



## Sign-up for the State Tournament

### State Championships - Kalamazoo

The excitement is building, in Kalamazoo, the State Tournament is quickly approaching and the final details are being put in place for a GREAT tournament! The most important detail is that this is YOUR tournament – get your registration sent in by the deadline.

Members must have pitched in four tournaments (in Michigan) since last year's state tournament in order to participate. If you have questions about your number of tournaments pitched, please contact MHPA Secretary Pam Nelson.

**August 26, 27 and 27 are the dates for this great weekend for the sanctioned tournament activities. The Championship round will be included this year.**

The Kalamazoo Horseshoe Club announces that food will be available on Friday afternoon and evening during the weekend of the state tournament.

***Mail-in Deadline for State Tournament is extended to 7/19/22***

***Entry form on page 8 and MHPA website***



## Another Successful Doubles Tournament at Lake Orion

It was doubles tournament championship time for the MHPA and the sweet sound of ringers, those perfectly pitched horseshoes that fill the air and encircle the stake. As relaxing as the game can be, there was much was at "stake" at the Annual State Doubles Championships even in the hot muggy weather.

The MHPA Doubles Tournament was held on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club in Lake Orion. Twenty-two teams, each consisting of two players, competed for championships in four divisions. This NHPA Sanctioned Tournament attracted teams from throughout the State of Michigan.

The A division was won by the team of JD Drake, Linden and Doug Bailey, Clarkston. The Drake/Bailey team pitched 112 ringers out of 300 tries for a ringer percentage of 37.33.

The B division was won by the team of Tom Gombos, Taylor and Rich Hare, Westland. The Gombos/

Hare team pitched 76 ringers out of 250 tries for a ringer percentage 30.40.

The C division was won by Krystie Price, Clarkston and Matthew Thomas, Lake Orion. The Price/Thomas team pitched 58 ringers out of 250 tries for a ringer percentage of 23.20.

The D division was won by Frank and Jacqueline Quillen, Lake Orion. The Quillen/Quillen team pitched 33 ringers out of 250 tries for a ringer percentage of 13.20.

**See results on page 6.**

In walking doubles, all contestants pitch their own shoes. A single score sheet is used that clearly shows the ringers and shoes pitched by all contestants. This is a shoe limit, count-all tournament. The game ends after each team pitches 50 shoes with the highest ranked team member pitching 26 shoes and partner 24.

After the shoes are pitched, all pitchers walk to the opposite ends, decide on the scoring, and pick up their shoes. The scores are recorded and the scorekeeper will inform the contestants who pitches next, until a rhythm is established and remembered by each pitcher.

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I joined a bar league over 25 years ago, I didn't know the NHPA existed. Then, I became the secretary of another bar league. We had fun! I did find out about the NHPA through word of mouth from another sanctioned pitcher while pitching in one of the bar leagues.

How many other pitchers are out there who haven't discovered sanctioned pitching? The MHPA has had a stampede of new pitchers signing up. Is it because Lansing will host the 2023 WT in July? Let's hope so, and may the enthusiasm remain afterward that they will continue as members of the NHPA/MHPA. **Much credit has to be given to our hard working Regional Director, Keith Schafer. Getting Hillman and Mecosta sanctioned was a double ringer.**

After my first WT in 1999, in Greenville, the SCSHC started an indoor club. After three years the membership was 162. We had a sanctioned league of NHPA card carrying pitchers. Many who had never been members, joined the NHPA. We put on clinics to recruit players and printed a guide book to teach pitchers about our sport. The venue shut-down because the Mount Clemens city recreation department closed due to funding.

The sanctioned league still exists on our SCSHC outdoor courts. We pitch three nights a week; Monday singles; a doubles leagues on Tuesday that fill the 12 courts and the Thursday sanctioned league.

To me the NHPA is real horseshoe pitching. Well organized with a structure of rules and with most pitchers dressed in a nice horseshoe pitching uniform called the "shirt." I like structure and the NHPA has it. Anything that weakens it will make organized horseshoe pitching go into a coma.

