

# STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICIAL SHUFFLEBOARD RULES & REGULATIONS FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION, INC.

*CHANGES (shown in bold print\*) EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016*

The Florida Shuffleboard Association Inc. (F.S.A.) was organized December 12, 1928, at the Mirror Lake Shuffleboard Club, St. Petersburg, for the express purpose of standardization of size of courts, equipment, and rules. The rules were written in 1928 and are basically the same as herein, although they have been added to and parts have been deleted throughout the years. The State and District Official Shuffleboard Rules & Regulations, hereinafter listed, have been approved by the entire Board of the Shuffleboard Association, Inc., effective October 1, 1994, and it is the intention of the governing body of the F.S.A. that all rules be adhered to in their entirety whenever shuffleboard is played, with or without a referee being present on the court where play is in progress.

## A - GAME

1. The game of shuffleboard is played by either two (2) persons (called singles), or by four (4) persons (called doubles).
2. The object of the game is to propel discs by means of a cue onto scoring diagram at opposite end of court — to score, to prevent opponent from scoring, or both..

## B - EQUIPMENT

1. Discs shall be made of composition not less than 9/16" and not more than 1" in thickness, 6" in diameter, and not less than 11-1/2 ounces in weight. New discs shall weigh 15 ounces. Four (4) discs shall be colored yellow, four (4) colored black. These eight (8) discs comprise a set. (Other colored combinations may be used, as white, red, blue, etc., as long as there are two contrasting colors.) Care should be taken that all discs in a set shall be uniform in weight and thickness.
2. The cue shall not have an overall length of more than six feet, three inches (6'-3"). No metal parts on cue shall touch playing surface of court.
3. Players shall not be required to play with discs, new or old, that are not in satisfactory condition. Defective discs will be replaced by good discs, if available. Any change of discs must be made before the first (1st) game begins. New discs are not to be used in tournament play, unless thoroughly broken in.

## C - PLAYING RULES

### COLOR ROTATION FOR MAIN EVENT AND CONSOLATION FINAL MATCHES

1. Player, or team, with lowest line number will play the first game with YELLOW discs, change color and play the second game with BLACK discs. If a third game is necessary, players will shoot for color choices as described in 2c. Color choice must be made upon returning to court. [Approved by FSA Board 10-14-2006 and 03-10-2007, and 03-14-2009].
- 1a. When beginning a match, before the practice round begins for the first game; each player may shoot two (2) discs only to check the speed of the court. These two (2) speed shots must be taken before any court may be swept and/or beaded. After the first game of a match, if all competitors on a court agree, the court may be swept and/or beaded before the optional speed shots are taken for the second game. There shall be no setups of any kind when taking speed shots.
- 1b. Two full rounds of practice on your assigned color are allowed before the first and second games, and no practice is allowed before the third game.
- 1c. **Eliminated (Mar 2016)**
- 1d. In doubles, players may change ends once immediately at the conclusion of the practice rounds before the first game begins. Team assigned to the YELLOW discs must decide first whether to change ends or not, and the decision stands for the match, after which the team assigned to the BLACK discs must decide whether to change ends or not, and the decision stands for the match.

- 1e. Once a tournament starts, there will be no substitutes allowed in any tournament played in the State of Florida. Tournament starts when the draw is completed..
2. CONSOLATION MATCHES will be best two-out-of-three 75-Point games in centerfold tournaments. In District sponsored tournaments, consolation games may be played to 100 Points. \*Rest of this rule deleted.
- 2a. Before practice rounds begin, each player may shoot two (2) discs only to check the speed of the court. There shall be no setups of any kind.
- 2b. In 100-Point games, two full rounds of practice with each color are allowed for each player or team before shooting for color choice.
- 2c. In shooting for color choice, players must shoot from the head of the court. In Non-Walking singles, the match at the foot of the court will shoot for color choice from the foot of the court. To determine the color choice, any two opposing players (one from each side) each shoot four (4) discs to the far deadline. The players shoot alternately: first YELLOW (or alternate color), then BLACK, then YELLOW, etc. The first three discs of each player are for practice and are removed progressively; the last disc of each player is left on the court. As between these last two discs, the disc nearest the line determines who shall have color choice. The measurement is from center of disc to center of line, EXCEPT if the disc is not touching the line, it shall be measured from the edge of the disc closest to the line to the edge of the line closest to disc. If the last black disc shot touches or moves the last yellow disc, the color choice goes to the player of yellow. The last disc of each color shot shall be left in place until inspected by at least one member of each team and the winner agreed upon. If moved, whichever team moved the disc concedes the lag.
3. To start a game, the YELLOW disc is shot first. Play alternates — yellow, then black — until all discs are shot. Yellow shall always be played from the right side of the head of the court, and left side of foot of the court.
- 3a. ERROR IN COLOR LEAD OR WRONG COLOR PLAYED: Error in color lead or wrong color played shall be corrected if discovered before the half-round is completed; and the half-round shall be played over. If the half-round is completed, the scoring shall be credited to the players making the score, regardless of the color shot, and play continues in the correct order. (The HALF-ROUND is completed when the eighth disc is shot and all discs come to a stop.)
- 3b. SHOOTING OPPONENT'S DISC: Player shooting opponent's disc; if LIVE disc is not touched, PENALTY - 10 Off, and opponent's disc shall be returned to the starting position and play continued as before the infraction. If a LIVE disc is touched, PENALTY - 10 Off; plus any 10-Offs offender had on the court; good disc of the offender does not count. Opponent's good disc shall be credited to opponent's score (excepting any 10-Offs) and the Half-Round shall be played over. The penalties will be annotated on the scoreboard; however, the Half-Round is not complete until the 8th disc has been shot by the correct player.

If player shoots his or her disc from opponent's respective half,

and live disc is not touched: Penalty 10-Off, that disc is removed from court and play continues. If a live disc is touched, penalty 10-Off, plus any 10-Offs the offender had on the court, other good disc of offender shall not count. Opponent's good disc on court shall be credited to opponent's score EXCEPT any 10-Offs and the frame shall be played over, unless game point has been reached by offender's opponent.

3c. In WALKING SINGLES, after all discs are played, completing a HALF-ROUND, the players walk to the other end of court, or foot of court, and start play with color lead changed to BLACK.

**Last sentence eliminated (Mar 2016)**

3d. In DOUBLES, after all discs are played at head of court, play starts at foot or opposite end - YELLOW leading, BLACK following. Color lead does not change until both ends have been played (a ROUND).

3e. All State-sponsored or Statewide Doubles and Walking Singles Tournaments shall be 75 Points, best two-out-of-three games, MAIN and CONSOLATION event divisions. All State-sponsored or Statewide non-walking singles shall be best two-out-of-three games of 16 frames or 75 points, whichever comes first, MAIN and CONSOLATION event divisions. In tournaments other than the State-sponsored or Statewide events, play may be limited to a specific number of frames, such as 8-12-16 or 20. A FRAME shall be defined to be equal to a Half-Round, every time a score is posted to the scoreboard constitutes a frame. In tournaments other than State-sponsored or Statewide events, the third game, if needed, may be 8 (or some other even number) of frames on each color, regardless of score. In tournaments other than State-sponsored or Statewide, the format of limited frames, such as 16 frames or 75 points, whichever occurs first, is not a violation of the frame limits above and is permitted in Districts which may wish to try the format.

4. Players shall place their four (4) discs within and not touching lines of their respective half of 10-Off area. PENALTY: 5-Off. Penalty not applied to a player until he/she has played a shot.

4a. Discs must be played from the clear from within the respective half of 10-Off area. If disc played touches front or back lines, PENALTY: 5-Off.

