Rules Governing the Masters Tournament

Northern District of the Florida Shuffleboard Association

1. The Masters Tournament is an official sanctioned event of the Northern District of the Florida State Shuffleboard association with a Ladies and Men's division for both Pros and Amateurs.

2. The Host Club must have a minimum of sixteen (16) courts in good playing condition.

3. During the October meeting, the President will call for invitations from clubs so equipped and desiring to act as host club for the following year's designated tournaments.

4. The choice of the Host Club is to be determined by the majority vote of the District Executive Board at the January meeting. The host club may be rotated between a club East of the St. John River on one year and a club West of the river the following year.

5. Eight ladies and eight men In the Pro division and eight ladies and eight men in the Amateur division who earn the most points as determined by the keeper of records of the Northern District shall be identified as Masters players and will be invited to play in the Masters.

6. Points for the Masters are earned only in Northern District tournaments.

7. Each player will play each other player in his/her division two games (16 frames or 75 points whichever comes first) for a total of 14 games. The number of games won by each player determines order of finish in each division.

8. Players must observe all published FSA Rules and Regulations for tournament play, including Playing Rules, Decorum, and all Standards for sportsmanship.

9. Opponents will be chosen per the seeding playoff schedule approved by the FSA, 2011. See recent Previews.

10. A Tournament Director from the Northern District will direct this tournament. The Tournament Director is authorized to appoint as many assistants as he deems necessary.

11. If two or more players tie for the eighth place at the end of regular season, this tie or ties must be played off to assure that only eight players in each division are identified to play. All play-off matches will consist of "best two out of three, 75-point games."

    A. Two players tied: Play one match. The winner qualifies to play in the Masters.

    B. Three Players tied: Tied players will draw. The players having numbers 2 and 3 will play a match. The winner will then play a match with the player having number 1. The winner qualifies for play in the Masters.

C. Four players tied: Tied players will draw. The players having numbers 1 and 2 will play a match. The players drawing 3 and 4 will play a match. The winners of these matches will then play each other. The winner of this final match qualifies for play in the Masters.

D. Three (3) players tied for 7th and 8th places: Tied players will draw. The players drawing numbers 2 and 3 will play a match. The winner becomes 7th on the Masters List. The loser will play a match with the player who drew number 1. The winner of this match becomes 8th on the Masters List (playoff of ties beyond those listed will be similar).

12. The play-off of these ties shall be on neutral courts convenient for the players involved. Unless, if time permits, these matches can be played during or after the Tournament of Champions at the location of the Tournament of Champions. Otherwise, the District President or his/her designated representative will determine the location and time of the play-off.

13. If the Masters results in a tie for First Place the rules listed in #11A shall apply except for one 16 frame game shall determine the winner unless the tied players agree to accept the tie. If one game is played the players will change color at the end of 8 frames.

14. If a player withdraws at any time during the event, all, the next eligible player on the Roll of Champions shall be given the option of being the alternate in the Masters. No player shall pass on his/her selection as a Masters player in order to be an alternate. If a player forfeits during a game, said game is a loss and the alternate assumes his/her position for the remainder of the Masters Tournament. The alternate and player shall share wins, losses, and position in the Masters.

15. If anyone of the top eight players in any division chooses not to play in the Masters, recognition is given through a footnote indicating their position and their desire not to play. Players below move up one with number nine becoming number eight.

16. All games will be non-walking singles.

17. The eight players who qualify in each division and any alternate called upon to play will receive a pin. A player who qualifies to play in the Masters, and for any reason elects not to play, will also receive a pin.

18. The Masters will cover two days with matches starting at 8:45 a.m. An effort will be made to play eight (8) or more games on the first day and the balance on the second day.

19. In the event of a tie or ties for any position other than first there will be no play-off.

20. Pushers will be present on each court.

21. Tournament participants (players, workers, and spouses) will be invited to dinner if one is supplied. The club hosting the Masters is not required to have a dinner, however, may elect to host one.

22. The host club is responsible for obtaining sponsors for the Tournament. The host club will furnish coffee and donuts each of the two days, will conduct no 50/50, and will receive $200 from the Northern District to cover expenses. The Northern District treasurer will pay the tournament director $100 for directing the tournament.

23. If possible, the Masters will be held on Thursday and Friday two weeks following the last regular Northern District tournament.

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