

# Sue's News

Thursday June 20, 2024

**Friday Referee Shirt of the Day** – new Orange short sleeve dri-fit or white certified official polo – royal blue jacket.

## 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 third session, we need to 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 the office (N322) or the south officials room if you need to use it. However, you may not cook popcorn.

## PARKING

DO NOT park in the metered parking spaces near the bus lanes in the front of the convention center. Those spaces are reserved for some very specific AAU staff personnel. They will start towing. Please park in the regular parking lot.

## SCHEDULE NOTES

The schedule for tomorrow will be posted very soon. Please note this is only a **DRAFT** version of the schedule. An updated final version will be posted later tonight after we receive an updated grid from the tournament. We will endeavor not to change anyone's start time, but the assignors will text you if your first match time changes. If you are scheduled for 1/2 day (AM or PM) that will not change, so you can feel free to make your plans to sleep in or have dinner with friends.

A few important schedule reminders as we start a new session:

- Please check, re-check, and double-check your schedule every day! We are working to get the preliminary schedule out earlier each day, but that means there will more than likely be changes. Check before you go to bed...and check again when you wake up the next morning. We only send individual communications if your first match time changes or if there is a change after matches have started for that day.
- Change Request Forms must be submitted **two days** prior to your requested change (you have until midnight tonight to make a request for Saturday, June 22). Please ensure your request is clear and concise. For example, a good request is, *"I would like to work AM only on Saturday, June 22, and my friends DongJ, Sintop, and Cayetano would like to work AM only as well."*
  - These are NOT good requests, *"If I have to work any half days, please make them mornings."* OR *"I would like a half day on this day."*
- If you want to ensure you are off the same time as your friends, you **must** submit a Change Request Form for a specific date and a list of everyone wanting to be off for AM or PM on that day. Otherwise you will be assigned your 1/2 day according to the needs of the tournament.

- After the schedule is published each day (including tomorrow), it is TOO LATE to make a request! Please do not submit a Change Request stating that your schedule for tomorrow is not what you hoped for and asking for a change. Those forms are ignored.
- However, if we previously confirmed a request and you find your schedule is incorrect, please text the assigning phone (830-444-6069) or email [aaувolleyballrefinfo@gmail.com](mailto:aaувolleyballrefinfo@gmail.com) immediately, and we will do our best to correct it. We work very hard to track everyone's requests and ensure that they are fulfilled if at all possible, but sometimes things get lost.
- **Referees may not give matches to each other or take matches from each other. Any scheduling changes must be approved through your desk referee or lead referee. Referees who work matches without authorization are considered "volunteers" and will not be paid for those matches.**

Thank you for all your hard work!

There will always be someone to take you home if it is after 11:00 pm or after the buses have stopped running. Just make sure you inform the office staff if you need a ride.

First session payments were paid at noon today. If you did not complete your RefTown info by noon today, your payment will be made in the next few days. Because of the weekend, session 2 will probably not be paid until Monday June 24. Session 3 will be paid sometime during the week of June 24.

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.