4b. If disc played touches side line, or triangle, PENALTY: 10-Off; offender's disc removed, and opponent credited with any of his/her discs displaced. All displaced discs shall be removed from the court immediately after scoring of opponent's displaced discs. Any 10-Offs the offender had on the court that were displaced will be removed before further play and also be deducted from offender's score.

DISC TOUCHING LINES: It is common practice with players to jockey or slide the playing disc backward and forward to see if there is sand which might interfere with disc sliding evenly. NO PENALTY is to be called on this practice if lines are touched or crossed while jockeying. Disc in motion may cross outside diagonal line.

A disc is played (in the act of shooting) when it is completely in the 7 area. If a disc is touching the farthest dead line, it is in play. If disc does not reach lag line and is not called dead and is not removed, play should continue and the disc shall be treated as a live disc for that half-round.

5. Players must not touch a foot, hand, knee, or any other part of their body to the court on or over the baseline or extension of the baseline at any time while executing a shot. PENALTY: 10- Off.

5a. **Eliminated (Mar. 2016).**

6. Players may stand behind baseline extension in the alley between the courts before or while shooting, but not on adjoining court. PENALTY: 5-Off.

6a. The area between the baseline of the court and on imaginary line, even with the back of the bench, and bounded on the sides

by the farthest line of each adjoining alley, should be considered part of the court.

7. In Doubles, and non-walking singles, players must remain seated when play is to their end of the court until the last disc has been shot and comes to rest. PENALTY: 5-Off except players can remove dead disks within 8" of baseline, judge disks and retrieve dead disks that have gone onto other courts, **or may remove dead disks from gutters.** In Walking singles, a player must not cross the baseline to proceed to the other end of the court until all discs are shot and stopped. PENALTY: 5-Off.

8. Players must not leave the court during a game without permission, EXCEPT to gather discs at end of half-round. PENALTY: 10-Off.

8a. No penalty if player leaves court between games. Player may not be gone more than ten (10) minutes. PENALTY: 10-Off. A game is concluded when the referee announces the score, the score is recorded on the scoreboard, and the scores are recorded on the player's card. The referee on the court shall start the time when the game is concluded. Additional penalties may be awarded for further infractions. See Rule C19.

9. Players shall not stand in the way of, or have a cue in the way of, or interfere with, any other players at any time. PENALTY: 5- Off.

9a. Player, after shooting a disc, shall step to the rear of his/her portion of the shooting area with his/her cue in a vertical position in order not to disturb his/her opponent's play. PENALTY: 5-Off.

10. Players shall not touch live discs at any time. PENALTY: 10-Off, plus any 10-Offs the offender has on the board. Other good discs of offender shall not count. Opponent's good discs on the court shall be credited to opponent's score, EXCEPT any 10-Offs, and the half-round shall be played over, UNLESS game point has been reached by offender's opponent. Except, in non-walking singles if a live disc is touched the end shall be played over with no penalty assessed and no score allowed, unless disc is touched by shooter or his/her opponent.

11. Players must not talk or make remarks to disconcert opponent's play. PENALTY: 10-Off.

12. Any remark or motion to partner which indicates coaching his/her play is prohibited. PENALTY: 10-Off.

13. Player shooting before opponent's disc comes to rest, PENALTY: 10-Off plus any 10-Offs the offender has on the board. Other good discs of the offender shall not count. Opponent's good discs on the court, prior to the offense, shall be credited to opponent's score, except any 10-Offs and the half-round shall be played over, unless game point has been reached by opponent.

14. For intentional delay or stalling, PENALTY: 5-Off.

15. A cue slipping from a player's hand which touches any live disc, PENALTY: 10-Off plus any 10-Offs the offender has on the board. Other good discs of the offender shall not count. Opponent's good discs on the court, prior to the offense, shall be credited to the opponent's score, except any 10-Offs and the half-round shall be played over unless game point has been reached by opponent.

15a. A cue which slips from a player's hand and which ends up on another court, interfering with player shooting a disc on that court, or which moves or touches a live disc on a court other than the offender's court, PENALTY: 10-Off to offender losing control of cue and round shall be played over on the court where the offense took place with no score being credited to any player. If no live discs have been disturbed the player interfered with may take their shot over. (Approved Mar 2004, reworded for clarity 2007).

15b. A dead disc coming from another court that interferes with a disc being shot from a court other than the offender's court: PENALTY: 10-OFF to offender. If the errant disk touches a live disc,

other than the disc shot, the half-round on the court where the disc was touched shall be played over with no score being credited to any player. If the only disc touched by the errant disc is the one being shot by the player on the other court, the player shooting may take his shot over and the half-round shall not be played over.

16. NO HESITATION SHOT ALLOWED. PENALTY: 10-Off. Any 10- Off(s) the offender had on the court that were displaced will be removed before further play and also be deducted from offender's score.
17. NO HOOK SHOT ALLOWED. The shot must be delivered in a straight line with continuous forward motion of cue and disc. PENALTY: 10-Off, offender's disc removed, and opponent credited with score of any of his/her discs displaced. All displaced discs shall be removed from the court immediately after scoring of opponent's displaced discs. Any 10-Off the offender had on the court that was displaced will be removed before further play and also be deducted from offender's score.
- 17a. Regarding a hook shot, hesitation shot, shooting off from line, there will be no appeal, as there is only one person who can tell if you have shot off the line or made a hook or hesitation shot, and that is the referee. That is strictly a judgment call by the referee, and once he/she has made that call, it will stand. The only time a divisional should be called is if the referee isn't sure of the penalty or gives wrong penalty — then the player will make an appeal.
18. Any player shooting two consecutive discs, PENALTY: 10-Off, plus any 10-Offs offender may have on court. Other good discs of offender will not count. Opponent credited with all good discs on court before second disc was played (except 10-Off) and that half-round played over unless game point has been reached by offender's opponent.
19. In case of improper action of a player not specifically covered by the rules, or in a match to which a court referee has not been assigned, the Tournament Director will ascertain the facts and may assess a penalty. He/She will also insure that the offender gains no advantage from his/her improper action and, in addition, impose a 10-Off Penalty.
20. A disc or discs returning or remaining on the playing area of the court, after having struck any object outside the playing area, shall be removed before further play; it is called a dead disc.
- 20a. If a dead disc rebounds or ricochets and touches a live disc, or causes another dead disc to touch a live disc, the half-round shall be played over and a 10-Off PENALTY to the player shooting the offending disc causing the replay.[Rest of rule deleted - Approved by FSA Board 10-14-2006].
- 20b. If a dead disc coming from another court moves or displaces a live disc, that half-round shall be played over, with no score credited to any player. A 10-Off PENALTY to the player on another court shooting the offending disc causing the half-round to be played over.
- 20c. **No player shall shoot a disc which in the judgment of the assigned tournament director, assistant tournament director or referee is sufficiently hard as to pose a danger to the well being of spectators or other players. Penalty: 10 off. Since this is a judgment call, there can be no appeal. (Mar 2016)**
21. Any disc that clearly leaves the court beyond the farthest baseline, or goes off the sides of the court is a dead disc.
22. A disc which stops less than eight inches (8") beyond the farthest baseline shall be removed.
23. A disc that is leaning over the edge of court and touching the alley shall be immediately removed.
24. A match will be forfeited after the third call of 5-minute intervals, total 15 minutes, starting from the time that a playable court is

available.

