

Sue's News

Friday June 17

I have to say it's been a crazy 3 days, but thanks to all the lead referees and staff who help make it run more smoothly. Thanks for 'taking care of business'. I hope you are all looking forward to having some time off tomorrow afternoon.

SHIRT of the DAY

Saturday June 18 – NEW blue AAU polo (or white certified)

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

TRANSPORTATION

The buses will make continuous loops from the hotel to convention center tomorrow. **Only vans will go to Disney.**

Bus 1 to the North/South concourses will depart at 615/715/815/915/1015/, etc until 415 pm

Bus 2 to the North/South concourses will depart at 645/745/845/945/ etc until 445 pm

Bus 3 to the West concourses will depart at 630/730/830/930, etc until 430 pm

If you work at North/South in the morning and then work at Disney later in the day, you must take the bus back to the hotel and then catch the van to Disney. The van(s) for Disney will load in the back by the busses. The van will depart the hotel to go to Disney at 15 minutes after each hour. The van will drop off and load at the back of Jostens.

If you want to drive your own car to Disney, you must have a DISNEY parking pass. You can pick up a pass in the office, at the hotel at the end of the front desk or in the morning where the busses or vans are loading.

NOTE – the *new* FREE parking option for the North/South/West concourses. Check your email for the news or see the announcement on omnevb.net

NEED YOUR HELP

I really need your help! I've had to go 'to bat' for you every day of this session regarding how many scoresheets you can take at one time. Everyday I have to fight for you to be allowed to take more than one sheet.

So here's where I need your help – I need you to **PROMISE** to enter the scores into your phone as soon as the match is done. If so, I might still be winning the battle. However, if you hold the scoresheet and do not bring it back, then your decision could affect all of us.

I know you can do it. You do it every weekend, so why not continue to be the best at what you do?

Tomorrow, you must come back to get additional sheets and we know how long the walk is from some courts, so let's help each other out and enter the scores as soon as we can (or make the walk back to championship to get it entered). If you don't have a smartphone, have your partner do it or your friend next door. Just get it done!

TIME MANAGEMENT

Time management! Time management! Time management! Do your captains meeting first and get the 4-4 warm-ups going. Do the roster check during warm-ups, not before. Every wasted minute adds up and accumulates and is the major reason courts run late.

REFEREE PROFESSIONALISM

Even though it is the final day, we still have to remember our manners and treat coaches and players right. It is not necessary to belittle players or think we need to teach them how to play. You must maintain a professional demeanor before, during and after your match. We must follow the rules as they are written. We cannot put our own personal spin or interpretation on the written word.

CHAIRS AROUND THE COURTS

It is not necessary to move chairs away from the courts more than one foot. Chairs are being moved too far from the court which then does not leave enough walkway between the chairs. It is not necessary for a referee to move chairs. And if the coach is moving the chairs, it not necessary for them to do that either.

CHECKOUT PROCEDURES

Referees must ALL check out of the first session by verifying their match counts. The in-person checkout process will begin after 11 am. Match counts will NOT be updated until after 10 am. If you prefer to checkout in person, stop in the office sometime after 11 am or before you leave for the day. If you are at the WEST concourse or DISNEY, you may call the general office number.

If your match counts are correct according to the match counts posted on the website, you can use the online [Express Checkout](#) form and you do not need to go to the office.

If you have a discrepancy, you must submit an [online request form](#) noting the issue. Do NOT leave until you have been contacted with a resolution to your issue.

No referee should enter the assigning room unless you have been given permission.

If you are leaving at the end of this session, make sure you leave your nametag (for next year).

SECOND SESSION OFFICIALS REGISTRATION

If you are coming in to start working in the second 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 Sunday morning. There will not be a pre-tournament officials meeting prior to the start of the second session. But all referees starting to work in the second session should watch the referee powerpoint and read the Points of Emphasis document that are posted on the website and reply to the specific email that you have read both documents.

Thank you to everyone for making this first session run very smoothly. The staff appreciates your dedication to making this a great event!!

And to those who are leaving after this session, thanks for being here and safe travels! We hope to see you next year!