

NEW STATE RULE

Many changes in our game have come about in the past 30 years, such as use of glass beads, establishment of point systems, proliferation of leagues in mobile home parks, classifying of pros, state ams, and amateurs.

Now comes another change of importance: the new state rule designed to discourage very hard shooting. This may change the game of shuffleboard in this way:

Players will be able to clear pilots, 10's and 8's by shooting accurately and not too hard. But when you have to take out an opponent's deep 7, or yourself out of the kitchen, it may be a different story!

Shufflers may choose to snuggle a 7 or try a kitchen shot to avoid the possibility of incurring a penalty. Or leave the opponent's good 7 (depending on the score) and take a hide if one is available.

ACCURACY will be needed more than ever. During the summer some players practiced soft shooting in preparation for the 1988-1989 season. It will be very interesting to see how shufflers handle this new situation.

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