25. Any team or individual that forfeits or is forfeited in a game or match, up to and including the quarter-finals, is DISQUALIFIED from the tournament.
26. Unauthorized use of cell phones is prohibited on courts. Penalty: 5-Off (Approved by FSA Board oct. 16, 2010)
27. Open-toed shoes are not allowed unless a doctor's release is presented. [Approved by FSA Board 03-14-2009]

#### D - SCORING

1. SCORING DIAGRAM - one 10-point area; two 8-point areas; two 7-point areas; one 10-Off area.
2. After both players have shot their four (4) discs, SCORE ALL discs on diagram within and NOT touching lines; separation triangle in 10-Off area not considered.  
JUDGING DISC: When judging disc in relation to lines, the official shall position himself/herself with the disc between him/her and the line and sight DIRECTLY DOWN.  
A MOUNTED DISC, or disc resting on top of disc, happens sometimes when players use excessive force in shooting. Each disc shall be judged separately according to scoring rules. No Artificial Aid or Cue shall be used in judging discs. Use EYE-SIGHT ONLY, except in judging lagging discs. PENALTY: 5-Off.
3. Play continues until all discs have been shot in that half-round, even if game has been reached.
4. If a tie game results at game point or over, play is continued in regular rotation of play, until two full rounds in doubles or one full round in singles are completed. At that time the side with the higher score wins, even if it has less than 75 points or the number of points specified as game points. If the score is tied again, play continues again as above outlined.
5. In tournament play, the winner of a match must sign the score card, thus approving the record entered thereon.
6. If an error occurs in the scoring of a score on the scoreboard at the end of a half-round and it is discovered before the next half-round is completed, the error must be corrected. Otherwise the score as scored on the scoreboard must stand, unless both sides are agreed on the correction.

#### E - OFFICIALS

1. Officials in Tournament Play shall be Tournament Director, Assistant to the Tournament Director, Divisional Referees, Court Referees, and Court Scorers.
- 1a. A Court Referee shall be assigned to a match upon the request of any player in that match.
2. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR shall have complete charge of arrangements of the tournament — namely, conduct the drawings, pairings, assign the courts, officials, set time for starting games and matches; inspect all courts and equipment, etc., and all other details which enter into tournament play. The Tournament Director may also cancel, suspend, or otherwise re-arrange court calls and tournament play in such instances where extreme weather conditions prevail.
3. An ASSISTANT TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR may be appointed as desired by the Tournament Director. He/She shall render final call on close discs (third call), shall render decision on question of fact, but final APPEAL FROM PLAYERS will be made by the Tournament Director.
4. DIVISIONAL REFEREE: One or more Divisional Referees shall be appointed, number dependent on how many courts are in play. The Divisional Referees are the aides of the Tournament Director, and shall carry out his/her orders regarding assigning officials and players to courts. He/She shall see that discs,

indicators, pointers, chalk, score cards, and other necessary equipment are at each court. He/She shall inform officials of any special rules and regulations which have been made for the conducting of the tournament. He/She shall collect all score cards at finishing of matches and shall return them to the Tournament Director. He/She shall have jurisdiction only on the action of courts assigned to him/her. Divisional Referees shall be informed by Court Referees of all PLAYER APPEALS and, if decision made by Court Referee is not justified or not according to the rules, may over-rule him/her.

If a Divisional Referee observes a violation of a rule by a player in his/her assigned section in a match on a court without an assigned Referee, the Divisional Referee will notify the Tournament Director of the violation. With the Tournament Director's approval, the Divisional Referee will assign a Referee to that court for the remainder of the match.

5. COURT REFEREE shall have complete charge of play on court assigned to him/her. He/She shall consult his/her Divisional Referee on APPEALS FROM PLAYERS. He/She shall be sole authority on decisions and scores, except as above noted. He/She shall inform players of any rules and regulations made for the tournament. He/She shall give signal for start of play, shall call disc good or no count, shall remove dead discs from play, shall announce score at end of each play, shall have charge of color indicator, and announce color lead.

He/She shall announce any violation of rules to players and instruct scorer as to penalty of same. He/She shall supervise the scoring and assure himself/herself that it is correctly done. He/She shall not touch live discs in determining whether they are good or no count. If he/she should disturb live discs, half-round played over. He/She shall not gather discs for the players. He/She shall sign score card at end of match and verify that scores are correct.

For any rule violation seen by the Referee, a fine must be mandatory, with Referee giving no warning at any time in all tournaments.

6. COURT SCORER shall tally clearly the score of game on scoreboard at end of court, tallying only score called by Court Referee after each half-round.

**F - APPEALS**

1. Either player in singles, and either player in doubles at the end of the court to which the discs are played, may: Request permission from the Referee to examine any close disc as to good or not good, or; Ask the Referee if a disc is close and the Referee responds "Yes"; this is automatic approval for the player to examine it without additional approval. In singles, when there is no referee on the court, a player may go and examine the disc as to good or not good, and also to gain information concerning location of discs.
  - 1a. If a player wishes to make an appeal on any close disc, as to whether it is good or no count, it must be made before another disc is shot by either player, and the decision made shall be final and cannot be again appealed at the end of the half-round, unless such disc or discs have been touched or moved by another disc after decision was made. Anyone from the shooting end of the court in doubles asking for either First or Second Call shall be construed as coaching. PENALTY: 10-Off.
  - 1b. If the Referee and Divisional agree, there will be no third call. If they disagree, there must be a third call by the Director or his/her representative.
  - 1c. If there has been no request by either party to examine a close disc until AFTER the half-round is completed, then the half-round is played over if either player protests the Referee's call, and the protest is sustained by the Tournament Director, UNLESS such disc or discs protested is(are) the result of the last disc played.
 

No live disc will be moved after a disc has been protested after

the half-round is completed, until the protested disc has been finalized. PENALTY: 10-Off.

- 1d. Shooter may ask Referee to have partner check close disc. If there is no Referee, shooter may ask partner to check the close disc.
2. Player or players making appeal without sufficient reason shall be PENALIZED 10 POINTS OFF SCORE.
3. Players may request officials to give them information concerning location of discs. Players shall not be permitted to examine these discs.
4. A player or team may protest any one or more officials assigned to their court, provided such protest is placed before the Divisional Referee or Tournament Director before the first game begins.
5. To refuse assignment of a Referee, a player or team must have a good and valid stated reason.

NOTE: Tournament Director or Divisional Referee must appoint other officials to serve in place of those protested, which appointment must stand.

**G - SUBSTITUTES  
(Moved to Playing Rule 1e)**

**H - WET COURTS**

1. If it starts to rain during any unfinished half-round of play, players will not be required to complete the half-round. All discs will be removed from court to a dry place. In case of rain, Scorekeeper will write on the back of the scorecard the scores, color lead, and at which end of the court play will resume. If the Tournament Director decides that the game is to continue after the rain ceases, play will then be resumed at score and color lead where play ceased. (If half-round was not completed, then half-round will be played over.)
2. If Tournament Director shall deem it necessary to discontinue play on account of weather conditions, any unfinished game or match shall be resumed later, at score and color lead where play ceased.
3. Practice after a rain delay is to be as follows: If play can restart on the same day, there will be two (2) speed shots and four (4) practice discs. If play restarts the following day, there will be full practice, including two (2) speed shots.
4. [H4 deleted in its entirety — see C1 - Approved by FSA Board 10-14-2006]

