



SOUTHWEST COAST DISTRICT OPERATING RULES

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1. Organization and Meeting

The Southwest Coast District (SWCD) Organization shall operate under the Constitution and Bylaws of the Florida Shuffleboard Association, Inc., Section 3 titled District Organizations and the Roberts Rules of Order. Rules pertinent to use only, and District Operating Rules shall help govern the District. These Rules may be changed, altered, or eliminated by a simple majority vote by members of the District Board with voting privileges.

All meetings of the SWCD will be open meetings to be held in November, January and March. Each Club President or designee shall represent that Club and vote along with the elected Executive Board only.

If a problem arises between scheduled meetings, the President, at his or her discretion, or a majority of the Executive Board may call and hold a closed or open meeting what is necessary to continue a smooth running SWCD. Standing rule with on bylaw change. (3/9/02)

2. Membership Rights

We hereby authorize the District Executive Board to enforce all practices hereto agreed upon and to refuse membership to a new applicant or suspend or drop any Member Club that fails or refuses to pursue established customs, or that discriminates against members of their own Club, or members of any other affiliated Club. It is hereby agreed that every member of any and all affiliated Clubs shall have the same rights and privileges, including the right of a member of more than one Club in the State of Florida, to choose which of these clubs he will represent in tournaments.

3. Listing of Tournaments

Each club proposing to conduct any sanctioned tournament (State or National) during the active season (October – April) shall submit to the District President, a statement showing the title and date.

4. Listing Winners in PREVIEW

List all State Amateurs and Pros in the PREVIEW for five (5) years after the last point won. (11/2/19)

5. Eligibility Rules

The District shall operate under the eligibility rules of the FSA, and a District rule that conflicts with this rule is hereby rescinded. See FSA rules regarding eligibility and the penalty for playing in a lower division than is legal. (10/30/07)

6. Listing of Winners

Authorize that all District tournament winners, both in the main event and consolation shall be listed in the PREVIEW, even if it requires additional space.

7. Returning to a Lower Division

All Players wishing to return to a lower division must write a letter stating these wishes and send it to the President or Keeper of Records before April 15th so it can be recorded in the PREVIEW.

8. District Rules

- a. All District tournaments shall be played in accordance with State and District shuffleboard rules as published in the PREVIEW.
- b. Opening ceremony shall start at 8:45 am and be completed by 9:00 am.
(3/17/07)
- c. No new games may start after 5:00 pm and everyone stops play at 5:30 pm, at the discretion of the Tournament Director. (1/7/06)
- d. Amateurs will play draw any doubles and will play a 24-frame game, 12 frames on each color. Our District Amateur Tournaments include State Amateurs (which may play up in the Pro Division or down in the Amateur Division). If there are not enough players to fill 8 teams, the Tournament Director may use a singles format or a mingle/single format for that tournament. (1/5/08, 11/3/13, 11/5/16, 11/2/19, 3/7/26)
 1. State Amateur players who play in District Amateur Tournaments will earn master points and will not accumulate move-up points. District Amateurs who play in District Tournaments will accumulate both move-up and master points.
 2. No two State Amateur players who play in a District Amateur Tournament may play together (as partners).
 3. District Amateur players do not earn district master points unless the tournament is 'labeled' by a letter/number, such as A-1, A-2, etc. on the

annual SWCD schedule (this clarity is for the NO 2 PROS and the PRO & 1 District Am tournaments).

- e. A minimum of 5 points in a 3-year period are required to advance from District to State Am, and for State Am to move up to Pro as follows:
- Less than 8 teams/singles: no move up points awarded.
 - 8-11 teams/singles: ½ point for finishing in the main, ¼ point for finishing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in consolation.
 - 12 – 15 teams/singles: 1 point for finishing in the main, ½ point for finishing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in consolation.
 - 16 or more teams/singles: 1 point for finishing in the main, ½ point for finishing in the consolation.

In all cases, no points will be awarded to any player who fails to win at least one match during the tournament.

A minimum of 8 teams is required in a District Amateur tournament for move up points to be awarded.

Exception: No matter the size of the STATE Amateur Tournament, all Amateurs should get move up points (1 in the main, 1/2 in the consolation, no point for 4th place in the consolation if less than 16 teams) as long as at least one match has been won. (11/1/08, 11/2/19, 1/7/23, 1/3/26, 3/7/26)

- f. Southwest Coast Outstanding Achievement pins to be awarded to the top 8 men and ladies, (1/3/09, 3/7/26)
- g. Draw Tournaments: if odd man and odd woman registers to play, they can play together in either tournament based on the discretion of the Tournament Director with the approval of the two players. If only 1 odd player, the last to register from the Host Club must relinquish play. If there is no player registered from the Host Club, then last player to register cannot play unless we have a volunteer. (3/5/22)
- h. Starting in 2016, there will be three District Master Tournaments. District Amateur, State Amateur, and Pro Divisions. Tournament Directors for the Masters event will be paid \$300 and host club will be paid current cost of beads. (3/5/22)
- i. Master points for both Open and Amateur District Tournaments shall be as follows: Main 5-4-3-2; Consolation 2-1-1-0 (2-1-1-.5 if there are 16 or more

teams/singles in the tournament). In all cases, no points will be awarded to any player who fails to win at least one match during the tournament. (3/7/26)

