

# 2020 PRESIDENT'S DAY REFEREE INFORMATION

Omaha, Nebraska  
SA Feb 15, SU Feb 16 and MO Feb 17

Thank you for agreeing to referee at the President's Day Classic in Omaha. I look forward to your participation. If by chance your plans have changed and you cannot come now, please let me know as soon as possible. And if you are traveling in by plane and need a ride to your hotel, let me know. Here's what else you can expect at the tournament:

## PLAYING SITES

We will have 40 courts at the Omaha Convention Center now called the CHI Health Center. We will also use 12 courts at Nebraska Elite new facility which is located in the Union Bank & Trust (UBT) facility at 21015 Cumberland Drive. On Monday, 12 courts will be used at the Iowa West Fieldhouse, located at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs.

## HOTEL

Referees will be housed at comp rooms across the city this year. Some are not as close as I would like, but it's free and we'll take it like that. A housing list is attached. If your name is not on the housing list, but should be, just let me know.

If you are flying in, you are probably in a downtown hotel that has an airport shuttle. Call them to see what they have. The airport is only a couple of miles from downtown. If you need me to pick you up, just let me know. It is also wise to call the hotel to confirm your reservation.

Please communicate with your roommate regarding arrival and departure times, etc

I should have enough parking passes for everyone at the convention center this year.

## CONFLICTS

Also noted on the referee list is your available work days. If I have noted something in error, please let me know.

## PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

There will not be a specific time pre-tournament meeting this year. However, if you want your VIK and a parking pass, you can come by the convention center anytime from 2 pm – 7 pm. You can also drop off your food items. You can park in the back during those hours on Friday without a parking pass. Make sure you park straight in at the curb away from the building. You can park in the dock area and enter in the far north dock door – door 22. Go through the playing area to the doors on the opposite side (by court 21). You can bring your food items and pick up your parking pass and VIK in the referee lounge which is room CC105.

If you do not come on Friday night, you should allow enough time on Saturday morning pick up a parking pass, go back to park, get into the building and find the referee room by **7:15 am**. To get a parking pass on Saturday morning, you need to call or text me when you drive in front of the convention center (at the passenger drop-off area), so I can send someone out with a parking pass for you. If you choose to park in a pay parking lot, the cost is \$8.00 to be paid by you. I cannot reimburse you.

I will usually be at the convention center no later than 6:00 am, so you can start arriving anytime after that.

Subsequent days – be at your assigned site, ready to work, no later than ½ hour prior to your first match.

## **PARKING PASSES**

A parking pass will be provided to referees who drive to the convention center. A single pass is good for all 3 days. No parking pass is required if you are working at UBT or the Iowa West Fieldhouse. The parking pass allows you to park on the back dock. To get to the dock, you will drive north on 10<sup>th</sup> St, in front of the convention center to the first street past the end of the convention center. Turn right down that street (even though there is a sign that says No Parking past this point. You will stop at the guard shack and they will check your pass. Proceed past the guard shack and veer right. Park in any space located against the curb on your left (opposite side of the building). You might see some cars parked on your right, but you are NOT allowed to park on that side. Enter in the far north dock door – door 22. Go through the playing area to the doors on the opposite side (by court 21). Room CC105 is located just outside of that door.

## **REFEREE LOUNGE**

We will use the same referee room at the convention center – CC105. We will be in the office space that is right across the hall from the Championship desk. In one of the rooms, we will handle the administrative activities – handing out scoresheets, entering scores, etc.

There is a referee room at the other two sites. Make sure to use these rooms to leave your belongings (and to eat/drink, etc.) Please do not take any food or drink outside of the officials room.

No one is allowed in the referee lounge except those referees who are officiating. Please respect the working officials need for peace, quiet and confidentiality.

## **UNIFORM**

On Saturday Feb 15, you can wear the officials gray or white polo. On Sunday Feb 16, you will be given a t-shirt to wear. (If you don't like the look of just the t-shirt, you can wear the t-shirt over a white polo.) On Monday Feb 17, you can wear the official blue or white polo. The rest of the uniform is navy pants, white shoes and white socks. If the facility is cold, you can wear the official white sweater (or sweatshirt) only. (You cannot wear Great Plains colored fleece, but you can wear the white GP jacket if you have one.) You may wear other apparel only on your way to and from the court.

## **REFEREE ASSIGNMENTS**

Assignments will be made through the tm2sign system this year. That means you can enter scores on your phone (if you choose to do so). Your specific assignments will come directly to you on your phone. I will have the traditional pdf and paper versions available for those who are not too 'tech' savvy. (Please do not worry if you cannot access this on your phone. Not being able to use your phone in this manner does not affect your ability to officiate, which is why you are at this tournament.) There will be I-pads available in the office/referee lounge to input your scores.

You will receive an email when the assignments have been posted. Saturday's assignments will be sent on Friday.

## **PAY**

With the exception of a couple of the finals, only one referee will be used per match with a rostered adult being the second referee. USAV National and JN referees will receive \$36 per match. All others will be paid at \$28 per match. No meals are provided (except for what you eat in the referee room). You will be paid before you leave the tournament.

## FOOD

We are no longer allowed to have hot food at the convention center. But, we can still bring in sandwich items. Tony has graciously made arrangements for one hot meal per day. This food will be brought in by allowed caterer. Saturday - pizza, Sunday – chili, Monday – soup.

**I will NOT have a coffee maker this year. Bring your coffee with you before you get to the venue.**

I will bring all the accessories; plates, napkins, plastic ware, mustard, etc for making sandwiches. I will also bring a case of bananas and ALL the bread. We should have the big cooler in the back room in addition to having plenty of coolers for all the drinks.

You need to bring:

- One pound of lunch meat (turkey, ham, etc)
- One small package of cheese
- One bag of potato chips or one snack (cookies, crackers, snacks, candy, etc)
- a 12 pack of soda (or a case of water, whichever one, you drink the most of)

If you are flying in, talk with your roommate. They might be able to assist you in getting food. Most out-of-towners have been paired with a local.

ALL FOOD (not bought at the concession stands) must stay in the officials' room. That includes sodas and bottles of water.

Please bring your donated food (discreetly) on Friday and check it in the officials' room at the convention center. Do not put down your food until you've checked it in. **Please be very discreet on Saturday morning if you need to bring your food then.** Bring your food and drink in a gym bag, not a plastic grocery bag. If you are assigned to UBT on the first day, you should take your food items with you.

## FOOD AT UBT/IOWA WEST

Meals at the outlying sites will be provided by the site. There is a 'tab' at UBT. Check with Carlos for further instructions. You can go to the concession stand and get a noon and evening meal. If you want snacks throughout the day, take your assigned snacks with you.

## PLAYING SITES

**Union Bank and Trust - Nebraska Elite - 21015 Cumberland Drive, Elkhorn NE**

- The officials room will be the conference room.

**CHI Health Center (455 N 10<sup>th</sup> St) downtown.**

- Parking for the CenturyLink will be in the back dock area. Park towards the north side, straight into the curb on the east side.

**Iowa West Fieldhouse (5 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA 51501)**