We should all try to keep horseshoe pitching alive.

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

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# Our MHPA WT Champions and Participants



2022 WORLD TOURNAMENT  
Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association  
PITCHERS RESULTS



**World Class Champion**  
**Quincy Johnson**  
1st (13-2) 46.33% Men B1



**World Class Champion**  
**Brandy Morehead**  
1st (13-2) 42.33% Women C



**2nd in Senior Championship Round**  
**(9-2) 65.31%**  
**James Dunlap**  
4th (11-4) Senior Men A



Paul Bachelor  
12th (6-9)  
Elder B2



Roger Higgins  
9th (7-8)  
Sr. Men C



Robert Peek  
14th (2-13)  
Elder B1

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.

## Rule and By-law change requests

### Article VIII: State Doubles Tournament

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. **Doubles participants must register with the MHPA president/tournament director 5 days prior to the doubles tournament to participate. Entrants can be matched with another pitcher if a team has not been formed prior to submitting the entry.**

**Submitted by Douglas Bailey,  
tournament director of the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club**

**Reason: The amount of food needed for this event is a cost to the host club, and without knowing the number of entrants, added unneeded expense can occur. The tournament scheduling would also be easier and fairer.**

**Reason: In an effort to be cost effective, the host club should know how many people are participating.**

I'm submitting a rule change.

On Article VI Tournaments section 15. It says Section 15, any pitcher leaving a tournament when they have money coming and does not wait for final positions to be posted, shall forfeit all money to the MHPA. Money forfeited shall be used by the Friends of Horseshoes for a flower fund.

**We will need to eliminate this by-law since no one enforces it.**

—Zach Spanke

Article VIII State Doubles Tournament Section 4. It states as Section 4, if two juniors enter as a team they do not pay or receive money. They are only eligible to win patches, trophies or plaques.

**We will need to change this, saying this in Section 4, if two juniors enter as a team, They are eligible to win money, patches, trophies or plaques.**

Why do we need to change this?

On Article VI :Tournaments Section 12, it states this 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 and all monetary awards and payouts they may have earned for the appropriate finish position in their class.

**We need to change by-law VII, State Doubles Tournament Section 4, and have it updated.**

—Zach Spanke

## Condolences

### Michael Allen Choyke

May 28, 1962 - July 27, 2022

Mike was a member of the SCSHC and MHPA. He was shed manager, chef, member of the executive committee and jack of all trades.

Our Ironman, Mike Allen Choyke "Big Mac," was one in a million, no one can ever replace him or fill his shoes. He was an amazing father to Michael (Nikki), Allen (Natalie) and Lisa (Joe), doting Papa, and devoted husband. His whole world was family and friends. He would give the shirt off his back to a stranger on the street. He would drop everything to help anyone in need. Mike would always put family first and that does not always mean blood. Some of the greatest joys in Mike's life was marrying Pam in 2018, the birth of his granddaughter Maelyn "Buttercup" in 2015, and watching his daughter Lisa marry Joe on April 20, 2022, and the marriage of Michael and Nikki on June 4, 2022.

Mike was a hard worker. He also loved throwing shoes with his son Allen and the whole horseshoe family.



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the next MHPA board meeting we will elect a new President as John Stephenson isn't running for re-election.

Also, the 2nd vice-president will be reelected or elected.

