

# ILSA Tournament of Champions

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The Illinois Shuffleboard Association hosts a Tournament of Champions (TOC) every year to reward and celebrate top ILSA point earners and valued members of the community. The TOC Commission members for the event to honor the 2023 players are: Kevin Reedy, Samantha Gallagher (director), and Jim Seesel. They can be reached at [toc@illinoisshuffleboard.org](mailto:toc@illinoisshuffleboard.org) if there are any problems or questions.

This year's commission wanted to honor the previous year's winner, have a final 4, and be mindful of the length of play. Therefore, we decided to invite the top 6 [ILSA point earners](#) and 2 wildcards for a total of 8 players.

[ILSA's Rules of Play](#) are in effect.

## Here's how it works:

- This is a walking singles event to be held on **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.
- Every player who qualifies is guaranteed 3 matches at the event.
- The 8 qualified players will be put into two pools of 4.
- Players will be ranked and placed into each pool based on their previous years ILSA points.
- The top 2 finishers in each pool will advance to a 4 person bracket to battle for 1st-4th place and prize money.
- **There is NO coaching for this tournament.** Please don't ask observers for shot advice.

## Day-of Schedule

- 12:00p - Doors open at Royal Palms Shuffleboard Club Chicago.
- 12:15p - Players, find your court and take a few warm-up shots.
- 12:30p - Opening remarks honoring all TOC players past and present.
- 12:45p - Play begins: lag for color then start your matches.
- 3:00p - Semi Finals to begin (approximately).
- 4:00p - Finals to begin (approximately).
- 5:00p - Awards and closing remarks (approximately).

## Pool Play

- Each player will complete a match against each of the opponents in their pool.
- Matches will be single 16-frame games.
  - Lag Line shoot-off to determine color (See Section 2.3.2 of ILSA's Rules of Play).
  - Change colors before frame 9.
  - If the score is tied at the end of 16 frames, players will play an additional 2 frames until tie is broken.
- Practice:
  - **Do not start warming up before your opponent is at the court.**
  - Two rounds of practice (down and back) are allowed before frames 1 and 9.
- Ties within pools will be broken in the following order:
  - H2H Match Result
  - Point differential (uncapped)
  - Two rounds of Speed Shuffle (one from the head of the court and one from the foot of the court)

## TOC Semi-Finals

- The top two finishers in each pool will advance to this round for a 4 player bracket.
  - Pool A winner will play the second place finisher from Pool B.
  - Pool B winner will play the second place finisher from Pool A.
- Same format as Pool play:
  - 2 rounds of practice (wait for your opponent), 16 frames, color change at 9, lag for starting color, two more frames until tie is broken if necessary.

## TOC Finals

- The Semi-Final Winners advance to the Finals.
- The Semi-Final Losers play for 3rd/4th place.
- Both these games will follow the same format as the Semis:
  - 2 rounds of practice (wait for your opponent), 16 frames, color change at 9, lag for starting color, two more frames until tie is broken if necessary.

## Prizes

- 1st Place - \$400 Cash and a TOC Trophy
- 2nd Place - \$200 Cash
- 3rd Place - \$100 Cash
- 4th Place - \$50 Cash
- All players - 2023 TOC Pin