

# Sue's News

## Saturday June 15

### **From Nancy at the NORTH DESK:**

I want to thank everyone on the North courts on Friday night. God saw we needed the courts cleaned and gave us water to do so. We moved over 25 courts due to rain. At the end of the night, we split 3 courts and had 1 playoff. To do this, numerous officials stayed and helped. Without them, many of their fellow officials would've been here till midnight. I really cannot tell you how much I appreciated all of you and your ability to adapt to the numerous moves. Great job to all and thank you!! Nancy

### **From Sue:**

Oops, I guess I left out a couple of words last night when I was typing up the newsletter.

Thank you to all those who actually read last night's newsletter and saw the incorrect information regarding the R2.

### **CORRECT INFORMATION**

The R2 does NOT watch the server but needs to watch the receiving team. Make sure you know all the other R2 duties.

### **SHIRT of the DAY**

Sunday June 16 – NEW [turquoise](#) AAU polo (or white certified)

### **FINALS DAY**

Tomorrow is the first finals day. Remember the losing team must stay (most of the time, check your scoresheet) to officiate on the same court. We do not have any extra referees to cover any team that leaves, so make sure you tell both teams one of them must stay to officiate. If you allow the losing team to leave, then you are responsible for finding replacements.

Tomorrow's matches can start as soon as all 3 teams are ready to play.

If you are assigned a Finals match on one of the Championship courts (cts 19, 20, 115 and 116), you **MUST wear the turquoise polo**. If you want to wear a jacket, all jackets must match (either the gray jacket, the royal ¼ zip or the green sweatshirt).

Some of you might be assigned as support staff on the finals. If you are assigned as the Assistant Scorer, you must be the Libero Tracker, the score flipper and the Baller TV person all at once.

### **SCORESHEETS on FINALS DAY**

Tomorrow, you must come back to get additional sheets once the scores are entered, so a new scoresheet can be printed with the correct team names. We know how long the walk is from some courts, so let's help each other out and enter the scores as soon as we can. If you don't have a smartphone, have your partner do it or your friend next door. Just get it done as soon as possible!

### **REFEREE PROFESSIONALISM**

Even though it is the final day, we still have to remember our manners and treat coaches and players right. It is not necessary to belittle players or think we need to teach them how to play. You must maintain a professional demeanor before, during and after your match. We must follow the rules as they are written. We cannot put our own personal spin or interpretation on the written word.

I'm starting to get a few (more than I would like) reports about unprofessional behavior by

referees.

These actions are not acceptable and could cause you to be sent home immediately:

- arguing with your partner at the court
- calling your partner 'names'
- swearing at your partner
- not accepting your partner's suggestion for sanctions
- lying to the lead referees about how a situation unfolded
- bullying, pressuring or being unkind to the scoresheet workers
- continually complaining about match counts
- moving matches to another court without championship desk permission
- giving away your matches on your own to someone else. If you cannot work, the desk referee will assign someone to work in your place.
- non-referees cannot ride the bus nor can they be in the officials room. That includes children.

If you can't be nice, then maybe you shouldn't be here. There is no excuse for you to treat others in an unkind way.

We have too many referees who are late for the morning bus and matches. I know the schedule has been out a little later than we would like it to be, but **you have to assume** that you will have the first match in the morning and prepare yourself as such. If you find out later that you have a later match then you can adjust accordingly, but always be prepared to start the first match.

You are not here on vacation. You are here to work, so I need you to be ready to work. We are getting too many late requests for time off. **Time off requests must be turned in 48 hours (2 days) in advance of the requested time off.** The assignors are working on tomorrow's schedule today, so they need the information in advance. If you experience an emergency, let the assignors know (via text) or the desk referee for your section know as soon as you can.

## **CHAIRS AROUND THE COURTS**

It is not necessary to move chairs away from the courts more than one foot. The Fire Marshall said the chairs are being moved too far from the court which then does not leave enough walkway between the chairs. The convention center is instructing the night cleaners to place the chairs closer to the court. If the chairs are still too far from the court, move them closer. But it is not necessary to move the chairs further away from the court. If the coach is moving the chairs too far from the court, they should be instructed to leave them where they are.

## **CHECKOUT PROCEDURES**

Referees must ALL check out of the first session by verifying their match counts. The in-person checkout process will begin after 11 am. Match counts will NOT be updated until after 10 am. If you are at the WEST concourse, you may call the general office number (or use the Express Checkout form. The staff person in the South officials lounge can also assist you with checkout.

In person checkouts can be completed from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm.

If your match counts are correct according to the match counts posted on the website, you can use the online [Express Checkout](#) form and you do not need to go to the office.

If you have a discrepancy, you must submit an [online request form](#) noting the issue. Do NOT leave until your discrepancy has been resolved.

If you are leaving at the end of this session, make sure you leave your nametag (for next year).

## **SECOND SESSION OFFICIALS REGISTRATION**

If you are coming in to start working in the second session, you can register at the convention center in the administrative office N322 anytime from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. The office might be open a little after 5, but it will close as soon as the last match is finished. If you do not make it to

registration before 5, make sure you text the admin phone (531-375-8588) as soon as you arrive in the city, so we know you are here. You can then register before you start to work on Sunday morning. There will not be a pre-tournament officials meeting prior to the start of the second session. But all referees starting to work in the second session should watch the referee powerpoint, and read the other pre-tournament information documents, as well as the recent Sue's News that are posted on the website.

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

I got an email from the Marriott Village today that said: *Our Security Team will be speaking to four guestrooms in Springhill Suites today, as they found cooking items (such as air fryers, electric skillets, etc.) in the rooms. These are not permitted in the guestrooms as they are safety hazards and fire code violations.*

I've already informed those 4 rooms, but if you have electric cooking items in your room, please put them away each day.

### **CHURCH**

These are the people that I have noted who are planning to attend church in the morning:

Abadie - - - - - Bulliard- - - - - Dallas - - - - - Duley - - - - - O'Dell - - - - - Klimek - - - - - Wagner - - - - - Wong

If you are riding with me, meet in front of the Springhill at 6:30 am. We will go directly to the convention center from church and arrive in time for your 9:00 am match start.

### **PROCEDURE REMINDERS**

1. E-whistles are allowed to be used.
2. Refs should give the roster back to the coach once they are checked. There is no reason to keep the roster throughout the match.
3. Refs shouldn't cut the warm up time per team because the court is running behind.
4. When there are tie breaking sets to be played, they are only to 15 points.
5. The serving team has the first warm up regardless of who won the coin toss.

Thank you to everyone for making this giant first session run very smoothly. The staff appreciates your dedication to making this a great event!!

And to those who are leaving after this session, thanks for being here and safe travels! We hope to see you next year! (June 13 - July 7, 2025)