

2024 AAU REFEREE PRE-TOURNAMENT LOGISTICS #1

(Monday May 20, 2024)

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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)

If you need to respond or contact me, please only use the email address – aaubrefs@gmail.com
Since this is a new email address, you might need to make sure it gets added to your address book.
Check with your friends and roommate to make sure they got this message.

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We are getting closer to the start of the 51st AAU National Volleyball Championships. This will be another record attendance year. There are 6,016 teams, 1,354 of those teams are boys teams. The first session will host the most courts with 254 courts being used. Sessions 2, 3, and 4 there will be 152 courts. Sessions 5 and 6 will have 112 courts being used.

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. **This form will not be available until June 1.**

If you have a hotel issue, you must contact me directly at aaubrefs@gmail.com.

If you plan to attend Catholic mass on Sunday mornings, you need to enter that as a schedule conflict and then inform me, so I can make sure we have enough transportation.

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 and roommate assignments are noted in the online [AAU Hotel and Roommate report](#). There are many factors that are part of the roommate and hotel assigning process. The report is also posted on omnevb.net. Your specific hotel is noted in the report.

The dates of your hotel room are noted in the report.

The dates that are noted might not be the dates that you are in attendance.

You can check the report for the name of your roommate. You can (and should) contact your roommate if you want to coordinate anything prior to your arrival.

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 some slight adjustments to hotel dates, but it is highly unlikely that I will make changes to roommates. I must make all hotel changes before June 1.

Any highlights on the hotel/roommate report are internal and do not mean anything to you.

SHIRT OF THE DAY

At Officials check-in, EVERYONE will receive 2 jackets (a full zip and a ¼ zip), a turquoise polo, a pink long sleeve shirt, an AAU t-shirt and a crewneck sweatshirt. How's that for some VIK? If you are in attendance for the 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th session, you will also receive one additional piece for each of those sessions. Photos of the VIK are posted on omnevb.net

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. You can wear any of the new outerwear anytime.

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.

TH June 13 – white certified officials shirt (plain white polo or previous year's WHITE AAU polo)

FR June 14 – gray officials shirt (plain white polo or previous year's GRAY AAU shirt) or new crewneck sweatshirt

SA June 15 – Dig Pink – Dig Pink polo or plain pink polo with no competing tournament logos (or white)

SU June 16 – new AAU turquoise polo

MO June 17 – blue (not navy) certified officials polo (or white) or new Royal Blue jacket

TU June 18 – AAU t-shirt (can wear white polo underneath) or new crewneck sweatshirt

WE June 19 – Dig Pink - Dig Pink polo or plain pink polo with no competing tournament logos (or white)

TH June 20 - new AAU turquoise polo

FR Jun 21 – new orange short sleeve dri-fit or white certified official polo – royal blue jacket

SA June 22 - white certified officials shirt (plain white polo or any previous year's AAU shirt) – gray jacket

SU June 23 – Dig Pink – Dig Pink polo or plain pink polo with no competing tournament logos (or white)

MO June 24 - new AAU turquoise polo

TU June 25 – gray certified officials polo (or white)

WE June 26 – new l/s red dri-fit (can wear collared white polo underneath)

TH June 27 - Dig Pink - Dig Pink polo or plain pink polo with no competing tournament logos (or white)

FR June 28 - new AAU turquoise polo

SU June 30 – new gray short sleeve dri-fit – gray jacket

MO July 1 – AAU t-shirt (can wear white polo underneath) or new crewneck sweatshirt

TU July 2 – new orange short sleeve dri-fit or any previous year's AAU shirt – royal jacket

WE July 3 - new AAU turquoise polo

TH July 4 – new AAU black polo

FR July 5 – blue (not navy) certified officials polo (or white)

SA July 6 - new l/s red dri-fit or any previous year's AAU shirt – royal jacket

SU July 7 - new AAU turquoise polo

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). Make sure you get Ziploc bags when you are the grocery store. Hook up with your friends to share snacks and sandwiches. There are numerous microwave food options available at the grocery 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 Marriott 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.** Bring your own coffee cup and Keurig coffee pods. None will be provided. And if you want special cream or sugar, please bring your own. There will be some sugars and some regular cream available.

