

PROTOCOLS FOR FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION (FSA) TOURNAMENTS
For 2021-2022 Season beginning October 18, 2021 and ending April 8, 2022

Recognizing that FSA players are mostly within a high-risk category, the following protocols are being instituted for the **FSA Statewide and District events. Proof of Covid vaccination is not required by the FSA for State or District Tournaments.** These protocols may be revised as necessary.

VENUES

1. Venues will return to 100% occupancy with 9:00 AM start time. Preregistration no longer required.
2. It is recommended that all windows, side curtains, etc. always remain open while the facility is occupied.
3. All Covid-19 directives and recommendations developed by FSA must be observed by clubs, players and directors.
4. Registrations are to be held in an open-air environment, except in inclement weather.
5. Clubs will be allowed to serve/sell food including refreshments, per their discretion, with cooks/servers required to wear masks and gloves.
6. Venues that decline to agree to the FSA Protocols, will have their scheduled tournaments postponed, moved or cancelled.

FANS – Fans will be allowed.

SANITATION

Each club is encouraged to supply hand sanitizer available for players and staff. However, players will be advised that it is primarily their responsibility to have their own hand sanitizer supply and masks as necessary.

PLAYER EXCLUSIONS

1. Any FSA member who has been in **close contact** with a Covid-19 positive individual prior to an FSA State or District tournament, shall adhere to the following CDC guidelines or be barred from tournament participation: Per CDC Updated October 4, 2021:
 - a. *Quarantine if you have been in **close contact** (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has Covid-19, unless you have been **fully vaccinated**. People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had Covid-19 unless they have **symptoms**. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.*
 - b. *People who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated should quarantine and get tested immediately after being identified as a close contact. If the test is negative, they should get tested again 5-7 days after last exposure and continue to quarantine. If symptoms develop during quarantine, they should **isolate** and get tested immediately.*
 - i. ***Isolation** is used to separate people infected with Covid-19 from those who are not infected. People who are in isolation should stay home until it's safe for them to be around others.*

TOURNAMENT ARRIVAL

1. Each day of the tournament, players will be met at the facility entrance by a designated club member for a temperature check. Any player with a temperature exceeding 100 degrees or who displays symptoms of illness will not be admitted to the facility.
2. Those players admitted to the facility for the first time will be provided with a registration form.
 - a. A special registration/release form has been produced for use during the pandemic. It includes additional wording for pandemic issues and contact tracing information.
 - b. It can be found on the Forms section of the FSA website and must be used for all statewide and district tournaments during the pandemic period.
 - c. Everyone entering the venue, including players and those who may accompany them, directors and volunteers must complete the form completely for every separate tournament.
 - d. Registration forms must be filled in completely each time you register.
 - i. Refusal to comply may be cause for exclusion from the tournament.
3. Spectators will be allowed. However, all spectators must sign a release form and be subject to all the rules set forth in this directive, including temperature check.
4. By signing the registration form, players also agree to abide by all special health regulations imposed by competent authority, including the host club.
5. Anyone who fails to observe any rules or who displays obvious signs of illness once admitted will be disqualified from the tournament and be required to immediately leave the premises.

MASKS

Wearing of face masks on all shuffleboard courts is optional; wearing of face masks in enclosed clubhouses is mandatory, with the exception of while eating or drinking indoors.

OTHER SPECIAL RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Rules will be relaxed to allow players to maintain proper distancing from their opponent if they wish; ie, players are permitted to sit on the bench on the adjoining court if not in use or if a player wishes not to sit on same bench as opponent due to Covid-19 concerns, players will be allowed to sit behind the player's bench at an appropriate distance without penalty. Clubs will provide chairs/benches **where possible** OR a player may bring their own chair to sit in.

DISTRICTS

Districts shall adhere to all protocols for all District-sanctioned events.