

HORSESHOES

COMPETITION DIVISIONS: Horseshoes is an individual age category competition which is divided into both men and women divisions.

TOURNAMENT:

Horseshoes is a singles round-robin tournament.

FORMAT:

1. A coin toss will determine who pitches first.
2. Pairing for competition will be done prior to the tournament.
3. Contestants will observe foul lines at all times.
4. Player pitching first will step to rear of opponent after delivering shoes so as not to disturb other opponents concentration. Both players will walk to opposite end of the court together after delivering their shoes to tally their scores.
5. Men age 50 – 59: Players will pitch from a 40 foot distance. The game will be first player to reach 21 points is declared the winner.
6. Men age 70+: Players will pitch from a 30 foot distance. Game will be 30 shoes pitched regardless of points scored. High score after 30 shoes will determine winner.
7. All Women: Players will pitch from a 30 foot distance. The winner will be the first player to reach 21 points or 30 pitched shoes whichever is first. High score after 30 shoes will determine winner.

SCORING:

1. A “ringer” is a shoe which encircles the stake so that a straight edge can touch both points of the shoe without touching the stake. A “ringer” will be scored as three points.
2. Shoe closest to the stake scores one point (must be within six inches of the stake). In women's competition a shoe will count for a score if it is inside the box without hitting or touching the wood.
3. A leaning shoe has no priority over a close shoe – scores one point.
4. Ties shall be broken by pitching an extra inning, or as many extra innings necessary to determine a winner.
5. Winners will be awarded and receive in each age category below the gold, silver, and bronze medals.

50-54 65-69 80-84 95+
55-59 70-74 85-89
60-64 75-79 90-94

EQUIPMENT:

1. Participants may furnish their own horseshoes.
2. Horseshoes will also be furnished by the Golden Games Committee.

OFFICIALS:

- 1. All rules of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association will be followed.**
- 2. Any circumstances not covered in these rules will be ruled upon by the Event Coordinator.**