



# The Ringer Report



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## 2023 Pitching Schedule and Updated Constitution included in this Issue

### NOTICE

Joe Hettrick and I have both donated \$500 each for next year's State Tournament, so that's \$1,000 in the pot already for tournament payouts, since it's the 100th State Tournament. If you weren't at State last year, get ready to participate and join in on the fun!

—Zach Spanke  
2nd Vice President of MHPA



### 18th Year of Competition

#### The Woody Cup has a New Home

The Lake Orion Horseshoe Club was victorious in winning the treasured Woody Cup Sept. 17. The Greater Lansing Area Horseshoe Club hosted the event at Westside Park.

Lansing was defending the championship by competing against clubs from Lake Orion and St. Clair Shores.



St. Clair Shores started fast, with 18 points at the half-way point, but Lake Orion got hot and won with 30 points, winning 10 of their last 12 matches. St. Clair Shores was second with 24, and Lansing took the bottom slot with 18 points. Looking forward to seeing the Woody Cup out and about and hoping to see more teams next year at Lake Orion.

All money raised, \$902 this year, is given to St. Jude Children's Hospital as part of our ongoing support from the horseshoe pitching community. This was the 18th year of competition with a total of \$9,635.00.

Thanks to everyone who helped with this cause!

### NHPA Liability Insurance

As one of the benefits of membership, the **National Horseshoe Pitchers Association** carries a liability insurance policy that covers bodily injury and property damage that might occur due to the actions of one of our members participating at any NHPA sanctioned event. This coverage also extends to any non-NHPA member that has been authorized to participate in a NHPA sanctioned event.

This includes bodily injury and property damage to members, spectators, and property both inside and outside the confines of the playing area that result from normal and expected actions of the players.

Coverage determination will be subject to the actual terms of the insurance policy and the specific conditions of the incident.

Should such an incident occur, and it is deemed serious enough to warrant a claim, you are highly encouraged to use one of the claim forms provided and file a claim.

All claims will be evaluated on an individual basis.

—from the NHPA Sec/Treas.

### And the result is...

Thank you to all of those who participated in the recent voting on the rule change that was proposed at the 2022 World Tournament Convention. As was mentioned, the delegates voted to bring this to the body of the delegates to make sure that the voice of ALL delegates was heard on this important rule proposal.

The proposal that was sent:  
**The rule as it currently reads:**

Rule 1 - Pitching Divisions  
Section F - Elder Men (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division upon purchase of an NHPA card dated for the calendar year that they become seventy (70) years old).

**Proposed change:**  
Rule 1 - Pitching Divisions  
Section F - Elder Men (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division upon purchase of an NHPA card dated for the calendar year that they become sixty-five (65) years old).

**Results:**  
With 98 delegates casting their vote, the proposed change passed with a score of 73 yes votes and 25 no votes. The proposal required a 60% approval to pass. With 74.5% approval, the vote passed and will be effective October 1st 2022.

We encourage everyone to reach out to their friends and neighbors and encourage them to plan their retirement with us on the local horseshoe pits!

—NHPA Council

**Lansing WT qualifying dates: May 17, 2022 to May 15, 2023**  
(4 sanctioned tournaments from any state)

**Regional Director Report**  
Keith Schafer



The 2023 schedule has come out, is on the website, and there are many opportunities to get your tournaments in to qualify for the first World Horseshoe Tournament ever in Michigan. We would like to thank Jason Castle for joining our association and hosting tournaments in Lapeer. It is expected that these tournaments will add members to our group and add contestants to the World tournament.

Here's a reminder: The first card purchased by a pitcher should be purchased through the Association secretary or through the Tournament Director (who will forward to the Association Secretary). The Association Secretary will do the membership online and assign a membership number. Renewals can then be done online through the NHPA EShoe website. Problems have occurred at the NHPA on initial memberships.

The dates of play at the 2023 World Horseshoe Tournament are July 17 through July 29. The deadline for entries is May 17 for the World tournament.

I will be around to the courts this coming year to re-sanction the facilities. We have lost Brighton and Holt in the last year, and have regained Lapeer, as previously stated. Inactive facilities in Hillsdale, Lincoln Park and Manton can be re-sanctioned if a new tournament director steps up to head these clubs.

In this coming year, the tournament directors will be provided the token numbers to send the results to EShoe. There is no reason for TD's to send the results to the statistician when it is easier and potentially more accurate to have the TD's send them directly in to EShoe. The tournament directors will also be asked to send the results over-

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view report to the webmaster, the Secretary/Treasurer and the Ringer Report editor. The statistician can then get the data for year-end reports from EShoe later, and work with the Secretary/Treasurer to resolve any issues.

Remember, there is an opportunity to learn the sanctioning process of the Regional Director duties as the assistant RD in 2023, while stepping into the position of RD opening in 2024 or 2025. Let Josh Lull know if you are interested.

The Hall of Fame computer will have all available data for Michigan tournaments from 1992 forward, with some query reports created. There will also be our Hall of Fame data which will be scanned into this computer soon. Contact Josh Lull for any further information on this effort.

One final note: the schedule has 6 tournament dates scheduled in the period July 1 through July 8. If a pitcher pitches all four tournament dates scheduled for the July 1 through July 4 period, they will get a prized "Gauntlet" certificate. And if anyone pitches all 6 dates in the above period, I will dig in my own pocket to pay for a plaque for taking on the "Super Gauntlet" and completing it.

Happy pitching to all this winter!

—Keith

### NHPA Notice

Please remember this holiday season as you begin your shopping to use AmazonSmile when shopping and mark The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) as your charity.

To date the NHPF has received \$1,573.93 due to your participation in this worthwhile program. To learn more about it contact <https://smile.amazon.com/charity/smile/about> Keep up the good work and the NHPF thanks you many times!

—Casey Sluys

Assistant Publicity/Promotion/NHPF Director

### 2022 NHPA President's Message

## Prioritizing Changes for the Future

By Gary B. Roberts, NHPA President

The 2022 World Tournament is history. For many reasons, the participation was lower than usual. However, there were many great performances in all divisions. Sadly, some of the NHPA officers, participants, and family members fell victim to the new Covid variant during and subsequently at the tournament. I would like to thank our volunteers including Roger Vogel, Ron Smith, Clarence Lassiter, and Buddy Lampkin for their many hours of hard work. I would also like to thank Fred Lane for his assistance with IT issues. Blaine Scott, who received the Presidential Award this year, was a valuable resource throughout the tournament. Ben Webb performed well in taking over Junior duties with very little time for preparation. Since that time, Ben has been appointed as Junior Director. Our NHPA officers should be commended for their hard work under stressful circumstances. Our hosts in Monroe went above and beyond to assist us during the tournament.

