

2026 AAU REFEREE PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION #1

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

Welcome to Orlando and the 2026 AAU National Championship tournament!! Bookmark the website address www.omnevb.net as that is where you can always view all documents, assignments and other important information needed for this tournament. If you need immediate attention, texting is preferred over calling. If you need to call and no one answers, please leave a message. Most likely you will receive a text in return.

Housing assignments have been released. You should receive an email from Volleysign. 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.

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.

HOTEL

I used all rooms allotted to me at the **Sonesta ES Suites Orlando**, 8751 Suiteside Dr, Orlando, FL 32836. We occupy more than 75% of the rooms at this hotel. Breakfast is not be provided at this hotel. There will be bus transportation. [Click here for additional information about the Sonesta Hotel.](#)

In addition, we have rooms at the **Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre**, 8501 Palm Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32836. This hotel has rooms with 2 queen beds, breakfast, microwave, mini refrigerator and a coffeemaker. Breakfast is provided at this hotel and will start at 5:30 am. Bus service provided. [Click here for additional information about the Courtyard Hotel.](#)

If you have a Marriott Bonvoy number, you will only get points (or credits), if you personally pay for a room. If your room is booked through the master AAU rooming list, you will NOT receive points or credits. If you choose to have a single room and part of your room cost is deducted from your final officiating payment, you WILL NOT get points or credits.

Even though your room charges are covered by AAU, you will still need to provide a credit card at check-in for incidentals. Please be prepared to provide one.

Each hotel has their own laundry facilities. Only credit cards can be used for laundry. The resort fee and parking fee at each hotel are waived for our group.

Please DO NOT CALL the hotel and make special requests. If you call the hotel, they just call me to verify the request. If you have a request, please let me know (aaubrefs@gmail.com).

Check in at the hotel is not until 4:00 pm. So if you arrive earlier and try to check in and they have your room ready, then good for you. But if they do not have your room ready, do not pester the front desk staff. Anyone who harasses, bullies, intimidates, or raises their voice at any hotel staff will be dismissed from the tournament immediately. The hotel will store your luggage until your room is ready.

Be patient, store your bags, go to the grocery store, find something to eat, amuse yourself, but do not bother the front desk staff. Most rooms are pre-assigned and because we have so many rooms, the staff does not have much ability to make changes (or clean your room) any more quickly. If you are not happy with this situation, I have other referees who would love to take your place.

Parking at the hotel is free for AAU guests (normally \$23 per night), so I need to know if you are parking a car. You will be issued a special parking permit, so you are not charged for parking.

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.

If you want to arrive earlier than the day prior to the first day of your session, you must make your own housing arrangements.

- **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](#)

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**.

GROCERIES/FOOD

There are a couple of grocery stores not too far from the Village. The closest store is Winn Dixie (Shoppes of Lake Ave #2215) which used to offer free online ordering and delivery. Walmart also delivers. There are a couple of Publix stores not too far away and Target is across the interstate (by the Marriott Village)

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, need to stay in the officials' lounge.

There will be a microwave and Keurig coffeemaker located in the N322 office. There will also be a microwave and Keurig in the South officials' lounge (S310) and the West officials lounge (when we are using the West concourse – sessions 3, 4, 5 and 6). No popcorn can be microwaved. Bring your own Keurig coffee pods. Bring your own coffee cup. None will be provided.

There are numerous restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

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.

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Additional information regarding tournament check-in and procedures will be coming soon.