

Sue's News

Wednesday June 19, 2023

Thursday Referee Shirt of the Day – new AAU turquoise polo

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.

Do not be late for the bus or your match.

REFTOWN

We tried to pay you on Tuesday, but then Wednesday (today) was a federal holiday, so 'oops', no money is being transferred today. I am being told your payment should come through tomorrow. Since this is the first time we are using the new system, there are bound to be some 'kinks'. I think the next couple of sessions should be better.

We thought we checked to make sure everyone had their banking info entered into RefTown, but there are 72 of you who do not. If you worked in the first session only, you will not be paid until you log into your RefTown account, enter your banking account information and then let us know that you have done so. If you are currently working during session 2, we are trying to contact you today to get your updated information. If your name is noted below, you are finished working for today and you need to complete your banking information.

Bagang, Gil (1)	Elias, Chuck (am)	Marushka, Roman (am)	Sarroca, Osmany (1)
Baker, Matthew (1)	Finneran, Kevin (1)	Newkirk, Robert	Thompson, Scott (1)
Bakle, Jill (1)	Germain, Brenda (am)	Nguyen, John (am)	Touvor, Ray (1)
Bernsdorff, Sarah (1)	Gomez, Javier (1)	Ocasio, Jose	Wise, Yvette
Bravo, Richard (am)	Kiley, Aaron	Peterson, Anne (1)	Yonts, Madelyn (1)
Daniel, Whitney (1)	Lietz, Gene (am)	Rover, Fred (1)	Bernhardt, Hal

In addition, Canadian referees with US bank accounts, must either have a SSN number or US TIN number. Please see the office:

Darlington, Ann-Marie

Drouillard, Keith

Webster, Dave

REFEREE CHECK-IN/CHECK OUT

The office will be open from 6:30 am – 5:00 pm

* If you are arriving tomorrow, stop in the office to check in, get credentials and VIK and verify your RefTown info.

* If you are leaving us tomorrow, make sure you verify your match counts before you leave. You can stop in the office to verify or if you do not have any discrepancies, you can use the Express Checkout form. If your match counts do not match what is posted (sometime mid-to-late morning), you must complete a change request form. But it is even better if we can resolve your issue before you leave the tournament.

* If you are working the 3rd session, stop in the office to pick up your new orange shirt. (if you lose your orange shirt, there are no replacements)

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). Harassment of hotel employees is cause for dismissal from the tournament.

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 policy 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.

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.**

4. If you cannot be nice to your partner, you should go home, take a nap and come back with a better disposition. There is NO reason for you to be rude to your partner.

½ DAYS OFF

If you are in attendance at this tournament for more than one session, you have been rewarded this session with a ½ day off. It should be expected that if you are here for more than one session, you will have a ½ day off in each of the upcoming sessions. You do need it, even if you think you don't.

MATCH ADMINISTRATION

You must start warm-ups as soon as you get off the stand or if you are the first referee coming onto the court, you must be there when the match is over. You do not have to check the scoresheet, you do not have to enter the scores, you do not have to have a conversation with anyone. YOU MUST DO THE COIN TOSS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PRIOR MATCH IS COMPLETE. Complete the end of match procedures while the teams are sharing warm-ups.

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.

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.

Patience is a virtue and we all need to get some. In addition, common sense goes a long way.

"You treat people with greatness and greatness will come back to you."

--Afrika Bambaataa