**I - VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

- C-3b Shooting opponent's disc or from opponent half . . . 10-OFF
- C-4a Discs not in starting area . . . . . 5-OFF
- C-4b Played disc touching front or back line . . . . . 5-OFF
- C-4c Played disc touching sides or triangle (see Rule 4c) . . . 10-OFF
- C-5 Players stepping on or over baseline or extension of baseline while in the act of shooting . . . . . 10-OFF
- C-5a Player must not touch any part of body on or over baseline at any time while executing a shot. . . . . 10-OFF
- C-6 Players must not stand or step on adjoining court.. 5-OFF
- C-7 Players not remaining seated . . . . . 5-OFF
- C-8 Players must not leave court during game without permission. Except to gather discs. . . . . 10-OFF
- C-9 Standing in way or equipment in way of opponent . . . 5-OFF
- C-9a Fail to step to the rear with cue in vertical position . . . 5-OFF
- C-10 Touching live disc . . . . . (See Rule 10 for total penalty)
- C-11 Remarks disconcerting opponent . . . . . 10-OFF
- C-12 Any remark or motion to partner . . . . . 10-OFF
- C-13 Shooting disc while opponent's disc in motion (see Rule 13) . . . . . 10-OFF
- C-14 For intentional stalling . . . . . 5-OFF
- C-15 Cue slipping from player's hand (see Rule 15, 15a)..... 10-OFF
- C-16 No hesitation shot allowed (see Rules 16 & 17a) . . . . . 10-OFF
- C-17 No hook shot allowed (see Rules 17 & 17a) . . . . . 10-OFF

- C-18 Player shooting two consecutive discs (see Rule 18) ....10-OFF
- C-19 For improper action, not otherwise covered, Tournament Director may impose Penalty which prevents any advantage to violator, plus Penalty . . . . .10-OFF
- C-20a Player shooting disc rebounds causing replay of half-round . . . . .10-OFF
- C-20b Player shooting disc from another court causing replay of half-round . . . . .10-OFF
- C-20c Hard Shooting . . . . .10-OFF
- C-25 Forfeit before semifinal . . . . .Disqualified
- C-26 Unauthorized electronic equipment . . . . .5-OFF
- D-2 No artificial Aid/Cue when judging disk . . . . .5-OFF
- F-1a Shooting end in doubles asking for a call. Considered Coaching . . . . .10-OFF
- F-1c Moving disputed disc before inspection . . . . .10-OFF
- F-2 Appealing without reason . . . . .10-OFF

**STATE AND DISTRICT TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

**ART. 1 - STATE TOURNAMENTS**

- (a) The following Official State Tournaments are conducted annually by the Florida Shuffleboard Association (F.S.A.).
  1. Florida Singles Championship Tournament (Men's, Ladies').
  2. Florida Doubles Championship Tournament (Men's, Ladies').
  3. Florida Amateur Singles Championship Tournament (Any Doubles).
  4. Florida Amateur Doubles Championship Tournament (Men's and Ladies').
  5. Florida Masters Tournament (Men's Ladies')
- (b) The five annual tournaments as listed above shall be rotated among the seven (7) Districts as indicated in the following tabulation and the rotation shall continue similarly thereafter.

**SCHEDULE OF STATE SPONSORED TOURNAMENT CHART**

	OPEN DIVISION			AMATEUR DIVISION	
	Singles	Doubles	Masters	Singles	Doubles
WEST COAST	2018-19	2022-23	2019-20	2020-21	2016-17
SOUTHWEST COAST	2019-20	2018-19	2010-21	2021-22	2022-23
SOUTHERN	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2022-23	2021-22
SOUTHEAST COAST	2021-22	2020-21	2022-23	2016-17	2017-18
CENTRAL EAST COAST	2022-23	2021-22	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
NORTHERN	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
CENTRAL	2017-18	2017-18	2021-22	2019-20	2020-21

( Chart Update Mar. 2016)

The State Tournament Director to be paid \$100.00 by the F.S.A. for each State-Sponsored Tournament and \$75.00, out of registration fees for each Statewide Tournament. The F.S.A. will provide \$900 to each of the two clubs hosting the State-Sponsored **Open** Tournaments to be divided as follows: \$200.00 will be added to each division of the State Singles and \$400.00 to each division of the State Doubles and \$100.00 will go toward club expenses.

The FSA will provide \$400 to the host club of the State Sponsored Amateur singles tournament with \$300 to be equally divided between the Men's and Ladies' Divisions and \$100 will go to the host club. The FSA will provide \$400 to the host club of the State Sponsored Amateur Any Doubles tournament with \$300 going into the prize money and \$100 to the host club. This will be retroactive to the 2005-2006 season. Attachment 1 (Players Prize Money Calculation) shall be used the same as any other tournament, with the exception of placing a zero on the Tournament Director line.

- (c) The FSA will provide \$1000.00 to the host club of the State Sponsored Masters tournament with \$100.00 to the tournament director, \$100.00 to the club, and \$400.00 for each M/L division. In addition, up to \$500.00 will be given to the host club upon submission of receipts for other incurred expenses. (approved by FSA board Mar. 12, 2011)

**ART. 2 - ARRANGEMENTS FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS**

- (a) The Florida Singles Championship shall be held at the same time and place as the Annual Winter Meeting of the Association. The Host Club sponsoring the State Singles Tournament, **Open** Division, shall receive gratis a page in the Preview to advertise the event. The Host Club shall arrange a Banquet the first night, starting at 6:30 P.M. for the incoming members of the State Hall of Fame. The F.S.A. will furnish banquet tickets for the incoming members of the F.S.A. Hall of Fame, Executive Board, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Keeper of Records, the immediate Past President, and their spouses, and the immediate Past President and spouse. The Host Club will provide a place for the Business Meeting following the banquet. The Host Club shall arrange for one night's overnight accommodations for the President, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents, the Keeper of Records, the assigned State Tournament Director, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and their spouses, for the State **Open** Singles Tournament. The Host Club shall provide the F.S.A. a bill for these overnight accommodations.
- (b) The F.S.A. will provide a nightly stipend of \$25.00 per night to the State President and the assigned State Tournament Director (if he/she does not use the overnight accommodations listed above) for the actual nights they are at the Tournament and remain overnight.
- (c) The other official State Tournaments shall be conducted at a time and place approved at a meeting of the F.S.A.
- (d) The State Tournaments are arranged, supervised, and conducted by the State Tournament Director, aided by one or more Assistant State Tournament Directors (usually in each case from the District where the particular tournament is being held).
- (e) The Host Club shall make detailed arrangements, in consultation and agreement with the State Tournament Director.
- (f)
  1. A District Organization in whose District a State Tournament is to be held is to take notice of the rotation shown in the preceding tabulation, and is to begin early planning as outlined below.
  2. (Paragraph Requiring 24 Courts Deleted)
  3. In or prior to January, about a year before the time of the tournaments, the District Presidents will call for invitations from the Clubs so equipped and desiring to act as host for the following year's designated tournaments.
  4. The choice of the Host Club is to be determined by a majority vote of the District Executive Board.
  5. The selection of the Host Club for each State Tournament (with the location) is to be submitted for approval at the annual Winter meeting of the F.S.A.
  6. Draw Tournaments are permissible.

**ART. 3 - AUTHORIZATION FOR TOURNAMENTS**

- (a) Any Club awarded the President's Trophy Tournament will not have to give up another tournament to get it.
- (b) [Old (b) deleted in its entirety. Old (c) renumbered to (b)] A Club hosting a Centerspread Tournament must have discs or disc holders numbered, and these discs will be placed on corresponding courts for every match. This does not preclude the Tournament Director from assigning an alternative set of discs if the first set becomes unsatisfactory.

**ART. 4 - SCHEDULING OF TOURNAMENTS**

- (a) Each Club having district approval proposing to conduct any Statewide Tournament for the next active season, shall submit to the Chairperson of the Tournament Assignment Committee, not later than January 1st, a statement showing the tournament's title, proposed dates (with alternate acceptable dates), type of tournament: Pros, Amateurs, Doubles or Singles, and any other information needed for approval or publication.

The tournaments listed in the CENTERSPREAD of the F.S.A. Preview shall be played on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. However, if a fourth day is needed to complete any tour-

namement, then the following day is authorized. The Tournament Assignment Committee may, at their discretion, schedule tournaments for which there are no dates on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, the Tournament Assignment Committee shall adjust and coordinate the dates and other data and prepare a complete coordinated list of all tournaments.

