

To: CJ Jermstad, Vice-President USAPA and USAPA Regional Directors

From: SSIPA Board of Directors

SSIPA is committed to strengthening the strategic alliance with the USAPA and the USAPA regions.

SSIPA board recently voted to change the fee structure for the USAPA Regional Tournaments. The Non-SSIPA member temporary tournament fee of \$1 was being charged to the regional tournaments for players entered in the 60+ age groups. In support of recent USAPA and regional director's recommendations, SSIPA will not charge this fee.

At this time, three regional tournaments have taken place. SSIPA is refunding the Southwest Regional and the Mid-South Regional for the above stated fee. The Mountain Regional was only invoiced for the player fee and not charged the non-member temporary fee. The eight remaining tournaments will only be invoiced for the \$1 player fee for players entered in the 60+ age groups.

Additionally, the SSIPA Board voted to eliminate all fees for Regional Tournaments in 2019. SSIPA hopes all regional tournaments will continue as circuit events in 2019. Regional tournaments to date have exceeded previous year numbers in the 60+ age groups as follows: Southwest - 429; Mid-South - 268; and Mountain - 314. SSIPA believes these increases are due to player buy-in to the five-year age/skill groupings and SSIPA member participation.

We feel this is a positive change for all concerned. It encourages more seniors to play in regionals and gives our SSIPA members more tournaments to compete in across the country.

SSIPA Board of Directors

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Never acknowledged