

## **World Tournament News**

The World Tournament for Lansing has been rescheduled to 2023. The dates are thought to be July 17-29 at the Lansing Center. It is anticipated that 4 tournaments will be required to be pitched from mid-May 2022 through the tournament entry deadline in May 2023. Please prepare for this event.

## **Association News**

A Sunday tournament has been added for August 22. This tournament is the last chance to enter the State Singles tournament.

The Woody Cup will up for grabs again on September 11. Contact your club to participate as part of your club's team.

There are vacancies for the positions of Ringer Report editor, St. Jude coordinator, Publicity chair and Finance/Audit that can be filled by interested members. Contact president John Stephenson for details.

# **Please Read Carefully!**

## **Important Information for State Championship Pitchers**

### **Check In Time**

All pitchers must be at the Tournament site one **(1) hour before their scheduled starting time**. At the check-in on Saturday, the scorekeeper fees for the tournament will be collected and shirts will be checked. **Your name must be on the back of the shirt**. Check in Rain or Shine! The groups picture will not be taken, individual pictures will be taken. **Do Not Wander Off until instructed!**

### **Introductions**

Introductions of all pitchers will take place prior to their pitching on the first day. The round robin cards for the tournament will be handed out at that time. You must bring it with you the second day.

### **Warm-up**

Each shift will be allowed a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes of warm-up each day. No warm-ups will be allowed until all pitching from the previous shift has been completed or at the shift Director's discretion. **It will be announced when the groups may begin their warm-up.**

### **Play Begins**

There will be an announcement five (5) minutes before warm-up ends. At that time you should condition your court and be ready to begin pitching. Games will begin immediately when announced. All games for all classes will be 35 point cancellation unless both pitchers are below 25%, where the games will be 30 points or 60 shoes.

### **Scorekeeping and Round Robin Cards**

After completion of a game, the scorekeeper will complete the bottom of the scoresheet. **Please verify that information is correct**. Each pitcher will receive a copy (the yellow one to the winner and the pink one to the loser) therefore, the **round robin card will not be filled out**. If you want it filled out please wait until after your entire shift to do so. This will help keep us on schedule.

### **Late Arrivals**

Report to the Tournament Director immediately. If you are more than ten (10) minutes late, you will forfeit the game. If you are less than ten (10) minutes late you will be allowed to pitch, but you will only be allowed one (1) down and back. If you forfeit one or more games you will be allowed to play all remaining games.

### **Rain Delays or Rainout**

All pitchers must report at their scheduled times both days, whether they think they will pitch or not, and wait for a decision to be made by the Tournament Committee.

### **Playoffs**

All playoffs for first place are scheduled to be played at the conclusion of play. However, if there are no courts available a playoff may be scheduled for a later time.



# More Important Information for State Championship Pitchers

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### Discrepancies/Errors in Standings

After each game, a computer printout will be posted with the latest results. After your shift each day, please check the board and bring any discrepancies to the attention of any one of the Tournament Committee so it can be looked into at that time. Do not wait until after the tournament is over and prizes awarded before bringing a mistake to our attention.

### Between Games

After you have finished your game, go immediately to your next scheduled court and be ready to begin your next game as soon as the court is available and your opponent is there. You will usually have time to get a drink and use the facilities, but **please don't get sidetracked on your way there or back to your court.** *Before you start each game, make sure you are on the right court and have the right opponent.....Scorekeepers should also check to make sure they have the right two pitchers for each game.*

### Practice

Practice will be allowed all day and evening on Friday. Practice on Saturday and Sunday will end one half (1/2) hour before the starting time of the first shift. At that time, only scheduled pitchers for the first shift will be allowed on the courts. ***There is no open practice allowed during tournament times.*** Practice will be allowed at the end of play each evening. It is the decision of the host club as to how late practice will be allowed.

### Tournament Committee

John Stephenson, President/Tournament Director

Tina Schafer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Debbie Markley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

Pam Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer

Keith Schafer, Statistician/Computer Support

The decisions of the Tournament Director and Tournament Committee shall be final. The Tournament Committee shall act in good faith toward all rules governing horseshoes.

Tournament Statisticians:

Keith Schafer – AM shift

Tina Schafer – PM shift

Tournament Judges: John Stephenson, TBD