

**District 10 Tournament Oversight Committee
Proposal to the District Board of Delegates
Biloxi, MS February 2, 2008**

As promised at the September 2007 meeting of the District 10 Board of Delegates ("Board") in Tunica, the District 10 Tournament Oversight Committee ("Committee") review of the regional rotation is attached.

Need for Review. It has been a number of years since this issue has been addressed by the Board. The current regional rotation was set into motion in 1997. Many things have changed over the ensuing years, and a review of the rotation is overdue.

Decision-making Process. As previously announced, the following process has been chosen as the manner to address this issue:

1. At the Biloxi meeting on February 2, 2008, the Committee presented options on the regional rotation for the Board to consider.
2. Given the complexity of the issues involved, a comment period on the various options will be opened from the date of this report until April 1, 2008. All comments should be delivered to the Committee Chairman, Chuck Wilkinson. He can be contacted as follows:

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3. At the 2008 meeting in Hot Springs, the Committee will give its recommendation to the Board, and the Board will vote on the issue.

Criteria for review. Article II, Paragraph (E) of the bylaws of District 10 state that one of the objectives of our organization is "to allocate Regionals to the best interest of the membership of the District." The committee determined that the criteria that best measured this objective were as follows:

1. Attendance of D-10 members at each site.
2. Profitability of each regional site.
3. Geographic distribution of regional sites each year.

General Observations.

1. Table counts (See Exhibit A) at recent Nashville and Birmingham regionals have been impressive. These sites should be upgraded in the schedule. Likewise, table counts at Jackson, Shreveport and Mobile have been disappointing. These sites should be downgraded in the rotation.

2. Since District 10 regionals are primarily for the benefit of District 10 players, Exhibit B shows the number of District 10 players at each tournament. Exhibit C shows the percentage of D-10 players of the total players attending at each tournament. This percentage tends to be higher in our regionals in the southern portion of the district.
3. Profitability suffers with split regionals, as opposed to single site regionals. (See Exhibit D) However, total attendance improves.
4. Because of the large geographic area that District 10 covers, split regionals are necessary for our district in order to meet the third objective (See Criteria for Review above). Experience has shown that splits need to be far enough apart so as not to draw from the same pool of players. The committee chose 300 miles as the arbitrary minimum distance between split sites, but preferred sites to be at least 400 miles apart. See Exhibit E for the mileage between regional sites.
5. While Nashville remains the best split site candidate in the district, the committee felt that Hot Springs should also be considered as a split site. Hot Springs does not draw many D-10 players from more than 250 miles away, and it has a large active local bridge community. Table count @ Hot Springs would not suffer greatly if it were split.
6. Although other factors point toward reducing the frequency of regionals in Shreveport, some members of the Committee feel that the western side of D-10 would be under-represented if that was done.
7. The committee was also divided on the influence that accessibility to regionals outside of the district should have on the D-10 rotation. Exhibit F displays the number of regionals available to several D-10 cities over a 2-year period (2007 & 2008). Each delegate needs to decide individually on what influence this factor should be.
8. The current regional rotation will be in place through the year 2010. This proposal will cover the years 2011 through 2014. The committee recommends that the regional rotation be reviewed by the committee more frequently than in the past. Each option shows the regional rotation beyond 2014, but that is solely contingent upon subsequent approval by the D10 Board of Delegates at some future date.

Option 1

Comments:

1. This is a continuation of the current rotation schedule.
2. Annual regionals (all single site):
 - a. Gulf Coast
 - b. Tunica
3. Sites on a 2-year rotation (all single site):
 - a. Hot Springs
 - b. Jackson-Vicksburg
4. Sites on a 3-year rotation (all splits):
 - a. Baton Rouge/Birmingham
 - b. Mobile/Shreveport
 - c. Nashville/New Orleans

Proposed Regional Rotation To Be Approved:

- 2011 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Jackson-Vicksburg
Mobile/Shreveport split
- 2012 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Hot Springs
Baton Rouge/Birmingham split
- 2013 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Jackson-Vicksburg
Nashville/New Orleans split
- 2014 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Hot Springs
Mobile/Shreveport split

Regional Rotation If Continued Upon Subsequent Reviews

- 2015 - Repeat rotation beginning with 2012

NOTE: The Tournament Oversight Committee recommends against this Option.

Option 2

Comments:

1. Annual regionals (all single site regionals):
 - a. Gulf Coast
 - b. Tunica
2. Sites on a 2-year rotation:
 - a. Birmingham (2 splits and 1 single site in a 6-year cycle)
 - b. Hot Springs (all splits)
 - c. Nashville (2 splits and 1 single site in a 6-year cycle)
3. Sites on a 3-year rotation:
 - a. Baton Rouge (1 split and 1 single site in a 6-year cycle)
 - b. New Orleans (1 split and 1 single site in a 6-year cycle)
 - c. Jackson-Vicksburg (all single sites)
 - d. Shreveport (all splits)
4. Sites on a 6-year cycle - Mobile (all splits).

