

Dear AAU Referee,

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The 2024 AAU National Volleyball Championships will expand again this year. There will be four consecutive 4-day separate girls sessions. In addition, there will be two sessions of Boys Championships that will follow the girls championships.

Three halls and 250 courts will be used for the first session (June 13 – 16). The North and South A/B halls will have 150 courts and an additional 100 courts will be used in the West Halls. 750 referees will be used for the first session only.

For the second, third and fourth sessions (June 17 – 20, June 21 – 24 and June 25 – 28) only the 150 courts in the North/South A/B halls will be used, so the number of referees after the first session will be reduced to 450 - 500.

The two boys sessions (June 30 – July 3 and July 4 – July 7) will use 125 – 130 courts in each session, so 375 – 400 referees will be needed.

REFEREE REGISTRATION

Initial referee registration will be on AES (advancedeventsystems.com). Make sure you 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 20), 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.

Six separate sessions are listed:

- 2024 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY ses 1
- 2024 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY ses 2
- 2024 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY ses 3
- 2024 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY ses 4
- 2024 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY boys 1
- 2024 AAU Ntnl Chmp REFEREES ONLY boys 2

You MUST have a current 2024 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.

I anticipate that many of the sessions will have more than enough referees register to work. So don't wait, complete your AAU membership registration soon and register before February 20 make sure you secure your spot.

NEW in 2024: Payment for tournament will be made through a new website called RefTown (reftown.com). You MUST complete a registration in this system to be paid. RefTown will request bank information as a direct deposit will be made. You must also complete a W-9. RefTown will send your 1099 at the end of the year. Guest referees will also complete a RefTown registration. 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. [Click on this link](#) to go directly to the RefTown registration page.

AAU Dates of Play:

Session 1: TH/FR/SA/SU June 13 - 16, 2024

10U, All 11U, All 12U, All 13U, All 14U, 18U Open, 18U Premier

Session 2: MO/TU/WE/TH June 17 - 20, 2024

All 15U, 18 Club, 18 Classic

Session 3: FR/SA/SU/MO June 21 - 24, 2024

All 16U

Session 4: TU/WE/TH/FR June 25 - 28, 2024

All 17U

Boys 1: SU/MO/TU/WE June 30 – July 3, 2024 All 12U, All 13U, All 16U, All 18U

Boys 2: TH/FR/SA/SU July 4 – July 7, 2024 All 14U, All 15U, All 17U

AAU levels of play:

- Open Division
- Premier Division
- Elite Division
- Aspire Division
- Spirit Division
- Classic Division

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.

USAV GJNC 10's–13's – June 21–24 - Dallas

USAV GJNC 14's–17's - July 3–11 – Las Vegas (July 3-6 – 16/17, July 8-11 – 14/15)

USAV BJNC June 26 – 29 - Dallas

Volleyball Festival – 11's-13's – June 23-26 – Phoenix

Volleyball Festival – 14's-18's – June 27-30 - Phoenix

This calendar is posted on omnevb.net.

2024	10	11	12	13	14	15
JUNE			AAU officials registration closes at 6 pm	AAU (10's- 14's, 180,18P)	AAU (10's- 14's, 180,18P)	AAU (10's- 14's, 180,18P)
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30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6
AAU Boys 1 (12, 13, 16, 18) 30 VB Festival (14-18)	AAU Boys 1 (12, 13, 16, 18) July 1	AAU Boys 1 (12, 13, 16, 18) July 2	AAU Boys 1 (12, 13, 16, 18) July 3 GJNC (16-17)	AAU Boys 2 (14, 15, 17) July 4 GJNC (16-17)	AAU Boys 2 (14, 15, 17) July 5 GJNC (16-17)	AAU Boys 2 (14, 15, 17) July 6 GJNC (16-17)
July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11		
AAU Boys 2 (14, 15, 17) July 7	GJNC (14-15) July 8	GJNC (14-15) July 9	GJNC (14-15) July 10	GJNC (14-15) July 11		

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 and click on the "Join AAU" box. You will register as an ADULT non-athlete. The membership fee has increased this year to cover an enhanced background screen and insurance. It is considerably cheaper to buy a 2-year membership.

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 new outerwear this year). You will also 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). Information about pre-tournament meetings will be sent later.

HOTEL

We will be housed again this year 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. Referees who are staying for more than one session will be housed at the Springhill Suites.

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 you do not have a specific request, an appropriate match will be assigned.

HOUSING POLICY

Payment for family rooms or single 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 per day. The rate for a single room (king bed) is \$55. The rate for a family room (2 queen beds) is \$65.

**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 aauvolleyball.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.
- 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 IS 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 aauvbrefs@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,

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