

FLORIDA STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

MXD DOUBLES APRIL 17, 2024 @ 1 PM | WOMEN/MEN/ELDER DOUBLES APRIL 18, 2024 @ 8 AM & 12 PM

CLEARWATER HORSESHOE CLUB, FLORIDA

START TIME

- The Mixed Doubles competition will be conducted on Wednesday at 1 PM
- The Doubles competition will be held on Thursday beginning at 8AM and 12PM

SEEDING CONTESTANTS

- The teams will be handicapped at 80% if the ringer spread is greater than 10%
- The seven or eight highest entering average teams will be scheduled as class "A"
- The pitching format will be double alternate pitch

CLASS WINNERS

- 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 HSMaster scoring program

CONCURRENT ACTUAL AND HANDICAP METHOD

- This method is used to schedule the "A" class and the Championship class for equitable competition and will be announced at the tournament
- Each game pitched in the "A" class counts as an actual score **AND** as a handicap score
- Once a game has concluded between two "A" class teams, the actual and the handicap scores are determined-- if there is no tie in the actual (scratch) score, the teams will move on to their next game
- If the actual (scratch) 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 any extra shoes will not count in the handicap score
- The 48 shoe games will be pitched and the final scores 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 a win and the other team will receive a loss in class "A"
 - If the handicap score is a tie each team will receive one-half point in the "A" class

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

- Championships for these classes will be determined the same day using Concurrent method
- The Championship class will be determined on games won and lost
- If there is a tie for first place, then a play-off game(s) 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