Proposed Regional Rotation To Be Approved:

- 2011 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Nashville/Baton Rouge split
Mobile/Shreveport split
- 2012 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Jackson-Vicksburg
Birmingham/Hot Springs split
- 2013 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
New Orleans
Mobile/Nashville split
- 2014 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Baton Rouge/Hot Springs split
Birmingham/Shreveport split

Regional Rotation If Continued Upon Subsequent Reviews

- 2015 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Nashville
Jackson-Vicksburg
- 2016 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Birmingham
Hot Springs/New Orleans split
- 2017 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Baton Rouge
Nashville/Shreveport split
- 2018 - Repeat rotation beginning with 2012

Option 3

Comments:

1. Annual regionals (all single site regionals):
 - a. Gulf Coast (2 out of every 3 years, New Orleans takes the 3rd year)
 - b. Tunica
2. Sites on a 2-year rotation:
 - a. Hot Springs (2 splits and 1 single site on a 6-year rotation)*
 - b. Nashville (all single sites)
3. Sites on a 3-year rotation:
 - a. Baton Rouge (all single sites)
 - b. Birmingham (all splits)
 - c. New Orleans (all single sites) (Takes the Gulf Coast slot)
 - d. Jackson-Vicksburg (all single sites)
 - e. Shreveport (all splits)
4. Mobile runs a split regional on a 2-year/4-year interval (2 splits on a 6-yr cycle). *

* If Mobile shows significant improvement in table count at its 2008 split regional. If attendance does not show significant improvement, the District Board reserves the option of removing Mobile from the rotation. All Hot Springs regionals will then become single site regionals.

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- 2011 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Nashville
Jackson-Vicksburg
- 2012 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Baton Rouge
Hot Springs/Mobile split*
- 2013 - New Orleans
Tunica
Birmingham/Shreveport
Nashville
- 2014 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Hot Springs
Jackson-Vicksburg

Regional Rotation If Continued Upon Subsequent Reviews

- 2015 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Nashville
Baton Rouge
- 2016 - New Orleans
Tunica
Hot Springs/Mobile split*
Birmingham/Shreveport
- 2017 - Repeat rotation beginning with 2011

Option 4

Comments:

1. Annual regionals (all single site regionals):
 - a. Gulf Coast (2 out of every 3 years, New Orleans takes the 3rd year)
 - b. Tunica
2. Sites on a 2-year rotation:
 - a. Hot Springs (2 splits and 1 single site on a 6-year rotation)
 - b. Nashville (2 splits and 1 single site on a 6-year rotation)
3. Sites on a 3-year rotation:
 - a. Baton Rouge (all single sites)
 - b. Birmingham (all single sites)
 - c. New Orleans (all single sites) (Takes the Gulf Coast slot)
 - d. Jackson-Vicksburg (all single sites)
4. Sites on a 2-year/4-year interval (2 regionals on a 6-yr cycle), all splits:
 - a. Mobile
 - b. Shreveport

Proposed Regional Rotation To Be Approved:

2011 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Jackson-Vicksburg
Nashville/Shreveport split

2012 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Baton Rouge
Hot Springs/Mobile split

2013 - New Orleans
Tunica
Birmingham
Nashville

2014 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Hot Springs
Jackson-Vicksburg

Regional Rotation If Continued Upon Subsequent Reviews

2015 - Gulf Coast
Tunica
Baton Rouge
Nashville/Shreveport split

2016 - New Orleans
Tunica
Hot Springs/Mobile split
Birmingham

2017 - Repeat rotation beginning with 2011

EXHIBIT A										
Table Count @ District 10 Regionals										
Site	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average	Site
Tunica	1690	1628	1993	2146	1970	2055	2045	2183	1964	Tunica
Gulf Coast	1689	1504	1391	1699	1648	1991			1654	Gulf Coast
Nashville		1043			1701		1736		1493	Nashville
Hot Springs			1440		1492		1499		1477	Hot Springs
Birmingham				1009			1222		1115	Birmingham
Jackson	1209			1037		1103		1080	1107	Jackson
New Orleans		935						984	960	New Orleans
Baton Rouge		768		876			946		863	Baton Rouge
Shreveport			814			668			741	Shreveport
Mobile	892		650			475			672	Mobile
Huntsville		556							556	Huntsville
Total	5480	6433	6288	6767	6811	6291	7447	4247	1146	Total
splits in bold type										

