

2018 AAU PRE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

(Wednesday June 6, 2018)

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 all 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 don't answer, please leave a message. Most likely I will text you back.

HOTEL

Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Spa and Resort
12205 S Apopka Vineland Rd, Orlando, FL 32836
(407) 239-0444 www.sheratonlbv.com

If you are driving, directions to the hotel can be viewed on the hotel's website.

Each room has a refrigerator in the dresser beneath the TV. The hotel has laundry facilities. There is a grocery store a couple of blocks from hotel. There is normally a charge for parking, but that charge is waived for our event. Please DO NOT CALL the hotel and make special requests. If you call the hotel, they just call me to verify the request. So if you have a request, please let me know.

Check in at the hotel is not until 3 pm. So if you arrive earlier and try to check in and they have your room ready, then good for you. But if they do not have your room ready, do not pester the front desk staff. Anyone who harasses, bullies, intimidates, or raises their voice at any hotel staff will be dismissed from the tournament immediately.

Be patient, store your bags, go to the officials registration, go to the grocery store, find something to eat, amuse yourself, but do not bother the front desk staff. Most rooms are pre-assigned and because we have so many rooms, the staff does not have much ability to make changes (or get your room cleaned any quicker). If you are not happy, I have other referees who would love to take your place.

I have an officials lounge room outside of the pool called Tangerine where you can hang out until your room is ready.

HOTEL ATTENDANCE DATES and ROOMMATES

Posted on my website is an updated version of hotel dates and roommates. I apologize if you are not rooming with your original choice, but I needed to adjust rooms and roommates according to arrival and departure dates to maximize the number of hotel nights we are using.

Currently the hotel is overbooked on the night of Wednesday June 20.

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 '2018 AAU Referee Attendance'. Hotel info can also be found there.

A copy of the meeting powerpoint will be sent soon and a pdf version will then be posted.

SUPER SHUTTLE DISCOUNT INFO

Here is the info for the Super Shuttle discount:

<https://group.supershuttle.com/group-page/aau-volleyball-2018/>

The discount is 10-20% off SuperShuttle and ExecuCar service. The offer is also good for rides from the Sanford airport and expires on July 15.

There are a number of travel options from the airport to the hotel, although I would not recommend a taxi as that will cost about \$50+. Uber and Lyft can also pick up at the airport.

A local referee has offered to give rides from the airport to the hotel for a VERY reasonable price. Contact Felix Sepulveda at 407-988-8701. This is an arrangement between you and him and has nothing to do with AAU, the airport, the hotel or me.

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.

OFFICIALS CHECK-IN

If you will not be attending the first officials check-in and meeting (on SA June 16), please be prepared to attend the appropriate meeting as noted below. If you are starting to work for the second session, you should plan to be at the Convention Center for an 8 pm meeting on Wednesday June 20. Check the bus schedule on the schedule of events to make see when the busses will be running from the hotel to the convention center.

At officials check-in, you will receive your nametag, a polo shirt, a t-shirt and a jacket.

TRANSPORTATION from the HOTEL to CONVENTION CENTER

We are using all of the North and South halls at the convention center. The officials offices are in the north halls (rm N322). To get from the hotel to the convention center, we have our own bus system that has a schedule as noted on the schedule of events. You will board the bus in the back of the hotel by the Royal Palm Ballrooms. The busses sometimes run inconsistently, so we cannot guarantee specific departure times.

NAMETAGS

Each referee will receive a nametag that will be worn at **ALL** times (yes, even when you are officiating). It is impossible for anyone to remember all of you. If you did not return your nametag at checkout last year, make sure you bring it with you this year. All nametags will be returned at checkout this year. If you want to keep yours, I will order you another one for a \$5 charge.

AAU CARES – FEEDING CHILDREN WORLDWIDE

Last year, some referees volunteered to assist with a new AAU program called AAU CARES. The volunteers helped pack meals for feeding children in underserved areas. This year, there are a couple of different days to volunteer. Check on the schedule of events for the dates and times. You can register to work for one hour or more. If you want to work a special date and time, just fill out an officials request form, so we can make sure we've blocked out your volunteer time. The program will be held at the convention center.

<https://www.feedingchildreneverywhere.com/events/aau-volleyball-2>

DIG PINK

AAU is also partnering with the Dig Pink/Sideout organization to raise funds for breast cancer research. You can donate at <https://giving.side-out.org/campaigns/13962>

OFFICIALS' LOUNGE at OCCC

The officials' lounge at OCCC will be on the third floor this year in room N320. From the playing floor, you will be able to take the escalators up to the 3rd floor, and the rooms are to left. There is a public elevator across the hall, so you need to be aware of parents with strollers and wheelchairs. The officials lounge on the south side will be room S310.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING:

As you pack to come to this event, it's wise to bring a few things that you wouldn't normally bring.

- Umbrella (it rains almost every day in Orlando in the summer)
- A small portable cooler (to bring your lunch with you, if you want)
- Flags

Line Judge flags are not provided by the tournament, so if you own flags, please bring them. You can buy flags at the officials meeting if you want them. (\$25)

Harold Webber will have shirts and other officiating gear to sell. If you want something specific, contact him in advance, so he makes sure to bring it with him.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (refer to website for most current version)

Date	Day	Activity	Room	Time
June 16	Sat	Officials Check-In	Majestic Palm D	1000 a - 600 p
June 16	Sat	Officials Lounge	Tangerine	1000 a - 400 p
June 16	Sat	Officials Gear for sale	Tangerine	1000 a - 400 p
June 16	Sat	AAU player scoring clinic	Majestic Palm A	300 p
June 16	Sat	JN/National Candidate Clinic (optional) Everyone welcome	Majestic Palm C & B	400 - 530 pm
June 16	Sat	NEW - first time attendees (optional) (start at hotel, shuttle to conv center)	Majestic Palm D/E/F/G	500 pm
June 16	Sat	Puerto Rican Officials Meeting (Mandatory)	Majestic Palm C & B	600 pm
June 16	Sat	Opening Ceremonies	baseball stadium	700 pm
June 16	Sat	Officials Pre-tournament Meeting (Mandatory - everyone must attend)	Majestic Palm A/B/C/D	800 pm

The officials reception has been moved to Wednesday June 20 at the hotel – 5 – 6 pm.