**We are now looking toward the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan. Above average participation is expected for this location. The Council plans to implement a new format for the 2024, not for 2023 tournament.**

Laurie Lampkin has been busy generating interest in bidding for the 2024 World Tournament. Several cities have expressed interest in bidding. The deadline for bids is December 31, 2022. It will be exciting to see which cities choose to place a bid.

I would encourage members to be thinking about rules and bylaws proposals that must be submitted prior to December 31, 2022. There has been considerable controversy over residency requirements for participation in State Championships. Many feel the current bylaw as it relates to residency is antiquated and needs changed. We will undoubtedly receive proposals to be reviewed by the Rules Committee. I have also heard from many women recommending that a shorter distance be established for elderly women who can no longer throw 30 feet. The state delegates voted to reduce the age for men to move to 30 feet at age 65 rather than age 70. The primary reason expressed for this change was that new retirees are much more likely to begin pitching if they can pitch from 30 feet. A side benefit is that we are now in concert with the Canadian rule.

The most important issue is the continuing decline in membership. I do not purport to have all the answers. In Ohio, we have increased membership by over 10% this year. This is a surprise when you consider the members who passed away during the year. We also got some new members from the Loyal Order of Moose. It will be interesting to see if this leads to getting additional members. We need to look at states that are showing increases in membership to learn best practices. We must all work together in reversing the membership decline.



NHPA President  
Gary Roberts



The only horseshoe pitching related charity needs your tax-deductible donations to support many programs of the sport including the Hall of Fame and Grants to install new or upgrade existing courts.

Deadline for grant Applications: March 1st and September 1st

Mail Inquires & contributions to:

**NHPF - 100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO 63385 [www.nhpf.info](http://www.nhpf.info)**

## Sanctioning a New Designed Horseshoe

Any shoe that is altered from its original design would not be legal in any NHPA sanctioned event. Grinding off the ringer breaker would make the shoe altered and therefore illegal.

The cost to have a new horseshoe sanctioned by the NHPA is \$300 with a \$100 yearly fee every year there after as long as the shoe is being manufactured. A prototype must be sent to the NHPA Sec./Treas. to start this sanctioning. There have been a couple of pitchers that invented their own horseshoe, got it sanctioned and did so only for their own use. A rather expensive horseshoe.

With over 50 different shoes currently sanctioned plus many more that are no longer made but still out there for sale and still sanctioned, one would think that by now there was a shoe made that covers everyone's needs.

—Dick Hanson, past NHPA Sec.

## M&M Horseshoe Update

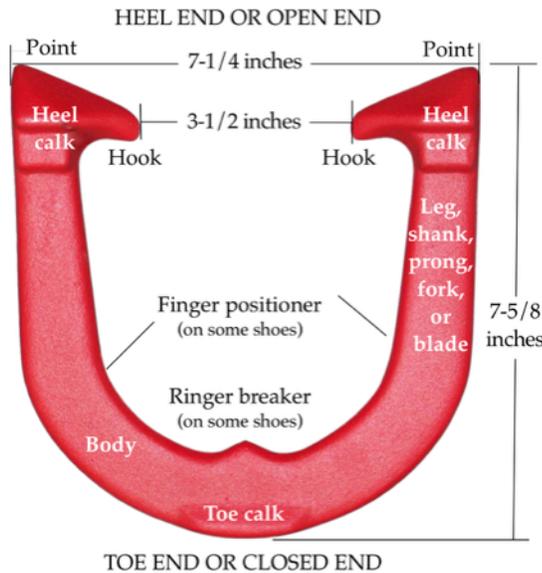
Here is the latest on my M&M horseshoes. Back in late spring the foundry I have been using for a number of years announced they were closing. I was assured they would fill my orders which would have kept me in stock until next summer. This would have allowed me to seamlessly move to another foundry. (This will be the 7th time I have been through this process.) Obviously, this never happened and now my stock is basically zero. I do have a lead on a new foundry that looks promising if I do decide to go forward making horseshoes.

It is now the slow time for horseshoes and I am taking this break to decide if maybe after designing and making horseshoes for almost 40 years it was time to take a step back from the business. I am very proud of my creations especially the M&M Special and A-Mac horseshoes. I could have been like some others and just played the copy game but how does that improve our sport? While things are in transition I would be negligent if I did not see if anyone was interested in purchasing the business and taking over production of the M&M line of horseshoes. It's not an easy job but is very rewarding and certainly I can help with technical advice if required.

Lastly I would like to thank all those horseshoe players who pitched my horseshoes over the years. Thanks.

—Kevin McLachlin, M&M Horseshoes

## What is the Purpose of the Ringer Breaker? . . .



The ringer breaker causes the horseshoe to spin when hitting the stake which stops the horseshoe from bouncing off.

Pitching ringers is hard enough. The last thing you want is for it to bounce back off. The M&M Special had the largest ringer breaker ever designed when it came out 30 years ago. Since then, many have copied its idea. But, whether it be the big ringer breaker or the smaller ringer breaker, horseshoes with ringer breakers will usually have less bounce-offs than those that don't.

Link to NHPA Sanctioned Shoes: <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/sanctioned-shoes/>

## Where to Buy your Horseshoe Pitching Equipment

• You might be wondering where to buy your horseshoe pitching equipment. The following links should take you to some important websites where you can obtain all your equipment including horseshoes, gloves, measuring tools and pitching apparel.

• White Distributors

Manufacturers of many horseshoe brands.

• Ron and Polly's Horseshoe Pitching Supplies

P.O. Box 40, Grapeland Texas 75844 - They have all kinds of horseshoes, measuring tools, clothing and much more!

Phone (936) 687-5149

Order online - [horseshoes4u.com](http://horseshoes4u.com)

• Ted Allen Horseshoes

• Gordon Horseshoes or Omega Horseshoe Company

• M&M Horseshoe Company

• Dennis' Horseshoes

Dennis Horseshoes has almost every horseshoe made plus accessories, jewelry, clothing and much more!

Competition Horseshoes (Takes the place of the defunct Tournament Diamond, an exact copy.)

• Dan the Man (No Website)

Dan Markley - Owner

Horseshoes, Supplies, Shirts and Monograming

See Dan at many horseshoe tournaments around the state.

