

# *Sue's News*

*Friday June 25, 2021*

**Saturday June 26 Referee Shirt of the Day** – blue officials or white officials polo/plain white polo (no logos)/previous year's AAU white polo

## **THIRD SESSION**

We are starting into the third session. For those of you who have already been here for 8 days, make sure you take advantage of the early night tonight and refresh yourself. Don't just refresh your mind, let's make sure we've refreshed our bodies and our clothing. There are washing machines at the hotel. Please use them. You should not wear the same shirt more than twice.

As we go into this final session, we need to remember to be kind and keep smiling. A smile can go a long way to diffuse a difficult situation. But we also need to enforce the rules as they are written.

Be prepared to have food and a lot of water. Take advantage of your breaks. Get out of the noise, put your feet up. Every day there are more matches on more courts.

There is a microwave in the office if you need to use it. However, you may not cook popcorn.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**\*\*NEW\*\*** I just found out some very exciting news about transportation. If you have your own personal car and want to drive to the convention center, you should take advantage of the **FREE PARKING**. The parking garage right across from the Hilton on Destination Parkway is **FREE!** And those red buses you see out in front of the convention center will pick you up and will drop you either at the south concourse or the north concourse. The buses even go to the west concourse and drop you off at the front door.

One of the advantages of this parking option is that you don't have to wait for a full car to get a regular parking pass to leave from the hotel. You only have to walk a few steps to get on the red bus and not to the end of the parking lot to find your car. The bus will deliver you back to your car in the **FREE** lot. So even if it's raining, you don't have far to walk. The buses still run until everyone's been delivered.

Sorry I didn't know about this option earlier, but it might be worthwhile for some of you. You don't have to wait in the morning for a full car and you don't have to wait at night. Let me know how it works out.

The bus that goes from the hotel to the convention center is a different bus line and only runs from the hotel to the convention center.

## **Bus Schedule (goes to OCCC only)**

Hotel to OCCC AM schedule 6:15am/7:00am/7:45am/8:30am/9:15am/10:00am

OCCC to Hotel PM schedule 7:15pm/8:00pm/8:45pm/9:30pm/10:15pm/11:00pm

There will always be someone to take you home if it is after 11:00 pm. Just make sure you inform the office staff or your desk ref if you need a ride.

Morning Van Schedule (goes to West concourse only)

- Vans leave every morning from the hotel at 6:00 – 6:30 am. If you work the 9:00 am match, you must go on the early van or find your own ride.

### **MATCH ADMINISTRATION**

There is no need to have an extended conversation with a coach about a ruling that you make. Make the call and move on. Assistant coaches may not intervene (talk to the refs, holler at the refs, talk to the table, etc). Up to 5 coaches (with neon yellow wristbands) are allowed to sit on the bench, but only the head coach and one assistant may stand. If you need help with your coaches, contact your lead referee.

### **MATCH COUNTS**

Check your match counts daily. If you need assistance, please stop in the office and we can help you verify your numbers.

Referees – keep up the good work!! We can now see the light (at the end of the tunnel).