- (b) The Tournament Assignment Committee will submit a list to all Board members of the F.S.A. at least ten (10) days prior to the Winter meeting of the F.S.A.
- (c) Tournament Schedule for the next active season will be voted on for approval by the full F.S.A. Board at their Winter meeting.
- (d) An approved schedule will be available on the FSA Website as soon as possible after approval.
- (e) The schedule of tournaments shall be printed in the annual Preview as follows: The State-sponsored Tournaments are to be shown in red so they readily stand out; all tournaments to be listed in chronological order of the dates to be played.
- (f) An Inter-District, Intra-District or District Tournament may be held on the dates scheduled for a Statewide Tournament, if the distance of travel is greater than seventy-five (75) miles. No Inter-District, Intra- District or District Tournament may be held (scheduled) on the dates set for the State-Sponsored Singles and Doubles events. Any question of conflict below the level of District Tournaments shall be decided by the District Executive Board.
- (g) The number of places in all STATE SPONSORED and STATE-WIDE tournaments will be determined by the size of the field in each division. (The above statement and what followed has been rescinded - approved Oct. 13, 2012, and the following added - approved Jan. 14, 2013)  
If there are less than 16 players in the walking division at the Tournament of Champions, state and national singles, that they would begin on Monday and that all divisions would be non-walking.

#### ART. 5 — INFORMATION ABOUT TOURNAMENTS

The printed schedules in the Preview will contain, as far as is practicable, information included by each Host District with its request for a tournament (Art. 4(a)). All tournaments played in the State of Florida must be played by the Florida State Rules and Regulations.

At no time during a tournament shall a player (Amateur or Pro) be required to play on courts other than those at the Club where they registered, EXCEPT by special exemption of the tournament director in consultation with all board members present at the tournament. (Approved March, 1999) (this paragraph moved here from SR12)

#### ART. 6 — ENTRY FEE

Up to \$5.00 (five dollars) may be charged for each player for all state- sponsored and statewide tournaments, providing that \$1.00 (one dollar) per player goes to the F.S.A. and \$1.00 (one dollar) per player goes to the host club. All divisions must be charged the same fee. Districts are authorized to do the same up to \$6.00 (six dollars) in District tournaments. The National Association is authorized to charge \$5.00 (five dollars) entry fee for their Centerspread Tournaments. All sponsor monies shall go only to the player's prizes. These changes are reflected on the amended Prize Money Calculation Form, which is to be used at all tournaments.

The Host Club to send cards or notification on any cancelled District, State or Statewide Tournament, the Club President to see to it. (Approved March 2003)

#### ART. 7 — SEEDING AND CHART CONTROL (other than Masters)

- (a) ALL State and District Tournaments placed on the chart shall be

player drawn with no seeding of players. In all State Pro Tournaments, the draw shall determine the sequence of play in both the Main Event and Consolation. Players will register on the first scheduled day of the tournament before 9:00 A.M., at which time Registration will stop and the chart made up. The District may close Registration as early as 8:30 A.M. at a District-Sponsored Tournament. (This change must be fully advertised, either in the Preview Schedule or otherwise). To qualify for a place on the chart, all players must have signed the Release Form and be present at time of draw. However, those who did not register may apply to the Tournament Director and, at his/her discretion, will be placed on the chart without benefit of draw. The Tournament Director, when making up the charts, may place all byes and sub- bracket players evenly throughout the chart, or may group all bye (or subbracket) players together in **District Tournaments**, consistent with the pairing of such players. (approved Mar 2016)

- (b) The following restrictions will apply concerning the Tournament Director making court assignments:
  1. No match is to be called before 9:00 A.M. or after 4:00 P.M., except 100-Point Consolation matches may be called until 4:30 P.M. Eligible matches must be called until 4:00 P.M.
  2. A player will not be required to play more than:
    - (a) three (3) two-out- of-three 75-Point matches,
    - (b) one (1) two-out-of-three 75-Point matches, and three (3) 100-Point matches,
    - (c) two (2) two-out-of- three 75-Point matches, and two (2) 100-Point matches,
    - (d) four (4) 100-Point matches or
    - (e) three (3) two-out-of-three 12 frame matches in the same day.

A match to be completed from a previous day does not count in the tabulation of matches to be played in a day.

3. The only way a match can be played beyond these limits is if all players agree to play.

#### ART. 8 — PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL

- (a) In a Statewide Tournament, it is the privilege of the Host Club to specify the type of tournament, such as Open or Amateur. Singles, Doubles or Mixed Doubles or a combination, whichever the Host Club feels they can handle and furnish prizes.
  - (b) In an **Open** Tournament, there must be a Men's and Ladies' or Mixed Divisions. In an **Open** tournament, other than a State sponsored or statewide event, there may be any combination of players in a doubles competition.
- (c) Each player is responsible for entering all tournaments for which he/she is eligible. If he/she enters a tournament for which he/she is ineligible, he/she shall be removed from it as soon as error is discovered. If that is after tournament is completed, he/she shall forfeit any prizes won and, in either case, be subject to suspension from the tournament play for such time as the F.S.A. Board shall determine.
- (d) Each District shall evaluate their players and the conduct of their players in District Tournaments in accordance with the wishes of the District Executive Board. Each player must be an annual member in good standing in the club which he/she proposed to represent in tournament play.
- (e) In District Doubles, a player must choose as a partner a player from any Club in his/her District. A player may only play a District Tournament in the District where the Club he/she represents in tournament play is located. In State or Statewide Doubles, a player may choose as a partner a member of any Club in the State. Where the members of a winning team represent different Clubs, each Club shall be listed in any published list of winners.
- (f) (Removed seasonal choice) Any player who, during a current season (October 1 through September 30 inclusive) has represented a Club in a tournament at or above District level, may thereafter change his/her representation of affiliation to another

Club upon filing a notice in writing to that effect with the said Club and with the KOR of the F.S.A. His/Her play in such tournaments shall cease for the first Club on the date of filing and may commence with the second Club immediately.

- (g) All member Clubs within the area covered by each and every tournament at or above District level are hereby invited and authorized to enter players in such tournaments, EXCEPT tournaments for which the eligibility of entries is to be restricted (such as the tournament of Champions, Masters, etc.).
- (h) Players must be at least eighteen (18) years of age to enter designated tournaments.
- (i) The word "Open" in connection with a tournament means that there is no restriction to a player's age or skill of the entries other than the 18-year-old limit stated above.
- (j) CONSOLATION: Players losing their first match in tournaments may enter Consolation providing they do not progress beyond the second round. A forfeit is a win for the opposing team. No player may enter Consolation whose name has not been entered on chart in the Main Event. [Approved by FSA Board 03-14-2009]
- (k) TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS QUALIFICATIONS (For Pros Only): First place winners in the Main Event of Pro tournaments listed in the Centerspread are eligible to play in this tournament FOR LIFE. Second, Third, and Fourth place winners in the Main Event are eligible to play in this event for two (2) consecutive years. Consolation First, Second, Third and Fourth eligible for one year.
- (l) The Tournament of Champions shall consist of both Walking and Non-Walking Divisions. (remainder of (l) and (m) deleted)

#### ART. 9 - DISTRICT AMATEURS, STATE AMATEURS, & PROS

Players shall be divided into three divisions: District Amateurs, State Amateurs, and Pros.