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# MHPA HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Mecosta - Saturday, September 24

<b>Class A</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Andrew Adams	67.53	4-0	97	144	67.36
2. Helga Hewlett	56.86	3-1	82	162	50.62
3. Brandy Morehead	47.63	2-2	74	166	44.58
4. Dave Buikema	45.55	1-3	59	150	39.33
5. Keith Schafer	47.38	0-4	72	166	43.37

<b>Class B</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Larry Rhode	29.21	6-0	95	274	34.67
2. Cody Bupp	37.34	4-2	79	218	36.24
3. Greg Lambert	27.00	2-4	47	224	20.98
4. Albert Goodsell	33.00	0-6	67	292	22.95

<b>Class C</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Craig Currier	17.00	3-1	38	204	18.63
2. Dave Eversole	26.01	3-1	39	214	18.22
3. Alan Andersen	11.11	0-4	31	210	14.76

## Jackson - Sunday, September 25

<b>Class A</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Helga Hewlett	56.86	4-0	102	156	65.38
2. James Dunlap	64.88	3-1	89	142	62.68
3. Lisa Smith	55.32	2-2	75	154	48.70
4. Quincy Johnson	52.09	1-3	65	148	43.92
5. Bob Peek	56.25	0-4	97	200	48.50

<b>Class B</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Steve Florek	47.41	3-1	65	146	44.52
2. George Parsons	44.99	3-1	48	160	30.00
3. Brandy Morehead	47.11	2-2	64	154	41.56
4. Wayne Friesmuth	39.69	1-3	46	160	28.75
5. Danny Markley	47.80	1-3	35	164	21.34

<b>Class C</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bobby Mumford Sr.	32.73	5-1	87	248	35.08
2. John Banks	37.17	5-1	80	230	34.78
3. Johnnie Smith	29.05	2-4	56	242	23.14
4. Barbara Meadows	26.79	0-6	52	232	22.41

<b>Class D</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Darrell Harris	22.18	4-0	51	176	28.98
2. Aprile Friesmuth	22.21	3-1	43	192	22.40
3. Bobby Mumford	19.85	2-2	41	170	24.12
4. Crystal Devine	15.76	1-3	43	170	25.29
5. Tina Payne	17.07	0-4	25	176	14.20

<b>Class E</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Gene Meadows	9.38	5-1	56	262	21.37
2. Silas Meadows III	6.00	4-2	52	294	17.69
3. Cyndi Mumford	8.53	3-3	33	274	12.04
4. AJ Stone	10.00	0-6	23	282	8.16

## Jackson - Saturday, October 8

<b>Class A</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. George Parsons	44.99	4-0	68	138	49.28
2. Lisa Smith	54.18	2-2	80	148	54.05
3. Quincy Johnson	52.09	2-2	60	130	46.15
4. Clip Connin	55.84	2-2	48	138	34.78
5. Johnnie Smith	29.05	0-4	35	138	25.36

<b>Class B</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Lawrence Hinton	15.09	4-0	46	188	24.47
2. Barbara Meadows	26.79	3-1	40	190	21.05
3. Tony Kammer	16.67	2-2	39	190	20.53
4. Mitchel Powers Jr.	17.81	1-3	42	200	21.00
5. Silas Meadows III	17.69	0-4	30	188	15.96

## Brighton - Saturday, October 15

<b>Class A</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Lisa Smith	54.18	4-0	103	166	62.05
2. Quincy Johnson	52.09	3-1	86	170	50.59
3. J. D. Drake	63.27	2-2	128	228	57.66
4. Bob Peek	55.68	1-3	84	182	46.15
5. Clip Connin	55.84	0-4	73	176	41.48

<b>Class B</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. George Parsons	47.20	4-1	98	208	47.12
2. Paul Bachelor	42.40	4-1	83	226	36.73
3. Sam Moore	34.96	3-2	70	198	35.35
4. Boyd Howe	41.55	2-3	77	212	36.32
5. Paul Howard	35.93	2-3	72	224	32.14
6. Danny Markley	47.01	0-5	56	200	28.00

<b>Class C</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Johnnie Smith	29.05	3-1	45	186	24.19
2. Larry Majerski	15.74	3-1	39	190	20.53
3. Sean Saumier	21.22	2-2	46	190	24.21
4. Harry Grant	17.02	1-3	31	198	15.66
5. Lawrence Hinton	15.09	1-3	19	188	10.11

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## Lake Orion Mike Ardelean - Saturday, Oct. 22

<b>Class A</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Andrew Adams	67.83	5-0	122	188	64.89
2. J.D. Drake	63.27	3-2	150	272	55.15
3. Brandy Morehead	46.97	3-2	90	216	41.67
4. Danny Markley	47.01	2-3	94	228	41.23
5. George Parsons	47.20	1-4	93	202	46.04
6. Douglas Bailey	47.62	1-4	75	202	37.13

<b>Class B</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. John Banks	37.17	4-1	87	222	39.19
2. Ken Kuss	45.82	3-2	85	208	40.87
3. Roger Higgins	41.00	3-2	101	254	39.76
4. Paul Howard	35.93	3-2	73	218	33.49
5. Bobby Mumford Sr.	35.17	2-3	74	208	35.58
6. Sam Moore	34.96	0-5	83	226	36.73

<b>Class C</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Krystle Price	33.88	4-0	58	160	36.25
2. Ron Nelson	32.33	2-2	42	172	24.42
3. Cathy Ardelean	29.30	2-2	38	182	20.88
4. Valerie Jones	25.46	1-3	52	192	27.08
5. Ronald Price	31.10	1-3	33	162	20.37

<b>Class D</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Lawrence Hinton	17.53	4-0	28	200	14.00
2. Mike Kolb	22.00	3-1	41	200	20.50
3. Darrell Harris	23.57	2-2	41	196	20.92
4. Bobby Mumford III	18.00	1-3	38	196	19.39
5. Bobby Mumford	22.87	0-4	36	200	18.00

<b>Class E</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Carl Rennell	13.50	3-0	32	136	23.53
2. Matthew Thomas	15.88	2-1	29	148	19.59
3. Larry Majerski	15.74	1-2	21	146	14.38
4. Darren Green	9.62	0-3	12	134	8.96

## Mecosta - Saturday, October 29

<b>Class A</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Quincy Johnson	52.09	5-1	142	296	47.97
2. Lisa Smith	58.06	4-2	171	300	57.00
3. Helga Hewlett	59.24	2-4	147	302	48.68
4. Clip Connin	54.47	1-5	111	270	41.11

<b>Class B</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. George Parsons	47.20	4-0	80	168	47.62
2. Brandy Morehead	46.97	2-2	86	178	48.31
3. Danny Markley	45.95	2-2	71	176	40.34
4. Sam Moore	35.91	1-3	58	168	34.52
5. Cody Bupp	36.98	1-3	61	178	34.27

