

RULES CHANGE 10-DAY NOTICE

Re: Limited R.O.C. Lifetime Points for State Amateurs

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WHAT THESE CHANGES DO:

A. Makes State Amateurs, after reaching the 5 Move-Up Points needed to be advanced to Pro, eligible to earn lifetime R.O.C. points (one point per tournament maximum) by placing in any State Open Tournament that same season.

B. Excludes State Amateurs from eligibility for the Pro Masters.

REASONS FOR THESE CHANGES:

As currently practiced by the FSA, Roll of Champions points are always awarded only to Pro players even though Amateur players are eligible to play and place in State Open Tournaments. Yet the time, effort and expense for an Amateur to participate in State Open Tournaments is the same as for a Pro, and the skill required to place in the tournament is no less for an Amateur.

A State Amateur has an incentive to enter State Open Tournaments as a means to gain Amateur Move-Up Points in the quest for Pro status. However, there is no longer any points incentive for State Amateurs to enter State Open Tournaments once the Move-Up Points necessary to be awarded Pro status have been achieved, which could occur as early in a season as the first District Amateur, State Amateur or State Open Tournament.

I propose here a series of amendments to the FSA Rules and Regulations to add incentive and reward for State Amateurs to continue entering State Open Tournaments in the same season as they have accumulated their final Move-Up Point. Under these amendments, a State Amateur, after earning their final Move-Up Point for advancement to Pro, can earn one Roll of Champions lifetime point by placing in a pro State Open Tournament the same season. This will also add incentive for the State Amateur to achieve their final Move-Up Point as early in the season as possible by traveling outside their District for tournaments so they can start earning some R.O.C. points, which will accustom such players to travel for tournaments.

Due to the way the STATE AND DISTRICT TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS are currently worded, the easiest and clearest way to make this change is with two amendments: the first to make both Pros and State Amateurs eligible for the Roll of Champions points given in State Open Tournaments, and the second amendment to reduce points given to a State Amateur for a place to just one point, not the full points given to Pros. So as not to affect the Masters points race for Pro players, a third amendment is included to explicitly state that only Pro players are eligible for the Masters.

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A. TWO AMENDMENTS TO AWARD LIMITED R.O.C. POINTS TO STATE AMATEURS

1. Be it resolved that Article 10, Section (e) of the STATE AND DISTRICT TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS as found on Page 136 of the 2023-2024 preview is amended, by adding a new phrase to the first sentence:

To Read as Amended:

(e) Points to be given in Open Tournaments listed in the Centerfold of the Preview, in accordance with the F.S.A. Roll of Champions Point System **are awarded to Pros, and to State Amateurs that have previously accumulated the move-up points necessary to be advanced to Pro, as follows:**

2. Be it resolved that Article 10, Section (e) of the STATE AND DISTRICT TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS as found on Page 136 of the 2023-2024 preview is amended, by adding a new sentence to the end of the section:

New Sentence to Read:

Points to be given to a State Amateur in an Open Tournament listed in the Centerfold of the Preview that are greater than one (1) point per the foregoing provisions shall be reduced to one (1) point.

B. AMENDMENT TO EXCLUDE STATE AMATEURS FROM ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MASTERS

1. Be it resolved that Rule 18, section (b) of the STANDING RULES as found on Page 140 of the 2023-2024 preview is amended, by adding the word “Pro” in two places:

To Read as Amended:

(b) The eight (8) **Pro** men and eight (8) **Pro** 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 Tournament.