

## PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS FOR FLORIDA SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENTS

Recognizing that F.S.A. players are mostly within a high-risk category; the following protocols have been instituted for **F.S.A. Statewide and District events**. These protocols may be revised, as necessary.

### A. VENUES

1. Venues will be limited to no more than 50% occupancy (every other court).
  - a. Indoor occupancy may be further reduced using indoor dining requirements as required by other authorities.
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 the C.D.C., State of Florida, county, city, or property owners must be observed by clubs, players, and directors.
4. No food items will be prepared, served, or sold at tournament venues.
5. Clubhouses shall be closed, except for restrooms.
6. Venues that decline to agree to these protocols or are in an area where permitted group size is less than 50 people will have their scheduled tournaments postponed, moved, or cancelled.

### B. COURTS

1. Play will be on every other court only.
  - a. For example, a venue with 24 courts will have only 12 courts available for tournament play.

### C. FANS

1. Fans that blow air from one person to another are prohibited.

### D. SANITATION

1. Host clubs shall sanitize all discs, court benches and scoreboard each day before players are allowed on the courts
2. All commonly touched surfaces in restrooms shall be sanitized before they are opened for the day and again around noon.
3. Each club is encouraged to a supply of 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.
4. Clubs may charge up to \$2.00 per player as a "sanitation" fee in addition to the normal registration fee to defray the cost of sanitation measures.

### E. TOURNAMENT SIZE

1. In no case shall the number of teams in any division exceed twice the number of courts available for play at any venue.
2. If the total number of teams in both divisions exceeds twice the number of available courts, the Men's Division will begin on Monday and the Women's Division will begin Tuesday.
3. Each Division will play through the quarterfinals on their first day. Both Division will finish play on Wednesday.
4. To ensure that each division will be complete play in two days, no division shall exceed 32 entries.
5. An 8:30 a.m. start time is recommended to ensure that three rounds are completed each day.
  - a. Host clubs that adopt the 8:30 a.m. start time must notify the FSA webmaster before registration begins for that tournament.
6. The 4:00 P.M. last call rule may be waived at the tournament director's discretion.

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### F. REGISTRATION

1. Preregistration will be required in order to reduce direct contact with tournament officials, insure that players are not turned away from a venue due to overcrowding and to provide players an opportunity to register at an alternative location if their first choice is at capacity.
2. Players who have not preregistered will not be admitted to the venue unless a cancellation has been received by the tournament director.
3. A Registrar will be appointed each week by the State Tournament Director and his/her name shall be posted on the FSA Bulletin Board. Players/teams must register via email with the Registrar between 8:00 a.m. on the Friday before the tournament and 4:00 P.M. on the Sunday preceding a scheduled tournament. The name of both team members, the desired venue and a contact phone number must be included in the email. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis.
4. The Registrar shall maintain a list of all players/teams for each division of each tournament scheduled for the upcoming week.
5. Once capacity is reached in any division, the Registrar will notify the Webmaster who will publish that information on the website. The Registrar will also notify any players/teams who register after a division limit has been reached, giving them the opportunity to register for an alternate venue or to be put first onto the list for the next tournament.
6. The tournament directors assigned to each tournament must similarly notify the Registrar.
7. As soon as possible after the close of registration, the Registrar will email each director a list of all entries for their respective tournaments.
8. Districts shall decide if a registrar is required for their District tournaments.

### G. TOURNAMENT ARRIVAL

1. Each day of the tournament, registered players will be met at the facility entrance by a designated club member. Any player with a temperature exceeding 100 degrees or who displays symptoms of illness will not be admitted to the facility.
2. If the tournament is a team event, both team members must enter the facility at the same time.
3. Those players admitted to the facility for the first time will be provided with a registration form.
4. Spectators will not be admitted to the facility. However, individuals accompanying registered players may enter and remain on the premises but must sign a release form and be subject to all the rules set forth in this directive.
5. By signing the registration form, players also agree to abide by all special health regulations imposed by competent authority, including the host club. Including, wearing an acceptable face mask always while on the club's premises or when within 6 feet of individuals not in your family group.
  - a. There will be no exception to the mask policy even with a medical excuse.
6. Masks may be removed while eating or drinking, but appropriate distance must then be maintained.
  - a. The CDC does not recommend the use of a face shield worn in lieu of a face mask and, as such, a face shield alone is not acceptable for F.S.A. events.
7. Anyone who fails to observe any special health rules or who displays obvious signs of illness once admitted will be disqualified from the tournament and be required to immediately leave the premises.

### H. DRAW

1. Completed registration forms shall be submitted to the tournament director in the manner her/she designates as soon as possible after arrival.

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2. Tournament directors shall conduct an independent blind draw prior to the start of the tournament. Players will not participate in the draw. If facilities permit appropriate distancing, one independent observer will attend the draw.
3. No one will be admitted to the tournament director's office without permission of the director.

### I. RESTROOMS

1. Only one person at a time will be permitted in restrooms.
2. A tape line is recommended to be placed six feet from the restroom door.
3. Where possible, restroom doors should be left open when unoccupied.

### J. OTHER SPECIAL RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that each player bring their own chair to allow appropriate seating space when not on the courts.
2. No discs will be waxed during play.
3. Discs will be left on the court until the end of play each day.
4. Courts will not be swept once play begins.
5. Beads may be added according to normal rules.
6. Only one person at a time may view tournament charts.
7. Only the tournament director may touch the charts or the surface upon which they are mounted.
  - a. A tape indicator is recommended six feet from the charts to remind players to maintain a safe distance.
8. Players who have been eliminated from the tournament, and anyone accompanying them, are asked to vacate the premises or wait in an area removed from the courts.
9. Players playing the head of the court will be supplied with a piece of chalk or dry erase marker, as appropriate, and an eraser for their personal use throughout the day.
  - a. They are responsible maintain possession of those items and for returning them to a designated spot at the end of their day.

### K. DISTRICTS

1. Districts shall adhere to all protocols, except the registrar as noted, for all District sanctioned events.