<b>Class C</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Johnnie Smith	28.17	4-0	50	200	25.00
2. Barbara Meadows	25.23	3-1	46	192	23.96
3. Henry Hopkins	20.53	2-2	42	182	23.08
4. Albert Goodsell	22.95	1-3	31	214	14.49
5. Valerie Jones	26.23	0-4	37	204	18.14

<b>Class D</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Alan Andersen	13.17	4-1	49	240	20.42
2. Larry Majerski	16.79	4-1	40	244	16.39
3. Mitchel Powers Jr.	18.88	3-2	54	212	25.47
4. Craig Currier	18.63	3-2	36	244	14.75
5. Lawrence Hinton	17.53	1-4	9	224	4.02
6. Silas Meadows	17.02	0-5	26	236	11.02

## Jackson - Saturday, November 5

<b>Class A</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. J.D. Drake	63.27	4-0	107	178	60.11
2. Lisa Smith	58.45	2-2	99	186	53.23
3. Helga Hewlett	59.24	2-2	97	200	48.50
4. Quincy Johnson	52.09	1-3	57	146	39.04
5. Clip Connin	54.47	1-3	68	194	35.05

<b>Class B</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. George Parsons	47.86	4-1	108	232	46.55
2. Brandy Morehead	48.07	4-1	86	222	38.74
3. Danny Markley	46.04	3-2	75	180	41.67
4. Bobby Mumford Sr.	36.85	2-3	61	190	32.11
5. Sam Moore	35.91	1-4	59	218	27.06
6. Michael McDaniel	36.91	1-4	45	202	22.28

<b>Class C</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Valerie Jones	23.53	4-2	77	302	25.50
2. Carl Rennell	23.53	4-2	56	268	20.90
3. Bobby Mumford	22.87	3-3	70	288	24.31
4. Johnnie Smith	28.17	1-5	61	298	20.47

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Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Clay Strange	21.25	5-1	65	288	22.57
2. Lawrence Hinton	17.53	3-3	41	290	14.14
3. Sean Saumier	21.22	2-4	65	278	23.38
4. Mitchel Powers Jr.	20.60	2-4	54	280	19.29

### Jackson - Saturday, November 19

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. J.D. Drake	63.27	5-1	157	270	58.15
2. James Dunlap	65.10	3-3	104	174	59.77
3. Clip Connin	54.47	3-3	134	268	50.00
4. Lisa Smith	58.45	1-5	84	234	35.90

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Danny Markley	46.04	5-1	119	224	53.13
2. Brandy Morehead	48.07	4-2	115	238	48.32
3. Paul Bachelor	42.40	2-4	113	278	40.65
4. Wayne Friesmuth	39.69	1-5	87	236	36.86

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bobby Mumford Sr.	36.85	5-1	111	308	36.04
2. Boyd Howe	38.41	4-2	113	258	43.80
3. John Banks	37.84	3-3	85	240	35.42
4. Larry Rhode	32.52	0-6	75	266	28.20

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Aprile Friesmuth	22-92	4-0	51	172	29.65
2. Johnnie Smith	28.17	3-1	54	188	28.72
3. Larry Murphy	23.49	2-2	48	188	25.53
4. Darrell Harris	23.57	1-3	27	178	15.17
5. Reginald Bell	23.00	0-4	43	178	24.16

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bobby Mumford III	19.39	3-1	37	168	22.02
2. Bobby Mumford	22.87	3-1	40	182	21.98
3. Dale Moore	21.65	2-2	36	170	21.18
4. Lawrence Hinton	17.53	2-2	24	176	13.64
5. Martin O'Brien	21.38	0-4	35	188	18.62

### "The Stranger Passing Through"

— Author Unknown —

Most ev'ry summer evening, a dozen men or more,  
Would gather for a horseshoe game, down by the gen'ral store.  
Some of the boys were pretty fair, once they had got their eye,  
You heard the shoes a ringing out, if you were passing by.

Now old Jim Parks was eighty-two, but played right with the rest,  
And when he wasn't all "lamed up," you had to pitch your best.  
The barber was a pitcher who had won some local fame,  
He played a lot at county fairs, and seldom lost a game.

They kept the clay pits up to snuff, and watered ev'ry day.  
The shoes would stick right where they hit and never slide away.  
They thought that they were pretty good, could throw a decent shoe,  
Until the day they chanced to play, 'the stranger passing through.'

It seems that late one afternoon, this man drives into town,  
And figured that there wasn't time to get where he was bound.  
He left his horse at Riley's Barn and said, "I'm stayin' o'er."  
And put up at the boarding house down near the gen'ral store.

And later on that evening, the stranger made his way,  
Down the street, to the horseshoe games, to watch the fellows play.  
Now just by chance, that summer night, they turned out one man shy,  
So someone asked the stranger there if he would like to try.

He said he would be glad to play, and see what he would do,  
And that is how they came to meet 'the stranger passing through.'  
He rolled up his sleeves a bit and gathered up the shoes,  
And when he let the first one fly, they knew he was bad news.

The first shoe was a ringer, you could see it all the way,  
Traveling in a perfect arch to nestle in the clay.  
The second shoe was just as good; I thought the judge would burst,  
As it went sailing through the air to land upon the first.

They got on with the pairing up; One pitches number Two,  
And number Three, plays number Four; 'the stranger passing through.'  
He played them all that summer night, but no one had a chance.  
His arm moved like a smooth machine, they watched like in a trance.

You would have sworn a magnet was imbedded in the clay,  
As shoes went flying through the air, and landed there to stay.  
By now a crowd had gathered there, and soon the townfolk knew,  
The local boys had met their match: 'the stranger passing through.'

When all the games were over and they covered up the clay,  
They shook hands with the stranger, and then homeward made their way.  
The local boys were feeling sad, but this I know is true,  
They all felt better when they heard, he was just passing through.

Question: **Do scorekeepers have to be sanctioned?** Or, can one bring a wife/husband to keep score at a tournament even though they aren't NHPA members?

Answer: **No. Scorekeepers do not have to be sanctioned. Anyone can keep score.**

— Jim Kinney, Jr  
NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

**2023 MHPA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT PITCHING SCHEDULE**

Outdoor Tournaments - Check-in by 9:30 a.m

Indoor Tournaments must pre-register with the Tournament Director - Check-in by 9:30 a.m. - Starting time 10:00 a.m.