##### (a) DISTRICT AMATEURS

1. A District Amateur is a player other than a State Amateur or Pro.
2. A District Amateur shall be advanced to State Amateur, effective the following October 1st, when he/she accumulates a total of five (5) points in three (3) consecutive years or less (October 1 through September 30). Counting shall be as follows: a first, second, third or fourth place win in the Main Event in a District Tournament (including a No Two Pros tournament) or a State Amateur Centerspread Tournament shall count as one (1) point. A first, second or third place win in Consolation of a District Tournament, a State Amateur or **Open** Centerspread Tournament, shall count as one-half (1/2) point. Also refer to paragraph (e) for exception. **Regardless of the foregoing provisions, no points or fraction thereof shall be awarded to any player who fails to win at least one match during the tournament. (Mar. 2016)**
3. A District Amateur who wins first, second, third or fourth in the Main Event of a Centerspread **Open** Tournament shall become a State Amateur immediately or wait until Oct. 1st. He or she must let the Tournament Director know the choice selected on the day of the tournament. If he or she wishes, they have the option of moving to Pro immediately or waiting until Oct. 1st.

##### (b) STATE AMATEURS

1. A State Amateur player who has advanced from District Amateur. Any individual who is classified as an Expert, Master or Pro shuffler in a State or Country other than Florida and who is not otherwise classified as a Pro shuffler in Florida, shall be classified as a State Amateur within Florida.
2. A State Amateur shall be advanced to Pro effective the following October 1, when he/she accumulates a total of five (5) points in three (3) consecutive years or less. Counting

shall be as follows: A first, second, third or fourth place in the Main Event of a State Amateur Centerspread Tournament or a District Tournament where State Amateurs are eligible to play (including a No Two Pros tournament), shall count as one (1) point. A first, second or third place win in Consolation (of these same tournaments or a Pro Centerspread Tournament) shall count as one-half (1/2) point. Also refer to paragraph (e) for exception. Anyone coming to Florida from another State or Country where they are designated as an Expert, Master or Pro shuffleboard player will be ranked as a State Amateur in Florida. **Regardless of the foregoing provisions, no points or fraction thereof shall be awarded to any player who fails to win at least one match during the tournament. (Mar. 2016)**

3. A State Amateur who wins first, second, third or fourth in the Main Event of a Centerspread Pro Tournament shall become Pro immediately or wait until Oct. 1st. Must let Tournament Director know immediately.

4. A State Amateur who has played in at least two (2) Preview Centerspread Amateur Tournaments and has not won first, second, third or fourth place in the Main Event for one year, may return to District Amateur level the following Oct. 1 with the approval of the District Executive Board.

##### (c) PROS:

1. A Pro is a player who has won first, second, third or fourth place in a Main Event of a Florida State-Sponsored or Statewide tournament, or by qualifying according to Art. 9(b)2.

2. A Pro is ineligible to play in any Amateur tournament.

3. A Pro who has played in at least two (2) Preview Centerspread scheduled tournaments and who has not won in the first four places for one (1) year (October 1 through September 30), may return to the next lower level the following October 1 with the approval of the District Executive Board.

(d) When the word "year" occurs in this Art. 9, it means from October 1st to the following September 30th.

(e) No tournament, except those played in the State of Florida, shall be considered in the counting. Each District has the option in a District Tournament of awarding points or not, depending on the size of the tournament field.

(f) Amateurs who lost on the first day of a Statewide tournament are permitted to play in a tournament starting the second day.

#### ART. 10 - TROPHIES AND PRIZES

(a) Trophies and prizes for the State-sponsored Tournament are fixed at a meeting of the F.S.A.

(b) Additional prizes for State Tournaments shall be discretionary with the Host Club, after consultation with the State President.

(c) In all State-sponsored Singles and Doubles tournaments, plaques shall be given, and when the nameplates are filled, plaques will be retired to the State Hall of Fame.

(d) Prizes in the State-sponsored Singles Tournament shall be the same for the Walking and Non-Walking M/L Divisions.

(e) Points to be given in **Open** Tournaments listed in the Centerspread of the Preview, in accordance with the F.S.A. Roll of Champions Point System are as follows:  
Statewide Singles 5-4-3-2 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation.  
Statewide Doubles 5-4-3-2 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation.  
Red Line State Singles 8-6-5-3 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation.  
Red Line State Doubles 8-6-5-3 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation.

(f) Prize money in an **Open** tournament (other than Masters) will be determined by using the Financial Report worksheet provided the Florida Shuffleboard Rules in the Preview.

(g) A copy of the Financial Report (Prize Money) will be posted by 12:00 Noon of the first day of the tournament.

- (h) Host Clubs may give Amateur winners money along with, or instead of, trophies if they so desire.

#### **ART. 11 - PERMISSION NEEDED FROM TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR TO ALTER COURT**

- (a) Any changes made in the condition of the court, such as sweeping, the use of glass beads, etc., shall be determined by the Tournament Director or his/her assistant, unless all players involved agree. Host Club officials will sweep and/or bead the court as directed. Any changes of court will also be determined by the Tournament Director or his/her assistant. "Once a match begins," no changes in the court shall be made except as authorized by the Tournament Director in the event of extremely unusual circumstances which may have rendered the court unplayable; such decision to be made ONLY by the Tournament Director.
- (b) A Club that usually applies wax to discs for Club play and District play may do so when hosting a Centerspread tournament.
1. Discs must be waxed before each match.
- 2a. Before the second game, either team or player may elect to have their/his/her discs rewaxed for the second game. Practice is limited to a total of eight discs; there will be no additional practice allowed because of discs being waxed. Immediately after the color choice following the second game, either team or player may elect to have his/her/their blocks rewaxed for the third game.
- 2b. Following the first or second game, before the start of practice for the second game or immediately after the lag for color choice for the third game, the courts may be beaded, if all players agree. If all players do not agree, the Tournament Director may be requested to shoot a disc of each color, from both ends of the court, to determine whether the court is playable "as is" or requires beading.
3. Discs to be waxed by assigned personnel only.
- (c) Player or players waxing discs at any time of the tournament, unless assigned to do so, will be disqualified from the tournament immediately.

#### **ART. 12 — DECORUM**

The game of shuffleboard is being participated in by ever-increasing numbers. It is imperative that the carefully compiled rules and regulations for the game be fully understood and carried out.

Any indifference or conduct during tournament play regarded by tournament directing officials to be unbecoming to the sportsmanship must be reported to the President of the F.S.A. for immediate consideration and/or action.

**Paragraph eliminated - see rule C-20(c) (Mar. 2016)**

There is to be no smoking on or near courts at any time.

#### **ART. 13 — AMENDMENTS**

- (a) Any person who submits proposed rules, changes or amendments shall notify in writing to all members of the Executive Committee, including the President, at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting (Winter Meeting). Discussion on these changes shall not be held at this meeting. Discussion and Vote will be held at Spring Meeting.
- (b) At the Annual meeting, any proposed playing rule amendment, regulation, or standing rule change shall be provided to each District President and Board member. District Presidents shall widely disseminate these proposed changes within their respective districts and solicit comments concerning the proposed changes prior to the Spring meeting. Board members shall also solicit comments concerning the proposed changes. The F.S.A.

Board shall take action on these proposed changes at the Spring meeting on even numbered years. This rule may be temporarily suspended at any Board meeting only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present and voting. All changes that are made shall become effective Oct. 1st of each year.

#### **ART. 14 — AUTHORIZATION TO ACT AS A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

The FSA President will nominate a minimum of one and a maximum of five individuals for Tournament Director. These nominations will be submitted to the F.S.A. Board at the Spring meeting. Only those individuals certified by the F.S.A. Board will be authorized to act as Tournament Director of a Florida Shuffleboard Association Centerspread Tournament. District Presidents will select Tournament Directors for District Tournaments.

#### **ART. 15 — STATE PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL**

District Tournament Directors must meet with the approval of the State President.

