

Dear AAU Referee,

March 4, 2022

The 49th AAU National Volleyball Championships in 2022 will continue in the same format - three consecutive, 4-day separate sessions. A new addition this year will be a Boys Championship that will follow the girls championships. As of this date, it is expected that the number of courts will be similar for all 3 girls sessions at approximately 175 courts (500 referees per session). It is anticipated that in addition to using the North and South A/B halls, some courts could be in the West concourse. The courts at Disney will probably not be used this year.

REFEREE REGISTRATION

Initial referee registration will be on AES (advancedeventsystems.com) this year. Make sure you answer the questions during registration and that you have your current AAU membership number available.

Acceptances or declines will be noted in AES.

After acceptances or declines have been sent out (approximately April 1), then (AND ONLY THEN) can you book your travel. If you book travel and are only selected for certain sessions, does not mean that I can/will accept you for additional sessions.

Four separate sessions are listed:

- 2022 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY ses 1
- 2022 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY ses 2
- 2022 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY ses 3
- 2022 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY boys

You can register for any session(s) that you want. But at this time, I cannot say how many sessions you will be selected for.

Two referees will be used on each match this year. Approximately 400 - 600 referees will be used in each session.

It is hard to say at this time what type of covid protocols will be in place this summer.

You **MUST** have a current 2022 AAU MEMBERSHIP to register on AES. Register **NOW** before you register in AES.

Referee acceptances will be sent as soon as you register. All registrants will be considered for participation. Referees will be selected by groups and could be randomly drawn from that group depending on the number of applications. Groups could include; certification levels, those who have attended regularly in the past, candidates for certification upgrades this summer, first time attendees, etc. Registering for one session only does not give you anymore priority for that session than any other referee.

After you are accepted, you will be requested to complete an additional information form noting your travel info and your ARBITERPAY NUMBER, which is how you will be paid. If you do not live in the United States and do not have a US bank account, follow the instructions on the information form and I will make alternate arrangements for payment. An instructional sheet on how to register for an ArbiterPay account is posted on the omnevb.net website under the AAU National Championships tab.

AAU Dates of Play:

For specific tournament levels of play, see www.aauvolleyball.org

1st session – WE June 15 – SA June 18

2nd session – SU June 19 – WE June 22

3rd session – TH June 23 – SU June 26

Boys - TU June 28 – FR July 1

Referees must check in at AAU referee registration before 6 pm on the day prior to your start date. When making your travel plans, please allow at least 2 hours from the time your plane lands until you arrive at the hotel (or the convention center).

You **MUST** be able to work an entire 4 day session. It is **NOT** possible to only work part of a session. The AAU tournament finishes and overlaps some other summer tournaments. Check the dates of all events very carefully, taking

into consideration travel times and pre-tournament meetings before you register to work and make your travel plans. Keep in mind my need to cover all finals, etc., which means you should NOT make travel arrangements to leave Orlando before 5 pm on the final day.

This calendar is posted on my website.

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
JUNE			AAU (10-14, 180,18P)	AAU (10-14, 180,18P)	AAU (10-14, 180,18P)	AAU (10-14, 180,18P)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
AAU (15, hi 17) VB Festival (12-14)	AAU (15, hi 17) VB Festival (12-14)	AAU (15, hi 17) VB Festival (12-14)	AAU (15, hi 17) VB Festival (12-14)	AAU 16, low 17, low 18) VB Festival (14-18) GJNC (11-13)	AAU 16, low 17, low 18) VB Festival (14-18) GJNC (11-13)	AAU 16, low 17, low 18) VB Festival (14-18) GJNC (11-13)
26	27	28	29	30	July 1	July 2
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July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7		
GJNC (17-18) BJNC (14-16)	GJNC (17-18) BJNC (12,13,17,18)	BJNC (12,13,17,18)	BJNC (12,13,17,18)	BJNC (12,13,17,18)		

AAU MEMBERSHIP

All referees who work at the AAU National Championships must be AAU members. **BEFORE** you can register to officiate at this event, you must register as an AAU member. A background screen is performed as part of the membership process. Go to www.aausports.org and click on the "Join AAU" box. You will register as a Youth program/non-athlete. The membership fee is \$16, which includes your background screen and insurance.

You may call the AAU office to register if needed. Call them at 407-934-7200 and ask for membership. They have Spanish speaking representatives who can assist you.

An AAU membership is good from September 1 through August 31 of the following year.

UNIFORM

The USAV referee uniform will be worn; white certified polo (and on certain days, the USAV gray or blue shirts, if you own one), navy pants, white socks and white shoes. USAV approved outerwear may be worn, as well as AAU outerwear. You will receive a couple of shirts from the tournament that will be worn on specific days.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL AFTER YOU ARE ACCEPTED! When making your arrival arrangements into Orlando (airport code – MCO), allow for two hours from when your plane lands until you arrive at the hotel. Baggage claim in Orlando is very slow and traffic is always heavy between the airport and the hotel.

