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1	23C	Hard Shooting	John Giumarra		
2	Art 8(e)	District Membership Eligibility	Douglas Schmit		
3	ByLaw S2 ArtVII	Nominating Committee	Steve Biaggi		
4	ByLaw S2 ArtIV	Election Date	Steve Buaggi		
5	Art 2a	Winter Business Meeting	Steve Biaggi		
6	ByLaw S1 ArtIX	Winter Business Meeting	Steve Biaggi		
7	ByLaw S2 ArtVII	Flowers for Deceased Pres	Steve Biaggi		
8	Art 13(b)	10 Day Notices	Steve Biaggi		
9	ByLaw S2 ArtVII	Nominating Committee (TD3)	Steve Biaggi		
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11	C1	Choosing Color & Playing End	Jerry Stannard		
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24	C3e	75 Point Spread	Jerry Stannard		
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Assigned TD_1 Feb. 11, 2015 (eo)

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ExistingRule:

Rule # 23C

Change:

Reinstate Rule 23C and add: "Or making a disc flip over or causing another disc to flip over".
PENALTY SHOULD BE 20 OFF not only 10 off.

Rationale:

Although just about every club has rules concerning hard shooting or a sign that says "NO HARD SHOOTING", many players ignore the rules because there is currently no practical objective way to enforce the rule. The only way to make players moderate the speed of a disc when "Clearing" is to make the risk, of the disc leaving the court or flipping over, not worth taking. (Hence 20 OFF penalty.)

Shuffleboard is supposed to be a game of skill, not brute force. Its not rocket science, its shuffleboard. Hard shooting can cause injury to other players too and we ought to take a stand against the practice.

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ExistingRule:

Art. 8 (e) eligibility rule

Change:

any player may enter a district tournament in singles or as a member of a doubles team in any district in which he holds a membership in a club in said district. no restriction on the number of districts in which a player may hold a club membership.

Rationale:

to allow players more freedom in choosing where to play and whom they would like to play with. would increase opportunities for participation in tournaments. would eliminate need for rule Art. 8 (f).

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Assigned TD_3 Mar. 25, 2015 (eo)

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ExistingRule:

BY-LAWS.....SECTION 2 ... ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS (c) As promptly as possible following the election, the President shall appoint all standing committees, and become an official member of each.

Change:

To be added:
with the exception of the nominating committee, which will be elected by the voting body of the FSA The President shall not be a member of the nominating committee.

Rationale:

Roberts Rules reads as follows: " On designation of Nominating Committee"
The nominating committee should be elected by the organization wherever possible, or else by it's Executive Board. Although in organizing a new society it may be feasible for the chair to appoint the nominating committee, in an organized society the President should not appoint this committee, or be a member of it - ex officio or otherwise. The Bylaws may provide that " the President shall appoint all committees except the Nominating Committee" "The President shall be ex officio except the Nominating Committee", the exception should not be omitted in either case.
Under the present rule the President could hand pick the nominating committee with members that are only interested in gaining the favor of the President and not the betterment of the FSA. Since the President is a member of the committee, the President would have enormous control of this committee.
Years ago this was the case in my district, I would like to be assured it would not happen in the state or in any other district in years to come.
Roberts Rules is saying The President shall have nothing to do with the nominating committee.

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Assigned TD_4 Mar. 25, 2015 (eo)

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District: SOU
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ExistingRule:

BY-LAWS
SECTION 2
ARTICLE IV – ELECTION OF OFFICIALS
The election of Association officials shall take place at the time of and at the place of the Annual Meeting, as set forth in ARTICLE IX of the BY-LAWS.

Change:

Election to take place at the Spring (March) meeting. The slate provided by the nomination committee shall be presented at the Winter (January) meeting and shall be posted on the internet. Nominations from the floor shall be made at the Spring meeting at the time and place of the election.

Rationale:

Having the slate presented and voted on immediately does not allow any time for anyone to consider and evaluate candidates on the slate.
The slate should be made known to the complete voting body as well as to all FSA members.
Having the election at the Spring meeting which would be centrally (Sebring) located, would permit District Presidents and Delegates better accessibility to the election than when it is in the Northern or Southern ends of the State.
Holding the election in conjunction with the Hall of Fame banquet at the winter meeting, imposes an undue financial hardship on voting members who would not otherwise travel so far, purchase banquet tickets and or pay for lodgings.