**Note:** 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.

# MHPA HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## St. Clair Shores - Friday night, July 22

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Quincy Johnson	48.68	4-0	77	168	45.83
2. Lisa Smith	54.55	3-1	71	162	43.83
3. Kevin Bastian	32.75	2-2	63	160	39.38
4. Wayne Friesmuth	31.23	1-3	62	160	38.75
5. John Banks	39.76	0-4	36	130	27.69

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Tom Gombos	30.74	4-0	55	134	41.04
2. James Belfiori	27.88	2-2	52	184	28.26
3. Frank Giorlando	30.89	2-2	50	178	28.09
4. Andrew Matthews	28.24	2-2	46	222	20.72
5. Johnnie Smith	27.54	0-4	29	166	17.47

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Christopher Hoye	24.00	3-1	52	178	29.21
2. Bobby Choranziak	24.02	3-1	52	180	28.89
3. Dean Schmitz	20.65	2-2	40	178	22.47
4. Rich Hare	26.85	1-3	39	182	21.43
5. Darrell Harris	23.94	1-3	33	178	18.54

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Troy Durecka	17.00	3-1	55	196	28.06
2. Joel Durecka	18.00	3-1	48	176	27.27
3. Josh Lewandowski	19.66	3-1	46	176	26.14
4. Jim Choranziak	15.53	1-3	37	178	20.79
5. Thomas Wedyke	12.00	0-4	23	170	13.53

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Rob Herbertz	11.00	4-0	48	136	35.29
2. Jay Mccanham	10.00	3-1	27	160	16.88
3. Joe Kristoff	8.00	2-2	27	168	16.07
4. Aprile Friesmuth	10.83	1-3	20	194	10.31
5. Rosemarie Nowacki	10.26	0-4	17	186	9.14

Class F	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Myrick EL	7.07	3-1	21	200	10.50
2. Robert Kudla	5.00	2-2	21	200	10.50
3. Brandon Tremlett	6.22	2-2	17	200	8.50
4. Carman Wedyke	3.80	2-2	11	200	5.50
5. Glenda Burgess	8.00	1-3	15	200	7.50

## St. Clair Shores - Saturday, July 23

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Lisa Smith	54.55	3-1	81	96	41.84
2. John Hesser (OH)	55.04	2-2	98	206	47.57
3. Helga Hewlett	50.87	2-2	99	210	47.14
4. George Parsons	51.52	2-2	57	148	38.51
5. Greg Burke	53.14	1-3	73	184	39.67

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Quincy Johnson	48.68	5-1	107	242	44.21
2. Ken Kuss	48.58	3-2	91	212	42.92
3. Thomas Hosler (OH)	44.34	3-2	79	206	38.35
4. John Banks	39.76	1-3	34	140	24.29
5. Zachary Spanke	42.83	0-4	26	136	19.12

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Kevin Bastian	32.75	5-1	81	256	31.64
2. Bobby Mumford Sr.	31.54	3-3	83	294	28.23
3. Wayne Friesmuth	31.23	3-3	87	310	28.06
4. Rob Herbertz	35.29	1-5	69	268	25.75

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Christopher Hoye	29.21	4-0	52	174	29.89
2. Frank Giorlando	30.89	3-1	58	180	32.22
3. Cathy Ardelean	29.53	1-3	44	156	28.21
4. Troy Durecka	28.06	1-3	44	184	23.91
5. Bobby Choranziak	28.89	1-3	41	186	22.04

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Joel Durecka	27.27	4-0	62	188	32.98
2. Bob Roesler (OH)	25.86	3-1	53	210	25.24
3. Art Meadows	25.00	2-2	42	148	28.38
4. Rich Hare	26.85	1-3	35	180	19.44
5. Johnnie Smith	27.54	0-4	44	198	22.22

Class F	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Greg Trusick	25.00	4-0	47	160	29.38
2. Kevin Humbarger	22.00	3-1	38	194	19.59
3. Jim Choranziak	20.79	2-2	28	200	14.00
4. Mike Choyke	20.65	1-3	17	178	9.55
5. Twina Meadows	22.00	0-4	17	188	9.04

Class G	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Josh Lewandowski	19.66	4-0	40	190	21.05
2. James Connors	18.42	3-1	38	174	21.84
3. Dean Schmitz	20.65	2-2	29	184	15.76
4. Thurman Brown	19.79	1-3	33	180	18.33
5. Bobby Mumford	19.63	0-4	29	188	15.43

