

# *SUE'S NEWS*

*Tuesday June 18, 2024*

## **SHIRT of the DAY**

Wednesday June 19 – white AAU t-shirt (with optional white undershirt underneath) or new crewneck sweatshirt.

You can wear any of the AAU outerwear from this year on any day of any session, although there are days where certain outerwear is preferred. This will be noted in the Shirt of the Day.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

I've been seeing some great comments on social media about the outstanding officiating at this tournament. Keep up the good work! And remember if you are an official, whether you are working at this moment or not, keep your negative comments about your fellow officials to yourself.

## **STARTING EARLY**

The first match of each wave may not start early. Subsequent matches may start up to 15 minutes early. This means that you can start warmups up to 25 minutes early if **ALL THREE TEAMS** and **YOUR PARTNER** agree. Please do not contact a lead referee or desk referee to start early if you do not have all three teams and your partner.

## **SESSION 3, 4, 5, AND 6 VIK**

VIK for each of these sessions can be picked in the office (N322) on the final day of the previous session. For Session 3, this will be Thursday, June 20 from 10 am to 5 pm. The shirt for Session 3 is an orange dri-fit shirt. Only stop in for the orange shirt if you have been accepted to officiate in session 3.

## **MATCH COUNTS**

In general, you will only be paid for matches that you have actually worked. Sometimes you will be paid for a match that is a forfeit. You will not be paid for matches lost due to bracket changes or any other circumstance. For any questions on this policy, please come to the office. The lead refs will try to replace any lost matches. If you are requested to assist at a match that has been moved, you will be paid for working as a support assistant.

## **PAYMENTS FOR SESSION 1**

All referee payments were submitted to RefTown late afternoon Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Hotel deductions may be noted on your payment confirmation. These deductions are only for Session 1. Stipend payments for session 1 will also be noted.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

If you are riding the bus, plan on being early to the pickup spot. Do not blame the bus driver if the bus drove off as you were running to the stop. Do not be rude to the bus drivers or you are subject to dismissal. If you miss the bus, we cannot send another one. Don't call us, if you do not know what the schedule is and you miss a bus. It could be up to an hour before the next one, and you will be on your own for transportation to/from the convention center. It's better to be early than late.

## **PROTESTS**

Remember lead referees are your friends. They are there to assist you in managing situations.

## **CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

Some referees will bring some of their staff clothing from past years, as well as some clothing from other

events. If this is your **FIRST** year as an official at this tournament, you may come in tomorrow after 10 am to pick out **one** item of clothing. First come, first serve. I'm sorry if you are in the south. You can come on your break. If there is still clothing left after 5 pm, any referee can come in and pick an item. If you picked an item on the first check-in day, please do not come back. Allow others to share.

## **COMMUNICATION**

You must use the correct phone numbers when you have an issue. If you are on the courts and you need some assistance (equipment, lead referee, protest, etc), make sure you call the North or South Desk. If you need general information or you are sick or anything else, please call the general office phone. Someone is responsible for answering that phone at all times, but please be considerate of the time you call, if your call is not an emergency.

### **GENERAL OFFICE – 531-772-3340**

Call your appropriate desk for any court issues or officiating issues.

**North Desk – 402-239-0255**

**South Desk – 402-239-3635**