Sanction No.		NOTES	2023 Date	HOST CLUB
<b><u>WINTER INDOOR TOURNAMENTS AT THE JACKSON INDOOR COURTS</u></b>				
<b><u>January</u></b>				
	PRE-REGISTER		01/07/23	
30-23-004	TO GUARANTEE	Sunday	01/15/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-005	YOUR SPOT FOR	Sunday	01/22/23	Jackson
30-23-006	WINTER		01/28/23	Kalamazoo
	TOURNAMENTS			
<b><u>February</u></b>				
30-23-007			02/04/23	Mecosta
30-23-008		Sunday	02/05/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-009			02/11/23	Brighton Indoor Club
30-23-010		Sunday	02/19/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-011		Sunday	02/26/23	Jackson
<b><u>March</u></b>				
30-23-012			03/04/23	Kalamazoo
30-23-013		Sunday	03/12/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-014			03/18/23	Mecosta
30-23-015			03/25/23	Jackson
<b><u>April</u></b>				
30-23-016		Sunday	04/02/23	St. Clair Shores
			04/08/23	No tournament
30-23-017			04/15/23	Brighton Indoor Club
30-23-018			04/22/23	Mecosta
30-23-019			04/29/23	Thrun/Vincent hosted by Jackson

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**Tournament Directors**

Club	Director	Phone	Email
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Jackson	Brandy Morehead	(517) 599-5933	brandy.morehead@gmail.com
Kalamazoo	Josh Lull	(269) 838-7698	joshlull@gmail.com
Lake Orion	Doug Bailey	(248) 421-9708	dougbailey204@gmail.com
Lansing	Keith Schafer	(517) 256-8224	michhorseshoectdir@yahoo.com
Mecosta	Helga Hewlett	(989) 967-3081	helgahewlett@msn.com
St. Clair Shores	Tina Payne	(586) 774-3223	tinapayne0828@gmail.com

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<b>OUTDOOR TOURNAMENTS</b>			9:30 SIGN-IN TIME UNLESS NOTED	
<b>May</b>				
30-23-054			04/22/23	Lapeer
30-23-055			04/29/23	Lapeer
30-23-056			05/06/23	Lapeer
30-23-020			05/06/23	Mecosta
30-23-021			05/13/23	Mecosta
30-23-057			05/13/23	Lapeer
30-23-046		Sunday	05/14/23	Lansing Last Chance for World
			05/17/23	Deadline for entry to World Tournament - Lansing
30-23-022			05/20/23	Kalamazoo - 40s and 30s - Pitchers separated by distance
30-23-023			05/27/23	Hillman
			05/28/23	
30-23-024		Monday	05/29/23	Lansing St. Jude
<b>June</b>				
30-23-025			06/03/23	St. Clair Shores Memorial
30-23-026	7:30 start	Friday	06/09/23	Kalamazoo
30-23-027			06/10/23	Kalamazoo
30-23-028			06/17/23	Lake Orion
30-23-029			06/17/23	Mecosta
30-23-030			06/24/23	Jackson
<b>July</b>				
30-23-031			07/01/23	Hillman
30-23-032			07/01/23	Mecosta
30-23-033		Sunday	07/02/23	Lansing 40's and 30's - pitchers separated by distance
30-23-034		Monday	07/03/23	Lansing
30-23-035		Tuesday	07/04/23	Lansing Water Wonderland - \$200 added to payouts
30-23-036	7:30 start	Friday	07/07/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-037			07/08/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-001			07/17/23-07/30/23	<b>WORLD TOURNAMENT IN LANSING</b>
30-23-002				
<b>August</b>				
30-23-038			08/05/23	State Doubles - St. Clair Shores - Pre-register by 7/30/23
30-23-039			08/12/23	Lake Orion
30-23-040			08/19/23	Mecosta
30-23-041		SUNDAY	08/20/23	Lansing - Senior tournament Pre-register by 8/12/23
30-23-042		Friday	08/25/23	State Tournament - Jackson
		SATURDAY	08/26/23	State Tournament - Jackson
30-23-043		SUNDAY	08/27/23	State Tournament - Jackson
<b>September</b>				
			09/02/23	
30-23-044			09/09/23	Lansing 40's and 30's - pitchers separated by distance
NON SANCT			09/16/23	Woody Cup - Lake Orion
30-23-045		Sunday	09/24/23	Jackson
<b>Fall Indoor Tournaments @ Jackson Facility</b>				
			09/30/23	<b>SCHEDULING MEETING</b>
<b>October</b>				
30-23-047			10/07/23	Mecosta
30-23-048	PRE-REGISTER		10/14/23	Lake Orion - Mike Ardelean Memorial St. Jude
30-23-049	FOR YOUR SPOT	Sunday	10/22/23	Jackson
30-23-050	FOR ALL FALL TOURNAMENTS	Sunday	10/29/23	St. Clair Shores
<b>November</b>				
30-23-051			11/04/23	Brighton Indoor Club
30-23-052			11/11/23	Mecosta
30-23-053		Sunday	11/19/23	Jackson

**Constitution and By-laws of the  
Michigan Division of the NHPA established 1935**

*Revised August 31, 2022*

**Preamble**

The sport of horseshoe pitching affords a healthy, scientific, pleasant and competitive sport suitable to all persons with a desire to unify horseshoe adherents, standardize horseshoe pitching rules, authorize and conduct tournaments of local, state and national scope, promote the establishment of league and clubs. We the horseshoe pitchers of Michigan, in convention assembled do here establish the following Constitution and By-laws for the Association.

**Article I: Name**

The name of this Association shall be MICHIGAN HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION (MHPA).

**Article II: Administration**

**Section 1.**

All legislative power herein granted shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the president, 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, secretary/treasurer, MHPA statistician, Regional Director and the chairperson of the standing committees.

**Section 2.**

The Board of Directors is required to meet a minimum of two times each year. The Board of Directors is responsible for the business of the MHPA. A two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors must be present to form a quorum. A majority vote by the members of the Board of Directors present is required to transact any business.

**Section 3.**

The officers of this Association shall consist of a president, 1st and 2nd vice-presidents and secretary/treasurer. The officers shall be known as the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall be in charge of the Association's operating affairs. They shall be empowered to transact such business in the interest of the game and the Association as they deem advisable providing this is not contrary to the Constitution and By-laws or the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.**

The president and 2nd vice-president are to be elected in even-numbered years. The 1st vice-president and secretary/treasurer are to be elected in odd-numbered years. Their term of office shall be two years. Election of officers may be by secret ballot. Elections are held during the state Championships Tournament. Elected officers are to begin January 1. A member nominated for office shall be present at the meeting to accept the nomination. A letter of acceptance for a nomination

may be submitted if the member cannot be present at the meeting.

**Section 5.**

In case of death, resignation or removal of an officer between state meetings, the president may make an appointment to fill the unexpired term. Any appointments are to be subject to a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors within thirty days. Should the office of president become vacant due to death, resignation or removal, the 1st vice-president shall become president and the 2nd vice-president shall become the 1st vice-president. The 2nd vice-president position shall be filled at the next scheduled meeting.