Class H	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Myrick EL	7.07	5-1	36	288	12.50
2. Thomas Wedyke	13.53	4-2	28	250	11.20
3. Cyndi Mumford	10.87	2-4	17	250	6.80
4. Carman Wedyke	3.80	1-5	16	288	5.56

## Kalamazoo - Friday night, July 29

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Gerald Harris (WI)	31.63	3-1	53	194	27.32
2. Cody Cousins	25.74	3-1	50	194	25.77
3. Dan Mendham	34.12	2-2	52	202	25.74
4. Chuck Osborn	27.93	1-3	48	214	22.43
5. Joe Hettrick	27.62	1-3	30	200	15.00

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Michael D. Waldon	21.89	4-0	66	198	33.33
2. John Cousins	25.48	3-1	53	200	26.50
3. Jake Mendham	25.00	2-2	54	192	28.13
4. Tim Stecker	20.00	1-3	38	172	22.09
5. Roger Keyes	21.55	0-4	29	178	16.29

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Tiffany Bouvrette	18.03	4-0	38	168	22.62
2. Richard Andrews	19.72	3-1	32	160	20.00
3. Kary Christiansen	19.02	2-2	34	186	18.28
4. Larry Majerski	19.68	1-3	22	188	11.70
5. Owen Mergen	18.62	0-4	28	190	14.74

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Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Jennifer Hess	16.07	4-0	46	164	28.05
2. Roland Block	17.00	3-1	31	178	17.42
3. Bryce Vancleave	11.10	2-2	35	196	17.86
4. Matt Skrzypek	17.65	1-3	30	192	15.63
5. Jr Wyatt	15.66	0-4	5	170	2.94

## Mescosta - Saturday, July 30

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Andrew Adams	66.33	5-1	192	296	64.86
2. Robert Peek	58.33	3-3	176	304	57.89
3. J.D. Drake	64.81	3-3	150	260	57.69
4. John Lowery	61.00	1-5	125	252	49.60

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Cody Bupp	43.00	5-1	97	260	37.31
2. Jaden Fri	37.00	4-2	105	262	40.08
3. Dave Buikema	45.55	2-4	99	268	36.94
4. Michael Mcdaniel	36.02	1-5	57	226	25.22

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Rob Herbertz	28.96	4-0	67	186	36.02
2. Mike Larner	27.91	2-2	57	188	30.32
3. Gerald Harris (WI)	31.63	2-2	40	150	26.67
4. Larry Rhode	31.00	1-3	52	178	29.21
5. Henry Hopkins	30.00	1-3	39	190	20.53

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Dave Eversole	26.00	5-1	85	298	28.52
2. Michael D. Waldon	21.89	3-3	86	290	29.66
3. Larry Murphy	23.00	3-3	70	298	23.49
4. Martin O'Brien	20.00	1-5	62	290	21.38

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Jennifer Hess	16.07	4-0	48	154	31.17
2. Jim Benjamin	16.87	3-1	34	200	17.00
3. Chris Nyenhuis	14.26	2-2	27	160	16.88
4. Jason Fri	18.00	1-3	30	176	17.05
5. Alan Anderson	18.00	0-4	18	162	11.11

Class F	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. James Robinson	9.20	3-1	32	194	16.49
2. Robert Kudla	10.50	3-1	28	174	16.09
3. Vaughn Shipman	12.92	2-2	33	180	18.33
4. Robert Hewlett	8.12	2-2	15	88	7.98
5. John Stephenson	13.92	0-1	2	50	4.00

## Jackson - Sunday, July 31

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Robert Peek	58.33	5-1	151	290	52.07
2. Helga Hewlett	50.87	3-3	148	314	47.13
3. Quincy Johnson	48.62	2-4	146	282	51.77
4. George Parsons	51.52	2-4	121	262	46.18

