

AAU REFEREE BULL PEN INSTRUCTIONS

It should be considered an honor to be assigned to the bull pen. We only assign referees that we feel can work any level of match and have the professionalism to handle any situation that might arise. Represent us well!

ASSIGNING INFORMATION

- Your bull pen assignment will be noted on the alpha as “North Bull Pen,” “South Bull Pen,” or “West Bull Pen” along with the start time for the wave you are working (7:30 AM for the morning wave; 2:30 PM for the afternoon wave). It will also include a court number, but this is just for administrative purposes.
- **Morning Bull Pen** – Report to your assigned Championship desk (North/South/West) **no later than 7:15 AM**. Your shift will end at approximately 2:00 PM.
- **Afternoon Bull Pen** – Report to your assigned Championship desk (North/South/West) **no later than 2:15 PM**. Your shift will end when the Desk referee releases you (typically after all 8:00 PM matches have started).

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Replace referees who are not available for their assigned match (illness, coming from another court, etc.)
- Afternoon Bull Pen referees may need to work playoff matches after the morning wave if Championship decides to move matches.
- Assist the Desk Referee if needed.

OTHER INFORMATION

- If you need a break, let the Desk referee know approximately how long you will be gone and make sure they have your cell phone number.
- You will typically be paid for 4 matches for a full wave (unless you work more than 4 matches during your assigned wave).
 - If you are assigned as Bull Pen for a wave that has less than 6 rounds of play, you will be paid for the average number of matches you would have been assigned (for example, if the morning wave ends at 12:00 Noon, and officials were all assigned 3 matches, you will be paid for 3 matches).
 - If you are assigned a match (or matches) during the same timeframe as your Bull Pen assignment, those matches are considered part of your Bull Pen duty.
 - On Finals days, Bull Pens will be paid for the same number of matches other officials worked during the timeframe of your Bull Pen assignment (typically 3-5 matches).
- Your Bull Pen duty will end when released by the workroom staff (when the majority of courts have begun the last match of the wave and no other assignments need to be filled).
 - You should expect to be on duty for the same amount of time as a normal full morning/ afternoon wave of matches.

If you have any questions about your assignment or responsibilities, please contact
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