**Section 6.**

State officers may be removed from their positions upon failure to perform the duties of the office or for any action that brings discredit to the MHPA. A two-thirds vote by the remaining Board of Directors is required to remove an officer. Voting may be done by Registered Mail or Electronic Mail. (email)

**Section 7.**

The Constitution and By-laws, Rules and Regulations may be revised by submitting changes at any membership meeting or sent to the chairperson of the Constitution and By-laws Committee by July 15. Such proposed revisions shall be published in the MHPA's August newsletter. All proposed revisions shall be voted upon at the State Tournament meeting. Any additions, deletions and/or changes shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of members present at the meeting and shall become effective January 1 of the following year. The president may at his/her option, have the State Tournament meeting later if tournament scheduling or other unforeseen reason does not allow proper time for the meeting to be held during the tournament.

**Section 8.**

The 1st vice-president shall be the chairperson of the Constitution and By-laws Committee. The 2nd vice-president shall be the chairperson of the Grievance and Credentials Committee. The secretary/treasurer shall be the chairperson of the Membership Committee. The chairpersons and committees shall be appointed by the president from the membership of the MHPA. No member shall be selected for more than two committees or be a chairperson of more than one committee.

- A. Auditing and Finance
- B. Hall of Fame
- C. Publicity

D. Any other committee the president deems advisable for the good of the MHPA.

It is necessary for majority of members of standing committees to be in actual attendance only if a problem arises which requires action by a particular committee. No committee shall decide an issue without a majority present. Should an occasion arise in which immediate action by a committee is required the president shall have the authority to dissolve the existing committee and appoint a new committee if a majority is not present. It shall be the duty of all committees to serve willingly and in the best interest of the MHPA. Any committee member may be removed by the Board of Directors.

### **Article III: Judiciary**

#### **Section 1.**

All officers shall have their books, records and property belonging to the MHPA at all membership meetings. If unable to be present, the officers must forward these to the president by registered mail before the first day of the meeting. Officers shall turn over to their successors all records and property of the MHPA that may or should be in their possession at the end of their term.

#### **Section 2.**

Any bill of account or expense against the MHPA amounting to over one hundred dollars, except routing supplies, shall be submitted to the Board of Directors and paid when approved by the Board of Directors. Any bill not approved in this manner, or any amount contested by the Board of Directors, shall be brought before the membership for approval by a majority of members present.

#### **Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer**

The secretary/treasurer shall be the custodian of all membership records and act as recording secretary at all meetings, handle the issuance of NHPA cards and membership reporting to the NHPA. The secretary/treasurer shall also be the custodian of the funds of the MHPA. He/she shall furnish a complete statement to the membership of monies received and paid out at the spring meeting and after the close of business of October 1 and/or any time the Board of Directors demands. During the annual state tournament meeting, Secretary/Treasurer shall provide a verbal update of the bank account. He/she shall furnish the information requested by the Auditing and Finance Committee and have the books audited at least once per year. Any election of the secretary/treasurer shall be invalid if the elected person does not furnish the necessary information to be bonded or if he/she cannot be bonded for a minimum of \$10,000. The bonding should be done no later than January 1, when officers take over their positions, and

a copy of the bonding turned over to the chairperson of the Audit and Finance committee to verify the bonding.

#### **Duties of the Statistician**

The statistician is to gather and maintain a State Tournament record of statistics that may be pertinent to the MHPA such as longest game, most consecutive ringers, State Champion, consecutive four-dead, etc. The statistician shall be the custodian of printed materials and other documents belonging to the MHPA. The statistician shall maintain current ringer percentages and report all tournament results to eShoe. The statistician shall turn over these records upon demand of the Board of Directors or the authorized representative(s) of the MHPA.

### **Article IV: Club Charters**

#### **Section 1.**

A club charter may be granted to any group requesting to sponsor a MHPA tournament if the following guidelines are fulfilled:

A. The club shall furnish to the MHPA secretary/treasurer the name of a club member or a local Park and Recreation Department who shall receive money from the MHPA.

B. The club shall furnish to the MHPA secretary the name of a club member who will be responsible for organizing tournaments sanctioned by the MHPA at the Scheduling Meeting.

C. The club shall have a minimum of six horseshoe courts. There shall be six courts set up for less than 40 feet pitching. All courts must contain the same material.

D. The club shall designate one member to handle publicity.

#### **Section 2.**

#### **Objectives of all clubs and members.**

A. To stimulate and maintain interest in horseshoe pitching.

B. To inform all interested persons in the rules governing the sport.

C. To promote sound ethics in fair play.

D. To encourage greater participation in local, regional, state and national contests.

### **Article V: By-laws**

#### **Section 1.**

The MHPA shall have jurisdiction over all members and guests at any MHPA function.

#### **Section 2.**

The MHPA shall maintain at least a \$300.00 balance in the treasury to carry over to the coming year.

### Section 3

All applications for State membership (when accepted) automatically entitle members to all courtesies and privileges extended to clubs and associations.

### Section 4.

Annual membership dues are \$45.00. Dues shall be distributed as follows:

- A. \$25.00 - NHPA Membership Dues
- B. \$5.00 - General Fund
- C. \$6.00 - State Tournament Fund
- D. \$7.00 - Newsletter
- E. \$1.00 - Secretary/Treasurer
- F. \$1.00 - Statistician

If there are two or more cards bought in the same household the cost of the second and subsequent cards shall be \$38.00 each if requested.

Provisional Membership Dues: Provisional Membership Dues shall be the NHPA portion of the Provisional Membership Dues (currently \$10). The dues for the MHPA will be \$0 for Provisional Members.

Trial Membership Dues: No membership dues will be collected for Trial Members.

### Section 5.

The scorekeeping fee for all tournaments shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per player per game, including juniors. Due to circumstances at a tournament, pitchers may be asked to assume scorekeeping duties during their bye in a group game. Those who refuse to keep score will not be allowed to pitch on an open court until their bye is complete, and they also will be responsible for the scorekeeping fees for the replacement scorekeeper. Reason: No pitcher should gain an advantage by refusing to assist with the scorekeeping of a tournament.

### Section 6.

The MHPA shall pay compensation of \$100.00 per year to the editor of the newsletter.

### Section 7.

The host club shall retain \$4.00 out of each adult entry fee for court fees. In the event that a club or community would like to hold a MHPA tournament, but does not have the knowledge or capability to do so, they may request the Board of Directors to appoint an individual, a committee or the officers of the MHPA to act as tournament director or committee. In return, the tournament director or committee shall be paid \$1.00 for each adult entrant. The \$1.00 fee is to be paid from the \$4.00 court fee. It is imperative that the Board of Directors is precise and explicit concerning the individuals who shall make up the tournament committee.

