

St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club League Rules

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THE NUMBER ONE RULE!

This is a recreational league. First and foremost the league is for fun. Although some of our rules may be similar to tournament rules of other clubs, some will not. Please do not expect this to run like an FSA tournament or the way other clubs would run it.

FORMAT

All games are doubles format.

Practice round start promptly at 7 PM. Games start promptly at 7:10 PM. I will put discs out at around 6:40 PM. No practicing on the courts until then. If your team does not have enough players by 7:10 PM you will forfeit that game. (See Substitutes)

For each set of games, a team will play yellow on one court, and black on the other. If you can't come to an agreement about which team plays yellow or black on which court, flip a coin.

Weeks 1 – 7:

Each night the teams play six games (two at a time x3). A game is 12 frames. You get one practice round before the game starts (down and back once, then the game starts). This is confusing to new players but after the first game you'll get it!

For each game won, your team wins 10 points. A team can win up to 60 points a week. For each game lost, 4 points. If two teams tie they each win 7 points. A team that forfeits earns 0 points per game.

Week 8, playoff night:

The top twelve teams will compete in a playoff. The top four teams will have a bye in the first round, and will join in the second round.

RAIN-OUTS

We make every effort to call a rain-out by 6 PM. Rain-outs will be announced on our FB group and via email. You all know how Florida weather is; we will use our best judgment with the information we have at the time.

Week 1 - 7:

There are no rain make-ups. We will not be adding additional weeks to make up any games canceled because of rain. If we are rained out in the middle of an evening, it will be up to the league director to determine if completed games count and if we continue with the schedule the next week or start a new schedule.

Week 8, playoffs:

If we are rained out on playoff night, the playoffs will continue the following evening. The Monday league would resume playoffs on Tuesday. The Wednesday league would resume playoffs Thursday.

TIES

Week 1 – 7:

Ties remain ties, each team receives 7 points.

Week 8, playoffs:

For all the games except the final: In the event of a tie, one player from each team will lag for a tie breaker. Lagging will be explained to you in greater detail if needed.

Title game: In the event of a tie during the final playoff game, the teams will play an additional four frames. If the teams are still tied after the four frames then they will lag.

SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

Week 1 – 7:

If your team does not have enough players a particular week, you can bring in a substitute. If your team does not have at least 4 players you will have to forfeit one game per match. You ARE allowed to play one game and forfeit the other that evening. Any abuse of this rule will be addressed by the league director. Players cannot play two sides of the court. A substitute needs to be a club member. If that substitute is used for more than one night, they need to pay the \$25 league fee.

Week 8, playoffs:

No substitutes are allowed on the night of the playoffs.

ADDING PLAYERS TO YOUR ROSTER

You may add a player to your roster within the first three weeks. After the third week there will be NO additions.

FILLING OUT SCORESHEETS

After each match you are responsible for checking that the correct winning teams were written down. If the winner of a game is left blank or I cannot tell who won or lost, BOTH teams will receive losses. If you believe the league director made an error in entering your team's record you must address that problem before the next week.

COMMON QUESTIONS

DISAGREEMENTS

If you run into an issue, be it scoring or otherwise, that you cannot come to an agreement on with your opponent, please come get the league director. Their decision, if you like it or not, is final.

CALLING DISCS IN OR OUT

It is the responsibility of the players on the opposite side of the shooters to correctly call discs in or out before the next player shoots. They are also responsible for putting the score on the scoreboard correctly. If there is still a disagreement, a player from the adjacent court with two different teams (not your teams) should make the final call. Do not interrupt a shooter to ask to make a call! You must rule before the next disc is shot.

SCORING

If an error occurs in the scoring at the end of a frame, and it is discovered before the next frame is completed, the error must be corrected. Otherwise the score as scored on the scoreboard must stand, unless both sides agree on the correction.

DISCS THAT RICOCHET BACK ONTO COURT & DISCS THAT ARE ACCIDENTALLY MOVED

We get asked this a lot. If your discs are often bouncing off the back so hard they are ending up back on the court, think about if you really need to shoot so hard. (Sometimes the light poles get in the way of clearing a disc - you can't help that.)

If a dead disc rebounds or ricochets back onto the court and it does not touch a live disc, just remove it.

If a disc rebounds or ricochets back onto the court and it does touch a live disc, then you have to play that frame over.

If a disc is moved by mistake during play, it will be placed back in its former position, as close as possible. If multiple discs have been moved and it's difficult to get them back in their proper locations, then the frame should be replayed.

ETIQUETTE

1. Do not interrupt a player while shooting.
2. No shouting down the court to "coach" your teammate. You may ask what the score is.

3. No talking on your cellphone on the court during a game.
4. Guests are welcome to come watch, but they need to sit in the grandstand or stand behind the benches and not interrupt players.
5. No smoking inside the fenced area of the club.
6. No excessive drinking.
7. Experienced players, please help the new players learn the game.
8. Treat all players, volunteers, and staff with respect. If you are not respecting other players or the club itself you may be asked to leave the premises and further actions may be taken.
9. Throw away your trash, erase your scoreboard, and bring your cues, discs, chalk, and erasers back to the clubhouse at the end of the night.

As a participant in the St Petersburg Shuffleboard Club league, you must agree with the following provisions:

1. I will abide by all of the rules above.
2. I will exhibit good sportsmanship, both on and off the court.
3. I will be respectful and friendly to all players.
4. I will treat the volunteers and staff dedicating their time and efforts to make this event a success with respect.
5. Infringements of any of the above provisions may result in a forfeiture of the game.