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

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.

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 11 until **6 pm on Thursday June 12**. **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 12 only)

BUS TRANSPORTATION from HOTEL to CONVENTION CENTER

AAU provides transportation from the hotel to the convention center. The bus is open to any referee working at the tournament. The bus starts at 6:00 am and takes about 20 minutes to get to the convention center. You can find a [copy of the bus schedule](#) here as well as posted on omnevb.net. The bus will run hourly on registration day, June 12, starting at noon.

There are NO PARKING PASSES for the convention center, except for those who live locally and are driving from home (or local housing) to the convention center. If you are NOT staying at the hotel and need parking passes, you can pick them up at officials check-in.

If you are driving to Orlando or renting a car and you are planning to park at the hotel, I MUST know. AAU is being charged for your parking, so I need to know an exact count of vehicles. There is a column on the hotel report that notes if you already indicated if you will have a parked car or not.

PLAYING SITES

The main playing site will be the Orange County Convention Center –

1. North A/B (9400 Universal Blvd) and South A/B (9899 International Drive) Halls
2. West Concourse (9800 International Drive) (specific halls will be noted later)

OFFICIALS REGISTRATION

In addition to checking into the hotel, all officials need to register as an official on the day prior to the start of your first session. **ALL Officials Registration for the first session will be at the convention center in room N330.**

The first day of officials registration will be on Wednesday June 12 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. There will be a bus that runs from the hotel to the convention center on Wednesday June 12 from 12:00 pm until 9:00 pm. The bus will leave the hotel at the top of the hour, starting at 12:00 pm and will depart from the convention center back to the hotel on the half-hour.

If you are unable to arrive in time to complete officials' check-in, you will have to come early the next morning to the convention center. If you do not arrive in time for check-in, you should text the AAU office phone number (531-772-3340) upon your arrival into Orlando, so we know that you have arrived and will be ready to work the next morning. You should arrive at the convention center the next morning no later than 7:30 am.

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will REGISTRATION stay open past 7:00 pm. The line will be shut off at 6:30 pm so all that are in line can complete their process. So if you are not in line at 6:30 pm, you must text the phone number noted above and then come early the next morning.

You can check in your friend(s) or roommates, as long as you know their exact departure date and time.

Check-in for subsequent sessions will be held at the Officials office (N322) at the convention center on the day prior to the start of each session from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. You only need to register once.

Registration for the boys session will be on Saturday June 29 will be from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. **There will be a mandatory meeting for ALL referees working the boys session on Saturday June 29, starting at 8:00 pm.** There will be a welcome reception for all referees working the boys tournament at the Courtyard pool from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETINGS (all meetings held at OCCC room N330)

WE June 12 – 2:00 pm	R2 Clinic (optional) Reviews important R2 duties EVERYONE WELCOME
WE June 12 – 3:30 pm	Advancement Clinic Reviews information on what is expected for the next level of certification EVERYONE WELCOME (optional)
WE June 12 – 5:30 pm	First Time Attendees (not mandatory, reviews tournament logistics) Meet at the hotel to get on the 5 pm bus or meet at OCCC at N322 at 5:30 pm for a walk through of tournament procedures, etc.
WE June 12 – 7:00 pm	All Referees (requested attendance)
WE June 12 – 8:00 pm	Puerto Rican and foreign guest referees (requested mandatory attendance)
SU June 16 – 7:00 pm N320)	Optional - Advancement clinic (repeat of June 12 clinic) (OCCC room N320)
TH June 20 – 7:00 pm N320)	Optional - Advancement clinic (repeat of June 12 clinic) (OCCC room N320)
SA June 29 – 8:00 pm	MANDATORY meeting – all referees working boys session (mandatory, even if you have been working previous session)

A pdf PowerPoint presentation sent out the week prior to June 12 for ALL referees to view.