

How Were The Districts Formed?

Let's go back to the start of our shuffleboard organization — 1928 — and see what we can find out about how our Districts came into being.

During the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Florida State Shuffleboard Association, held February 6, 1935, at Mirror Lake, St. Petersburg, the forming of Districts was brought before the Board that consisted of the President and three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and a representative of each Club that was a member of the F.S.A. It was the feeling of this group that shuffleboard was growing throughout the State and that if Districts were formed, more could be done to help the Clubs more than by just having the State organization trying to do this work. A committee of four was appointed by the State President to proceed in this direction.

In the fall of 1935, this committee came up with four Districts and their boundaries: South East Coast, Ridge or Central, Northern, and West Coast. Each District was to elect a President, two Vice Presidents, and a Delegate, with the President and Delegate to serve on the State Board. The State Board was to drop their Second and Third Vice Presidents, making for a ten-member Board; namely, the State President, First Vice President, and the four District Presidents along with the four Delegates.

At a special meeting, May 9, 1959, at Kissimmee, the West Coast was split and the Southwest Coast was formed. Then, in 1961, the South East Coast was split, forming the Central East Coast District. We then find, in 1989, the Southwest District was split and the Southern District formed. In the meantime, the State added a 2nd Vice President in 1957 and a 3rd Vice President in 1964.

The F.S.A. now has 18 members, with 7 Districts, and this is working out well as players do not have to travel too far to take in their District tournaments.

Will more changes be made in the future? Maybe so, as the Northern District covers a lot of territory. Shuffleboard is growing, and what the future holds for the game will depend on the foresight of your State Board. **WE WISH THEM WELL.**

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