What to Expect When Playing in an FSA Shuffleboard Tournament

- It is very important to read and understand the rules before entering a tournament. The rules are available on the Florida Shuffleboard Association (FSA) and Northern District Shuffleboard (NDFSA) Association websites.
- You must wear closed toe shoes or sandals with closed toe coverings to play.
- You should consider bringing a chair, lunch & snacks for between matches.
- To enter a tournament, provide your FSA number, pay the $10 entry fee, and sign the entry and release form (both partners must sign-in at the same time if it's a doubles tournament). New players who do not yet have an FSA number should provide their name and home club and will be assigned an FSA number once the FSA Keeper of Records is able to assign the new players' number (usually the same or next day).
- The Tournament Director will announce when it is time for the draw. Players then submit their signed entry and release forms and randomly select a slip showing their tournament chart line number and court assignment. At the court, the player or team with the lower line number starts on yellow. A randomized electronic draw is being introduced in 2026.
- The Tournament Director will announce the game format being played if it's not listed on the schedule (for example, 75 points, 12 frames or 75 points, 16 frames or 75 points).
- Each match begins with practice shots: start with two speed shots per player, followed by two full rounds of setup shots per player, for a total of 10 practice shots per player. If the match goes to game 3, there are no set-up shots for that game.
- Each match is the best two out of three games.
- The winning team completes and signs the court card and returns it to the Tournament Director.
- The Tournament Director will announce the next court assignment for the advancing players.
- Players may review the tournament bracket chart to see their position in the tournament and the payout schedule for each finishing position between matches
- Play continues in this manner until the tournament is completed.

Sportsmanship

Please remember that tournaments are meant to be both competitive and enjoyable. Players are expected to always treat one another with respect and courtesy. The FSA rules of the game have been developed and refined over many years to ensure fair play and provide clear guidance for players and tournament officials.