). You will be able to register for the specific days that you want to work, but will only be accepted for a full session. Your acceptance will be posted on a separate document on my website. You can make your travel arrangements as soon as you want keeping in mind the session(s) you chose to work. To register, you must know or have:

- Your current AAU number
- Your refpay number and refpay user name (If you do not have a refpay (or ArbiterPay) number, you can register for one at refpay.com)

YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT 2017 AAU MEMBERSHIP as well as a REFPAY (or ARBITERPAY) NUMBER TO REGISTER. IF EITHER OF THOSE TWO FIELDS IS INCORRECT, YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE DELETED AND YOU CAN REGISTER AGAIN ONCE YOU HAVE THOSE 2 NUMBERS.

All other information will be posted on my website at www.omnevb.net – click on the AAU tab. (If the link does not work, please type or copy the address into your browser.)

UNIFORM

The USAV referee uniform will be worn; white certified polo (and on certain days, the new USAV gray or blue shirts, if you own one), navy pants, white socks and white shoes. USAV approved outerwear can be worn, as well as the white AAU sweatshirts or jackets. You will receive a couple of shirts from the tournament that will be worn on specific days.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

When making your arrival arrangements into Orlando (airport code – MCO), plan at least one hour after your plane touches down before you LEAVE the airport. It is at **least** ½ hour travel time from the airport to the hotel and at least ½ hour to get your bags at baggage claim.

When making your departure arrangements, you must allow for a minimum of 2 ½ - 3 hours before your scheduled departure time to be at the airport. Security lines are long at the Orlando airport almost any time of the day (the only exception I've found is sometimes at 6 am) You must allow at least ½ hour travel time to the airport and 1 – 1 ½ hours to get through security and to your gate.

You can fly into the Sanford airport (SFB), but keep in mind that airport is approx. 50 miles from the hotel and you are responsible for obtaining transportation from the airport to the hotel.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the airport is NOT provided. There are a number of shuttle services available at the airport. A discount coupon for a shuttle service will be provided at a later date. Uber is available in Orlando, but will not pick up at the airport. Further details regarding that service will be provided at a later date.

Transportation during the tournament is provided. There is a bus service that takes referees from the hotel to the convention center and a van service that returns you in the evening to the hotel. Transportation to the Disney complex is arranged through AAU provided vans.

NEW TO THIS TOURNAMENT MEETING

If you are new to this tournament, there will be a meeting especially for you to figure out the logistics of transportation, championship desks, referee lounge areas, etc. This meeting will start at 6:00 pm at the hotel. Further information will be sent in future correspondence.

OPTIONAL REFEREE MEETING for JNC Referee Candidates

For many years, Corny Galdones has hosted an optional meeting for referees that will be Junior National Referee candidates at the upcoming Girls Junior National Championships. He provides some insight into the rating process and how you can benefit from your experience at AAU to enhance your performance at GJNC. This meeting is open to anyone and is not limited just to candidates. The meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on Wednesday June 14 at the hotel. If you want to attend, please make your travel arrangements accordingly.

BOYS AAU TOURNAMENT

FR June 23 – SU June 25

Currently registered referees will be assigned to work at the AAU Boys National Championships. Preference will be given to National Referee candidates.

HOTEL

We will be staying at the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Spa and Resort again this year. Each room has a refrigerator in the dresser beneath the TV. If you have special hotel requests (ie, are bringing family members) you must note that information on the registration form. I will make separate housing arrangements for you. In addition, if you want to arrive early or stay longer and you want to stay at the hotel, just indicate your hotel dates on the application form. Payment for single or family rooms or longer stays will be deducted from your match fees. At officials check-in you will receive a document noting the amount that will be deducted from your payment. (I do not know the room rate at this time.)

SCOREKEEPING:

You must be proficient at keeping score in order to attend this tournament. If you do not know how to keep score, you can watch the scoring module posted on www.volleyballreftraining.com (under Junior Training materials). There are many other excellent officiating videos posted on this website. I hope you can take time to watch some of them.

LOGISTICS

- You will be provided with hotel room shared with another referee for each day that you work.
- Pay is \$27 per match for provisional regionals and is \$29 for National and JN's. (remember there are always 2 referees per match).
- NO food will be provided, but you will be given a small per diem.

If you are new to this tournament and are unfamiliar with all of the tournament procedures, please read the AAU General Information document on my website at www.omnevb.net – AAU. Further information about uniforms and transportation shuttle coupon will be sent later.

Thank you for your interest in AAU Volleyball and I look forward to your participation (invite and tell your friends),

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