

## SHUFFLEBOARD

### Singles/Open Doubles/Non-Ambulatory

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#### QUALIFYING RULES

1. All first-, second-, third- and fourth-place winners at a 2024 NSGA qualifying games will qualify for the 2025 National Senior Games.
2. Athletes must qualify in each Shuffleboard event (singles, open doubles) in which they wish to compete at the 2025 National Senior Games, except when Rule E applies.

#### ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. Athletes may compete with only one partner per event. Under NSGA rules, open doubles are classified as an event. Therefore, athletes may not compete in more than one age division for open doubles.
2. Open Doubles teams may be same or mixed gender.
3. The age division of competition for doubles will be determined by the younger age of the two partners as of December 31, 2025.
4. Athletes must provide their own cues. Discs will be provided.

#### FORMAT

1. Tournament format will be round robin, with as many players as possible advancing to a single elimination championship bracket. Quarterfinal round losers will compete for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> places.
2. Any game missed/forfeited during bracket play will be considered a loss.
3. Awards will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place for each event within each age division.
4. The NSGA and LOC reserve the right to change the tournament format for any age division based on entry numbers, space restrictions, or other circumstance.

#### SPORT RULES

1. All Shuffleboard matches will be conducted in accordance with National Shuffleboard Association rules, except as modified herein. For a copy of these rules, please email Rob:

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2. Singles matches will consist of 12 frames in the preliminary rounds and 16 frames in the championship rounds. The winner will be the player who scores the highest number of points after the specified number of frames.
3. Two matches will be played on one court at the same time. Opposing players will play from the same end of the court. Players will not change ends after any frame.
4. Doubles matches will consist of 16 total frames for the team. Partners will play from opposite ends of the court. Each partner shall complete eight frames, thus 16 total frames for the team. Players will not switch ends after any frame. The team or pair with the highest point score at the end of 16 total frames will be the winner. Players may switch head to foot between games, but not during each game.
5. Players advancing into the seeded round (top 8 players in each age bracket) from the pools is determined by the number of games a player won and loss.
6. In the event of a tie, the players will participate in a playoff. The number of frames in a play-off will be determined by the NSGA National Chair and based on how many players are participating in that age bracket.
7. Once in the seeded round, your seeding will be determined by number of points scored during the previous games in the tournament. In case of a tie, the number of average points per game (pga) of the tied teams will determine seeding. Team with the highest per game average will receive the higher seed.
8. The cue shall not have an overall length of more than 6 feet, 3 inches. No metal part of the cue shall touch the playing surface.

## SHUFFLEBOARD NON-AMBULATORY Singles/Open Doubles

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### QUALIFYING RULES

1. All non-ambulatory athletes competing at a 2024 NSGA qualifying games will qualify for the 2025 National Senior Games.
2. Athletes must qualify in a shuffleboard event, singles and or open doubles in which they wish to compete at the 2025 National Senior Games.
3. Athletes who reside in a state that does not offer non-ambulatory shuffleboard may qualify for the event by meeting the "limited" event qualifying criteria in Rule D.

### ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. Athletes must provide their own cues. Discs will be provided.
2. Athletes may compete with only one partner per event. Under NSGA rules open doubles is classified as an event. Therefore, athletes may not compete in more than one age division for open doubles.
3. Open Doubles teams may be same gender or mixed gender.
4. The age divisions of competition for open doubles will be determined by the younger age of the two partners as December 31, 2025.

### FORMAT

1. Tournament format will be round robin, with as many players as possible advancing to a single elimination championship bracket. Quarterfinal round losers will compete for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> places.
2. Any game missed/forfeited during bracket play will be considered a loss.
3. Awards will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place for each event within each age division.
4. The NSGA and LOC reserve the right to change the tournament format for any age division based on entry numbers, space restrictions, or other circumstance.

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2. Participant must be seated in their wheelchair or scooter for the entire duration of competition. The athlete's feet cannot touch the floor during competition.
3. Singles matches will consist of 8 frames in the preliminary rounds and 12 frames in the championship rounds. The winner will be the player who scores the highest number of points after the specified number of frames.
4. Two matches will be played on one court at the same time. Opposing players will play from the same end of the court. Players will not change ends after any frame.
5. Open doubles matches will consist of 12 total frames for the team. Partners will play from opposite ends of the court. Each partner shall complete six frames, thus 12 total frames for the team. Players will not switch ends after any frame. The team or pair with the highest point score at the end of 12 total frames will be the winner. Players may switch head to foot between games, but not during each game.
6. Players advancing into the seeded round (top 8 players in each age bracket) from the pools is determined by the number of games a player won and loss.
7. In the event of a tie, the players will participate in a playoff. The number of frames in a play-off will be determined by the NSGA National Chair and based on how many players are participating in that age bracket.
8. Once in the seeded round, your seeding will be determined by number of points scored during the previous games in the tournament. In case of a tie, the number of average points per game average (pga) of the tied teams will determine seeding. Team with the highest peg average will receive the higher seed.
9. The cue shall not have an overall length of more than 6 feet, 3 inches. No metal part of the cue shall touch the playing surface.