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Cody Bupp	37.60	3-1	74	198	37.37
2. Paul Howard	42.62	3-1	58	176	32.95
3. Gerald Harris (WI)	31.63	3-1	65	218	29.82
4. Tonya Toth	36.13	1-3	61	180	33.89
5. James Toth	31.27	0-4	28	168	16.67

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Art Meadows	26.47	4-0	64	202	31.68
2. Rich Hare	26.85	3-1	50	188	26.60
3. Chad Fleisher	27.62	1-3	49	164	29.88
4. Jennifer Hess	23.80	1-3	50	180	27.78
5. Barbara Meadows	28.45	1-3	46	186	24.73

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bobby Mumford Sr.	29.90	6-0	94	236	39.83
2. Twina Meadows	21.00	3-3	88	302	29.14
3. Josh Lewandowski	22.24	3-3	75	284	26.41
4. Kevin Humbarger	19.59	0-6	48	254	18.90

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Crystal Devine	18.00	3-1	29	184	15.76
2. Myrick EL	10.42	2-2	21	200	10.50
3. Lawrence Hinton	15.88	1-3	20	184	10.87

## Lake Orion State Doubles - Saturday, August 6

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Drake/Bailey	58.66	5-1	112	300	37.33
2. Dunlap/Spanke	54.15	3-2	105	250	42.00
3. Parsons/Markley	48.98	3-2	84	250	33.60
4. Kuss/Ardelean	39.22	1-3	59	200	29.50
5. Bachelor/Higgins	40.41	0-4	54	200	27.00

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Gombos/Hare	34.30	5-0	76	250	30.40
2. Johnson/El	30.23	4-1	83	250	33.20
3. Bastian/Belfiori	32.69	3-2	59	250	23.60
4. Durecka/Durecka	28.14	1-4	69	250	27.60
5. Banks/Brown	28.41	1-4	46	250	18.40
6. Campbell/Stewart	29.95	1-4	49	250	19.60

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Price/Thomas	22.59	4-1	58	250	23.20
2. Moore/Lewandowski	27.86	3-2	63	250	25.20
3. Choranzak/Choranzak	21.31	3-2	37	250	14.80
4. Herbertz/Kudla	22.15	2-3	48	250	19.20
5. Friesmuth/Wyatt	23.68	2-3	33	250	13.20
6. Nelson/Nowacki	20.77	1-4	32	250	12.80

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Quillen/Quillen	19.06	4-1	33	250	13.20
2. Gomez/Nevin	12.11	3-2	32	250	12.80
3. Kristoff/Friesmuth	13.19	2-2	28	200	14.00
4. Payne/Tremlett	14.38	2-2	11	200	5.50
5. Green/Trusick	18.01	0-4	21	200	10.50

**Trash talk and ribbing** one another is part of the game, and kibitzing is good-natured fun. However, keep your comments so they are not mean and down-right rude. Swearing has never altered the flight of the shoe, so don't swear too loudly. We enjoy one of the last true amateur family sports. Think about what you are saying before it is said, and imagine what it would feel like if someone said that to you.

**"Win without boasting. Lose without excuse."**

**2022 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.

**Last chance to pitch at Brighton, August 13, 2022**  
 Brighton's tournament will be their 112th and last as a club.



**August**

30-22-033			08/13/22	Hillman
30-22-034			08/13/22	Brighton
30-22-035			08/20/22	Lansing - St Jude
30-22-036		SUNDAY	08/21/22	Lansing Website Fund
30-22-037		SATURDAY	08/27/22	State Tournament - Kalamazoo
		SUNDAY	08/28/22	State Tournament - Kalamazoo

**September**

30-22-038			09/10/22	Lansing Senior Tournament
NON SANCT			09/17/22	Woody Cup - Lansing
30-22-047			09/24/22	Mecosta
30-22-039		Sunday	09/25/22	Jackson

