



OFFICIATE LOUISIANA - Bulletin #1 – Travel Tips

Our big event is fast approaching and it is going to be fabulous. This Bulletin is the first in a series of communications intended to help make sure the event exceeds your expectations. Please carefully review all information included here and please keep an eye out for future bulletins.

New Orleans is a great city to host this event but like all large cities there are traffic and parking issues that you must manage. Please consider all of the following in making your travel plans:

- Our first event, the Generic Rules Clinic, will begin promptly at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, July 27; this Clinic will be repeated at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday; everyone must attend one of these sessions to receive Rules Clinic credit
- You will encounter commuter traffic on all routes coming into New Orleans and the area near the Marriott will definitely be congested
- Allow plenty of time for your commute especially if traveling from far away and particularly those traveling through Baton Rouge where traffic can at times be extremely heavy
- Parking can be challenging in the downtown N.O. area and we **do not** recommend that you plan on parking in the Marriott hotel as it is limited and expensive; we will be sending parking options in a separate Bulletin which hopefully will assist those of you less familiar with the area
- Consider all of the following in planning your departure time if coming in on Friday for Clinic/Testing sessions from your home location:
 1. You will likely incur heavy traffic at some point along your route,
 2. You may have to park some distance from the hotel,
 3. You will have to allow time to check in to the hotel, secure your belongings, check in for our event and be in the first Clinic session promptly at 6:00 P.M.
 4. Arriving late, whether your commute is hundreds of miles or a short distance from downtown N.O. will result in you missing a required clinic session
 5. Arriving at the Marriott to sign in for our event any later than 5:15 P.M. will likely result in you not being in the Generic Rules Clinic on time
 6. **We strongly encourage you to make plans to be on site at the Marriott by 3:00 P.M. on Friday to ensure you have time to manage traffic and/or parking issues and that you allow adequate time for checking in to the hotel and our event**

Note: The above guidance is being directed to attendees who plan to arrive on Friday to attend Rules Clinic/Testing sessions. For attendees planning to attend Officiate Day as their first weekend event, similar travel considerations should be taken in account when making travel plans.