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Assigned TD_5 Mar. 25, 2015 (eo)

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ExistingRule:

ART. 2 (a) - 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, Pro 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 Pro Singles Tournament. The Host Club shall provide the F.S.A. a bill for these overnight accommodations. 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 Pro Singles Tournament. The Host Club shall provide the F.S.A. a bill for these overnight accommodations.

Change:

The annual winter meeting of the Association will be held in a centrally located facility on a Saturday either one week before or one week after the state Sponsored Singles.

Remove: The Host Club will provide a place for the Business Meeting following the banquet.

Replace the words: spouse and spouses with guest and guests.

Rationale:

Rational

This is an occasion when inductees are being honored at our annual banquet. Mixing pleasure and business sometimes promotes undue stress on the evening. This should be strictly a festive evening.

Business meetings usually start between 8:30pm and 9:00pm. Members have shuffled all day and most are tired. Meetings last between 45 minutes to 1 hour. Meetings at Sebring last between 3-4 hours. Sebring meetings generate more interest and much business is accomplished.

Having the meeting centrally located in Sebring on a Saturday morning could be better attended and more accessible to the voting body than when the meeting is in the Northern or Southern end of Florida. This meeting imposes an undue financial hardship on voting members who would not otherwise travel so far, i.e. purchase of banquet tickets and or pay for lodgings. Let us enjoy the banquet and leave the business for Saturday.

As for the words spouse and spouses, some members have significant others the rule should reflect so.

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ExistingRule:

If change to ART 2 (a) ANNUAL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS is accepted please see the following.

BY-LAWS SECTION 1

ARTICLE IX – ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting of the Association shall be held on a date between January 1st and 31st, of each year, and shall be set by a meeting of the Association for a date and at the place and within the period of dates set for the Annual State Sponsored Singles Tournament, the tournament Host Club to arrange for suitable and private quarters in which to conduct the meeting. (03/02/02)

Change:

Remove: and shall be set by a meeting of the Association for a date and at the place and within the period of dates set for the Annual State Sponsored Singles Tournament, the tournament Host Club to arrange for suitable and private quarters in which to conduct the meeting. (03/02/02)

Rationale:

Since this would contradict the amended change of ART 2 (a) the above would have to be removed.

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ExistingRule:

BY-LAWS
SECTION 2
ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS
(g) In the event a President or board member become deceased while in office, up to \$25.00 could be spent for flowers, etc.

Change:

Remove: \$25.00 replace with \$50.00

Rationale:

I do not know when this rule was written but \$25.00 does not buy much today. I picked up a simple arrangement at Publix which cost \$25.00

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Assigned TD_8 March 25, 2015 (eo)

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ExistingRule:

ART. 13 — AMENDMENTS

(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.

Change:

...Spring meeting every year

Rationale:

If there is a valid rule change the Board would want to act on it ASAP. Why wait an extra year ?
Another reason is, by doing this every year there would be less 10 Day Notices to deal with.
The Board has much to deal with throughout the year, however, members also use their time and thoughts hoping to make improvements to our current rules.

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Assigned TD #9

10 Day Notice Request

Date: 9/28/2015

State Rule or Rule No: SECTION 2 ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

(a) The President shall preside over all regular and specially called meetings of the Association, in accordance with parliamentary procedure as set forth in the latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order."

Rule Change:

with the exception of meetings of the nominating committee

Rational for Change:

If a previous rule change Article VII (c) would be in effect, this would also need to be changed.

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District: SOUTHERN

Assigned TD 10

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District: SW

Rule #: C3e

Rule Change:

state wide non walking singles be changed to 16 frame or 75 points, whichever comes first.

Rational:

All other Florida tournaments other than nonwalking singles are 75 points. This would give those that can not walk a better opportunity to play as close to a 75 point game as possible.

Assigned TD 11

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO: C1

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].

CHANGE:

Add after 'line number' the following : "choose ends to play at and not change and will"

RATIONAL:

Will save time and allow us to eliminate C1d and save space in Preview.

