



The Horseshoe Tour

Bylaws

Adopted April 5, 2008

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be The Horseshoe Tour and shall be affiliated with the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA.)

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The purpose of The Horseshoe Tour shall be to promote the competitive sport of horseshoe pitching at the highest levels.

ARTICLE III: Membership/Members Responsibilities

Section A.

1. NHPA membership is required.
2. Each entrant must pitch either 30' or 40' Prime Divisions based upon your NHPA division.

Note: Juniors and Cadets who decide to participate MUST pitch at the 30' distance. Any 30' division player on NHPA division rules, who pitches from 40' and wishes to compete against other pitchers at 40' has the option to pitch in either Horseshoe Tour division but cannot compete in both divisions at the same tournament.

Standing rule: The Horseshoe Tour will not recognize the current NHPA standing rule for 20' Elder Women. Those entrants MUST pitch at 30'.

Section B.

It is essential that The Horseshoe Tour maintains a professional image. The Horseshoe Tour exists for the benefit of the members, spectators, and the horseshoe pitching community. It is the responsibility of each player to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively upon this organization. To include but not limited to the following:

1. **Dress code.**
 - a. Players must wear closed toed shoes and shirts during Horseshoe Tour events.
2. **Players Meeting.**
 - a. The Horseshoe Tour will conduct a player meeting prior to each event, at a time designated by the Director of Operations. All players entered in the current event are required to attend.
3. **Promotions.**
 - a. Selected players may be asked to participate in exhibition matches or interviews to promote The Horseshoe Tour.
4. **Player Conduct.**
 - a. Players must not heckle, distract, or disturb their opponents or other players on the competition courts.

- b. All cell phones must be turned off or silenced within the confine of the competition courts.
- c. Profanity is prohibited.
- d. Throwing of hooks/pickup sticks, measuring tools, horseshoes, or other tangible items is dangerous and any display of this poor sportsmanship is NOT TOLERATED.
- e. Players are not permitted to engage in fixing of games or cheating during any Horseshoe Tour event.
- f. Players may not place a bet of any kind on another player, or oneself when participating in a Horseshoe Tour event.
- g. Players must use only NHPA approved horseshoes and equipment.
- h. Players may drop out of any Horseshoe Tour event only for a reason approved by the tournament director.

5. Disciplinary Action.

Willingly violating the player code of conduct rules, or any bylaws of The Horseshoe Tour are subject to one or more of the following disciplinary actions:

- a. Verbal warning
- b. Forfeiture of current game
- c. Forfeiture of current or future tournaments
- d. Banishment from The Horseshoe Tour (if offense is serious, at which time NHPA will become involved.)

The tournament director will administer a verbal warning when the offense has occurred and been reported. If the offense is repeated the tournament director will then notify The Horseshoe Tour Board of Directors (BOD), at which time the BOD will then determine the next step in disciplinary action.

ARTICLE IV: Spectators

Spectators are to be always respectful of the players during competition.

Section A.

Spectators code of conduct

1. Spectators should remain quiet during competition and are asked to hold applause until the end of match play.
2. For safety, spectators should avoid leaning on fences or standing directly behind the courts during competition.
3. Spectators who do not follow the code of conduct will be asked to leave the playing area.

ARTICLE V: Executive Board of Directors (BOD)

1. Officers.

The Horseshoe Tour Executive Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

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| a. President | d. 1 st Vice President |
| b. Director of Operations | e. 2 nd Vice President |
| c. Secretary/Treasurer | f. 3 rd Vice President |

2. **Conducting business.**

The BOD shall have the power to conduct business of The Horseshoe Tour, provided such business is not contradicting to these bylaws. The BOD may conduct business by any means necessary to see the business is carried out.

3. **Meetings.**

The BOD shall meet annually at a time and place scheduled by the Secretary/Treasurer. At the annual meeting the BOD will:

- a. Review tournament format and rules
- b. Review these bylaws
- c. Address any player complaints or concerns
- d. Review financial records and establish a budget for the upcoming year
- e. Consider new sponsorship opportunities

Emergency meetings may be conducted during Horseshoe Tour events or by any means necessary. The Secretary/Treasurer will notify the BOD of any meetings that are scheduled. Two-thirds (2/3) of the current BOD must be present to constitute a quorum and conduct any Horseshoe Tour business. If said amount of the BOD is not present, the business is tabled until the quorum has been reached.

ARTICLE VI: Duties of the Board of Directors

NOTE: All BOD are volunteers and no salary or payment will be given.

1. PRESIDENT

- a. Preside at all meetings
- b. Appoint committees
- c. Special Announcements
- d. Transport PA system
- e. NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND

2. DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

- a. Tournament Director
- b. Post office rental (February)
- c. Submit the upcoming season events (November)
- d. Spokesperson for CVB/Tourism and bid locations
- e. Mail out W2 for players
- f. Mail out W3 SC
- g. Mail annual tax report
- h. Meet with each site before the scheduled event
- i. Order NHPA patches
- j. Post tournament entries
- k. Bank deposit weekly
- l. Answers all calls
- m. Update rules
- n. Comp rooms for staff
- o. Post office 3x/week
- p. Assemble payout for each event

- q. Assist with summary sheets
 - r. Download instruction sheets
 - s. Mail back bank refunds
 - t. Bring sound system if President does not attend
 - u. Mail out Big Game Checks
 - v. REQUIRED TO ATTEND
3. SECRETARY/TREASURER
- a. Custodian of all financials and financial records of The Horseshoe Tour
 - i. The Horseshoe Tour fiscal year is January 1-December 31
 - b. Arrange annual BOD meeting
 - c. Keeps records and minutes of all Horseshoe Tour business
 - d. Makes payments to players at each event (check winnings writing)
 - e. Scorekeeper signups and overseeing each event is supplied with scoresheets and scorekeeper essential items.
 - f. Keeper of the state flags (assembling at each event)
 - g. Keeper of the banners (assembling at each event)
 - h. NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND
4. 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
- a. Assemble summary sheets
 - b. Maintain website
 - c. Keeps updated statistics
 - d. Send results to eShoe
 - e. Post statistics on website
 - f. Keep statistics during each event
 - g. REQUIRED TO ATTEND
5. 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
- a. Photography during each event
 - b. Maintains Facebook page(s)
 - c. Publicity
 - d. NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND
6. 3RD VICE PRESIDENT
- a. Assistant Tournament Director
 - b. Maintains other social media pages
 - c. Promotions
 - d. Constant Contact Administrator
 - e. Director of Online entries
 - f. NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND

ARTICLE VII: *Time and Expense Reimbursements of the BOD*

The Horseshoe Tour BOD and other staff will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses. Receipts should be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer for reimbursement. Only required BOD who are not competing in the event will receive expense funding from the tournament location.

ARTICLE VIII: *Removal from the Board of Directors*

Any BOD may be removed from office upon failure to perform the duties or for any reason that brings discredit to The Horseshoe Tour. Removal from office shall be by a majority vote of the remaining BOD.

ARTICLE IX: *Vacancies on the Board of Directors*

In the event of a vacancy, except that of the President, the remaining BOD will select a replacement in a timely manner.

ARTICLE X: *Amendments*

These bylaws are amendable by 2/3 majority vote of the BOD present at the annual meeting or when an special/emergent meeting has been called to order.

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