

Dear AAU Referee,

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The 50<sup>th</sup> AAU National Volleyball Championships in 2023 will expand this year. There will be four consecutive 4-day separate sessions. In addition there will be Boys Championship that will follow the girls championships. Only the North and South A/B halls will be used this year, so a total of 150 courts will be used each session. That means 450 – 500 referees will be needed as two referees will be assigned to every match.

## REFEREE REGISTRATION

~~Initial referee registration will be on AES (advancedeventsystems.com). Make sure have your current AAU membership number available when you register. Acceptances or declines will be noted in AES.~~

~~After acceptances or declines have been sent out (will start on Feb 7), then (AND ONLY THEN) can you book your travel. You may register for as many sessions as you want, but you might not be accepted for all sessions. If you book travel and are only selected for certain sessions, does not mean that I can/will accept you for additional sessions.~~

Five separate sessions are listed:

- 2023 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY ses 1
- 2023 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY ses 2
- 2023 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY ses 3
- 2023 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY ses 4
- 2023 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY boys

~~You MUST have a current 2023 AAU MEMBERSHIP. Register NOW before you register in AES. You must be logged into your AES officials account to register. Use the exact titles noted above to search for the sections you wish to officiate. Or enter the word 'referees' in the Event search box and delete (or change to 'all') all other search criteria.~~

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 AAU membership number. The form will request your ArbiterPay number. Although it is helpful if your ArbiterPay information is current and accurate in AES. You will be paid through ArbiterPay after the event is over. If you do not live in the United States and do not have a US bank account, a check will be made available for you. Anyone who requests a check needs to complete a W-9 (US) or W-8 (foreign) form to be paid. 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:

Session 1: **WE/TH/FR/SA June 14-17, 2023**

10's, 12 club, 12 classic, all 14's, 18 open, 18 premier

Session 2: **SU/MO/TU/WE June 18-21, 2023**

All 15's, 18 club, 18 classic

Session 3: **TH/FR/SA/SU June 22-25, 2023**

11's, 12 open, 12 premier, all 13's, 17 open, 17 premier, 17 club

Session 4: **MO/TU/WE/TH June 26-29, 2023**

All 16's, 17 aspire, 17 classic

Boys: **SA/SU/MO/TU July 1-4, 2023**

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 omnevb.net.

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>JUNE</b>			AAU (10's, 12club, 12classic, 14's, 180,18P) GJNC (11-13)	AAU (10's, 12club, 12classic, 14's, 180,18P) GJNC (11-13)	AAU (10's, 12club, 12classic, 14's, 180,18P) GJNC (11-13)	AAU (10's, 12club, 12classic, 14's, 180,18P)
18 AAU (all 15's, 18 club, 18 classic) VB Festival (12-13)	19 AAU (all 15's, 18 club, 18 classic) VB Festival (12-13)	20 AAU (all 15's, 18 club, 18 classic) VB Festival (12-13)	21 AAU (all 15's, 18 club, 18 classic) VB Festival (12-13)	22 AAU (11's, 120, 12P, 13's, 170, 17P, 17club) VB Festival (14-18)	23 AAU (11's, 120, 12P, 13's, 170, 17P, 17club) VB Festival (14-18)	24 AAU (11's, 120, 12P, 13's, 170, 17P, 17club) VB Festival (14-18)
25 AAU (11's, 120, 12P, 13's, 170, 17P, 17club) VB Festival (14-18)	26 AAU (all 16's, 17A, 17classic)	27 AAU (all 16's, 17A, 17classic)	28 AAU (all 16's, 17A, 17classic) GJNC (14-15)	29 AAU (all 16's, 17A, 17classic) GJNC (14-15) BJNC (14-16)	30 GJNC (14-15) BJNC (14-16)	July 1 AAU Boys GJNC (14-15) BJNC (14-16)
July 2 AAU Boys BJNC (14-16)	July 3 AAU Boys GJNC (16-17) BJNC (12,13,17,18)	July 4 AAU Boys GJNC (16-17) BJNC (12,13,17,18)	July 5 GJNC (16-17) BJNC (12,13,17,18)	July 6 GJNC (16-17) 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](http://www.aausports.org) and click on the "Join AAU" box. You will register as a ADULT 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. Blue and gray shirts are not required, but can be worn on specific days, if you own them. ONLY AAU outerwear can be worn. 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. Uber/LYFT is available in Orlando and will pick up at the airport.

Transportation during the tournament between the hotel and playing venues IS provided. A bus service takes referees from the hotel to the playing sites and back again. A bus will make continuous runs on the hour from the hotel to the convention center throughout the day. Bus service to other playing sites will only be early in the morning or from at 7:00 pm- 10:00 pm in the evening. Any referees left after the bus service ends will be transported by a staff member.

## **REFEREE CHECK-IN/PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING**

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).

## **HOTEL**

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Hotel(s) this year will be at the Marriott Village (8601/8615/8623 Vineland Ave, Lake Buena Vista). This is super cool complex with all 3 hotels sharing a common courtyard. There is a pool at each hotel and 4 total hot tubs. All guests from any hotel can access each pool. Every room has a MICROWAVE and a REFRIGERATOR.

A shared hotel room (with another referee) will be provided for each working official. Roommate requests will be honored. 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 additional hotel dates are needed, information about making your own reservation will be sent later.

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 a very limited number of single and family rooms available this year. Requests for single rooms and family rooms could be housed at a different location.

## **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\***

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.

The rate for referees who bring spouses or request a single room will be charged ½ of the regular room rate. The rate for a single room (king bed) is \$50. The rate for a family room (2 queen beds) is \$60.

**\*\*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 2 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 your assigned hotel. 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 [auvolleyball.org](http://auvolleyball.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.

Referees will work a regular tournament schedule – usually 8 matches (out of the 12 that are scheduled) per day and will work 4-6 matches on the finals day. If a referee is in attendance for more than one 4-day session, you will be given at least ½ day off (to sleep in, wash laundry, go to dinner, or go to bed early). The mandatory ½ day off is not negotiable.

#### **LOGISTICS SUMMARY**

- You will be provided with a hotel room shared with another referee for each day that you work.
- Referee pay will be \$40 for International/National/Jr Nationals and \$36 for all others.
- **\*\*NEW\*\*** All referees will receive a \$25 travel stipend for each session that is worked.
- You will also receive some VIK (AAU shirts and jacket).
- Transportation from the hotel to the playing sites will be provided.
- Transportation to/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 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](mailto: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,

## **SUE MAILHOT**

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