Assigned TD 12

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

Name: Jerry Stannard

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RULE NO: C1c

1c. In doubles, partners shall play on the same color at both ends of the court.

CHANGE:

Eliminate

RATIONAL:

This already stated in C1

Assigned TD 13

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO: C1d

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.

CHANGE:

Eliminate if C1 is passed.

RATIONAL:

Change in C1 would make this rule moot and would save space in Preview

Assigned TD 14

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE No. C.2

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.

CHANGE:

Eliminate

RATIONAL:

No 100 point games are played anymore and the rest of the rule is in C.3e and will save space in the Preview.

Assigned TD 15

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE No. C.2a

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.

CHANGE:

Eliminate

RATIONAL:

Rule is already in C.1b and will save space in Preview.

Assigned TD 16

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. C.2b

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.

CHANGE:

Eliminate

RATIONAL:

No one plays 100 point games anymore and will save space in Preview.

Assigned TD 17

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. C.3c

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. The players are to use their own alley to proceed to the other end of the court.

CHANGE:

Eliminate "The players are to use their own alley to proceed to the other end of the court."

RATIONAL:

Players normally do this but sometimes there are poles in the way, or their walking disturbs players on an adjoining court.

Assigned TD 18

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO: C.5a

5a. Players must not touch any part of body on or over baseline at any time while executing a shot. PENALTY: 10-Off.
(previously omitted)

CHANGE:

Eliminate

RATIONAL:

Already in C.5 and will save space in Preview.

Assigned TD 19

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. c.15b

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.

CHANGE:

Add after 2nd sentence: "unless the discs can be replaced to the players or directors satisfaction."

RATIONAL:

Players should not lose their score because of an outside player and may help reduce hard shooting.

Assigned TD 20

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. C.20a

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].

CHANGE:

Add after second 'a live disc': "the non offending player shall be credited with his/her good discs, and any 10-offs of the offender shall be credited,"

RATIONAL:

Player should not lose his good discs or 10-offs of the offender.

Assigned TD 21

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. C.20b

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.

CHANGE:

Add after the first sentence: "Unless the discs can be replaced to the players or directors satisfaction and the half-round shall continue.

Assigned TD 22

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. C.10

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.

CHANGE:

Add at end: "Unless the discs can be replaced to the players or directors satisfaction and the round shall continue.

RATIONAL:

Players should not be penalized by an outside agent.

Assigned TD 23

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. C.1a

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.

CHANGE:

Add: "Beaded courts will be swept and beaded before semi-final and final matches".

RATIONAL:

Courts should be in pristine condition for these matches.

Assigned TD 24

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. C.3e

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 12 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.

CHANGE:

Add after '75 Points' in first sentence: "or a spread of 75 points; i.e. '50 to -25'.

RATIONAL:

This will save time when there is a huge spread and speed up tournament.

Assigned TD 25

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

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RULE NO. ART 1b

(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

PRO DIVISION			AMATEUR DIVISION	
Singles	Doubles	Masters	Singles	Doubles

CHANGE:

Schedule of tournaments: Change 'PRO DIVISION' to 'OPEN DIVISION' and all other applicable places in the Preview.

RATIONAL:

It is confusing to many amateurs who don't realize they can play in "Pro", Open tournaments.

Assigned TD 26

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. ART 7a

(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 sub bracket) players together, consistent with the pairing of such players. (approved 3/14/2015)

(b)

CHANGE:

Change '9 AM to 8:45 AM'

RATIONAL:

Usually all players are registered by then. The tournament will get under way sooner thus may be allowing more matches to be played, eliminating some people from coming back for the second day and possibly eliminating the need for a third day. Players arriving after 8:45 could still be placed in the draw by the director, which is already in practice.

Assigned TD 27

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. ART 7b, 1&2

(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.

CHANGE:

Eliminate the references to '100 point' matches.

RATIONAL:

100 point matches are no longer played.

Assigned TD 28

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. ART 8k

(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.

CHANGE:

Eliminate 'For Pros Only'

RATIONAL:

Amateurs who have qualified should be allowed to play. Also the numbers at this tournament have been dwindling and many amateurs would probably be excited to play in it.

