

2026 AAU REFEREE PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION #1a

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PHONE NUMBERS to USE after June 10
OFFICIALS OFFICE PHONE – 531-772-3340
SCHEDULE/ASSIGNING ISSUES – 830-444-6069

This is a secondary message to the original housing information noted in the Pre-Tournament Information document #1 (emailed 5-7)

Housing assignments have been released. You should have received an email from Volleysign with your hotel and roommate assignments. The information noted in the hotel assignment are the dates for the room, so that information might not match your attendance dates. You can view your attendance dates in your profile. Unless I made a grievous error (put a male in with a female, etc) there will be no changes. If you requested a roommate who did not have the same dates as you, you were given a new roommate. You should contact your roommate and coordinate your arrival/departure dates and everything else. If, after you've arrived at the hotel and experience a problem with your roommate, do not hesitate to contact me. There is an acceptable solution to all problems, but I need to know about a problem in order to fix it.



HOUSING INFORMATION

As of May 10, 2026, you can no longer adjust your attendance dates or hotel attendance dates. If you need to withdraw from the tournament and/or make changes to your hotel attendance dates, you must send an email to AAUVBREFS@GMAIL.COM. Please do not text or use any other email address.

If you want to arrive early, here is information to make a hotel reservation at the hotel where you are assigned. You do not need to stay at either of these hotels. You can make your own hotel arrangements and move into your AAU assigned hotel on June 15.

You might have tried to call the Sonesta recently to make an early arrival reservation but were told to contact Sue. Here is the updated information to make an early arrival reservation at the Sonesta. The cost per night for early arrival at the Sonesta is \$123 per night.

If you are assigned to the Sonesta Suites and want to arrive earlier than June 15, you must make your own reservations by emailing the following information to: oaponte@sonesta.com

Subject: AAU Officials' Early Arrival Reservation - Sonesta

Name: _____

Name of additional guests: _____

Arrival date: _____ Departure Date: June 15

Phone number: _____

If you want to arrive earlier at the Courtyard than the day prior to the first day of your session, you must make your own housing arrangements by using the links below.

- **Courtyard by Marriott Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre for 129.00 USD - 149.00 USD per night - Last Day to Book : Monday, June 01, 2026**

[Book your group rate for Pre AAU Officials June 10-15, 2026](#)

- **Courtyard by Marriott Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre for 129.00 USD - 149.00 USD per night - Last Day to Book : Wednesday, July 01, 2026**

[Book your group rate for POST AAU Officials July 11-15, 2026](#)

If you are assigned a roommate you've never met before nor roomed with before, make sure you read the 'How to Be a Good Roommate' document posted on omnevb.net.

HOUSING POLICY

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 and check out the following morning.

Special housing (family rooms or single king rooms) are only available at the Courtyard. Payment for single/family rooms will be deducted from your final pay. Referees who request a single room or bring their spouse and will use a king room will be billed at \$65 **per night**. Referees requesting a single room with double beds will be billed at \$75 **per night**.

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL

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 local referees is offering to pick up travelers from the airport and take you to the hotel for a fee of \$30 (cash or Zelle app) from June 10 until **5 pm on Monday June 15**. Text him well in advance to reserve your spot. He is doing this as a courtesy and is not affiliated with AAU or any transportation service.

Fernando Ortiz – 787-564-3148

FOREIGN GUEST REFEREE DOCUMENTATION

We welcome the participation of all foreign guest referees at the AAU National Championships. In order for us to track each referee's current referee certification, a copy of your current certification level will be required. You will be able to upload a picture of your certificate in your Volleysign account in the certification tab (sometime after May 15). So start looking for your certification copy now. If you are unable to complete this task, you can bring a copy of your certificate to check-in. Until this task has been completed, you might receive multiple emails.

This requirement is for all referees that do not live on the mainland of the United States. The requirement includes referees from Puerto Rico (since you have your own federation). If you do not have a current certification level, you can still officiate at the tournament, but you will be paid at an appropriate level, depending on the year of your last certification level. If you are a referee from another country that now lives in the United States, you will be paid at your local US rate (not your previous country's rate).