

Sue's News

Wednesday June 21, 2023

Thursday 22 Referee Shirt of the Day – blue officials polo (cannot wear the USAV navy), international referees can wear the officials shirt from their country

The color of the roster for the 3rd session is **PINK**.

THIRD SESSION

We are starting into the third session. For those of you who have already been here for 8 days, make sure you take the early night tonight and refresh yourself. Don't just refresh your mind, let's make sure we have refreshed our bodies and our clothing. There are washing machines at the hotel. Please use them. You cannot wear the same shirt more than twice.

As we go into this final session, we need remember to be kind and keep smiling. A smile can go a long way to diffuse a difficult situation. But we also need to enforce the rules as they are written.

Be prepared to have food and a lot of water. Take advantage of your breaks. Get out of the noise, put your feet up. Every day there are more matches on more courts.

There is a microwave in N322 and the south officials lounge if you need to use it. However, you may not cook popcorn.

TRANSPORTATION

The bus (JB Bus) is provided as a service for referees. There are very few tournaments that provide transportation for you (or even give you a travel stipend). Here you are receiving both. There are 3 buses that run in the mornings and one bus that goes to Disney from 6 am to 10 am. One of the morning buses travels all day from the hotel to the convention center. It takes about one hour to travel from the hotel to the convention center and back. The last bus leaves the convention center at 10:30 pm.

In the evening, starting about 6:00 pm, a second bus makes additional runs from the convention center to the hotel. The Disney bus runs in the evenings from 6 pm to 10 pm.

The bus will arrive, it might not be exactly as on time (depending on traffic or weather). I am trying to adjust the schedule so we can get more referees from the south sooner. Look for an update on that soon. I know you want to get home and we are not trying to keep you here, but sometimes you just need to take care of yourself.

Lead referees will always make sure you have a ride home if you are one of the last referees finished.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all referees who were here for session 1 and/or session 2. It was a great event all because of you! You did a great job and we so appreciate you being here. We hope to see you again in the future. Thanks again.