

DISTRICT IV LEAGUE TEAM PLAY-OFF RULES (REVISED Feb 2011)

PARK: The District IV president will choose the Park where the District League Playoff will be played.

SPONSOR: The play-off may have a sponsor. Otherwise the District will pay all expenses *which may include a maximum payment of \$100 to the host park.*

GAME: The format will be a Round Robin. Play will be DOUBLES, with each team playing on three boards each session. Games will be 16 frames. Winners will get two points. If a tie exists after 16 frames, each team gets one point.

SCHEDULING: The District President will present a rule sheet, roster/rotation sheet and first session player sheet to Captains before the play-off begins. At a pre play off meeting, the team Captains will random draw for their team number and will receive a play-off schedule and player session/game blanks.

ELIGIBILITY: Each team must play all players on their roster. All players must have played at least three league games during the regular season. Using an ineligible player will result in forfeiture of all games this ineligible player plays.

LINE-UPS: Each Captain must turn in a team roster before the play-offs begin. All players must play in proper rotation. Any player playing out of rotation will forfeit that game. Captains will turn in team line-ups for each session at least fifteen (15) minutes before game time.

ROTATION IN CASE OF UNAVAILABILITY: *The next player in the established rotation for the team may replace a player no longer able to continue at any point prior to or during a match. The unavailable player may return for a later match but the team must follow at that point the pre-tournament established rotation as if the player had been available throughout.*

COLOR CHOICE: Color choice for lagging will be determined by a coin toss. Each Captain will select a player from his team to lag. Lagging will be from the head of a neutral board.

ASSIGNMENT OF BOARDS: Chart persons will assign boards. Each Captain must ascertain that no player plays on a board for a second time. Penalty is loss of one point. No players should play on their own *league* boards if the play-offs are in their park. Penalty is forfeiture of that game.

TIES: A tie in standing at the end of the playoff shall be broken by a head to head comparison. The team having the most overall wins will be the winner.

TROPHIES: The team winning first place will be awarded up to twelve (12) trophies. The winning team will represent District IV in the Annual State Team Play-offs. *The District will provide a travel subsidy of \$50 per player (to a maximum of 10 players) for the team when the championship is held in District II or District III or District V.*