

SCOREKEEPING HINTS

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The SCORER is under the direct supervision of the COURT REFEREE. The scorer should remain ALERT and ATTENTIVE, keeping abreast of the play to support the referee if need be (wrong color lead, etc.) Scorer should tally only the scores called by the Referee or designated player (player playing Yellow) if no referee is on the court. Scorer should make sure chalk, erasers are available before play starts. In Tournament play, make sure pen or pencil is available to mark cards. Scorer should not disturb or distract players in any manner, either on scorer's own court or on the adjacent courts.

Make sure the color indicator bar is in its proper position at all times. Post all scores IMMEDIATELY after receiving them from the Referee. As YELLOW scores are called FIRST, post YELLOW scores first. This will avoid possible errors.

Never dispute any decision made by the referee on your court. If he or she has made an obvious error in calling the scores, ask for a repeat and it will generally be corrected when repeated.

DO NOT converse with the players, the Referee or any spectators. Report any undue noise or confusion emanating from the spectator's area to the Referee but do it only when convenient (between rounds) so as not to disrupt the game.

Never leave your post without first getting a relief scorekeeper. Do not leave the scoreboard unattended for any reason. Show no favoritism or give any player any unfair advantage by any of your actions.

Make proper notations of assessed penalties when instructed to do so by the Referee and adjust the score accordingly following the completion of that round.

You should not announce the scores at any time to any of the players or to SPECTATORS without the Referee's approval.

Endeavor to make plain, well-defined figures so they can readily be seen and understood from BOTH ends of the court.

When tallying continuous scores, carry all scores down on the board, refraining from the use of dashes to indicate no scores were made. Do not BLOCK view of the scoreboard at any time. As soon as announced scores are posted, step back to whichever area is convenient for you but does not obstruct players or the Referee from having a free view of the scoreboard at all times.

Stepping aside immediately after posting scores is necessary to allow the Referee to check your figures and assure himself they are correct. Always remember that SCOREKEEPERS are an ASSET to the game of shuffleboard. The scorer's presence allows the players to concentrate wholly upon their game.

Volunteering early and often for the chore of scorekeeping enables you to be a distinct PLUS FACTOR for the game of shuffleboard!

COMMENT: Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of time spent at a tournament is the knowledge absorbed by observing the course of play. Refereeing and keeping score affords an ideal opportunity for this. As a Referee or a scorer you have the "best seat in the house." As players, many times our defeats are the result of either our own errors or failure to take advantage of an opponent's miscues. It can be very refreshing to see similar things happening to the supposedly more accomplished players and it is reassuring to see that they too are human and subject to making the same mistakes and errors in judgment that the rest of us as lesser players are prone to make.