



RULES, INTERPRETATIONS AND INFORMATION

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NOTIFYING OPPONENT WHEN WAXING DISCS

Q: Is it necessary to notify your opponent when having your discs waxed between games?

A: There is no requirement in the FSA rules for such notification to be made. It is a customary courtesy, but not a requirement.

SUBMITTING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

In order to speed the posting of tournament results and to reduce the workload of the Keeper of Records, all FSA tournament results should be submitted electronically via the form found on the FSA website or by email if using the TnMation program. Tournament directors without access to the internet are asked to have another person submit the results on their behalf.

MEASURING DISCS ON THE LAG LINE

Measuring discs not touching the lag line is quite simple. You simply measure the distance from the edge of the disc nearest the line to the edge of the line nearest the disc. However, when the discs are on the line, the task becomes far more difficult. Rule C-2c tells us to measure from the center of the disc to the center of the line, but that is virtually impossible since it is impossible to see the center of the disc and center of the line at the same time and finding the center is still another problem. The best method of making the measurement is to place a straightedge against the edge of the disc farthest from the line, then, after measuring to be sure the straightedge is parallel to the lag line, measure the distance between the straightedge and the closest edge of the lag line. The disc with the shortest measurement is the winning disc.



LUNCH TIME

The FSA rules do not stipulate how long players have for lunch. Instead, it is governed by past practice, which, at least in the Central District, is 20 minutes. However, I learned that it is not necessarily true everywhere when a player from another district failed to appear on the court after lunch until the third call. It turns out he had left the property expecting to have thirty minutes for lunch. The point of this message is to ensure that all players are familiar with your expectations.

WAXED DISCS AND SPEED SHOTS

FSA rules do not required that speed shots be taken before the discs are waxed for the 2nd game. However, Rule C-1a and C-2a clearly limit the number of speed shots to two (2). Therefore, if a player or team elects to have their discs waxed before taking their speed shots, they would still be entitled to use them afterward. If, however, the player or team takes their speed shots before having the discs waxed, they are not entitled to taken them again. Under no circumstances is any player to be allowed more than a total of two speed shots and 8 practice shots before game 1 or 2 of a match begins.

SITTING BETWEEN SHOTS

I was asked if sitting down while your opponent shoots violates Rule C-9 or C-9a. The answer is NO. The intent of these rules is to prohibit interference with the shooter. They do not prohibit the non-shooting player from sitting down, so long as the act of sitting does not cause interference with the shooter.

READING THE RULE

The FSA Board has determined that all Tournament Directors, when rendering a decision on the rules, shall be prepared to read the relevant rule to the concerned player or players upon request. It is not necessary to read the rule unless it is requested by the concerned player.

RULES CHANGES

Review of the 10-Day Notices by the FSA Board on March 13 has resulted in several rule changes, including a 5-point penalty for unauthorized use of electronic devices on the court. However, it must be remembered that no rule changes will take effect until October 1, 2010.