EXHIBIT B										
Number of District 10 Players that Attended										
Site	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average	Site
Tunica	633	578	736	703	681	664	746	758	687	Tunica
Gulf Coast	579	563	555	613	574	647			589	Gulf Coast
Hot Springs			522		565		535		541	Hot Springs
New Orleans		524						455	490	New Orleans
Jackson	518			472		496		471	489	Jackson
Nashville		389			483		540		471	Nashville
Birmingham				411			488		450	Birmingham
Baton Rouge		407		398			442		416	Baton Rouge
Mobile	350		316			233			300	Mobile
Huntsville		242							242	Huntsville
Shreveport			218			223			221	Shreveport
Total	2080	2703	2347	2597	2303	2263	2751	1684	445	Total

EXHIBIT C										
% of D-10 Players of Total Players										
Site	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Avg %	Site
Jackson	0.80			0.86		0.88		0.82	84%	Jackson
Baton Rouge		0.81		0.79			0.85		82%	Baton Rouge
New Orleans		0.82						0.80	81%	New Orleans
Birmingham				0.71			0.79		75%	Birmingham
Huntsville		0.74							74%	Huntsville
Mobile	0.63		0.71			0.76			70%	Mobile
Hot Springs			0.63		0.66		0.67		65%	Hot Springs
Tunica	0.65	0.64	0.66	0.61	0.61	0.62	0.66	0.67	64%	Tunica
Nashville		0.64			0.55		0.57		59%	Nashville
Gulf Coast	0.57	0.59	0.62	0.58	0.57	0.56			58%	Gulf Coast
Shreveport			0.42			0.53			48%	Shreveport
Avg %	66%	71%	61%	71%	60%	67%	71%	76%	0.69	Total

EXHIBIT D										
District Revenue from District 10 Regionals										
Site	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average	Site
Huntsville									N/A	Huntsville
Gulf Coast	14,798	3,556	2,111	9,105	9,001	12,878			8,575	Gulf Coast
Nashville		N/A			10,732		2,668		4,467	Nashville
Hot Springs			6,645		6,673		5,614		6,311	Hot Springs
Tunica	5,049	3,592	4,961	6,709	2,594	7,480	4,834	12,382	5,950	Tunica
Jackson	2,787			1,348		5,203		9,752	4,772	Jackson
New Orleans		N/A						2,008	1,004	New Orleans
Mobile	4,545		733			475			1,918	Mobile
Birmingham				943			1,222		1,082	Birmingham
Baton Rouge		N/A		943			946		629	Baton Rouge
Shreveport			733			668			701	Shreveport
Total	27,178	7,148	15,183	19,046	28,999	26,704	15,283	24,142	20,460	Total

EXHIBIT E										
MILEAGE BETWEEN SITES										
SITE	Baton Rouge	Biloxi	Birmingham	Hot Springs	Mobile	Nashville	New Orleans	Shreveport	Tunica	Vicksburg
Baton Rouge	0	147	400	456	201	589	81	264	391	160
Biloxi	147	0	317	462	63	507	90	410	390	216
Birmingham	400	317	0	429	259	193	343	453	267	279
Hot Springs	456	462	429	0	479	400	473	188	201	249
Mobile	201	63	259	479	0	448	143	406	407	232
Nashville	589	507	193	400	448	0	532	559	249	457
New Orleans	81	90	343	473	143	532	0	343	405	227
Shreveport	264	410	453	188	406	559	343	0	319	176
Tunica	391	390	267	201	407	249	405	319	0	182
Vicksburg	160	216	279	249	232	457	227	176	182	0

EXHIBIT F							
Number of regionals within 300 miles during calendar years 2007 *2008							
JACKSON	Distance	NASHVILLE	Distance	SHREVEPORT	Distance	NEW ORLEANS	Distance
Jackson	0	Gatlinburg	222	Jackson	219	Jackson	188
New Orleans	188	Cincinnati	280	Houston	243	New Orleans	0
Tunica	219	Paducah	137	Richardson	192	San Destin	260
Biloxi	174	Atlanta	249	Houston	243	Mobile	143
Birmingham	238	Indianapolis	289	Shreveport	0	Average	148
Mobile	191	Louisville	196	Hot Springs	188		
Hot Springs	290	Tunica	249	Richardson	192		
Tunica	219	Birmingham	193	Average	182	Total	4
Average	190	Gatlinburg	222				
		Cincinnati	280				
		Indianapolis	289	Total	7		
Total	8	Metropolis	150				
		Atlanta	249				
		Tunica	249				
		Chattanooga	134				
		Louisville	176				
		Average	223				
		Total	16				