

Horseshoes



Entry Regulations:

1. Men and women compete separately
2. Competition will be in five year increments beginning with 50-54

Format:

Tournament is double elimination.

All games are 21 points.

“No shows”, or those arriving after the first round is over will forfeit the game. Late arrivals before the first round of play is over, will be worked in, if possible.

Sports Rules:

Play will be governed by official rules of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association (NHPA).

Each player has two shoes and uses the same pitcher’s box. Players pitch both sides in turn at the opposite stake an inning. They then walk to that stake, tally the score and pitch back toward the first stake.

Players flip shoes. The winner decides who pitches first. If there is more than one game, the choice of starting alternates thereafter. Four tosses are allowed as a warm-up.

All matches to be conducted in accordance with the National Senior Olympic Rules. A 15 minute default time will be enforced. The pitcher must stand on one of the pitching platforms. His/her feet must stay behind the foul line until the shoe has left his/her hand. His/her opponent must remain on the opposite side of the stake, either in the rear quarter of the other pitching platform or behind the pitching box, with the toes of one foot touching that platform. He/she must not talk, move or in any way distract the pitcher. Such offense incurs a loss of score in that inning. No player may walk to the opposite stake, or be informed of the position of the shoes before an inning is complete. Once thrown, shoes may not be moved or touched until the scores have been decided. Such an offense incurs a loss that inning.

Cancellation scoring will be in effect. Shoes must be within 6 inches of the stake to score.

Women 50-74 pitch from 30 feet, 75+ pitch from 20 feet.

Men 50-69 pitch from 40 feet, 70+ have their choice of 30 or 40 feet.