

Sue's News

Friday June 22

REFEREE SHIRT of the DAY – AAU t-shirt, you may wear the white certified officials shirt (or all white polo) if you do not want to wear the assigned shirt.

Overall, most things have gone well. I hope you are enjoying your time here. Thanks for doing a great job!!

TRANSPORTATION

1. Due to morning rush hour traffic between 7:00 am and 9:00 am, plan to leave 15 minutes earlier than you think you should.
 - So if you have a 9:00 am match, you should be prepared to leave no later than 7:45 am in order to arrive on time.
2. If you start in the afternoon wave, you need to allow no less than 45 minutes travel time from the hotel to the convention center.
3. Follow the bus schedule below for exact times and pick-up locations.
 - A good general rule of thumb is to be ready to leave on the half hour.

Bus Schedule (goes to OCCC only)

- Busses leave every morning from the hotel, 6:30 – 9:30 am.
- Busses leave at night from the convention center, 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm
- There will always be someone to take you home if it is after 11:00 pm. Just make sure you inform the office staff.

Mid-day Van Schedule (hotel to OCCC – OCCC to hotel)

- Vans leave OCCC starting about 12:00 noon.
- Vans will leave the hotel at 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00 pm.
- Do not come out 2-3 minutes after that time and expect the van to be there for you.
- Vans will pick up in the same place as the busses (this is a change from previous info).

Morning Van Schedule (goes to HP/Visa only)

- Vans leave every morning from the hotel at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 ONLY
- If there are not enough rides from Disney back to the hotel, vans will come upon request of the head referees to pick you up.

COACH at TABLE

The coach MUST be at the table for the entire match. Please be observant.

SCHEDULE REQUESTS

Request for schedule changes need to be turned in 2 days in advance of the requested date. So if you want to only work Tuesday pm, you must make the request by Sunday.

Do not submit a Change Request Form for a playoff or added match until AFTER the revised match count report has been posted online. Updated match counts are usually posted by mid-day the next day. If your playoff or updated match count does not show up on the revised Match Count report, please submit a Change Request Form.

REFEREE LOUNGE

The office staff made these great table numbers for all the tables in the north officials lounge. Know your table number. So if you forget something in the lounge, we can go to the correct table to look for it. Please do not throw the numbers away.

As you leave each night, please clean up your table. There are some “icky” tables in there. (Lori said it was disgusting. Thang had to drag the garbage can around to clean up all the mess.)

Use the lounge to take a nap or stay behind the scoresheet curtain. There should be no sleeping by the courts.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Referees – be mindful of your time management. You do not need to make your signals faster, but you need to shorten the time between the end of the play and the beckon for the next serve. As the server walks back to serve, check the receiving team. As the server crosses the end line and faces you, you should be ready to beckon for serve. Do not rush the server, but be ready when the server is ready. If the server stops and looks at you, that’s too long.

WORDS WE USE

The coach of a team from Texas came to championship today because during the captain’s meeting, the first referee very definitely looked at the team captain and said very slowly ‘do you speak English’? With the number of teams we have here that do not speak much English, it’s easy to understand why the question was asked, but the coach was extremely upset.

As we talk with the captain’s, let’s assume that English is understood and not jump to conclusions about the way a team might look. I’m sure the comment was innocent, but please think before you talk.

REFEREE BAGS

Many referee bags look similar and some bags have been accidentally taken by other referees. Check to make sure you have your OWN bag. Put your name in your bag, so in case it is lost, we know where to find you.

ROOMMATE COURTESY

Please be mindful that you are sharing a space with someone. There are some common courtesy actions/words that seem to be overlooked. If your roommate is going to bed early, please don’t blast music or turn on the lights, etc. We are all human beings and should be treated fairly and with respect.

SANCTIONS

Issue sanctions as needed. You will not get in trouble for giving cards.

The following referees still need their picture taken. Please go to the office immediately upon your arrival at the convention center. If you are at Disney, see your lead referee.

Gabby	Beinlich
Miguel	Bermudez
Luka	Cajic
Rocky	Emert
Albert	Fields
Becky	Garcia
Brad	Graham
Derek	Henderson
Elias	Hernandez
Yeimy	Sandoval
Yolanda	Jackson
Ryan	Lacson
Khiah	Lynch
Walda	Maldonado Lam
Jackie	Martin
Scooter	Melvin
Ana	Oliveira
Hector	Ortiz
Jamie	Ratliff
Charlie	Riddell
Cathleen	Rivera
Hector	Rivera
Luis	Rodriguez
Kevin	Russell
Shelby	Smith
Gil	Soliven
Sylvia	Thomas
Jim	Vanderhoof
Heidi	Wetzel
Denis	Wilbeck