Assigned TD 29

Date Submitted: 10/6/2015

District: SWC

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RULE NO. ART 10e

(e) Points to be given in Pro 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

CHANGE:

National Doubles 8-6-5-3 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation

National Singles 8-6-5-3 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation

RATIONAL:

These tournaments are prestigious, and the fields are large.

Assigned TD 30

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Red Line State Doubles 8-6-5-3 Main; and 2-1-1-0 Consolation

CHANGE:

Change points for Consolation in State and National Singles and Doubles to 3-2-1-0.

RATIONAL:

Same as 10e above

Assigned TD 31**Date Completed:** NOVEMBER 1 2015**District:** SOUTHERN**Date Submitted:** NOVEMBER 1 2015**Existing Rule:** ART. 4 - SCHEDULING OF TOURNAMENTS**Change:** to be added as (h)

Once a season any District, making available up to \$200.00 proposing a draw tournament without an entry fee, for the promotion of shuffleboard in their district, the FSA shall match these funds. All funds are to be used as prize money only.

Full disclosure of the tournament i.e. dates, place, promotions, payout, eligibility, must be presented by the District President, to the FSA President for approval not later than 45 days prior to the tournament. ANY PRO, STATE AM OR DISTRICT AM THAT HAS EVER PLACED IN A FSA TOURNAMENT WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE. All rules regarding boundaries and conflicting tournaments are waived. If there are less than 20 players, payout money shall be adjusted accordingly with any unused FSA money returned.

Rationale:

I doubt all districts would apply, however, if they did, the worst case scenario is, it would cost the FSA \$1400.00 per season and many players would be introduced to FSA tournaments.

Getting 20 players to attend a tournament under these ELIGIBILITY rules would not be easy. Workers would need to go the Parks, Newspapers, Radio, TV, Newscasters etc. Districts would require devoted people to ensure the success of such a tournament. A similar tournament in the Northern District, promoted by Allen Dronsfield received much participation with monies from the 100th Anniversary through Stan McCormack. Waiving the boundaries and conflicting tournament date rules would be in order as these players would not be participating in FSA tournaments.

\$1400.00 is a lot of money, however, because of split tournaments more players are playing shuffleboard bringing more revenue to the FSA. By combining District and FSA funds for the advancement of shuffleboard, we would be "GIVING BACK" to the game we all love and this could prove to be a good way to promote our sport in all districts and encourage new players to join the FSA. This proposal is on the floor for all the voting body to review. If you would like to modify any or all of it I would appreciate your input, with suggestions and corrections.

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Existing Rule: C - PLAYING RULES

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.

CHANGE: To be added

Any one player requesting to have the court swept and beaded or beads added prior to speed shots, may do so. Court shall be swept by players of that court and beading may be done by anyone, including players on that court.

RATIONALE:

Changing the speed of the court after using your two speed shots renders those shots worthless.

Tournament Directors would no longer have to waste time testing courts.

Sometimes there is a shortage of help, but if the players of a court must sweep the court themselves this could work well. Why should a player not have a freshly swept and beaded court as was had in previous games? There is no advantage to anyone by doing so. This would eliminate disagreements. There are many times when players do not agree to a request by a player to have the court swept and beaded, or only to add beads, just to be contrary, many have experienced a situation like this.

There is no rule about players not being permitted to bead their own court. I see no advantage being obtained by beading the court themselves.

This proposal is on the floor for all the voting body to review. If you would like to modify any or all of it I would appreciate your input with suggestions and corrections

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Assigned: TD 33

SCHEDULE CHANGE:

PREVIEW Page 78 Centerfold Tournament Scheduling P-26 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

CHANGE:

TOC to be placed between P-20B and P-21A

RATIONALE:

The TOC would be played around the third week of February

I don't know of any rule that the TOC must be the last tournament of the season.

Eligible players would be from the previous season as well as this season to date.

This should have many more players eligible to play.

Players in contention for the Masters, having sufficient points, could no longer ignore this tournament as before.

Changing the date of the TOC should help the Clearwater Club, and would benefit the West Coast District.

