

# ***USSP Circuit Event Players Guidelines***

## **USSP Zone Directors / Board of Directors**

1. Develop USSP tournament circuit.
2. Work with tournament directors to ensure an understanding and compliance with USSP guidelines.
3. Publish annual point leader awards guidelines, and determine winners for each age group.

## **Player – Membership Requirements**

1. Any player 50+ years in age may play in a USSP Circuit Event.
2. Members will receive a \$10 registration discount for USSP Circuit Event tournaments.
3. Only USSP/SSIPPA members are eligible for point leader's competition.

## **Tournament Play Format -**

- 1) USSP tournaments will be developed as age/skill tournaments to the extent that follows:
  - a. All brackets must have a minimum of 2 teams.
  - b. Teams -2,3 double RR, 4,5, or 6 Round Robin, 6 or more – pool play with single elimination brackets for places 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. Six teams – Round Robin or Pool Play.
  - c. USSP uses 5 year age groups from 50-80 and skill levels from 3.0-4.5+.
  - d. Ages are best combined in 10 year increments if/when necessary, with a goal to have 50's, 60's, 70s and 80s playing each other as necessary.
  - e. Skills are combined within age groups with 3.0-3.5 in a group and 4.0+ in a group only when necessary to complete a bracket.
  - f. The goal is to combine as few age/skill groups as possible and to have only round robin and pool play/single elimination brackets with NO double elimination brackets. This allows players more play for their money.
  - g. Players that do not want to be combined with a higher skill group may always choose to play down in age to remain in their skill group.
  - h. Players that want to remain in their age group may always choose to play up in skill to remain in an age group.
  - i. Event groupings will be listed for player viewing prior to bracket development.
  - j. If a player's event, age/skill does not have three teams, a player may choose to receive a refund prior to the registration closing day. A \$15 processing fee will apply to all refunds. Refunds must be requested in writing (text, email, or mail) by the registrant.
  - k. Any 50+ age player may play in a USSP Circuit Event, but, **only members are eligible for the point/prize reward system.**