

# Sue's News

## Friday July 17

I have to say it's been a great 4 days. Thanks to all the lead referees, staff and YOU who help make it so. Thanks for 'taking care of business'. We look forward to having some time off tomorrow afternoon.

### **SHIRT of the DAY**

Saturday July 18 – any AAU polo or white certified officials polo

### **FINALS DAY**

Tomorrow is the first finals day. Remember the losing team must stay to officiate on the same court. We do not have any extra referees to cover any team that leaves, so make sure you tell both teams one of them must stay to officiate. If you allow the losing team to leave, then you are responsible for finding replacements.

Tomorrow matches can start as soon as all 3 teams are ready to play.

You will only be given the first 2 scoresheets (maybe only 1) in the morning. Make sure you check the scoresheet before you use it to ensure the correct teams are listed. If the scoresheet does not have team names listed, you must return to championship to get a new one.

### **GAME BALLS**

Used volleyballs should not be placed back into the bag. Only sanitized balls should be placed in the bag. Return the bag to get a new sanitized game ball. And place the used game balls in the appropriate ball cart.

You cannot wipe or spray the game balls with any liquid sanitizer. If you need a new ball, you must return to championship to get one.

### **CAPTAINS/COIN TOSS**

Please use the social distancing technique we talked about in the pre-tournament meeting. The 2 captains should both be wearing masks and should be facing each other while all of you are 2 arm lengths from each other.

The coin toss for the deciding set is done the same way as the first coin toss. Each captain is designated one side of the coin and the winner gets choice of serve or receive.

### **VERIFY MATCH COUNTS**

Before the end of Sunday, everyone **MUST** verify their match counts with the office staff in room N321. You can verify your counts starting at 10 am tomorrow. Make sure you check out and leave your nametag if you only worked the first session.

### **MASK ENFORCEMENT**

This came from an email to AAU: . . . on the first day staff/refs/coaches and chaperones were following mask protocol and stopping play until all complied, but by the second day they were not being as strict. . . We must continue to assist teams in enforcing the mask rule. I saw a social media posting where one mom noted that she got 'whistled' by the referee for not wearing her mask properly. She was not mad, she was just noting that we were serious about mask wearing. Because things are going so smoothly, we all feel like everything is all right, when we are still in the middle of

this entire pandemic. I know you can do it. As a referee, you are the 'rules enforcer' and I know you are very good at what you do. Keep up the good work!

### **PIZZA/POOL PARTY**

We are going to have a party!! At the hotel, tomorrow from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, there will be free pizza and one free drink. You can buy as many more drinks as you want. Outside food and drink are not allowed in the pool area, but are allowed in the 'food' room. Food will be in the Meyer/Clementine room, which is located to the left of the indoor bar. The entrance is from the outside under the overhang. They are going to leave the pool open for us until 7:00 pm. So come hang out together as a group. Wear your mask and your nametag!! And social distance.

Thank you to everyone for making this first session run very smoothly. AAU appreciates your dedication to making this a great tournament!! It's been interesting!!