### Section 8.

The cost of the newsletter shall be \$8.00 to people who are not members of the MHPA.

### Section 9.

Roberts Rules of Order, revised and reading as follows shall govern the order of conducting all meetings.

- A. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- B. Approval, additions or corrections of the minutes.
- C. Reading of the financial report.
- D. Reports of officers, boards and standing or special committees.
- E. Memorandum of the President.
- F. Unfinished business.
- G. New Business
- H. Report of good and welfare work.
- I. Election of officers.
- J. Adjournment.

Members shall not speak on any subject more than twice. Members shall speak no longer than five minutes the first time and no longer than three minutes the second time. Committee reports, recommendations and visiting guests shall be exempt from time limitations.

### Section 10.

The president shall refer all resolutions made from the floor or received in writing to the appropriate committee.

### Section 11.

The Hall of Fame Committee is to be made from current Hall of Fame members when possible. Replacement of Hall of Fame Committee Members shall be selected by the existing Hall of Fame Committee chairperson and members. This committee shall decide the criteria for election into the Michigan/MHPA Hall of Fame. Recommendations are to be presented to the president before any announcement. The committee may solicit information from the membership or introduce possible candidates independently.

### Section 12.

Recommendations for lifetime membership shall be made by the Membership Committee to the president before any announcement. There shall be no more than six lifetime members of the MHPA at any time. Criteria for selection to lifetime membership of the MHPA are as follows:

- A. Mandatory: A minimum of 15 years membership with the MHPA.
- B. Mandatory: Minimum age of 60 years.
- C. Mandatory: A resident of Michigan at time of selection.
- D. Mandatory: A member of MHPA Hall of Fame.

**Section 13.**

In the event this association should take action to no longer function, the assets of the association shall be awarded to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA).

**Article VI: Tournaments**

**Section 1.**

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the host club's actions and decisions during district tournaments. The Board of Directors may suspend the sponsorship of the district tournament by the host club if the Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations are not followed.

**Section 2.**

The host club is responsible for having the courts ready for all tournaments they hold and for furnishing shovels, paint and water. The players are responsible for conditioning the courts at the start of each game. Players playing in the last shift are to condition and cover the courts upon conclusion of play.

**Section 3.**

District tournaments under jurisdiction of the MHPA shall start at 9:30 a.m. All participating members must be signed in by that time.

**Section 4.**

Entry fees for Indoor and Outdoor district tournaments shall be \$15.00 (minimum) The MHPA Executive Council will be responsible for defining and publishing minimum payouts for both Indoor and Outdoor district tournaments.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Three person	20.00	13.00		
Four person	24.00	20.00		
Five person	25.00	20.00	10.00	
Six person	30.00	21.00	15.00	
Seven person	30.00	22.00	15.00	10.00
Eight person	35.00	25.00	18.00	10.00

**Section 5.**

The scorekeeping fee for all tournaments shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per player per game, including juniors

**Section 6.**

The host club or tournament committee has the option to decide how ties for positions shall be broken. The host club or tournament committee decision shall be expressed before the tournament if different from recommended options. Recommended options are as follows:

A. All two-way ties for first place to be decided by a play-off game.

B. All other position ties to be decided by ringer percentage.

C. Three-way ties for first place shall be decided by the two lowest percentage pitchers to play one game with the loser placing third. The winning pitcher plays the highest percentage pitcher for first and second places.

D. Four-way ties for first place shall be decided by the highest percentage pitcher playing the lowest percentage and the second highest percentage pitcher playing the third highest percentage pitcher. The winners shall play for first and second places and the losers shall play for third and fourth places.

E. Other circumstances shall be decided by the tournament director, the tournament committee and/or the Board of Directors.

**Section 7.**

MHPA tournaments are to be NHPA sanctioned.

**Section 8.**

Sanctioned horseshoes shall be used in all tournaments.

**Section 9.**

A member's average is based upon the method established by NHPA By-laws, Article XII: All NHPA Tournaments, Section 3, which reads as follows: "All pitchers" averages shall be based on the three highest NHPA sanctioned tournaments pitched in the 12 months or the last ten tournaments during the same period, whichever comes first. Members with less than three tournaments shall use the combined average of the one or two they have pitched. Out of state tournaments pitched are reported to the pitchers' home charter by eShoe and are used in calculating their average.

**Section 10.**

A new member or a member who does not have an established ringer percentage shall pitch 100 qualifying shoes that must be witnessed by two NHPA members or use a NHPA sanctioned league ringer percentage based on two hundred (200) or more shoes.

**Section 11.**

All MHPA sanctioned tournaments shall be 35 point cancellation. Any game at a state singles tournament between two pitchers with a 25% or lower ringer percentage shall play to 30 points or 60 shoes, whichever occurs first. Any game at a district tournament between two pitchers with a 25% or lower ringer percentage shall play to 35 points or 50 shoes, whichever occurs first. In case of a tie game the pitchers shall pitch down and back (four shoes) until a winner is decided. If a class consists of only 5 players at a district tournament, they will be allowed to pitch to 40 points. The 25% rule would remain the same.

### **Section 12.**

Junior/Cadet's to be treated like all other pitchers. They are to pay the appropriate tournament entry fee, and will be awarded any all monetary awards and payouts they may have earned for the appropriate finish position in their class. Prizes or cash awards to a Junior or Cadet by the tournament/league officials may have immediate or deferred monetary value. It shall be the responsibility of all Junior/Cadet pitchers (or their parents/guardians) to make sure that their amateur standing is not jeopardized by any violation of the above information. A determination was made by the NHPA that amateur status for horseshoe pitching will not affect college amateur status. Horseshoes is not a varsity sport at colleges.

### **Section 13.**

#### **Rain procedures**

A. If raining at starting time each group will be allowed one hour and thirty minutes delay. If still raining money will be refunded to all players in the effected classes.

B. If rain starts after classes have started play and less than one-half of the games have been completed, classes will be allowed one hour delay. If it is still raining play will be canceled for the effected classes and money refunded except court fees.

C. If rain starts after classes have started play and one-half or more games have been completed, classes will be allowed one hour delay. If still raining, play will be canceled and winners will be decided by wins and losses of games completed.

D. These rain procedures are not to apply to special preregistered tournaments. The tournament director will select rain procedures for these tournaments.

