

# Shuffleboard Rules

## History

Back in 15<sup>th</sup> Century England, folks played a game of sliding a "groat" (a large British coin of the day worth about four pence) down a table. The game was called shove groat and/or slide groat. Later, a silver penny was used and the name of the game became shove-penny and/or shovel-penny. Henry VIII banned it so the soldiers would concentrate on archery. St. Petersburg Florida has 110 shuffleboard courts and over 5,000 members. England, Canada, U.S., Australia, Japan, and Brazil have national associations.

What started out as a sport traditionally played by the elderly, in England, has now become popular worldwide, as an indoor and outdoor game for the youth and elderly alike. This game called shuffleboard where disks are slid across a board or a court with a cue, to win, is a great way to engage in a fun activity.

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## How to Play Outdoor Shuffleboard

This game can be played by either 2 people (singles) or by 4 people (doubles). If you are playing doubles your partner is on the other side. Not the same side you are on.

- The game begins by placing the yellow disks in the left half of the 10 off area, and the black disks in the right half, divided by the small thin triangle in the center of the 10 off. Players alternately slide the disks with the cue, starting with the yellow disk.
- Each disk should begin in the 10 off area, and land up within the scoring triangle, to finally reach the dead line. If it does not reach the dead line, the disk is eliminated from the game.
- If a disk falls off the edge of the court, it is also eliminated.
- Players push their own disks into the scoring area, and also knock their opponent's disks out of the game or into the 10 off area.

### **Outdoor Shuffleboard Scoring Rules**

- Points are scored when all the disks have been played, and are given according to the area they have landed in.
- 10 points are deducted if there are any disks that are inside the -10 area.
- Also, the disks should be completely within any section of the scoring triangle, and not touching any edges. They get scores according to the numbers allotted to that section.
- Disks that are beyond the 10 off area are not considered in the scoring process.
- Officially, once the total score reaches 75, the game is completed and won by the player or team to first achieve it. However, this is not possible in a game. Thus, in the final game, once all the disks are played, the scores are calculated and the team or player with the highest score, wins.