

FLORIDA STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

MEN, WOMEN, ELDER AND JUNIOR SINGLES

APRIL 21 & 22, 2017 8 AM CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

All singles competition will be conducted on Friday and Saturday beginning at 8:00 AM both days. The Championship classes will be scheduled to pitch on Saturday afternoon. All players will be scheduled based on their entering ringer percentage for either Friday or Saturday. Classes with a ringer percentage spread greater than 10% will be handicapped at 80%. 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 Championship class of each division, except the Junior division, will consist of the defending champion (who must pitch on Friday in order to pitch in the Championship class) and the 6 highest ringer percentages pitched in classes A through D. In the event of a tie, placement will be determined by the HS Master scoring program. A championship qualifier must notify the tournament committee of his/her intention to pitch in the championship class prior to 6:00 PM on Friday, April 22nd. There is no additional entry fee for the championship class. Alternates may be scheduled to complete the seven person championship classes. If the Friday schedule is cancelled the Championship classes will consist of the defending champion and the six highest entering ringer percentages.

A playoff will be conducted in all Championship classes in which there is a tie for first place. All other tied positions in the Championship classes will be determined by the HS Master scoring program.

If two players tie for first place in a Championship class then the winner will be determined by a one game 50-shoe playoff between the tied players. The winner of this game will be declared State Champion and the loser declared second place.

If three players tie for first place in a Championship class then the players will be ranked by ringer percentage pitched in the Championship competition. The lowest percentage player will play the second lowest percentage player a one game 50-shoe playoff. The loser of this game will be declared third place. The winner of this game and the highest percentage player will play a one game 50-shoe playoff. The winner of this game will be declared State Champion and the loser declared second place.

If four players tie for first place in a Championship class the winner will be determined as follows: 1) The players will be ranked by ringer percentage pitched in the Championship competition. 2) The highest percentage player will play the lowest percentage player a one game 50-shoe playoff. The second and third ranked percentage players will play a one game 50-shoe playoff. 3) The winners of the above games will play a one game 50-shoe playoff with the winner of this game declared State Champion and the loser declared second place in the class. 4) The losers of the games explained in step 2 above will play a one game 50-shoe playoff. The winner of this game will be declared third place and the loser will be declared fourth place in the class.

In the event of rain and/or cancellation of play on Friday the Executive Council will reschedule the classes on Saturday with the Championship classes given preference of play. The rescheduling on Saturday may require reducing the classes to six players and pitching three shifts, starting at 8:00 AM, in order to schedule the maximum number of players. All players not scheduled or cancelled due to rescheduling on Saturday will receive refunded entry fees. Rescheduling from two days back to one day may require reducing the number of shoes per game in all classes. All rescheduling is the responsibility of the Executive Council and will be done in the best interest of the tournament and the FSHPA Inc. If both days are rained out then the Championship classes will be scheduled on Sunday. All other players may request a refund of their entry fee or will be scheduled on Sunday. Entry fee refunds must be requested by 5:00 PM on Saturday. The revised schedule will be posted by 6:00 PM on Saturday.