We should help bolster the problem of dwindling attendance of the TOC

No one likes to change the present format and traditions, but we do not have the number of players entering this tournament as we did years ago. Times have changed, as should we, to modify our rules to suit today's situation.

This proposal is on the floor for all the voting body to review. If you would like to modify any or all of it I would appreciate your input with suggestions and corrections

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Existing Rule: **ART. 8 — PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL**

(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.

CHANGE:

Remove Consolation First, Second, Third and Fourth eligible for one year.

RATIONALE:

When I finish fourth in consolation, or anywhere in consolation I don't consider myself a champion.

Consolation was included a few years ago to increase participation of this tournament.

The TOC is a prestigious and traditional tournament and now, by including consolation we are in contradiction of the title of this event.

Should we change the title of this tournament???? I think not.

The TOC has been in existence long before any of us have played shuffleboard and should continue so. If we are to increase entries we might look at different avenues, but in the mean time, remove consolation players as in the past.

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Article 9(a) 2 and
Article 9(b)2

Add to the end of the subject paragraphs:

"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."

Rationale: In a recent amateur state tournament where there were only 7 registered teams, a team lost every match they played during the tournament and finished third in consolation. Under the current rule each player on the team was awarded 0.5 move-up points. To make the situation worse, the half point elevated one of the players to Pro status. That should never happen and this amendment would prevent it from happening once the rule change takes effect.

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C-20c, Article 12

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.

Article 12, paragraph 3 to be removed in its entirety.

Rationale: The original C-20c has been held in abeyance for longer than I have been involved in organized shuffleboard, yet remains one of the hottest issues in our sport. In 2011, the FSA board put a policy in place that is very similar to the above rule, but it is still widely unknown or ignored. I believe that it is time to make it an official rule to give it the weight and attention it deserves.

If passed, Article 12, paragraph 3, would be redundant and could be removed.

Assigned TD37

Existing Rule: ART 4 (a) SCHEDULING OF TOURNAMENTS

Change: A new paragraph to be added at the end of section (a)

Any clubs hosting a state tournament shall be responsible for the following:

- 1- Seasoned discs
- 2- Swept courts that are mold free
- 3- Clean benches that are mold free
- 4- Lunch area
- 5- Members to wax discs
- 6- Members to sweep and bead courts

Clubs that do not comply are subject to losing that tournament as directed by the voting body of the FSA.

Rationale: Clubs hosting a State tournament should comply with this rule, these are not outrageous requirements. Players coming from near and far should have these minimal requirements. Clubs not having enough help and interest should voluntary give their tournament to another club that can maintain these standards.

Having a rule in the Preview would make all clubs aware that if these guidelines are not followed, there could be consequences. This proposal is on the floor for all the voting body to review. If you would like to modify any or all of it I would appreciate your input with suggestions and corrections

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Assigned TD38

EXISTING RULE...C - PLAYING RULES

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. 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.

Change: To be added:

Players may remove dead discs from gutters.

Rationale:

Many discs become airborne when coming off a court, striking the top of a dead disc in the gutter and going onto another court hitting a live disc and sometimes worse, by striking a player. Our rules do not permit us to remove such dead discs. In allowing the removal of these discs we may prevent undo injuries.

No one wants to hurt anyone or be penalized for hitting discs on adjacent courts

Assigned TD39

Date: Jan 7, 2016

Art 7 a

Add after(or may group all bye or (sub bracket) players together) IN DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS ONLY, Rationale: Having four teams in one bracket and eight in another is inherently unfair. Teams in the small bracket have a 50% chance of placing, one in the main and one in consolation, while the teams in the larger have a 25% chance of coming in. Also, percentages show that the larger the bracket the more likelihood of their being more better teams thus lowering the chance of coming in. I believe that percentages would show that rather than speed up a tournament it will slow it down, as a bracket with 4 teams will play four matches or from 8 to 12 games depending on how many three game matches there are, while an 8 team bracket will play 10 matches or from 20 to 30 games. It is the three game matches that slow up a tournament and the larger the bracket the more likelihood there is of more 3 game matches. If a District chooses to do this so be it but not at the State level where players are traveling long distances, spending large sums of money and are trying to achieve certain goals. They should be playing on a level field which the standard format was.

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