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1. The court shall measure fifty-two feet (52') in length and six feet (6') in width. The playing surface shall be concrete. The playing area shall be thirty-nine feet (39') in length or that area of the court from the baseline to baseline.
2. The court shall be marked according to the official diagram. Maximum width of lines, one inch (1"); minimum width, three-quarter inch (3/4"). The separation triangle in the 10-Off area is three inches (3") at base, running to a point in the direction of the scoring area. The outline of the legs of this triangle shall be a quarter-inch (1/4") in width with a clearance of a half-inch (1/2") at the point and base of the triangle from the 10-Off area lines. The base of the triangle is not marked. The inside edges of lines shall be sharp and distinct. The baseline shall be extended to adjoining courts, or to about 24 inches (24") beyond the sides of the court. Lines shall be painted with white paint, or acrylic stain may be used. A depressed gutter shall be at least twenty-four inches (24") wide and not less than four inches (4") deep at mid-court, where a suitable water drain should be installed. The gutter should slope one inch (1") in the first six inches (6") of the length of the alley from each baseline, then slope to a minimum of four inches (4") at mid-court.
3. One end of the court shall be designated as Head of Court; the opposite end as Foot of Court. All games shall start at the Head of Court.

NOTE: Clubs are urged to use as backstops something that will absorb the shock of disc to stop hard rebounds in order to eliminate Half-Round being played over.

*For information on backstops, contact:*

**STATE PRESIDENT  
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## STANDING RULES

1. Board Members may send to the State President anything pertaining to changing rules, regulations, or Constitution and By-Laws. The President to then make copies and send to all concerned. (Approved Oct., 1979)
2. PREVIEW ads will be One Quarter, One Half, or Full Page only. (Approved Oct., 1979)
3. The State voted 100% to keep its own Point System. (Approved Oct., 1979)
4. All State Minutes to be sent to Alternate Delegates and First Vice Presidents of each District, to State Tournament Director(s), and also to Sam Allen. (Approved Oct., 1979)
5. (deleted - duplicated in playing rule D2)
6. The President of the F.S.A. may invite guests for the Winter meeting and banquet as he feels is necessary. (Approved Feb., 1983)
7. Use of RED INK in Centerspread Tournaments is reserved to designate State-sponsored Tournaments ONLY. (Approved Feb., 1983)
8. The F.S.A. will subsidize Board Members who drive cars to F.S.A. meetings the sum of **forty** dollars **(\$40.00)**. **(Approved Mar. 2016)**
  - (a) State Tournament Director's expense (annual) to be \$300 (Approved Mar. 2015)
  - (c) Keeper of Records' operating expenses shall be \$400.00. (Approved Oct., 2009)
  - (d) Secretary's operating expenses (annual) to be **\$300.00**. **(Mar. 2016)**
  - (e) Treasurer's operating expenses (annual) to be **\$500.00**. **(Mar. 2016)**.
  - (f) Preview Editor/**Lithographer** operating expenses (annual) to be **\$800.00**. **(Approved Mar. 2016)**
9. Keeper of Records to send results of Centerspread Tournaments to all District Record Keepers. (Approved Oct. 1991)
10. District PREVIEW ads and information must be sent to State President no later than May 15. Out-of-State ads no later than August 1. (Approved Oct., 1985)
11. Requirements for Consideration and Induction into the FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME . (moved here from front section - approved Oct.13, 2012)
 

All players shall have the right to know the Hall of Fame procedures and conditions, and have easy access to them. The Florida Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame consists of three (3) categories:

  - (A) Players; (B) Presidents; and (C) Special Award.
  - (A) Hall of Fame Players
  1. The requirements for induction as a player are as follows: Having amassed a total of at least two hundred (200) points. (Approved March 2003)
2. The name of such qualifying players shall be submitted to the Hall of Fame Committee by the Keeper of Records upon the conclusion of each of the playing seasons, which is the period from October 1st to September 30th of the following year, **or to allow eligible players making points between October 1st to January 1st to be inducted into the Hall of Fame that season, with the player having the right to postpone their induction until the following January. (Mar. 2016)**
  - (B) Hall of Fame Presidents
    1. Each President of the F.S.A., after having served three (3) years, earns this high honor, having given outstanding leadership and devotion to his/her many obligations. The President will receive this honor on his/her last year in office at the Winter Banquet and/or Meeting.
    2. The F.S.A. may recommend a President be placed in the Hall of Fame with LESS than three (3) years as State President of the Association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full Board. The President will then enter the Hall of Fame at the Winter Meeting of his/her last year in office.
  - (C) Hall of Fame Special Award
    - 1 The Special Award is for those persons who have achieved outstanding records in shuffleboard in the Administrative or Promotional fields, and who have contributed Significantly to the welfare and advancement of the F.S.A
    2. Each Executive Board Member (approved Oct.13, 2012) and each District President may make one (1) proposal per year for the Special Award. Said proposal may involve more than one person, provided those persons are closely associated in their accomplishments. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a record of the nominees' accomplishments and forwarded to the Hall of Fame Chairman prior to September 1st each calendar year.
    3. If there are two (2) or more proposed candidates for Special Award honors, each voting member may vote for only one (1) of the nominees, with a total of twelve (12) votes from the 22-member Board being required for election to the Special Award.
    4. Discussion of any candidate and voting shall be in closed session with only Board members present. If any member of the Board is a candidate, that person shall be excluded from the session during the discussion but will return for the voting process (per Standing Rule No. 11).
    5. Results of the secret ballot shall not be numerically announced. The Committee Chairman shall merely announce the names of those candidates who have been elected (per Standing Rule No. 11)
    6. Those candidates not receiving the necessary votes to be elected shall remain on the eligible list for a

maximum of three (3) years. If not elected in that three-year period, said person's name shall be withdrawn and may be reinstated only upon the request of a District President.

7. In the event of the absence of one or more of the Board members, in voting for Special Award a majority of the votes cast will be required to elect.
8. Hall of Fame candidates (whether a Board Member or a guest) present shall be excused from the meeting during the discussion procedure. Board Members shall return to the meeting for the voting procedure. Results of the secret ballots shall not be numerically announced, only whether a candidate was or was not elected. (Approved March, 2003).
12. (moved to ART.5)
13. District to have one PREVIEW page for Officers and up-coming tournaments, and one page for Results. (Approved March, 1990)
14. The Keeper of Records' duties are:
  - (a) Prepare and deliver an adequate number of Tournament Director's Report Forms to each District for the new season; based upon the number, and kind, of State (Centerspread) Tournaments held in that District.
  - (b) Record the weekly results of the State (Center-spread) Tournaments (both Amateur and Pro).
  - (c) Compile records of accumulated Seasonal Pro Point earned in State (Centerspread) Tournaments for both the Pro Ladies and Pro Men.
  - (d) Deliver to each District Keeper of Records (by mail or by hand) a copy of the Weekly Results of the State Centerspread Tournaments, both Amateur and Pro, and the current record of Seasonal Points.
  - (e) Maintain a list of the All-Time Points for all players of All Time.
  - (f) Prepare a list of "Men" and a list of "Ladies" who are eligible to play in the Tournament of Champions (include those who qualified in the last tournament before the Tournament of Champions). Deliver these lists to the Tournament Director of the Tournament of Champions before the start of registration for that tournament.
  - (g) Deliver a current copy of the Pro Point List (both Men's and Ladies') to the Director of the Tournament of Champions ("current" meaning the Point List that includes the points awarded for the tournament immediately preceding the Tournament of Champions).
  - (h) At the end of the season:
    - 1) Compile records of the tournament results for the season (both Amateur and Pro), and deliver to the State President, or his designated representative, for publication in the PREVIEW.
    - 2) Compile a list of current points for the season, including the All-Time Points for point winners in the current season, and deliver it to the State President, or his designated representative, for publication in the PREVIEW.
    - 3) Every fifth season (starting with the 1995-1996 PREVIEW) prepare "The Five-Year Summary" for publication in the PREVIEW. Deliver this list to the

State President, or his designated representative, for publication in the PREVIEW. This list shall contain the names of all players who have placed in State Centerspread Tournaments since the publication of the most recent "Five-Year Summary." This list shall include:

The player's name. The total of Pro Points earned in the current season. The total of Pro Points earned in the preceding four seasons. The total Pro Points earned prior to the fifth preceding season. The total of All-Time Points.

