

Sue's News

Tuesday June 20, 2023

Wednesday Referee Shirt of the Day – new AAU gray polo (or other AAU gray polo)

Referees – you all did a great job today in moving to your new court because of the rain. When we move courts because of rain, make sure you return your scoresheet to the desk where you originally got it.

Patience is a virtue and we all need to get some.

FINALS DAY

Tomorrow is the second session finals day. Remember the losing team must stay to officiate on the same court. We do not have any extra referees to cover a team that leaves, so make sure you tell both teams one of them must stay to officiate.

The first match of the day must start on time. If after the bracket has started, the rest of the matches can start as soon as all 3 teams are ready to play.

AND don't forget that traffic will be more CRAZY than usual!! Remember half of the teams played in the morning for the past 3 days and half of them played in the afternoon, but tomorrow they ALL come at once.

If you are assigned to work at the convention center and then at Disney, we can transport you in a van directly to Disney. Stop in the office at N322 to let us know you need to go to Disney. Or if you decide to drive yourself to Disney, stop in and get a Disney parking pass.

HOTEL BEHAVIOR

Please be respectful of other hotel guests. There are other people at the hotel besides our group. It is not cool for you to be extremely loud and it is unacceptable for you to be cussing, swearing and cursing (even if it is when you are joking around).

The hotel has rules, just like every other place of business. When they say the pool is closing, it's closing. Do not fuss at the pool staff. If you want something changed, let me know and I will see what I can do.

Free breakfast does not mean that you can take enough food to last you all day. You are limited to one portion per day. If you keep abusing the breakfast by taking more than one box or eating one portion and then still taking a box, we might not have free breakfast anymore. Thank you for your cooperation.

You MUST eat breakfast at your assigned hotel. If I find you eating breakfast at another hotel besides the one where you are assigned, you WILL be sent home. If you are staying at the Courtyard and you lost your breakfast coupon, you must contact me for a replacement.

OTHER HOTEL INFORMATION

In some of the hotel rooms there are bottles of water. Those bottles are NOT complimentary. If you opened or drank the bottles of water in your room, you need to return to the front desk and pay for them. Otherwise, I will deduct the cost from your final payment.

In addition, the hotel has a \$5 fee for shipping and receiving packages. They have so many packages that come in and out of the hotel daily that they have one dedicated mail person. This is not a fee that can be waived.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

The bus schedule is posted on the front page of the website. Please read it carefully. This is the same schedule the drivers have. Do not arrive at the pickup place late and then call to complain that you have been waiting for an hour.

The bus CANNOT stop in the hotel roundabout. They will pick-up and drop-off at the designated area. Do not ask them or bully them into stopping elsewhere.

REFEREE REMINDERS

As we head into the final day of the 2nd session, we must remember how we got here. You can all be good referees, so here are a few helpful hints to make everyone's life easier:

1. Strong whistle by the R2. There is a lot of miscommunication and confusion due to a weak R2 whistle.
2. Body language. We understand you could be tired, but you should not have a 'disinterested' look.
3. **Referees cannot be too friendly with coaches before or after a match. Referees cannot hug coaches nor can they have extended conversations with a coach courtside. If you know a coach well, you can greet them and then after the session, you can talk with them away from the court.**
 - **Referees who continue with this behavior can be sent home.**

THIRD SESSION

If you are in attendance at this tournament for all 5 sessions, you have been rewarded in the past couple of sessions with a ½ day off per session. In the 3rd session, we have plenty of referees and less matches, take advantage of your time off because in the 4th and 5th sessions, there will be NO TIME OFF requests granted.

MATCH ADMINISTRATION

There is no need to have an extended conversation with a coach about a ruling that you make. Make the call and move on. Assistant coaches may not intervene (talk to the refs, holler at the refs, talk to the table, etc). Up to 5 coaches are allowed to sit on the bench, but only the head coach and one assistant may stand. If you need help with your coaches, contact your lead referee.

All matches MUST have a rostered adult at the table to supervise the officiating team.

VOLLEYBALL EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Harold Webber will be arriving have shirts available for sale, \$35 each.(Grey, blue and white) He mostly has smaller sizes and will not be getting other sizes. Anyone wanting items can text him at 404-668-4240 and he will bring their orders to the venue or meet them at the hotel. He will also have whistles, lanyards and other equipment. Payment can be done via Zelle, Venmo or cash.

IF YOU WANT COFFEE, YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN CUP.

Make sure you share this information with your friends, acquaintances, bus mates and partners. Not everyone reads these messages everyday.

Have a great finals day! I hope you finish early and have time to eat a good dinner, wash clothes or lay by the pool.