When making your departure arrangements, you must allow for a minimum of 2½ - 3 hours before your scheduled departure time to be at the airport. Security lines are long at the Orlando airport almost any time of the day. You should not plan to leave Orlando before 5 pm on the final day of the session. **Having CLEAR or TSA Pre helps to speed up the process when going through security.**

You can fly into the Sanford airport (SFB), but it is approx. 50 miles from the hotel with limited transportation options you must arrange for yourself.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the airport is NOT provided. There are several shuttle services available at the Orlando airport. A discount coupon and further details for a shuttle service will be provided later. Uber/LYFT is available in Orlando and will pick up at the airport.

A couple of local referees will pick up travelers from the airport and take you to the hotel for a fee of \$20 (cash or Zelle app) on Monday June 13 or Tuesday June 14 ONLY. Text them well in advance to reserve your spot.

Felix Sepulveda – 407-988-8701

Fernando Ortiz – 787-564-3148

Transportation during the tournament between the hotel and playing venues IS provided. A bus service takes referees from the hotel to the convention center and a van service returns you in the evening to the hotel. Uber or Lyft between the convention center and the hotel is generally less than \$10. You can always make your own arrangements if you want to arrive/leave at a time when transportation is not running—and you can probably find another referee to ride with you and share the cost.

HOTEL

The hotel is the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Spa and Resort (12205 S Apopka Vineland Rd, Orlando). A shared hotel room (with another referee) will be provided for each working official. Roommate requests will be honored. Each room has a refrigerator in the dresser beneath the TV. Your hotel reservation will start on the day prior to your tournament start date and will end on the final day of the tournament (or the following day).

If you live more than 2 hours from Orlando, you can leave the day following the end of the tournament. If you live less than 2 hours from Orlando, you are expected to leave after you are finished on the finals day.

There could be some alternate hotels used this year. Note on the additional information sheet if you would stay at an alternate hotel.

There could be very limited number of single and family rooms available at the Sheraton this year.

ROOMMATES

After you are accepted, you will be sent a list of other accepted referees for that session. You can choose a roommate at that time. If do not have a specific request, an appropriate match will be assigned.

HOUSING POLICY

All requested family rooms will be charged at no less than \$80 per night this year. Family suites are at a slightly higher cost. Payment for family rooms will be deducted from your final pay. At official's check-in, you will receive a document noting the amount that will be deducted from your payment. Referees who brought their spouse in the past must contact me for special instructions. I do not know the exact price yet for additional nights or family rooms.

****All AAU paid for housing will begin on the day prior to your first day of officiating and will end with checkout on the last night of your assigned tournament date. If you live more than 3 hours from Orlando or use airline transportation to get to Orlando, you can stay on the finals night at no charge. If you want to arrive early or stay later, you must make your own housing arrangements. You can either find housing somewhere else in the city or you can request a room at the Sheraton. I will have a link later where you can make additional housing arrangements.**

SCOREKEEPING

You must be proficient at keeping score in order to attend this tournament. If you do not know how to keep score, there is a scoring module posted on aauvolleyball.org (under the Rules tab). I hope you take time to watch this module.

OTHER ITEMS of CONSIDERATION

If you are interested in attending this tournament, you should be aware that there is extra time and an extreme amount of walking involved. From the time your plane arrives until your luggage arrives can be a minimum of ½ hour. The travel time from the airport to the hotel is a minimum of ½ hour. Travel from the hotel to the playing site is approximately 20 minutes. And the traffic is bad at almost all times of the day.

At the tournament, you must walk a considerable way from the parking lot or drop off area to the referee lounge or referee office. Then it is another considerable walk from the referee lounge to the championship desk to pick up your scoresheet and then another long walk to your court.

You need to be able to read email everyday. There is important information that is sent out everyday. You need to be able to enter scores on your phone.

LOGISTICS SUMMARY

- You will be provided with a hotel room shared with another referee for each day that you work.
- Referee pay will be \$35 for National/Jr Nationals and \$32 for all others. (updated 5-10-22)

- You will also receive some VIK (AAU shirts and jacket).
- Transportation from the hotel to the playing sites will be provided.
- Transportation from the airport to the hotel will NOT be provided.

If you are new to this tournament and are unfamiliar with all the tournament procedures, please read the AAU General Information document on my website at <http://www.omnevb.net/aau-national-championships.html>. Further information about specific uniforms and transportation shuttle coupon will be sent later.

If you have any questions about the registration process or the tournament in general, please submit them in writing to omnevb@gmail.com. It's helpful for me to keep a written copy of my responses to you.

Thank you for your interest in AAU Volleyball. I look forward to your participation,

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