

Sue's News

Friday June 14

I have to say it's been an exciting 2 days, but it all works because of the lead referees and staff who make it run more smoothly. Thanks to all for 'taking care of business'.

SHIRT of the DAY

Saturday June 15 – Gray certified officials polo or previous year's gray AAU shirt (or white certified) or new crewneck sweatshirt

NEED YOUR HELP

I really need your help! I've had to go 'to bat' for you every day regarding how many scoresheets you can take at one time. There are too many sheets that are showing up late to the courts, too many sheets that are not being turned in immediately after the match is complete and too many sheets that have multiple errors. There are too many scoresheets that are not complete with winning and losing team names. I don't understand how you can enter the scores in your phone, if the team names are not on the sheet.

This is a national championship and every team in attendance should expect the best from the paid referees. Prior to the start of the match, both referee names **MUST** be printed on the scoresheet.

After the match is complete, the R2 verifies the work of the scorers. Then the R1 verifies the scores and the correct winning/losing team names. The scores are entered into the mobile app and the referee who is leaving the court will return the scoresheet immediately to the scoresheet area. (It is not a problem if you need to get out your reading glasses to see the sheet.) We know the scorer is supposed to finish the scoresheet before leaving, **but it is not necessary to holler at, scream at or be impatient with the scorers. You can ask them nicely.**

So here's where I need your help – I need you to **PROMISE** to enter the scores into your phone as soon as the match is done and immediately return the sheet. Anyone who holds a scoresheet and does not bring it back immediately after the match will have to see me.

I know you can do it. You do it every weekend, so why not continue to be the best at what you do every day?

CHAIRS AROUND THE COURTS

It is not necessary to move chairs away from the courts more than one foot. Chairs are being moved too far from the court which then does not leave enough walkway in the aisles. It is not necessary for a referee to move chairs. And if the coach is moving the chairs, it not necessary for them to do that either.

PHONE NUMBERS

Once the schedule is published and you are not on the schedule or should not be on the schedule, you should **text the assigning phone**. But in the morning, if you're running late, overslept or not feeling well, etc, you **NEED to text or call the DESK referee in your section** (not the assigning or office phone).

RULE REMINDERS

It's still allowed to call doubles, especially doubles set over the net.

The R2 needs to watch the server (and not the receiving team). Make sure you know all the other R2 duties.

Referees CANNOT move matches from one court to another without permission.

If you are the referee for the next match, STAY AWAY from the table until the previous match is finished. You cannot put your 'stuff' on the table nor can you sit at the table. Watch from close-by, but not in the immediate area.

Sport court rule about feet location on the serve.

The Sport Court rule regarding where the feet need to be on a serve is Rule 12. 3 which states: When playing on a portable playing surface, the server shall have at least **part of both feet** in contact with the playing surface before the 1st referee authorizes the service. After the 1st referee authorizes the service, if the server steps entirely off the playing surface with one or both feet, it is a service fault.

CLOTHING EXCHANGES

We are working to assist you in clothing exchanges, but I want to reiterate that you received exactly the sizes that you ordered. We did not run short of any sizes this year to fulfill the original requests. So we will try and help you get a new size, but we cannot guarantee it nor will we assist anyone who wants to be ugly to the office staff.

-to those who ruined their clothing (ironed and burned, etc) and need an additional piece of clothing, you can come on the final day of the session and we will see if we can help you.

-Someone brought their bag in to exchange their clothing today, but then left it in the north officials lounge where someone might have accidentally picked up the bag. If you have a bag of clothes that do not belong to you, please return them to the office. Thank you.

REFTOWN REMINDER

If you do not yet have a Reftown profile created by 7 pm on SA June 15 5:00 pm, your payment WILL BE delayed. Foreign guest officials need a completed W-8 form by the same deadline.

Verify and verify again that your direct deposit information is correct in your profile. If your payment goes to an incorrect account, AAU cannot retrieve the incorrect payment nor pay you again. Come to N322 if you want verification.

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe." — Anatole France