

2019 AAU PRE-TOURNAMENT FINAL INFORMATION

(Monday June 10, 2019)

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. If the link does not open from this document, please type the address into your browser. 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.

TOURNAMENT COMMUNICATION

Starting on **Sunday June 16**, there will be a general phone number to reach all members of the Officials' office staff. Text **531-375-8588** to contact Sue or a member of the office staff. Always include your name in your message. Do not send tournament messages to any member of the staff. The tournament phone can be used for emergencies at any time. You can still contact your lead ref directly.

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. If you have a request, please let me know.

Check in at the hotel is not until 3:00 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. The hotel is providing a room in the Royal Palm 2 ballroom to store your luggage until your room is ready. I will have someone watching the room.

Be patient, store your bags, go to 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.

There is a room named Tangerine located outside of the pool and to the left of the ballroom entrance 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 sometimes I need 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 during the second session.

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 '2019 AAU Accepted Officials'. Hotel info can also be found there.

SUPER SHUTTLE DISCOUNT INFO

Here is the info for the Super Shuttle discount:

<https://group.supershuttle.com/group-page/aau-2019/>

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 \$10 cash per individual. Text **Lionel Garcia at 407-988-8701**. He is unable to answer the phone, so you can only text him. This is an arrangement between you and him and has nothing to do with AAU, the airport, the hotel or me. He has limited availability and will not pick up anyone after 5:00 pm on SU June 16. He cannot make change.

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

In addition to checking into the hotel, all officials need to register as an official on the day prior to the start of the tournament. Officials check-in will be on Sunday June 16 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you are unable to arrive in time to check-in, you will have to wait until the morning, as we need to move all the check in items from the hotel to the convention center.

If you arrive at the hotel after 5:00 pm and before 9:00 pm, send a text message to **xxx-xxx-xxxx** (include your name), so we can verify your arrival in the city. You must check-in the next morning in room N322 before you can officiate, as you need credentials, etc to enter the facility. If you arrive after 9 pm, you will not be scheduled to work until the afternoon shift on the first day. You can check-in after 10:00 am.

Check-in for the second and third sessions will be held at the Officials office (N322) at the convention center. Check-in for the second session is on TH June 20 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The pre-tournament meeting is at 5 pm in room N330. Check-in for the third session is MO June 24 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The pre-tournament meeting is at 5:00 pm in room N330. On June 20 and June 24, the bus runs continuously from the hotel to the convention center and back.

At officials check-in, you will receive your nametag, a tournament credential, the new maroon polo shirt, an AAU t-shirt and the new heather blue jacket (as shown on the website).

Referees at Officials Registration will be given a VIK (value in kind) package which will include an AAU polo shirt, an AAU t-shirt and a really cool AAU jacket. The 2 shirts, along with other shirts that you must provide will be worn as the uniform shirt. The shirts you must provide should be either the certified officials gray, blue or white polo. If you do not have any of those shirts, you can wear a plain white polo that does not have ANY logos. The rest of the required uniform is navy dress pants with a navy or black belt, ALL white athletic shoes and all white socks. No shorts are allowed to be worn by the referees.

SHIRT of the DAY SCHEDULE

MO 17	certified white officials polo/plain white polo (no logos)/previous year's AAU white polo
TU 18	Dig Pink (white polos or Dig Pink shirts with no competing logos)
WE 19	new AAU t-shirt (can wear white polo underneath)
TH 20	new AAU polo (maroon)
FR 21	gray or white certified officials polo or ANY AAU previous year's polo
SA 22	Dig Pink (white polos or Dig Pink shirts with no competing logos)
SU 23	new AAU t-shirt (can wear white polo underneath)
MO 24	new AAU polo (maroon)
TU 25	blue or white certified officials polo or ANY AAU previous year's polo
WE 26	Dig Pink (white polos or Dig Pink shirts with no competing logos)
TH 27	new AAU t-shirt (can wear white polo underneath)
FR 28	new AAU polo (maroon)

Any **AAU** outerwear can be worn in the facility when not working. But the **ONLY** acceptable outerwear that **can be worn on the stand** is this year's new AAU jacket.

****NEW** THIS YEAR – Opening Ceremonies**

All officials will attend opening ceremonies this year. You must be at the Wide World of Sports Baseball Stadium between 6:30 and 7:00, but before 7:00 pm. There is a special section for referees. The ceremony will last about 1.5 hours. There will be a single bus that departs from regular loading area at 6:00 pm. All vans will be loaded and driven over. Personal cars may be driven and parked in the officials lot. Additional details will be sent next week.

If you are planning to attend the first time attendees clinic, opening ceremonies will be part of your tour.

TRANSPORTATION from the HOTEL to CONVENTION CENTER

We are using all of the North and South halls at the convention center for the first 2 sessions. 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. So you should plan to arrive earlier than usual.

Individuals also drive to the convention center and need/want riders in the morning. You can go with an individual if you want.

To get from the hotel to Disney/ESPN, you **MUST TAKE A VAN** or a personal car. The bus does not go to Disney. Courts 1-18 are located at Disney.

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.

DIG PINK

AAU is partnering with the Dig Pink/Sideout organization to raise funds for breast cancer research. You can donate at <https://giving.side-out.org/campaigns/15514#/> On the designated Dig Pink days (June 18, June 22

and June 26), referees may wear a pink officiating shirt as long as there is not a competing logo on the shirt. (A competing logo would be anything besides Dig Pink or AAU.) If in doubt, ask me first.

OFFICIALS' LOUNGE at OCCC

The officials' lounge at OCCC will be on the third floor 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 the 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 officiating polos and other officiating gear to sell. If you want something specific, contact him in advance, so he makes sure to bring it with him.

June Evans will have flag bags for sale - \$10 or 3 for \$25

MEETINGS

There will not be a meeting for Puerto Rican refs this year. Any new PR refs should plan to attend the First Time Attendees meeting. The Officials Pre-tournament Meeting is also cancelled. In lieu of a large group meeting, every referee must thoroughly read the entire copy of the tournament guidelines. The guidelines will be sent soon. Attendance will be taken at Opening Ceremonies.

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

Date	Day	Activity	Room	Time
June 16	Sun	Officials Check-In	Royal Palm 3	9:00 a – 5:00 p
June 16	Sun t	Officials Lounge	Tangerine	8:00 a – 6:00 p
June 16	Sun	Officials Gear for sale	Tangerine	10:00 a – 4:00 p
June 16	Sun	R2 clinic (open to everyone)	Royal Palm 1	2:00 p – 3:30 p
June 16	Sun	Advanced Referee Clinic (optional) Everyone welcome (previously JN candidates mtg)	Royal Palm 1	3:30 – 5:00 pm
June 16	Sun	First time attendees (optional) (start at hotel, shuttle to conv center)	Royal Palm 1	5:00 pm
June 16	Sun	Opening Ceremonies	ESPN baseball stadium	7:00 pm

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