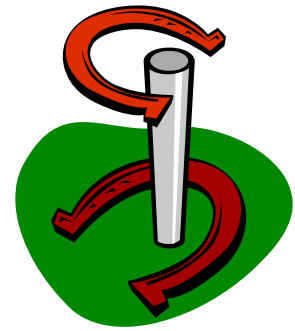




HORSESHOES

Singles Only



Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011
Time: 9 a.m.
Venue: Gage Park Horseshoe Pits, Gage Park, 10th and Gage

KS02011 Format:

1. If numbers are conducive, athletes will be divided into pools within their age divisions. Within each pool a preliminary round-robin tournament will be played. At the conclusion of the preliminary round-robin, the top 8 players will advance and play a single round-robin championship. If entries are not conducive, a double elimination tournament will be played within the age division.
2. All rounds will be conducted using count-all scoring with 5 bonus points awarded for each match won. All round matches will continue until each player has pitched 30 shoes. If the score is tied after 30 shoes are pitched, 4 additional shoes shall be pitched to determine which player shall be awarded the 5 bonus points. Additional sets of 4 shoes shall continue to be pitched until the winner is determined. Final scores reported shall be scores after 30 shoes.
3. Championship rounds will be conducted using cancellation scoring. Matches will be played until one player scores 21 points or 50 shoes are pitched. Only the difference between scores in each inning counts. If the result of an inning is equal, no score is recorded for that inning. The player who scores in one inning shall pitch first in the next inning. If no score is recorded, the order of pitching shall alternate.
4. Double elimination rounds will be conducted using cancellation scoring.

KS02011 Sport Rules:

1. All matches will be conducted in accordance with the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association (NHPA) rules, except as modified herein. For a copy of these rules, please contact: **Dick Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer, National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, 3085 76th Street, Franksville, WI 53126. Phone: 414-835-1321; www.horsepitching.com**
2. Shoes shall be pitched from alternate ends of the court at stakes 40 feet apart except as modified herein. Women 50-74 will pitch a distance of 30 feet. Women in age divisions 75+ will pitch a minimum distance of 20 feet. Men 50-69 will pitch a distance of 40 feet. Men in age divisions 70+ will pitch a minimum distance of 30 feet.
3. A match will consist of one game.
4. Players will match shoes to determine who pitches first. For preliminary rounds, the order of pitching shall alternate.

5. A 15-minute default time will be enforced. For default matches in preliminary rounds, the remaining player will pitch 30 shoes to determine his/her score and be awarded the 5 bonus points.
6. The pitcher must stand on one of the pitching platforms. Players may use the platform on either side of the court. Feet must stay behind the foul line and within the platform limits until the shoe has left the pitcher's hand. Opponents must remain on the opposite side of the stake, either in the rear quarter of the other pitching platform or behind the pitching box, with the toes of one foot touching that platform, and must not talk, move or in any other way distract the pitcher. Such an offense incurs a loss of score in that inning. No player may walk to the opposite stake, or be informed of the position of the shoes before an inning is complete. Once thrown, shoes may not be moved or touched until the scores have been decided. Such an offense incurs a loss of score in that inning.
7. Shoes must be within six inches of the stake to be scored. A shoe that first strikes the ground outside the target area or rebounds from the backboard cannot be scored, nor can any shoe thrown from an invalid position. Such shoes may be removed from the target area on the request of the opponent. A shoe landing in the area and breaking is not scored; it is removed and another pitch taken. A "ringer" is a shoe that encircles the stake so that a straight edge could touch the two prongs without touching the stake.
8. The top 8 players based on total points will advance to the Championship Finals.

Conduct of Horseshoe Pitchers:

Good sportsmanlike conduct is required of Horseshoe Pitchers at all times. Any Horseshoe Pitcher displaying less-than-desirable conduct at any time towards another Horseshoe Pitcher, any meet official, any volunteer or any KSO staff member will be disqualified from KSO competition. The KSO Director and Event Coordinators will enforce this rule at all times.

