

# 2019 AAU GIRLS 18's TOURNAMENT REFEREE GUIDELINES

## MORNING MEETING

You should plan to check in with the head referee every morning. At the very minimum, you need to be at the site, ready to work no later than ½ hour prior to the start of your first match.

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Is held at 7:45 am. Shared warm-ups can occur prior to the anthem. The serving team can start hitting immediately after the anthem.

Prior to each team's first match of the day, both teams will get 5 minutes of shared court time, followed by the 4 minutes by each team separately.

## ASSIGNMENTS

A copy of the assignments will be posted in the officials' room each day. Assignments will be emailed and posted on my website at [omnevb.net](http://omnevb.net) under the AAU Girls 18's page.

First referee and second referees will be assigned to every match.

Prior to the first match of each day, the referees will take the match scoresheet, a game ball, court towel, and pens and pencils to the court.

- The game ball should never be left at the court unattended. After the morning session is complete, return the game ball to the championship desk. At the beginning of the afternoon session, take the appropriate game ball out to the court. Only bring the pencils back between waves if they need to be sharpened or you need new ones.
- The scores of each match **MUST BE** entered immediately after the conclusion of the match. Return the scoresheets as soon as possible.
- After each match, clean up the scoring table. Have the officiating team that is leaving take with them all bottles, food, and other assorted 'junk.' You can throw away the used libero tracking sheets and the used line-up sheets.

The head referee will make any schedule adjustments. All matches are paid from the schedule (and will be cross checked with the information from the scoresheets).

Before you leave for the night, make sure your court does not have any ties.

- a. If you work a playoff, make sure to tell the head referee about it.

## VISUAL SCORING DEVICES

I'm not sure how many flipcharts will be on each court. If there are two flipcharts, here are the procedures to use:

If there are two flipcharts on each court. One flipchart stays on the scoring table. The other flipper **needs to sit in a chair** on the first referee side of the court (on the opposite side from the scoring table), preferably in the first chair by the referee stand. If a spectator sits in that chair, you must inform them that either they have a new job, or they must let the flipper sit there.

**LINE JUDGES** - Make sure you talk to all of your line judges before the match starts. Ask at the beginning of the match who will be doing lines and if they are working for the entire match. Usually the answer is "no." Tell all (2 or 4 or could be even 6) of them to come and listen to the instructions prior to the beginning of the match.

**SCORESHEETS** - Complete all of the official information on the scoresheet prior to the beginning of the match.

- Check the court number on your scoresheet as you are walking to your match. Check the team names on the scoresheet before you start the match to make sure they are the correct playing teams.
- Make sure the scorer has written in the correct TEAM names prior to the beginning of the match. The scoresheets have team code names on them, and sometimes the codes can be similar. Make sure you have given the scorer the correct information about which team is which.

## **ENTERING THE SCORES**

After each match, you will enter the scores according to the information the head referee will share with you prior to the start of the tournament. All scores must be entered **immediately** after the match is completed. Do the coin flip for the next match, then go enter the scores while the warm-up is taking place.

## **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

All play is best 2 out of 3, 0-25, 0-15 in the third set, switch at 8 points. If a playoff is needed, it is one set, 0-25 points, switch at 13.

## **WARM-UPS**

There is no shared hitting during warm-ups. For every team's FIRST match of the wave, there will be 5 minutes of shared court ball handling, followed by 4 minutes for the serving team and 4 minutes for the receiving team.

For the remaining matches, the warm-up time is:

- 2 minutes of shared court ball handling
- 4 minutes for the serving team to have the entire court, which includes serving
- 4 minutes for the receiving team to have the entire court, which includes serving

The warm-ups are NOT shortened after the first match.

When one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must either be at its team bench or shagging balls. Warming up with balls at the team bench or in spectator walkways is not permitted.

## **TEAM OFFICIATING ASSIGNMENTS**

- Each team must provide 2 scorers (one of which must be the libero tracker and can also act as the scoreboard operator), a second 'flipper', and 2 line judges.
- The first match of each wave must start at the official start time (8 am or 3 pm). After that, if all three teams agree, matches may be start up to 10 minutes ahead of the scheduled start time. The last match of the session can start as soon as all teams agree.
- Late to officiate is defined as not being at the court ready to work at the conclusion of warm-ups. For every minute, a work team is late or incomplete, a point per minute is given to their next opponent up to 25-0 forfeit. A second offense results in the loss of their next match.
- As soon as you know a team could be late, contact the head referee.
- It is okay for players to switch officiating positions in between sets. But if at anytime, a player is not adequately performing their job, you can request the coach to replace them.
- A rostered coach from the officiating team must be at the scoring table when their team is assigned to officiate.

## **COACHES**

The head coach may stand to coach, but must be at least 1.75 meters from the court. If there is not that much space, the coach must stand closer to the bench than to the court. One assistant coach may stand (at a time) and must also be at least 1.75 meters from the court. If the head coach is

sitting, he/she may sit anywhere on the bench. If the head coach is sitting, that does not allow two assistants to stand.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

All subs must stand at the end of the bench off the sport court and no closer to the court than the front of the team bench. Substitution requests will only be recognized when a player enters the substitution zone. Verbal or hand signals will be recognized only if the request involves the replacement of an injured player or exceptional substitution procedure.

## **LIBERO UNIFORM**

Libero uniforms must be clearly contrasting (i.e., light and dark, etc.), including the new rule regarding contrasting number. Burgundy (maroon) and black are not contrasting, royal blue and black are not contrasting, white and light pink are not contrasting. The Libero shorts may be a different color than the rest of the team. Just because 'you' can tell the difference, does not mean that it's legal. If the Libero uniform is not clearly contrasting, ask the coach if they have another option. The coach can be sent to find the head referee, if they do not agree with your decision. The head referee should not be summoned to your court to make uniform ruling.

## **SPORT COURT RULE**

- A player must be in contact with their Sport Court while playing the ball that has gone into a non-playable area. After playing the ball, the player may follow through off their Sport Court up to the extended sideline of an adjacent court.
- Servers must be completely on the Sport Court prior to initiating the serve.
- Substitutions that are standing at the end of the bench must be standing off the sport court.

## **OTHER SPECIAL RULES**

The AAU rule allows for 2 Libero(s) to be designated per each SET (can be different for all 3 sets). Both Liberos can serve as long as it is in the same serving rotation position.

## **TIME MANAGEMENT**

Be courtside when the previous match is completed. Do not have the referee that is supposed to be off come looking for you. TIME MANAGEMENT is a key factor. I know all of you can handle this concept. Let's make it work this weekend and get out of the gym at a reasonable hour.

- You do not make the game go faster by making your signals faster, but you can speed up the entire match by being ready to signal for the serve as soon as the server walks into the service area. (You must be careful not to rush the server, but the server should not control the tempo of the match either.)

## **PROTESTS**

If a protest is properly made prior to or concurrent with the first serve of the match, the head referee must find be notified immediately. The protest will be resolved before the match commences.

## **UNUSUAL SITUATIONS**

If any unusual situation (unruly/aggressive spectator) presents itself during a match, the referee should immediately recruit a responsible messenger to report the incident to me or the Championship Desk. Someone will return to the court to manage the situation. There should be little or no delay in the match.

**Head Referee** – Keith Weller (423-504-6550) (put his number in your phone under the Head Referee heading)