

## **Toms River Elks #1875**

### **2017 Shuffleboard League Rules**

1. Start time is 6pm SHARP! After 15 minutes, the opposing team forfeits, unless the team with all members present wishes to play at a later time that does not interfere with other scheduled games, or later in the evening after scheduled games are concluded. You have until the end of the weekend to make the game up.
2. Each team consists of 2 members (male/female) and will shoot 1 game per week against another team as indicated on the provided schedule/s.
3. \$40 per team registration is due to enroll in league participation. Please note there will be no food brought out by the Lodge as in prior years. However, if your night would like to arrange for a team to bring in a tray of food, it can be heated up in the kitchen. Each Division can arrange with each other how this can work.
4. A schedule of dates and times of play has been posted. If you know you are going to have a conflict with attending a game in a particular week, you may try to reschedule the game with your regularly scheduled opponent. The same principles apply as stated in (1.) above. Pre-playing the games are highly encouraged as playing after your scheduled time creates a lot of conflict with posting weekly results.
5. To determine what side of the table you are playing on, the HOME team will declare what side each member is shooting from. The AWAY team will place their male partner against the male partner of the HOME team, and likewise for female partner. The AWAY team then has choice of "SMOKE", or "FIRE", that is Blue weights or Red weights. Smoke always comes before fire, therefore, Blue weights always start the game, with Red weights controlling the last weight for the first round of play.
6. Once the first round points have been established, the winning team of points will throw weights first. If no score is established in a round of play, the same sequence is thrown again in the next round of play.
7. Any weights that completely pass the "Nearest" foul line to the side you are shooting from count as an eligible weight for consideration in scoring. This means the foul line at the opposite end of play has nothing to do with anything during a round.
8. If a weight does not cross the "Nearest" foul line, it is to immediately be removed from the table and placed in the gutter. Again, the far foul line has nothing to do with anything. Only the "Nearest" foul line.
9. Weights must completely cross the line in order to qualify for the next point structure. This specifically means the bottom of the weight must cover a portion of the line.
10. A T-Square will be available to determine what weight has better value and must be agreed by both teams.
11. If any dispute of a closer weight, or whether a weight is in the next point structure, as defined in (7.), (8.), or (9.) above, a neutral party selected by both teams will rule on the play.
12. A game ends at 21 points or better. You must win by two. If both teams agree, the game may be modified to 15 points. There is no shutout or mercy rule, unless the other team concedes.
13. Shooting out of turn – Captains settle quietly, otherwise, the weight must be disregarded as a lost weight.
14. During the regular season, a team may play with 1 sub. A list of subs will be posted for easy access, however, anyone can sub as long as the sub is the same gender of the absent league member. NO RINGERS please!!!!
15. A year-end tournament will be held at the end of the season on the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> with finals on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The top 6 teams in each division will compete in divisional playoffs on the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>. The top three finishers in each of the respective divisional playoffs will proceed to the year-end League Tournament.
16. Tournament and Divisional Playoff seeding will be determined by final record, then head-to-head play, then points, then coin flip, in that specific order.
17. Please use proper etiquette while playing. No dragging sleeves or hands on table during play. The table may be cleaned once before a game starts. Absolutely no adding wax or cleaning a table during the middle of a game!
18. Any other rules that develop during the season will be subject to interpretation by the Shuffleboard Committee and/or Chairman., and will be added to the bottom of this list.
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**Hangers Rule!!! Hangovers Drool!!!**

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