

2022 AAU REFEREE PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

(Monday June 6, 2022)

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Time is getting closer when we will see you in Orlando. Bookmark the website address www.omnevb.net as that is where you can always view all documents and all important information. If you need immediate attention, texting is preferred over calling. If you need to call and no one answers, please leave a message. Most likely you will receive a text in return.

Most of the pre-tournament information is posted in the 5-19 Pre-tournament document posted on omnevb.net.

Check omnevb.net for a list of hotel roommates.

Starting on **Saturday June 11**, there will be a general phone number to reach the tournament Officials' staff. Use this number **531-772-3340** to contact a member of the officials office staff. Always include your name in your message. Do not send tournament messages directly to any staff member. The tournament phone can be used for emergencies at any time. Put this number in your phone as – AAU Officials Office.

During the tournament, there will be a list of phone numbers posted for the lead ref at each tournament desk. You will contact the lead ref at your tournament desk directly for any court issues. The desk referee will then contact the appropriate person to handle your issue. You can call/text with equipment issues or if you need a lead ref to come to your court. If you do not include your name, make sure you include your court number.

(Please do not contact Sue before 6 am or after 10 pm unless it is an emergency.) Schedule issues are an emergency and should be texted to 531-772-3340.

HOTEL

Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort
12205 Apopka Vineland Rd
Orlando FL 32836
407-239-0444

If you are driving, directions to the hotel can be viewed on the hotel's website.

If you have a Marriott Bonvoy number, you will only get points (or credits), if you personally pay for a room. If your room is booked through the master AAU rooming list, you will not receive points or credits.

Even though, your room charges are covered by AAU, you will still need to provide a credit card at check-in for incidentals. Please be prepared to provide one.

Each room has a refrigerator in the dresser beneath the TV. The hotel has laundry facilities (in building 3). Microwaves are not allowed in guest rooms. There is a general microwave located in the lobby. The resort fee and parking fee are waived for our group.

Please DO NOT CALL the hotel and make special requests. If you call the hotel, they just call me to verify the request. If you have a request, please let me know.

Check in at the hotel is not until 4:00 pm. So if you arrive earlier and try to check in and they have your room ready, then good for you. But if they do not have your room ready, do not pester the front desk staff. Anyone who harasses, bullies, intimidates, or raises their voice at any hotel staff will be dismissed from the tournament immediately. The hotel will store your luggage until your room is ready.

****NEW**** - if you need to make a reservation for a room in advance of June 14 (or if you need to stay past the last night that is noted for your AAU hotel stay), you need to email Angel Velez (Angel.Velez@sheratonlbv.com) as soon as possible to make arrangements. The hotel will do what they can to ensure that you located in the same room for the entire stay, but it cannot be guaranteed. Please 'go with the flow'. Include me as a copy on your email message to Angel, so I can make sure he handles your requests quickly. You can try to call him at 407-550-1028. The rate for the pre and post dates will be at the \$119 plus tax per night.

If you have any questions regarding your hotel stay, please let me know.

OTHER HOTELS

I am still looking for referees who would be willing to stay at another hotel than the Sheraton. If you choose to stay at another hotel, you **MUST** have your own transportation. You will be provided with convention center parking passes for the entire time. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would be interested.

Those who have already expressed an interest in staying at another hotel will receive specific information later this week.

OFFICIALS VIK (value in kind)

At officials check-in, you will receive:

- One Carolina blue AAU polo
- One royal blue AAU jacket
- One AAU t-shirt

You need to supplement the other uniform days by bringing your blue/gray and white certified officials polos. Dig Pink day is optional. If you do not own the certified officials polos, you can always wear a white polo with no markings. I'm not sure about this year, but in the past, you were able to buy Dig Pink shirts at the tournament.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING:

As you pack for this event, it's wise to bring a few things that you wouldn't normally bring.

- Umbrella (it rains almost every day in Orlando in the summer)
- A small portable cooler (to bring your lunch if you want)
- Flags

Line Judge flags are not provided by the tournament, so if you own flags, please bring them. Flags are not required.

If you have an extra set of flags and can bring them, I'm sure some of our international officials that will be attending would appreciate you lending them a pair. Mark your extra flags with your name and bring them to the officials office. The office staff will sign them in and out.

OFFICIALS REGISTRATION

In addition to checking into the hotel, all officials need to register as an official on the day prior to the start of the tournament.

ALL Officials Registration will be at the convention center this year in room N330. The first day of officials registration will be on Tuesday June 14 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. The bus will run from the hotel to the convention center on Tuesday June 14. The bus will leave the hotel at the top of the hour, starting at 10:00 am and will depart from the convention center back to the hotel on the half-hour. The bus will run from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

If you experience flight delays and are unable to make it in time for registration, make sure you text the office phone when you arrive in Orlando. Only text if you do not arrive before 7:00 pm.

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETINGS (all meetings held at OCCC room N320)

- TU June 14 – 2:00 pm **R2 clinic** (optional) Reviews important R2 duties EVERYONE WELCOME
- TU June 14 – 3:30 pm **Advancement clinic** Reviews information on what is expected for the next level
(optional) of certification EVERYONE WELCOME
- TU June 14 – 5:00 pm **First Time Attendees** (not mandatory, tournament logistics)
Meet at the hotel to get on the 5 pm bus or meet at OCCC at N322 at 5:30 pm
- TU June 14 – 7:00 pm **All Referees** (requested attendance)
- TU June 14 – 8:00 pm **Puerto Rican referees** (requested mandatory attendance)

There will be a pdf powerpoint presentation sent out the week prior to June 14 for ALL referees to view.

See you soon,

SUE