

# 2023 AAU REFEREE PRE-TOURNAMENT LOGISTICS #2

(Friday May 19, 2023)

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PHONE NUMBERS to USE after June 10  
OFFICIALS OFFICE PHONE – 531-772-3340  
SCHEDULE/ASSIGNING ISSUES – 830-444-6069 (texting is preferred)

We are getting closer to the start of the 50<sup>th</sup> AAU National Volleyball Championships. This will be another record year. There are 5,807 teams registered along with 243,725 total volleyball memberships. Over 85,000 athletes will attend this year's championships. There are 4 new championship courts, along with new signage that will encourage all to respect the sport, the officials, teammates and opponents.

I cannot tell you enough that it is very important to read ALL the documents on the omnevb.net website. I know some of the documents are long (and some of it is repetitive), but ALL of the information is important.

## CONFLICTS

If you entered a 'conflict' in AES (or on the additional information form), that information did not transfer over to the assigning system we are using. You MUST re-enter the conflict on the [Schedule/Conflict form](#) that is located on omnevb.net. This form is only meant for scheduling issues or conflicts.

If you have a hotel or clothing issue, there is a separate form for that. The hotel/clothing form will not be available until June 13.

If you plan to attend Catholic mass on Sunday mornings, you need to enter that as a schedule conflict.



## SHIRT OF THE DAY (Revised 6-3)

At Officials check-in, you will receive 2 shirts (**not exactly as shown above**) and a red lightweight jacket, along with some other goodies. In addition, you will need to bring your other certified officials (white, gray and cyan blue) shirts. If you do not have any other color certified officials shirts, white is always the default. Other than the polo shirts, you CANNOT wear any other organizations outerwear or shirts.

**\*\*NEW\*\*** AAU shirts from previous years or from recent AAU events can be worn on any day as long as they are similar in color to the shirt color of the day. (Light blue and navy are not similar.)

The rest of the uniform consists of navy blue **dress** pants and white shoes. Shorts, sweat pants or warm-up pants cannot be worn. You will be sent back to the hotel to change if you are not dressed properly. White (all white, including white soles) shoes and white socks must be worn. If you want to wear an undershirt under your polo, make sure the undershirt matches the color of your polo. Or wear a v-neck undershirt.

**WE June 14** – white certified officials shirt (plain white polo or previous year’s WHITE AAU polo)

**TH June 15** – new l/s green dri-fit (can wear collared white polo underneath)

**FR June 16** – Dig Pink – Dig Pink polo or plain pink polo with no competing tournament logos (or white)

**SA June 17** – new AAU grey polo

**SU June 18** – gray certified officials polo (or white)

**MO June 19** – new l/s green dri-fit (can wear collared white polo underneath)

**TU June 20** – Dig Pink - Dig Pink polo or plain pink polo with no competing tournament logos (or white)

**WE June 21** - new AAU grey polo

**TH Jun 22** – blue (not navy) certified officials polo (or white)

**FR June 23** - white certified officials shirt (plain white polo or previous year’s WHITE AAU polo)

**SA June 24** – Dig Pink – Dig Pink polo or plain pink polo with no competing tournament logos (or white)

**SU June 25** - new l/s green dri-fit (can wear collared white polo underneath)

**MO June 26** – gray certified officials polo (or white)

**TU June 27** – new l/s green dri-fit (can wear collared white polo underneath)

**WE June 28** - Dig Pink - Dig Pink polo or plain pink polo with no competing tournament logos (or white)

**TH June 29** - new AAU grey polo

**SA July 1** – white certified officials polo

**SU July 2** – blue (not navy) certified officials polo (or white)

**MO July 3** - new l/s green dri-fit (can wear collared white polo underneath)

**TU July 4** - new AAU grey polo

#### **AAU WHISTLE and COIN**

You will be receiving a AAU 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary whistle and coin. However, a lanyard was not included with the whistle. I know everyone of you has a million lanyards laying around your house somewhere. Please bring one for your new whistle. I will have some extras in the office if you need one or forgot yours.



#### **GROCERIES/FOOD**

No food is provided during the tournament, but you are welcome to bring your own. You can bring a portable cooler. You should bring ice from the hotel for your cooler each day. Bring all the snacks/food you want, but you should be somewhat discreet about it. Put it in a gym bag or backpack. All food, including sodas that you bring, needs to stay in the officials’ lounge.

Plan ahead for your daily food. You have a refrigerator in your room. You know what snacks you like. Bananas, apples and grapes make great quick snacks (and do not need refrigeration). Hook up with your friends to share snacks and sandwiches. There are numerous microwave food options available at the store if you get tired of sandwiches. Publix sells a container of 12 pre-made sliders (ham, turkey, etc). **DO NOT TAKE BREAKFAST FOOD (from the hotel) FOR YOUR LUNCHES.**

There are a couple of grocery stores not too far from the Marriott Village. The closest stores are Publix (8145 Vineland, store #812) and Target. Winn Dixie (Shoppes of Lake Ave #2215) used to offer free online ordering and delivery. Walmart also delivers. You can also take an Uber or ask another referee for a ride. The Village also offers transportation to the Vineland Premium Outlets, where Publix/Target are located.

There will be a microwave and Keurig coffeemaker located in the N322 office AND in the South officials lounge. **No popcorn can be microwaved.** Some Keurig coffee pods will be provided, but if you want your own special kind, you should bring it. Bring your own coffee cup. None will be provided. And if you want special cream or sugar, please bring your own.

There are numerous restaurants within walking distance of the hotel, in addition to a food court on the hotel property. Check out the Marriott Village Hotel Info link located on [omnevb.net](http://omnevb.net)

#### **TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL**

If you have not already made your travel arrangements to Orlando, you should do so as quickly as possible. Once you are accepted in AES, you are approved to make your travel arrangements.

Transportation is NOT provided from the airport to the hotel. There are many transportation options from the airport to the hotel. You can find options on the Orlando airport website at [orlandoairport.net](http://orlandoairport.net).

A couple of local referees have offered to pick up travelers from the airport and take you to the hotel for a fee of \$20 (cash or Zelle app) from June 10 until **6 pm on Tuesday June 13**. **Text them** well in advance to reserve your spot. They are doing this as a courtesy and are not affiliated with AAU or any transportation service.

Felix Sepulveda – 407-988-8701

Fernando Ortiz – 787-564-3148

Jaime Gonzalez – 787-356-0787  
(June 13 only)

#### **ANNOUNCER**

AAU is looking for announcers for the final matches. Is that something you have experience at? If so, just let me know.

#### **NEED REFEREES for BOYS SESSION**

We are still looking for additional referees for the boys session. If you can extend your stay and work the boys session, we would love to have you. Or if you know of anyone who would be willing to come in for the boys session, have them email me at [omnevb@gmail.com](mailto:omnevb@gmail.com)

#### **HOTEL and ROOMMATES**

*(all information in this report is proprietary to this event and cannot be shared with anyone outside of this group)*  
Assigned hotels will be sent next week (or before June 1). There are many factors that are part of the roommate and hotel assigning process. On [omnevb.net](http://omnevb.net) there is a Hotel and Roommate REPORT. You can check the report for the name of your roommate. You can contact your roommate if you want to coordinate anything prior to your arrival. Your specific hotel will be noted in the report when available. Check your hotel dates and your roommates dates. Report any discrepancies to me immediately.

You might not have been assigned your requested roommate, usually because you did not have the same attendance dates. I can make adjustments to hotel dates, but it is highly unlikely that I will make changes to roommates.