

# 2020 AAU REFEREE FINAL INFORMATION #2

(Monday July 13, 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.

**See my website for a copy of the HOTEL WELCOME LETTER. It is important that you read it before you come. There is a possibility that we will NOT have laundry facilities available. It is critical that you read this letter before you arrive.**

## 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).

# OFFICIALS PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING (**NEW!!**)

I've been undecided if I wanted to have an in-person pre-tournament referee meeting or not, but I think it is critical to the success of this tournament. There will be a pre-tournament referee meeting at the convention center in room N320 at 7 pm on Tuesday July 14. Local referees please plan to attend. If you want to pick up your other items, please come to room N322 by 6 pm.

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.

Many of the entrances to the convention center parking lot have changed. You **MUST** follow the instructions exactly (I will send later today, after I figure them out), otherwise you will get in the COVID testing line and you must drive all the way around again to enter.

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.

Sarah Anema will also have some masks available for sale.

Attached is a list of attendees. If you do not have transportation, please use this list to contact someone for a ride. Do not use this list for any other purpose. Please do not share until after the event.

**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.