Master points will be awarded regardless of the number of teams in the tournament, provided at least one match is won. Amateurs will only earn the higher of the move up and master points if they play in more than one tournament in the same week. (1/7/23, 11/16/24)

Amateur master points at Pro Tournaments are not credited toward District Hall of Fame points. (3/5/22)

9. Financial Report

All clubs hosting a district tournament must file a statement of receipts and expenditures for each tournament. Financial forms will be issued to each club prior to the tournament. When the district tournament financial report is completed, it shall be given to the District President.

10. Payment of Expenses

- a. The district shall pay the expense of banquet tickets for the President and spouse, First Vice President and spouse, State Delegate and spouse to attend the Annual State Banquet.
- b. The district shall provide funds for one (1) night lodging for the President and spouse and the State Delegate and spouse.
- c. When a person is inducted to the Florida Hall of Fame from the SWCD, the District will provide funds for one (1) night lodging for that person and spouse and pay for the banquet ticket for inductee(s).
- d. The President shall be paid \$150, and the Secretary, Treasurer and Keeper of Records shall be paid \$75 at the end of the season.
- e. State and District Tournament Directors will be paid \$100 (except for large tournaments with 3 or more charts; a maximum of \$150). Tournament entry fees cover the \$100 of Tournament Director fees and remainder of monies paid from the \$0.50 registration fee of each registered player. Any excess monies collected go to the District Treasury, and if there is a shortfall it shall be paid by the District Treasury. (3/5/22, 11/1/25)
- f. Assistant Tournament Directors who work two full days will be paid \$25 from District funds. (3/7/26)

- g. Tournament entry fee is \$10.00. (1/11/25)

11. Nominations and Elections

- a. The elective officers of the SWCD are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Keeper of Records, State Delegate, and Alternate State Delegate, National Delegate, and Alternate National Delegate. A representative of SWCD Tournament Directors will have voting privileges. (1/9/16)
- b. The office of President may not be held for more than three (3) consecutive full years.
- c. Each Vice President must be from a different club and different from the club of the president.
- d. Each Vice President must be willing to move up to the office of the President.
- e. The President, in cooperation with the Executive Board, shall name a three (3) to five (5) member committee on nomination, with the first person named being the chairperson. Members of this committee should understand the needs of the district and responsibilities of each office.
- f. The nominating committee shall name their members at the January meeting. The election should take place at the March meeting, and the new offices will be installed at that time.
- g. A majority is required to elect. An election committee shall count the votes in secret. The vote will be reported to the presiding officer and destroyed, but only the winner will be announced publicly.

12. Plaque for President

- a. A President who has served the district for at least one (1) full year shall be given a plaque at the end of his or her term.

13. Hall of Fame Eligibility and Nominations

- a. An SWCD HOF was established January 3, 2015 to honor players, past presidents and special contributors. Points earned by Amateur players do not count toward the HOF points. (1/9/16, 3/5/2022)
- b. A three-tier approach will be used to update SWCD Hall of Fame (HOF) eligibility for players from 200 points to 150 points. Starting with the 2026-27 season, points required for entry into the SWCD HOF will be:

- All present players who have earned 175 points or more are now regarded as having achieved SWCD HOF status. They will be inducted into the SWCD HOF in March of 2027.
 - All present players who have earned 150-174 points need to reach 175 points to enter the SWCD HOF.
 - All other players will need to earn 150 points to qualify for the SWCD HOF.
(3/7/26)
- c. Special Contributor who has devoted five (5) or more years to the SWCD shuffleboard in a way that denotes their contribution. A Special Contributor is one who contributes to the inner workings of the Board or regularly volunteers his/her services to a club in the SWCD. This person is also known for good sportsmanship, and their general presence reflects positively upon District shuffleboard.
 - d. Past Presidents of the SWCD serving three (3) years may be nominated for HOF.
 - e. A Hall of Fame committee will be established by the current SWCD President each year. The current President will Chair the committee to include past presidents and choose up to three (3) more district members with a strong history of players in the SWCD. Other appointees cannot be from the same club.
 - f. Nominations for the SWCD HOF will be accepted from current district club Presidents through February 1st of each year. Each nomination shall include a letter listing all achievements/resume of the candidate. A maximum of two special contributors can be admitted to the HOF annually.
 - g. Discussion of special contributor candidates and voting by secret ballot shall be in closed session with SWCD board members and HOF committee (each qualified member of the board is entitled to vote for not more than two candidates). A candidate must receive a majority of the vote to be elected from that session. Results of secret ballot shall not be numerically announced. The Committee Chair (or assistant) will merely announce the names of those who have been elected.
 - h. A special ceremony will be held in March each year to celebrate the new inductees.