

2018 PRESIDENT'S DAY REFEREE INFORMATION

Omaha, Nebraska
SA Feb 17, SU Feb 18 and MO Feb 19

Thank you for agreeing to referee at the President's Day Classic in Omaha. I look forward to your participation. If by chance your plans have changed and you cannot come now, please let me know as soon as possible. And if you are traveling in by plane and need a ride to your hotel, let me know. Here's what else you can expect at the tournament:

HOTEL

We have a new single hotel this year. The new hotel is in Council Bluffs (which might sound far away but is probably only a couple of miles to the convention center (much shorter than last year). Some referees were (randomly) assigned to some comp rooms around town.

The hotel is:

Super 8
2712 S 24th St
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
phone: (712) 322-2888

The hotel is right off I-80/I-29. If you need directions on how to get downtown, just let me know. There is free breakfast at the hotel, as well as free internet.

A hotel rooming list is attached. Also attached is a list of referees. Please communicate with your roommate regarding arrival and departure times, etc

I should have enough parking passes for everyone at the convention center this year.

PLAYING SITES

In addition to the 40 courts at the CenturyLink Convention Center, we will also use 8 courts at Nebraska Elite (1212 N 102nd St) and 6 courts at The Mark (20902 Cumberland Dr, Elkhorn). On Monday, we will not use Nebraska Elite, but will use 12 courts at the Iowa West Fieldhouse, located at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs.

CONFLICTS

Attached is a listing of your available work days. If I have something in error, please let me know.

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

The pre-tournament meeting will be on Friday night Feb 16 at 8 pm at the convention center. Unless you notify me of special circumstances, you **MUST** attend the meeting on Friday night. (Special circumstances could be that you live over 40-50 miles away and are **NOT** staying in the hotel.) If you have a hotel room for Friday night, you should be at the meeting on Friday night. You will be allowed to park in the back of the convention center on Friday night without a parking pass. Make sure you park straight in at the curb away from the building. You can park in the dock area and enter in the far north dock door – door 22. Go through the playing area to the doors on the opposite side (by court 21). The meeting will be held upstairs – room 210.

Please bring your assigned food (discreetly) on Friday night and check it in the officials' room. Do not put down your food until you've checked it in. Please be very discreet on Saturday morning if you need to bring your food then. If you are assigned to Nebraska Elite, please take your assigned food to Elite. Inez Hileman and Marg Brungardt will be assisting as 'hospitality queens' this year.

You will receive your VIK and parking pass at the meeting on Friday night. On Saturday morning, make sure you allow enough time to park, get into the building and find the referee room by 7:15 am. (If you choose to park in one of the lots, the cost is \$8.00 to be paid by you. I cannot reimburse you). I will usually be at the convention center no later than 6:00 am, so you can start arriving anytime after that.

Subsequent days – be at your assigned site, ready to work, no later than ½ hour prior to your first match.

REFEREE LOUNGE

We will use the same referee room at the convention center – CC105. We will be in the office space that is right across the hall from the Championship desk. In one of the rooms, we will handle the administrative activities – handing out scoresheets, entering scores, etc.

There are also referee rooms at the other three sites. Make sure to use these rooms to leave your belongings (and to eat/drink, etc.) Please do not take any food or drink outside of the officials room.

No one is allowed in the referee lounge except those referees who are officiating. Please respect the working officials need for peace, quiet and confidentiality.

UNIFORM

On Saturday Feb 17, you can wear the officials gray or white polo. On Sunday Feb 18, you will be given a t-shirt to wear. (If you don't like the look of just the t-shirt, you can wear the t-shirt over a white polo.) On Monday Feb 19, you can wear the official blue or white polo. The rest of the uniform is navy pants, white shoes and white socks. If the facility is cold, you can wear the official white sweater (or sweatshirt) only or the new jacket that you will get at this year's event. (You cannot wear Great Plains colored fleece, but you can wear the white GP jacket if you have one.) You may wear other apparel only on your way to and from the court.

REFEREE ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments will be made through the tm2sign system this year. That means you can enter scores on your phone (if you choose to do so). Your specific assignments will come directly to you on your phone. I will have the traditional pdf and paper versions available for those who are not too 'tech' savvy. (Please do not worry if you cannot access this on your phone. Not being able to use your phone in this manner does not affect your ability to officiate, which is why you are at this tournament.) There will still be I-pads available in the office to input your scores.

PAY

With the exception of a couple of the finals, only one referee will be used per match with a rostered adult being the second referee. USAV National and JN referees will receive \$30 per match. All others will be paid at \$27 per match. No meals are provided (except for what you eat in the referee room). Food vouchers will be provided at The Mark. You will be paid before you leave the tournament.

FOOD

At this time, the tournament does not provide food for the officials. Outside food is not allowed in the convention center, but. . .(I have permission) we are able to bring in our own. So as an alternative to paying convention center prices for food, I've devised a system to help provide food for all of us at a minimal cost. If we all chip in and bring a couple of items, we have enough food to cover us for all weekend (and it only costs each us about a total of \$10). We need to be extra discreet this year, as we will be closer to the main entrance.

I will bring soup for everyone at the conv center, Elite and Iowa West all 3 days. In addition, I will bring all the accessories; plates, napkins, plastic ware, mustard, coolers, etc. I will also bring a case of bananas and ALL the bread. **I will NOT bring a coffee maker this year.** We should have the big cooler in the back room in addition to having plenty of coolers for all the drinks.

On the menu this year is chicken noodle soup on Saturday, corn chowder on Sunday and chili on Monday. I've taken the liberty this year to assign specific foods to everyone. In addition to your assigned food (between the two roommates), please bring a 12 pack of soda (or a case of water, whichever one, you drink the most of) AND another item to share.

(If you do not want to bring what is assigned to you, please do not plan to eat food in the officials' room. Bring your own personal stash or go to the concession stands.) Please let me know if you plan to eat at the concession stands or bring your own food.

ALL FOOD (not bought at the concession stands) must stay in the officials' room. That includes sodas and bottles of water. A list of assigned food is attached.

PLAYING SITES

The Mark - 20902 Cumberland Rd, Elkhorn, NE (just north and west of 204th and West Dodge Rd)
- The courts are located at the far end of the facility. Enter one of the farthest west doors. You will be given a food voucher for meals. No outside food or drink is allowed.

Nebraska Elite Sports and Fitness Center - 1212 N 102nd St
- The officials room at Elite is located on the courts level in the conference room to the right at the bottom of the stairs.

CenturyLink Center (455 N 10th St) downtown.
- Parking for the CenturyLink will be in the back dock area. Park towards the north side, straight into the curb on the east side.

Iowa West Fieldhouse (5 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA 51501)