

FLORIDA STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING STATE MIXED DOUBLES
AND DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

The Mixed Doubles competition will be conducted on Wednesday at 2 PM. The Doubles competition will be held on Thursday at 8AM. Championships for these classes will be determined those days. Finishing positions in each class will be determined by games won and lost. Tied positions in all classes (except the championship classes) will be determined by the HS Master scoring program.

The following method will be used to schedule the "A" and Championship classes that should be equitable to all and still give the better teams a bit more competition. The seven or eight highest entering average teams will be scheduled as class "A". The teams will be handicapped at 80% if the ringer spread is greater than 10%. The pitching format will be double alternate pitch. After the handicap score is determined and there is no tie in the actual score the teams will move on to their next game. If the actual score is tied then the teams will continue with a 4 shoe pitch off as described in the NHPA playing rules to determine the actual winner, the handicap score will be taken at 48 shoes and the four extra shoes will not count in the handicap score.

At the conclusion of pitching, the "A" class champions will be that team with the most handicap games won. Tied positions will be determined by the "Head to Head" method used by the HS Master program. The procedure to be used will be announced at the tournament.

The 48 shoe games will be pitched and the final score will count in two ways. First the team winning with the highest score will get a win in the Championship class and the other team will receive a loss in the Championship class. Then, the handicap will be added to the scratch score to give a handicap game score. The handicap winner will receive one point and the other team will receive no points in class "A". If the handicap score is a tie each team will receive one-half point in the "A" class.

The Championship class will be determined on games won and lost. If there is a tie for first place then a play-off game or games will be conducted in the same manner as described in the singles competition article. All other positions in the Championship class will be determined by the "Head to Head" method used by the HS Master program. The method to be used will be announced at the tournament.

The above described is really quite simple. Each game pitched counts as an actual score and also as a handicap scored game. The "A" class handicap winner will receive first place money and a plaque. Second, third and possibly fourth place winners will receive cash prizes. The State Championship class winner will receive the State Champions plaque and \$80.00 prize money.