E. A rained out tournament shall not count as an eligible tournament for the State Tournament. Section 14.

#### **Forfeits**

In tournament competition, the wins and losses and all statistics accumulated shall remain in the books for a pitcher who has forfeited one or more games for any reason. A pitcher may miss any number of games due to illness or legitimate reason approved by the tournament director or tournament committee and still be allowed to return to competition. If a pitcher forfeits for an unapproved reason, the pitcher will not be allowed to return to competition and will forfeit all prize money and/or awards. Any pitcher who forfeits for an unapproved reason may be suspended from tournaments for up to one year. The Grievance Committee is required to meet within two weeks upon notification of a pitcher forfeiting for unapproved reasons. The decision of the committee shall be final.

### **Section 15.**

After a tournament schedule has been completed and announced there shall be no refund of entry fees to a no-show or a pitcher that drops out of the tournament. Pitchers that are no-shows to a preregistered tournament are required to pay the entry fee and any additional fee. The pitcher shall be suspended immediately and shall not be reinstated until all fees have been collected. Notification shall come from the secretary to tournament directors. The repayment may be added to entry fees or membership dues, whichever comes first. Upon receipt of this fee the member shall be reinstated and the tournament director shall notify the secretary.

### **Section 16.**

Groups scheduled for the second or later shifts shall not begin warmups until announced by the tournament director. Only pitchers scheduled for that shift shall warmup.

## **Article VII: State Tournament**

### **Section 1.**

To qualify for the State Singles Tournament a MHPA member must have completed four sanctioned events within Michigan, from the previous State Singles Tournament. A junior must complete one sanctioned tournament. The high three tournament percentage shall decide the placement in his/her class. The presiding class A State Champion shall be the top seed in their respective divisions. All classes are to be scheduled by the State Tournament Committee consisting of the current President as Tournament Director and the rest of the Executive Council as assistants. The committee has the option to set up classes to the best of their abilities. All entries and qualifications for the State Tournament must be received by the secretary or tournament director on the Sunday one week before the tournament. At State Tournaments pay judges \$15.00 per session from the MHPA account.

### **Section 2.**

A resident of the Upper Peninsula must compete in three sanctioned tournaments in a recognized association or league to enable the member to qualify for the State Tournament.

### **Section 3.**

Seniors (age 60 and over) may compete in Senior and open divisions at the State Tournament.

### **Section 4.**

While pitching, all participants of the State Singles Tournament shall wear a shirt or blouse with their last name professionally lettered on the back.

### **Section 5.**

There shall be two trophies or plaques per class for the State Singles Tournament.

### **Section 6.**

The State Tournament entry fee shall be \$40.00. At State Tournaments pay judges \$15.00 per session from the MHPA account.

### **Section 7.**

Any club that meets the requirement of 18 lighted courts should be able to host the singles state tournament. Voting will take place during the meeting at the state tournament. If there is no host club for the singles state tournament, the executive council will then contact qualified clubs and award one of them the tournament. Only the MHPA will be allowed to do 50/50 raffles during the State Tournament to supplement the prize money.

### **Section 8.**

This association shall award the Junior Boy and Junior Girl State Champion a \$100 scholarship each. These scholarship monies shall be awarded upon a college, university or trade school's letter of enrollment to the association. This award must be claimed before their twenty-first birthday. Junior and Cadet players are to pay the State Tournament entry fee. They will be eligible to receive monetary awards for the class pitched in.

## **Article VIII: State Doubles Tournament**

### **Section 1.**

To qualify for the State Doubles Tournament a MHPA member must have completed one sanctioned event or league within Michigan during the last 12 months.

### **Section 2.**

The combined NatStats average of both players must not exceed 120.

### **Section 3.**

All classes are to be scheduled by the Tournament Director (current president of the MHPA). The Tournament Director has the option to set up classes to the best of his/her ability.

### **Section 4.**

If two juniors enter as a team Junior and Cadet players are to pay the Double State Tournament entry fee. They will be eligible to receive all monetary awards (patches, plaques, and Money)

### **Section 5.**

A trophy or plaque will be awarded to the first place winners in each class.

### **Section 6.**

Entry fee is \$40.00 per team.

### **Section 7.**

Sign-up deadline is 9:30 a.m. on the day of the tournament.

### **Section 8.**

While pitching, all participants of the State Doubles Tournament shall wear a shirt or blouse with their last name professionally lettered on the back.

### **Section 9.**

Any MHPA club that meets the requirements of having 12 similar courts may be able to host the Doubles State Tournament. Bids will be accepted at the fall scheduling meeting. If more than one club bids, Tournament Directors present will vote to award the club. The club must be able to host a cookout/potluck meal in between the morning and afternoon sessions. The host club must add \$200.00 to the prize money. Only the host club will be able to run 50/50 drawings during the tournament.

### **Section 10.**

The cost of the cookout/potluck meat will be paid for by the MHPA.

## **Article IX: Playing Rules**

### **Section 1.**

All NHPA playing rules and regulations shall apply.

### **Section 2.**

Referees or judges appointed by the Board of Directors, tournament committee or tournament director shall decide points when contestants are in doubt. Decisions of the referee or judge shall be final. Referees and judges shall ensure that rules are followed

### **Section 3.**

All pitchers and score keepers shall wear shirts and blouses.

## **Appendix A: Miscellaneous Rules**

A. Copies of rules, regulations and the Constitution and By-laws shall be given to all new members and published in the newsletter each year for current members.

B. Dick Frakes, Paul "Dewey" Howard, and Bob Wells are granted lifetime membership to the MHPA. (Lee Jacobs will forever remain on the active membership rolls. See E below.)

C. The fiscal year for the MHPA shall be 10/1 through 9/30.

D. eShoe averages can be printed from the NHPA's website or a copy can be requested from the Statistician.

E. A resolution passed by the membership of the MHPA on March 20, 1994 has retired MHPA/NHPA card number 300001 in honor Lee Jacobs. Mr Jacobs is to forever remain on the active membership rolls of the MHPA.

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**FIRST CLASS**

**NHPA/MHPA Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last NHPA Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a new address? [ ] Yes

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_, Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*How do you wish to get the Ringer Report?*     *website*     *standard mail*

(Circle One) Category:    Man 40'    Man 30'    Woman    Junior Girl    Junior Boy    Cadet

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ **Mandatory for Juniors and Men Pitching at 30'.**

*(We would appreciate all pitchers providing birth date for statistical purposes.)*

\_\_\_\_ **Full Member \$45:** Voting member with full privileges, able to enter all sanctioned tournaments upon paying fees.

\_\_\_\_ **Provisional Member \$10:** Must pay entry fees and can play in as many tournaments as you like for the year.

\_\_\_\_ **Trial Member \$0:** Must pay tournament entry fee and allowed only one tournament.

Make Check Payable to: MHPA

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