



# The Horseshoe Tour

## Tournament Rules and Regulations

### SECTION 1. MISSION/DIVISIONS

The Horseshoe Tour events are affiliated, supported, and sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Therefore, all players must be current members of the NHPA in order to compete in any Horseshoe Tour event.

1. The Horseshoe Tour will consist of only two divisions.
  - a. 40' Prime (players competing behind the 37' foul line)
  - b. 30' Prime (players competing behind the 27' foul line)

### SECTION 2. EQUIPMENT

The Horseshoe Tour observes the NHPA rules and regulations regarding horseshoe pitching equipment.

### SECTION 3. REGULATION HORSESHOE TOUR GAMES

The Horseshoe Tour observes NHPA rules of horseshoe pitching with the exceptions following:

1. All games are 30 shoe games
2. Scoring is count all- ringers only
  - a. Each ringer counts as 1 points
  - b. Close shoes or leaners are considered out of count and worth 0 points.
  - c. Tied games will remain ties in qualifying rounds and count as  $\frac{1}{2}$  win and  $\frac{1}{2}$  loss for each player
  - d. Games are double alternate pitch in qualifying rounds.

### DROPOUTS

1. Unlike the standard NHPA round robin format, the Horseshoe Tour qualifying rounds are to determine the seed of the players into the finals brackets the following day based on qualifying rounds ringer percent. During the event, it is possible, though no fault of their own, that a player will not be able to complete the scheduled games selected by the tournament director.
2. In the event of a dropout, the tournament director may decide to treat the games as a forfeit, or to insert a pacer, if available, for remaining players to acquire the normal shoe count or to complete the scheduled games.
  - a. If the decision is made to forfeit the remaining games, not all scheduled players will have the equal qualifying shoe count. Therefore, standings are to be decided by ringer percentage of all the games completed.
  - b. A player whom drops out of the qualifying rounds will be eliminated.
  - c. If multiple dropouts occur, the TD may decide to for additional classes as "lower level payout" classes, and allow players to compete in the finals.
  - d. All remaining players will be positioned in the finals as normal.

## **SCORESHEETS**

Scoresheet discrepancies must be resolved prior to the score sheet going to the stats room for final calculation. Any game or scoring discrepancies should be reported to the TD immediately and not after the game or games are completed.

## **BRACKET ROUNDS- SINGLE GAME, BEST OF 3, OR 5 GAMES**

After qualifying rounds, bracket match play begins. Using this format, players must win the “best of three” games, then they are eliminated, or advance to the next match play for the winner. Losers are out and done competing. There is no alternate pitch in this round.

NOTE: Bracket match play are subject to change due to weather, time, courts, or any other factor at the TD discretion.

## **NOT PRESENT FOR GAME**

If any player is not present for the start of the game, or has to drop out in:

- a. Qualifying rounds: the TD has the discretion to make the decision to resolve the problem.
- b. Bracket match play: the player will forfeit that game. After 15 minutes, they forfeit the next game. When they have forfeited a majority of the games, the match is forfeited, and the opponent will advance.

## **SECTION 4. REGULAR SEASON EVENT FORMAT**

1. All Horseshoe Tour events will be pre-registered. Entries must be received and signed 10 days prior to the start date of the event.
2. The entry fee for both divisions is \$90 (ninety USD)
3. After the entry deadline, the TD will determine the exact format that will be used, based upon the number of entries, courts available, weather, and time.
4. A player meeting is required prior to each event, in order to communicate to the players the format, payout, big games formula etc.
5. In the qualifying rounds, the players will be seeded based upon their current eShoe average.
  - a. In the qualifying rounds, all players will be grouped together by division, and pitch all games. Based upon the palayers performance in qualifying, they will then be broken into 4 player bracket match play groups. With A being the best qualifying players and so on...
  - b. Any ties for final seeding into the bracket match play will be broken by current entering eShoe average.
6. If a bracket match is tied after the “best of three” match, then a 10 shoe play off game will be used to break the tie. If still tied after 10 shoes, then down and back will be used until a winner has been declared.

### **SECTION 5. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather or other delays, the TD may implement a shortened schedule for qualifying rounds and bracket match play.

1. If the entire event is cancelled for inclement weather or other factors, each player will receive 100% refund of their entry fee, or apply it to a future event.
2. If the event is cancelled after qualifying rounds have been completed, but before the bracket match play finals are completed, the qualifying round seeding for the finals will be used to pay the players.

NOTE: If a player drops out of an event for any reason after the deadline, but before the event has started, you may contact the TD to receive a \$50 refund or credit.

### **SECTION 6. HORSESHOE TOUR REFUND/CHECK POLICY**

1. If a player for any reason decides not to attend an event after their entry fee has been received, and prior to the deadline, 100% will be returned or credited.
2. If a player for any reason decides not to attend an event after their entry fee has been received, and after the deadline, you must contact the TD prior to the tournament being setup and the player will receive a \$50 refund or credit.
3. If a player for any reason decides not to show up or drops out for an unapproved reason, no refund or credit will be issued.

NOTE: Once the tournament has been setup, payouts are figured and not changed. Players have 60 days after each event to cash their checks, if not the check will be cancelled and any money remaining will stay with the Horseshoe Tour.

### **SECTION 7. AMENDMENTS**

The Horseshoe Tour BOD will review these tournament rules annually, and any changes, additions, or corrections must be passed by a simple majority vote of those BOD present.

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