

FLORIDA STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

MEN, WOMEN, ELDER AND JUNIOR SINGLES

APRIL 19 & 20, 2024 -- 8 AM & 12 PM, CLEARWATER HC CLUB CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

START TIME

- 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 Saturday afternoon
- All players will be scheduled based on their entering ringer percentage for either Friday or Saturday

SEEDING CONTESTANTS

- All players will be seeded based on their entering ringer percentage (eShoe at the end of March 2024)
- Non-championship classes with a ringer percentage spread greater than 10% will be handicapped at 80%
- The Championship class of each division, except the Junior division, will consist of the defending champion and the 6 highest ringer percentages pitched in classes A through D who are willing to participate; defending champion is required to pitch in the Friday Singles event
- If the Friday schedule is cancelled, the Championship classes will consist of the defending champion and the six highest entering ringer percentages who are willing to participate

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

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

- There is no additional entry fee for the championship class
- 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 19, 2024 -- alternates may be scheduled to complete the seven-person championship classes

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS WINNERS

- Finishing positions in each division will be determined by games won and lost
- In the event of a tie for first place, a playoff will be conducted in all Championship classes; all other tied positions in the Championship classes will be determined by the HSMaster scoring program
 - Tie between 2 contestants
 - Contestants will pitch one playoff game consisting of 50-shoes
 - Winner of this game will be declared State Champion, the loser declared second place
 - Tie between 3 contestants
 - Contestants will be ranked by ringer percentage pitched in the Championship competition
 - Lowest percentage player will play the second lowest percentage player in a one game 50-shoe playoff with the loser of this game declared as third place
 - Winner of this game and the highest percentage player will play a one game 50-shoe playoff
 - Winner of this game will be declared State Champion and the loser declared second place
 - Tie between 4 contestants
 - Contestants will be ranked by ringer percentage pitched in the Championship competition
 - Highest percentage player will play the lowest percentage player a one game 50-shoe playoff

- Second and third ranked percentage players will play a one game 50-shoe playoff
- 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
- Losers of the games explained in step 2 above will play a one game 50-shoe playoff
- Winner of this game will be declared third place and the loser will be declared fourth place in the class

RESCHEDULING/CANCELLING OF EVENTS

- 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
- Rescheduling on Saturday may require reducing the classes to six players and pitching three shifts, starting at 8:00 AM, to maximize number of pitchers
- Entry fees will be refunded to all players who do not get to pitch due to rescheduling on Saturday
- 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 and the revised schedule will be posted by 6:00 PM on Saturday