**Fall Indoor Tournaments @ Jackson Facility**

**October**

			10/01/22	SCHEDULING MEETING
30-22-040			10/08/22	Jackson
30-22-041	PRE-REGISTER		10/15/22	Brighton
30-22-042	FOR YOUR SPOT		10/22/22	Lake Orion Mike Ardelean
30-22-043	FOR ALL FALL		10/29/22	Scheduled but no tournament director
	TOURNAMENTS			

**November**

30-22-044			11/05/22	Jackson
30-22-045			11/19/22	Jackson

**Tournament Directors**

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## Mail-in Deadline for State Tournament is extended to 7/19/22

2022 MICHIGAN HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION  
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN  
FRIDAY PM AUGUST 26, SATURDAY 27, SUNDAY 28.  
(Friday P.M. start time TDB) Saturday and Sunday start time 8:00 AM.  
**Championship Round commences after end of play Sunday August 28.**

All pitchers must have pitched in 4 tournaments, have a current NHPA/MHPA membership. NHPA/MHPA Rules and Dress Code will be enforced. Last names are required on back of shirts. First names not required on front.

Fall Board Meeting is Saturday P.M. after dinner. The election of President and 2nd Vice President is one of the agenda items. If anyone would like to be included on the ballot for either position please let the Secretary/Treasurer know.

Lunch will be available both days. The dinner is August 27th before the fall Board Meeting. Self contained camping is available.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL PAYMENT TO:  
MHPA PAM NELSON 660 S. COATS RD., OXFORD MICHIGAN 48371  
\$40.00 PER PERSON  
PAYMENT REQUIRED BY AUGUST 7, 2022

Name \_\_\_\_\_ MHPA Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_, MI Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to pitch  
30' \_\_\_\_\_

40' \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that Juniors, and Cadets, are required to pay the entry fee and will be awarded cash rewards if they place 1st or 2nd in their class.**

As a participant in the 2022 State Tournament August 26-28, 2022, by signing below I am hereby releasing and forever discharging the MHPA and Kalamazoo Horseshoe Club, and all officers and directors and all fellow participants of this event from and and all illness, action, damage, loss or injury which I may suffer as a consequence of participation in the MHPA State Tournament.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attention State Tournament Participants

- Please find here the State Tournament Championships information, to be held on August 26, 27 and 28 at the Kalamazoo Horseshoe Club.
- Each participant should read the included information and pay special attention to the important information for State Championship Pitchers.
- All pitchers must be at the Tournament site one (1) hour before their scheduled starting time on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (if pitching in the Championship Round). Rain or Shine! Pictures will be taken of your group, so please don't be late.
- Dinner hosted by the Kalamazoo Horseshoe Club will take place on Saturday 6:00 p.m: followed immediately by the Annual Membership Meeting. Dinner and the meeting will take place in the VFW Hall facility.
- The Most Improved Pitcher awards/Hall of Fame induction will take place during the dinner.
- The Awards Ceremony for class play and will be held following the completion of the groups on Sunday.

### Championships/Move-Ups for Sunday's Championship Rounds

- The top eight (8) Men in ringer percentage will advance to the Men's Championship group, which will be played Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
- The top eight (8) 30' Men in ringer percentage will advance to the 30' Men's Championship group, which will be played Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
- The top four (4) Women in ringer percentage will advance to the Women's Championship group, which will be played Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
- Awards Ceremony for Championship Groups immediately following the completion of all three Championship groups on Sunday.
- Preliminary classes will play a 35 point game with classes under 25% playing to 30 points/60-shoe limit.
- Championships class will play to a 35-point limit.

