

**FLORIDA STATE CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT**  
**Flagler County Horseshoe Pitching Club**  
**Old Dixie Community Park, 1250 S Old Dixie Hwy, Bunnell, FL 32110**  
**February 1, 2020**

**1. GENERAL:**

**A. In an effort to encourage more clubs to compete in this tournament, the FSHPA Executive Council has changed the format to a Count-all tournament handicapped at 100 percent.**

**B. The FSHPA Executive Council acts as the tournament committee; appoints the tournament director; establishes the rules for this tournament; and supervises its conduct.**

**C. This is strictly a team tournament. Individual team members contribute to their team's total score by scoring as many points as possible. The team finishing positions will be determined by the total handicap points assigned plus the total points scored by each team. Prize list will be determined by the number of entries received and will be posted prior to the beginning of the tournament. Wins and losses are not considered in determining winners or in breaking ties.**

**D. A trophy will be awarded the club whose team wins the tournament and they will retain it until the next Florida State Club Team Tournament. If any club's team wins the tournament 3 years in succession, they may keep it permanently.**

**E. Vicki Marteney has been appointed Tournament Director for this tournament.**

**F. The host club shall be determined by a rotation of clubs (that participated in the tournament) that have a minimum of 18 courts and are willing to host the event, except no club shall be eligible to hold it two years in a row. (The following is the rotation order: 2017 Winter Haven, 2018 Beverly Hills, 2019 Bradenton, 2020 Flagler, 2021 Brevard, 2022 Sebring, 2023 St Cloud, 2024 Clearwater. If any club declines or does not participate in the previous years club team tournament, the rotation will fall to the next in line in the above rotation.)**

**2. RULES: The FSHPA Executive Council has established the following rules:**

**A. All tournament entrants:**

- 1. Must be members of the club they represent and the NHPA.**
- 2. Must have participated in at least 3 NHPA sanctioned events in their current pitching division and also excluding their State Closed Tournament within the 12 months prior to this tournament.**
- 3. NATSTATS individual averages as of Thursday before the tournament will be used to determine players entering averages.**

**B. Teams:**

- 1. Teams will consist of 6 players, pitching from any approved distance.**
- 2. Clubs sending more than one team must distribute their higher average players (above 50% ringer average) equally among their teams. There is no cap on combined team entering ringer percentage. Clubs entering more than one**

team must designate which team will compete for the championship trophy. All teams entered by the club will be eligible for the prize monies.

3. Entry fee: \$120.00. Each player will pay scorekeeper \$1 each game.

4. Clubs may submit names of alternate players along with team entries in case one or more of their team entries cannot participate at the time designated for the tournament. If any team fails to field the required number of players, no scores will be allowed for the absent players. Player substitutions not permitted after play begins.

5. Team entries must be received by the Tournament Director no later than the third day (Wednesday) before the tournament.

**C. Tournament Set-up and Conduct:**

1. Classes will consist of 6 players each, pitching 40-shoe count-all games.

2. First to pitch each game: The two players in each game will flip a shoe(s) or otherwise agree as to who will pitch first.

3. Calling the score: The player who pitches first in the game will call the score to the scorekeeper each inning by announcing first his or her score and then the opponent's score.

4. The double alternate method will be employed to determine which player pitches first in each inning.

5. Inasmuch as it is possible, the Tournament Director will ensure that no more than one player from a given team is assigned to a given class. The Tournament Director will also ensure that a minimum number of players from a given club are assigned to a given class.

6. All players will be handicapped based on their ringer percentages using the 100% Count-All Handicap table approved by the Executive Council.

7. Play will begin and continue until the winners are determined. In case of inclement weather which prevents completion of at least one half of the games for each team, the tournament will be rescheduled. If half, or more than half, of the games are completed for each team, the winners will be determined based on the scores available for the same number of games for each team.

8. In case total team scores are tied for first place, the combined team entering ringer percentage will be compared to the actual pitched combined team ringer percentage, and the most over ringer percentage or least under, if none are over, will break the tie. Teams tied for second or third place will each receive one-half the prize money for those two places. Teams tied for third and fourth place will each receive one-half the prize money for those two places.

**D. Host club:**

1. Furnish scorekeepers.

2. Record tournament statistics.

3. Secure meeting location for EC meeting Friday PM

4. Arrange for Motel Accommodations

5. Provide paddles for players.