

FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION  
MASTERS TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

Standing Rule 18(j) states, "In the Masters all ties will be broken by head to head results or remain ties if this does not break the ties."

The meaning of the rule is fairly clear when there are only two people tied for a position. We need only look at the results of the three-game match played between the tied individuals. The person with the most wins in that match will be awarded the higher place. In other words, if Player "A" and Player "B" are tied for second place, but Player "A" beat Player "B" two-to-one in their head to head match, then Player "A" will be awarded second place and Player "B" will be awarded third place.

The system becomes more complicated when there are three or more players tied at the end of play. Here, we must examine the head to head play of all involved parties. The tie can only be broken if one individual in the tied group has defeated all of the other members of the group in head to head play. For example, if Players "A", "B" and "C" are all tied for second place and an examination of the individual matches reveals that Player "A" has defeated both Players "B" and "C" in head to head competition, then Player "A" would be declared to have placed second. We would then examine the head to head results between Players "B" and "C". The winner of that match would place third in this scenario and the loser would be placed in 4<sup>th</sup> position. However, *if no player in a tied group has defeated all of the other players in that group, then the tie would be declared to be unbreakable and all members of that group would share the tied position.*

The same criteria can be applied to any number of ties.

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