

Dear AAU Referee,

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The 45<sup>th</sup> AAU National Volleyball Championships will continue with all level of tournaments having a 4 day format. In 2018, 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.

If you have any questions about the registration process or the tournament in general, please submit them in writing to [suemvb@cox.net](mailto:suemvb@cox.net) or text at 402-598-4782. It's helpful for me to keep a written copy of my responses to you.

## **AAU Dates of Play:**

### **SU June 17 – TH June 28**

For specific tournament levels of play, see [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org)

1<sup>st</sup> session – SU June 17 – WE June 20

2<sup>nd</sup> session – TH June 21 – SU June 24

3<sup>rd</sup> session – MO June 25 – TH June 28 (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**

- **SA June 16 (8:00 pm) (Puerto Rican meeting – 6:00 pm)**
  - o (makeup clinic for those who do not arrive in time will be on SU June 17 - 9:00 am at the convention center)

or

- **WE June 20 (7:00 pm) – (convention center)**

or

- **SU June 24 (7:00 pm) – (convention center)**

I will need approx. 450 referees in the first 2 sessions. I need only 200 referees in the third session. You can register to work one or two 4 day sessions, but you cannot register to work all three sessions. National/junior national referees, if you want to work the second and third sessions, contact me for the link to that form (do not complete the attached form if you want to work the last 2 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 share this invite with 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 (MO June 25 – WE July 4) – Detroit**

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

### **Rating sessions and camps:**

\*PREMIER TRAINING CAMP (June 28 – June 30) - Detroit

Campers & trainers must arrive on the evening of June 27 and attend a pre-camp meeting at 7:00 pm. Further information about this year's camps can be found at [https://volleyballreftraining.com/events\\_training\\_camps.php](https://volleyballreftraining.com/events_training_camps.php)

\*JUNIOR NATIONAL REFEREE RATING SESSION (July 1– July 3)\* - Detroit

The National referee rating session will be held from Sunday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 3.

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

\*NATIONAL REFEREE RATINGS will be held at the Girls 18's JNC in Anaheim April 27-29.

**USA Boys Junior Nationals (Phoenix) does not start until Monday July 2 (through MO July 9).**

The **Volleyball Festival** in Phoenix is from TH June 28 through SU July 1.

### **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 officiate at this event, you must register as an AAU member. A background screen is performed as part of the membership process. Go to [www.aausports.org](http://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 of the following year.

### **REGISTRATION**

**I am using the same registration system as last year.**

The link to the registration form is posted on my website – omnevb.net under the AAU tab. You will be able to register for specific days that you want to work, but you will only be accepted for a full 4 day session. Your acceptance will be posted on a separate document on my website. You can make your travel arrangements as soon as you see that you have been accepted. To register, you must know or have:

- A CURRENT 2018 AAU MEMBERSHIP
- an ARBITERPAY NUMBER

IF EITHER OF THOSE TWO FIELDS ARE INCORRECT, YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE DELETED, AND YOU CAN REGISTER AGAIN ONCE YOU HAVE THOSE 2 NUMBERS.

Other information about the tournament will be emailed then will be posted on my website.

**Registration was closed on April 20, 2018**

(if you cannot click on the link in this document, you must cut and paste the link or click on it on my website)

### **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 2½ - 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 – 1½ 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 several shuttle services available at the airport. A

discount coupon and further details for a shuttle service will be provided later. Uber/LYFT is available in Orlando, and will pick up at the airport.

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.

### **FIRST TIME ATTENDEES 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 5:00 pm at the hotel. Further information will be sent in future correspondence. **THIS MEETING IS NOT MANDATORY.**

### **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 Saturday June 16 at the hotel. If you want to attend, please make your travel arrangements accordingly.

### **BOYS AAU TOURNAMENT**

FR June 22 – SU June 24

Currently registered and accepted referees will be assigned to work at the AAU Boys National Championships. Preference will be given to Junior National Referee candidates. The boys tournament will be held at the convention center this year.

### **HOTEL**

We will be staying at the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Spa and Resort (12205 S Apopka Vineland Rd, Orlando) 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 or send me a separate email message. 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.volleyballretraining.com](http://www.volleyballretraining.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 a hotel room shared with another referee for each day that you work.
- Pay is \$27 per match for Provisionals/Regionals and \$29 for National and JNs (remember there are always 2 referees per match).
- Transportation from the hotel to the playing sites will be provided.
- Transportation from the airport to the hotel will NOT be provided.

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

If you have any questions about the registration process or the tournament in general, please submit them in writing to [suemvb@cox.net](mailto:suemvb@cox.net). It's helpful for me to keep a written copy of my responses to you.

Thank you for your interest in AAU Volleyball and I look forward to your participation,

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