

Sun Lion Financial Group's Black Culture Festival Spades Championship Rules:

1. Tournament Format:
 - The tournament will be conducted as a single-elimination format.
 - Each match will consist of one game, with the winner advancing to the next round.
 - The final match will determine the Spades Champion of the festival.
2. Team Composition:
 - Each team will consist of two players.
 - Teams must register in advance to secure their spot in the tournament.
3. Game Rules:
 - Standard spades rules will be followed, including:
 - **Game Format:** Joker, Joker, deuce, deuce (BIG JOKER, LITTLE JOKER, 2 OF DIAMONDS, 2 OF SPADES)
 - Each player is dealt 13 cards.
 - Spades are always trump.
 - **NO ACE CHECK**
 - **NO BLINDS**
 - Minimum team bid is 4
 - BOSTON (all 13 books) WINS THE GAME
 - OVER-BOOKS WILL NOT BE COUNTED
4. Scoring: All **preliminary games** are 350 points or 20 minutes. **Championship** is 500 points or 30 minutes.
 - Each team will earn points based on the number of books they bid and make.
 - If Bid is not reached, the team will be set, losing the score of bid
 - **First 7:** If a team makes the **First 7** books one 100 points will be awarded.
 - **10 for 2:** If a team bids 10 and successfully makes all 10 that team will be awarded 200 points.
 - **DOUBLE SET:** If a team earns double the books bid they will lose points equivalent to the original bid.
5. Time Limit:
 - Preliminary Matches will have a time limit of 20 minutes. Championship is 30 Minutes.
 - If the game is not completed within the time limit, the team with the higher score at that time will be declared the winner.
6. Tournament Officials:
 - A designated tournament official will oversee all matches.
 - The official's decisions are final and binding.

7. Sportsmanship:

- All participants are expected to display good sportsmanship and respect towards their opponents.
- Any form of cheating, misconduct, or unsportsmanlike behavior will result in immediate disqualification.

8. Prizes:

- Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.
- Winning team will receive cash, a trophy and bragging rights until next year's festival!
- Full Cash Prize details will be announced closer to the festival date.

9. Registration:

- Teams must register in advance to participate in the Spades Championship.
- Registration can be done online via the festival website until registration closes.

10. Have Fun:

- Above all, the Spades Championship is meant to be a fun and enjoyable experience for all participants.
- Let's embrace the spirit of friendly competition and have a great time!

Note: These rules are subject to change at the discretion of the tournament officials.