

Sue's News

Thursday June 24, 2021

SHIRT of the DAY

Friday June 25 – New gray AAU polo or the gray certified officials polo.

FINALS DAY

Tomorrow is the 2nd session 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's matches can start as soon as all 3 teams are ready to play.

After the assignments are posted, no requests to be taken off your last match will be honored.

TRANSPORTATION

The buses will make continuous loops tomorrow. A loop takes about 45 minutes from the time it leaves one place until it returns to the same place. Only vans will go to the West concourse. Talk with the desk referee at the West concourse, who can arrange a van to come get you.

If you are just arriving to start work in the third session, you can ride the bus over to the convention center to register. Get on the bus at the hotel in the back by the ballrooms.

FINALS DAY – HOTEL CHECKOUT

You must remove your belongings from your hotel room prior to noon on your checkout date. Failure to do so will result in a penalty from me and an extra day charge by the hotel. The hotel will store your luggage, or you can bring it to the convention center.

CHECKOUT PROCEDURES

NEW THIS YEAR!

- ALL referees must check out at the end of EACH session and verify your match counts for that session—even if you are working additional sessions.
- If your posted match count is correct, you may check out using an online check out form that will be provided on the website.
 - Any match count discrepancies must be resolved before you leave on the last day of each session.
- No changes in match counts for a previous session will be made after the session has ended.

If you are already here working and are staying for the third session, you must close out and verify your second session match counts, but it is not necessary that you need to re-register for the third session.

If this is the last session you are working, make sure you leave your nametag (for next year) in the office. You can come by in person any time after 10 am.

You can 'express checkout' anytime if YOUR match counts match what is posted online. If your counts do not match, you must go to the office to resolve the discrepancies.

Before you leave the facility, please check your officiating bag and make sure it is yours. Don't forget your reffing shoes, your cards, your flags or any other items.

NEW MASK POLICY

After discussions with AAU, we have determined a new mask policy for referees. In the third session, referees who are fully vaccinated do NOT have to wear a mask while on the stand.

However, unvaccinated referees MUST wear a mask at all times. Masks should be worn by all referees when interacting with the team at the scoring table or when you are unable to social distance with others on the playing floor. This policy is subject to change if you cannot follow and read explicit directions.

THIRD SESSION OFFICIALS REGISTRATION

If you are coming in to start working in the third session, you can register at the convention center in the administrative office N322 anytime from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. The office might be open a little after 5, but will be closed as soon as the last match is finished. If you do not make it to registration before 5, make sure you text the admin phone (531-375-8588) as soon as you arrive in the city, so we know you are here. You can then register before you start to work on Saturday morning. If you come in the morning to register, you must arrive by 7 am.

There will not be a pre-tournament officials meeting prior to the start of the third session. But all referees starting to work in the third session should watch the referee powerpoint and read the Points of Emphasis document that are posted on the website. You must reply to the specific email that is noted in one of the documents that you have read both documents.

ROSTERS

Rosters should be printed on every scoresheet and should be checked before the start of every match. The coach needs to verify the roster and needs to initial.

REVIEW

Please review all the previous editions of Sue's News.

RIDES TO THE AIRPORT

If you want/need a ride to the airport, you can contact one of the local referees. Each passenger must pay the driver \$15 cash. Texting is preferred. Please send your name and the time your plane leaves. Contact: **Felix Sepulveda – 407-988-8701** (however he might be working the next couple of days and might not be able to help you out)

GRATITUDE, THANKS and APPRECIATION

It is with much gratitude that I thank you for all the work each one of you has done over the past 8 days. We cannot do it without you. Your work makes it better for everyone.

I want to send out a BIG shout out to all the staff that helps me pull this together. Without them, none of this is possible. They are THE BEST!! Overall, this has been a fantastic event!! Thank you all!!