

TnMation Notes

1. The database used for versions 7 and beyond is based upon the full FSA database. You will no longer need to build your own databases. The main database is "shuffler_1". Also included is a second small database, "shufflers_2" to allow you to build your own specialized database for your local club by editing and adding onto it (see below on how to do this).
2. Entries on the "Name List" are now selected either by FSA number, partial, or complete spelling of the last name. Because the FSA data base only recognizes Pro (P) and Amateur (A) rankings, it might be desirable to change the State Amateurs for a specific district to (S) for use with district tournaments.
3. The new version also eliminates sub-charts, in accordance with the March 2009 amendment to the FSA approved charts. All charts are now by charts.
4. You can order the Installation Disc from Ed O'Neal; 16273 Pelican Drive; N. Fort Myers, FL.33903 Just enclose \$3.00 cash and your mailing address.

Installation from Disc:

5. Be sure to uninstall any previous version of TnMation before installing the latest version. Use the Windows Uninstall program to do this. You may install the program directly from the disc by clicking the 'Setup.exe'. Icon on the disc.
6. Some versions of Windows tries to install the program in a directory named "Program Files x86" or something similar. Do not allow that to happen. TnMation must be installed in the "Program Files" directory (no "x86") to function properly. Watch the screen during the installation process. The setup program will stop to show you what directory it has selected for installation. If it is not the plain "Program Files" directory, change it before proceeding.
7. The shuffler_1 and shuffler_2 databases discussed above are on the Installation Disc but they do not automatically copy themselves into the 'Program Files/TnMation' directory. You will have to do that manually. That can best be accomplished by opening both the Program Files/TnMation directory and the DvD/CD Directory and drag & drop (or copy and paste) those two files from the CD into the TnMation directory (or it may be the associated Compatibility directory). After copying, look at the file properties and uncheck 'Read Only' if necessary.

Installation from Website Download:

8. If you have already installed some TnMation version 7 or above from the Installation Disc and a later version is available, you can download the TnMation.exe as a zipped file (also the 'shuffler_1' database file). Once unzipped, paste the TnMation.exe directly into the TnMation directory. Depending on Windows Version, other associated files may have to be pasted in a 'Compatibility' directory No other actions are necessary – **DO NOT UNINSTALL THE PREVIOUS VERSION.** An updated 'shuffler_1' database will typically be available prior to the beginning of the shuffleboard season.

8.1 The latest Version 9 contains the 'TnMation.exe' file, and 'Help' files which have been renamed with the '.txt' extension. As above just copy and paste these into the associated TnMation directory, and its Compatibility directory (if necessary). After pasting the new Help files, delete the old Help files.

Editing the Local Database (player name window)

9. Click the blue 'Local' button, and then click 'Next' to display record 2. Change the Name, Club, etc, and then click 'Save' (returns to 1st record). Do the same with records 3 through the last one. Don't bother with the Ln# column – this is just used with setting up a tournament name list. To add more names, click 'Add', enter some player ID, name, club, etc, and then click 'Save'