### Important Notes

1. The exact time assignments will be determined on Sunday, August 21. The schedule will then be posted on the website or you can contact President John Stephenson for your assignment.
2. Class assignments will be a bit different than in the past couple of years, when possible and competitive, we will be separating the 40' men and the 30' men/women. However, there maybe classes that will be mixed to ensure the most competitive class play for most.
3. We will be having preliminary class play on Friday evening with a start time of about 7 p.m.
4. Preliminary class play will continue on Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m.
5. Here is a sample of what a pitching schedule could look like
  - Friday Night pitching groups @ 7 p.m. will pitch again at Saturday at 12 p.m.
  - Saturday morning pitching groups @ 8 a.m. will pitch their second round at 8 a.m. on Sun.
6. The Championship round for Men, Women, and Elders will take place on Sunday with a start time of 1:30 p.m.
7. Remember, per on By-laws, Article VII: 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.*

*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.

### **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  
Brandy Morehead, 1st Vice-President  
Debbie Markley, 2nd 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, Josh Lull  
Tournament Judges: TBD

## A Dozen Reminders of Basic Tournament Rules

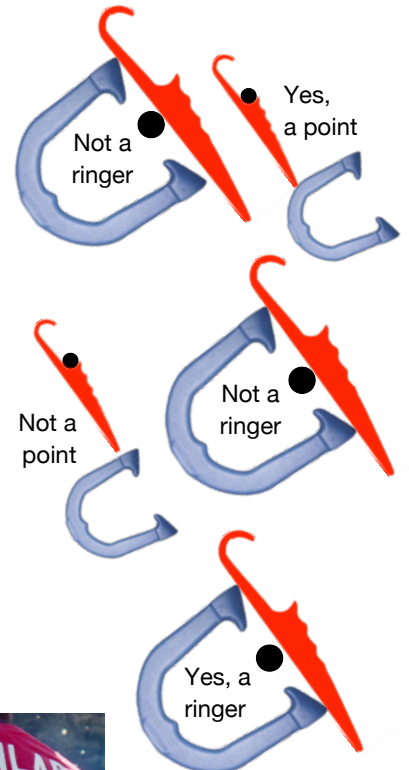
1. Practice Sportsmanship (be kind).
2. Water (if needed), turn a pit and paint the stake prior to commencing a game.
3. Stand two feet at the back of the opposite pitching platform, out of vision range while the opponent is pitching.
4. Be aware of the foul line.
5. Exit the pitching platform in a clockwise rotation (unless pitching a left-handed player). Enter the pitching platform from the rear of behind the player pitching first.
6. Do not pick up the shoes until the opponent has had time to observe the position of the shoes and mutual agreement is reached as to their value.
7. Use proper scoring calls and **learn to keep score.**
8. Contestants should do their own judging before calling if a judge.
9. Always look at the scorekeeper when calling the score. **Don't talk to the clay.** Call the score first, clean your shoes, then address the stake.
10. No one should enter the scorekeeper zone after pitching. Let scorekeepers finish their work by keeping the courts clear.
11. Set your cell phones to vibrate. No smoking/alcohol on the courts.
12. It is good etiquette to wear a tournament shirt at all events.

## Ringer? Point?

There's always been a question as to the correct way to measure for a ringer and point.

A point has to be within 6" of the stake.

The "points of the shoe" have to encircle the stake for a ringer. No 3-point touch.



Can you top these great tournament shirts?



Which shoe gets the score?



The top shoe, bottom shoe is not a ringer.

### LEARN THE OFFICIAL SCORE CALLING LINGO:

No score 4 shoes	call	No score
1 shoe in count	call	1 point
2 shoes in count	call	2 points
1 ringer	call	1 ringer, 3 points
1 ringer & 1 shoe in count	call	1 ringer, 4 points
2 ringers	call	2 ringers, 6 points
1 ringer each, no shoe in count	call	2 dead, no score
1 ringer each, 1 shoe in count	call	2 dead, 1 point
3 ringers	call	2 dead, 3 points
4 ringers	call	4 dead

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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

Mail to: **Pamela Nelson, 660 S. Coats Road, Oxford, MI 48371**

FULL MEMBER Card Costs: \$45.00 Adults - \$38.00 for second card in the same household.

\$0.00 Juniors    \$7.00 for a junior wanting to receive the newsletter

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