

# 2020 AAU REFEREE FINAL INFORMATION #1

(Friday July 10, 2020)

Print this document and take it with you when you travel. Or access it on my website.

Welcome to Orlando!! My website address is [www.omnevb.net](http://www.omnevb.net) where you can always view all documents. 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. On Sunday July 12, make sure you use the general phone number for any issues – **531-772-3340**.

(Please no contact with Sue before 6 am or after 10 pm unless it is an emergency.) Schedule issues are not an emergency. Schedule issues should be texted to **531-772-3340**. Use this number to contact Sue or any of the office staff at anytime. Please do not send personal message directly to staff members phones, except if there are issues on the floor, you can contact your lead ref or the desk ref directly. You will receive a list of lead ref phone numbers.

There will be so many differences this year. There are differences at the hotel (**masks are required on hotel property anytime you are outside of your room**) and there will be differences in the tournament procedures (coming soon). In addition, you need to be aware of the how the [health screening processes will work](#).

## HOTEL

Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Spa and Resort  
12205 S Apopka Vineland Rd, Orlando, FL 32836  
(407) 239-0444                      [www.sheratonlbv.com](http://www.sheratonlbv.com)

If you are driving, directions to the hotel can be viewed on the hotel's website.

**PLEASE READ THE [HOTEL WELCOME LETTER](#) FOR VERY SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING HOUSEKEEPING AND OTHER REGULATIONS.**

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. I do not have a luggage room this year.

## AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

If you are flying in and need a ride to the hotel, some local referees are willing to assist you. You can contact them by **text only**. Include your name, airline and arrival time. Only 2 people are allowed per ride. No one can ride in the front seat. \$15 cash per person. Everyone must wear a mask. Contact them in advance of your departure.

**If you arrive at MCO, contact:**

Lionel Garcia - **321-525-3622**

Alfredo Pacheco - **787-412-9438**

**If you arrive in Sanford (or MCO), contact:**

Felix Sepulveda – **407-988-8701**

Also remember that a visitor toll pass is available if you are interested. For those of you driving in or renting a car, Florida is offering a new Visitor TollPass. Check out all the information on their website at [visitortollpass.com](http://visitortollpass.com). This pass can save you money on your tolls to and from the airport.

### **OFFICIALS CHECK-IN**

Officials check-in will be at the Convention Center, room N322 on Tuesday July 14 from 9 am to 6 pm. If your flight arrives after 6 pm, make sure you let me know in advance (before Tuesday). I might be able to deliver your 'stuff' to your hotel room after 8 pm.

### **MORE NEWS**

I just saw that the Winn Dixie grocery store, a couple of blocks from the hotel, has online ordering and delivery service. So if you want your groceries delivered, check it out at [winndixie.com](http://winndixie.com) Use zip code 32836. I know nothing about the service, I just thought you might be interested. You can walk, take an Uber or ask another referee for a ride to assist you in picking up groceries.

No food is provided during the tournament, but you are welcome to bring your own. Coolers **will be allowed** in the convention center this year. There is ice available for you in the back hallway at the convention center to put in your cooler. (We might have the microwave in the N322 office. No popcorn can be microwaved.) There will be limited concession stands open. No water stations will be provided, but I will have bottles of water for you in the office (N322).

However, your schedule might be limited, meaning you might only work one pool and then be finished for the day. You will know in advance how long you will be at the convention center.

### **TRANSPORTATION FROM THE HOTEL TO THE CONVENTION CENTER**

There should be enough parking passes for everyone this year. If you need transportation, please contact another referee who is working at the same start time as you.

### **OFFICIALS CHECK-IN (TU July 14 9 am – 6 pm at the Convention Center, room N322)**

- a. When completing your voucher, if your address has changed since the last time you attended this tournament, mark a star \* in the upper left hand corner with the words "NEW ADDRESS".
- b. In the section 'No. of games/matches/session', you will only mark the session that you work.
  - i. If working the first session, write on the first line: 1st session
  - ii. If working the second session, write on the second line: 2nd session
- c. You will need your Arbiter Pay account number and username to complete the voucher. (We can look it up if necessary).
- d. Get your picture taken if necessary.
- e. Verify your last day departure time.
- f. You will receive tournament credential. Your name will be written legibly on the back of your credential. The credential will be critical to your entrance at the convention center.
- g. You will be added to the What's App group.
- h. You will receive a bag with shirts, etc in it.

## UNIFORM

The required uniform is navy dress pants with a navy or black belt, ALL white athletic shoes and all white socks. Shorts are NOT allowed to be worn by the referees.

## SHIRT of the DAY SCHEDULE

WE 15	certified <b>white</b> officials polo/plain <b>white</b> polo (no logos)/previous year's AAU <b>white</b> polo
TH 16	blue or white certified officials polo
FR 17	new AAU t-shirt (can wear white polo underneath)
SA 18	new AAU polo ( <b>green heather</b> )
SU 19	gray or white certified officials polo or ANY AAU previous year's polo
MO 20	blue or white certified officials polo
TU 21	new AAU t-shirt (can wear white polo underneath)
WE 22	new AAU polo ( <b>green heather</b> )

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.

## 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
- Masks
- Hand-held whistle(s)
- Extra batteries (for hand-held whistle)

**Line Judge flags WILL NOT BE USED at this tournament, so if you own flags, please DO NOT bring them.**

If you are in need of masks, contact Thang Nguyen at [tgnmossimo@aol.com](mailto:tgnmossimo@aol.com). An order form is located on the website under the 2020 AAU2 referee info page. Click on the **mask logo**. He will also have some masks available on-site.

**A reminder** that we will be one of the first (maybe the only) national event that will be held. There could be others after us, but I don't think there has been any before us. You know that everything we do will be scrutinized by everyone (our fellow officials, the media, the parents, and who knows who else). We must be at the top of our game in setting the very best example of how to conduct an event like this safely. And again, I repeat, some of the noted procedures could change from minute to minute. So we must all be prepared to make adjustments as needed. If you are approached by the media at anytime, please refer them to the Championship desk. Take all the pictures you want at the event, but I think it would be wise to not post them until the event is over. This is not a mandate, but a request.