4) Compile a list of the Winners of State-sponsored Tournaments, both Amateur and Pro. Deliver this list to the State President, or his designated representative, for publication in the PREVIEW.

5) Prepare the Roll of Champions List (Top 24 Ladies and Top 24 Men), and deliver it to the Chairman of the Trophy Committee. Pins are to be awarded to the top 24 places, plus ties for 24th, to be distributed: Gold — The top 8 plus ties for 8th; Silver — The remainder of the top 16 plus ties for 16th; Bronze — The remainder of the top 24 plus ties for 24th.

6) Submit the name (or names) of players who have met the eligibility requirements for candidacy for election to the Hall of Fame to the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. (Approved Oct., 1993)

15. Following the March meeting, the Secretary shall compile a list of approved motions as recorded in the minutes that might need to be included in the forthcoming Preview publication. Forward this list to the President for approval. The President may contact Board members for any clarifications necessary, then forward those approved by the end of June to Preview Editor for publication
16. The Standing Rules are to be published annually. They are to be updated annually after the March meeting, and a copy delivered to the State President, or his representative, for publication in the PREVIEW. (Approved Oct., 1993)
17. The Standing Rules to include the "Florida Shuffleboard Association Oath of Office." The Oath is:

"I, <state your name> do hereby pledge to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of The Florida Shuffleboard Association, and at all times to conduct myself in a manner above reproach, so help me God." (Approved Oct., 1993)
18. The Rules governing THE MASTERS TOURNAMENT (Approved March 2, 1991) are hereafter included in the F.S.A. Standing Rules. (Approved Oct., 1993)
  - (a) The MASTERS Tournament is an official sanctioned event of THE FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION, with both Ladies' and Men's Divisions.

The format for the Florida Masters tournament shall be walking singles. In the event that a player in any division is unable to participate in walking singles for medical reasons and provides medical documentation of the restriction, that person, and any other player in that division who chooses to do so, may play any or all matches as non-walking singles. If either player in a given match chooses to play non-walking singles, both players in that match must play non-walking singles. If the match is non-walking the assigned court referee,

or other volunteer, shall be responsible for pushing the played discs back to the shooting end of the court at the conclusion of each frame. (this paragraph adopted at March 17, 2012 meeting of FSA)

(b) The eight (8) Men and eight (8) Ladies who earn the most points, as shown on the seasonal Roll of Champions, during the regular F.S.A. season, shall be invited to participate in the MASTERS.

(c) Points for the Roll of Champions are earned in all tournaments listed in the PREVIEW Centerspread **Open** Schedule.

(d) Each player will play each other player in his/her Division three (3) 75-Point games, a total of twenty-one (21) games. Order of finish in each Division is determined by the number of games won by each player.

(e) Players must observe all published F.S.A. Rules and Regulations for tournament play, including Playing Rules, DECORUM, and all STANDARDS for SPORTSMANSHIP. (The 4:00 p.m. restriction on court assignment shall be waived if necessary.)

(f) Players will be scheduled for the Masters Tournament by their seeding from the Masters Points earned during the season. In case of ties the player reaching point total first will be given the higher seed.

Seed Number Playoff Schedule:

Day 1	a.m.	1 - 8	*	2 - 7	*	3 - 6	*	4 - 5
	p.m.	1 - 7	*	2 - 8	*	3 - 5	*	4 - 6
Day 2	a.m.	1 - 6	*	2 - 5	*	3 - 7	*	4 - 8
	p.m.	1 - 5	*	2 - 6	*	3 - 8	*	4 - 7
Day 3	a.m.	1 - 4	*	2 - 3	*	5 - 8	*	6 - 7
	p.m.	1 - 3	*	2 - 4	*	5 - 7	*	6 - 8
Day 4	a.m.	1 - 2	*	3 - 4	*	5 - 6	*	7 - 8

(approved by FSA Board Mar. 12, 2011)

(g) If possible, the STATE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR will direct this tournament. The Tournament Director will be paid a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and is authorized to appoint as many assistants as he deems necessary.

(h) If two or more players tie for eighth (8th) place on the Roll of Champions at the end of the regular season play, this tie (or ties) must be played off to assure that only eight (8) players in each Division are qualified to play.

All play-off matches will consist of "Best two out of three, 75-Point games."

1) Two players tied: Play one Match. The winner qualifies for play in the MASTERS.

2) Three players tied: Tied players will draw. The players having numbers 2 and 3 will play a Match. The winner will then play a Match with the player having number 1. The winner qualifies for play in the MASTERS.

3) Four players tied: Tied players will draw. The players drawing numbers 1 and 2 will play a Match. The players drawing numbers 3 and 4 will play a Match. The winners of these matches will then play each other. The winner of this final Match qualifies for play in the MASTERS.

4) Three players tied for 7th and 8th places: Tied players will draw. The players drawing numbers 2 and 3 will play a Match. The winner becomes 7th on the MAS-

TERS list. The loser will play a Match with the player who drew number 1. The winner of this Match becomes 8th on the MASTERS list (playoff of ties beyond these listed will be similar).

(i) The play-off of these ties shall be on NEUTRAL courts convenient for the players involved. UNLESS, if time permits, these matches can be played during, or after, the Tournament of Champions, at the location of the Tournament of Champions. Otherwise, the STATE PRESIDENT, or his designated representative, will determine the location and time of said playoff.

(j) In the Masters all ties will be broken by head to head results or remain ties if this does not break the tie. (approved by FSA Board Mar. 12, 2011)

(k) The next eligible player on the Roll of Champions shall be given the option of being the alternate in the Masters. No player shall pass on his/her selection as a Masters Player in order to be an alternate. If a player forfeits during a game, said game is a loss, and the alternate assumes his/her position for the remainder of the Masters Tournament.

Alternate and player shall share wins, losses, and position in the Masters. Prize money to be shared on a pro-rated basis, to be determined by the President. Any player forfeiting before completion of six games shall forfeit all prize monies to the alternate. Alternates shall consist of one Lady and one Man.

(l) Suggested Prize Monies for the MASTERS shall be: 1st Place: \$120.00; 2nd Place: \$105.00; 3rd Place: \$90.00; 4th Place: \$85.00; 5th Place: \$75.00; 6th Place: \$70.00; 7th Place: \$65.00; 8th Place: \$55.00; Alternate \$35.00.

Payoffs shall be the same in both Ladies and Men's Divisions. If the alternate is called upon to play the President will determine how the prize money will be distributed among the division. (Approved - Jan., 2004)

19. To standardize the placement of specific sections in the PREVIEW, the following sections will be placed in the following sequence:

(a) The "Affiliated Clubs" Section:  
1) The West Coast District; 2) The Southwest Coast District; 3) The Southern District; 4) The Southeast Coast District; 5) The Central East Coast District; 6) The Northern District; 7) The Central District.

(b) The "Player Status" Section:  
1) The West Coast District; 2) The Southwest Coast District; 3) The Southern District; 4) The Southeast Coast District; 5) The Central East Coast District; 6) The Northern District; 7) The Central District.

(c) "Winners of State Tournaments" Section.

(d) The Seasonal "Roll of Champions" Section.

(e) The "Official Rules" Section.

(f) The "Standing Rules." (Approved Feb., 1994)