

SUE'S NEWS

Wednesday June 20, 2018

SHIRT of the DAY

Thursday June 21 – gray officials or white plain white polo (no logos) previous year's AAU white polo.

TRANSPORTATION

If you drive from the hotel to the convention center or you find your way by other transportation, it is preferred that you do not drive on the interstate to get here. I don't want to hear any more excuses about accidents that prevent you from getting here on time. If you need directions to drive the back way, stop in the office.

Only vans go to Disney, starting at 630 am in the morning. Busses go to the convention center. There will be mid-day transportation leaving from the north side only. Go to the office and tell them you are waiting for a ride. Busses (convention center) start at 700 pm and will take you back to the hotel at night.

THURSDAY JUNE 21

Tomorrow is the start of the first session. We have a few more referees this session. So you will probably all have at least ½ day off. Even on the full day, you might only have 7 matches, which would be 4 matches in one wave and 3 matches in the other wave. We will have mid-day transportation with vans. Enjoy your time off, come back refreshed and ready to work the intense matches of the next session.

A little side note – I get many requests from referees who say 'I don't need a break' – 'I can work all day long'. And you know what that is probably true for the little weekend tournaments we work. Most referees can work 8 – 10 matches for a day or two, but it's not fair to the teams if you try to maintain that schedule for more than 2 days in a row. Even if you think you can work a brutal 3 day tournament schedule, on the finals day, you still only work 3 – 5 matches. Those 3 day tournaments are nothing like the grind you will have at this event. Please take advantage of your time off here. Wash your clothes, swim in the pool, visit a nice restaurant, go to shopping, buy groceries and have a great time.

We're glad you're here and we look forward to seeing you bright and shiny every day.

REFEREE BAGS

Many referee bags look alike. Please put some sort of ID in your bag. Put your name on your ball pump. Put your name on your rulebook. Put your name on something. At least that way, we can find you, if you accidentally lose your bag.

SANCTIONS

Only the R1 can issue cards. The R2 can request a card, but cannot issue the sanction. Once a card or a warning is issued, the R1 needs to call the captain over to explain what the card/sanction is. That's the important part. Then allow the captain to return to the coach to explain.

COACHES

Starting this session, all age division are over 15+. That means coaches can no longer act as the captain. Use your captains for all communication. Talk with the captains, direct all your communication to the captain.