

RULES & GUIDELINES

For AHPA SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS

DATES – Suggested dates, but subject to change when necessary, for the Canadian

Championships , Western Canada Classic or the World Tournament to allow everyone travel time.

Provincials - within 1 week of June 30

AB Open – 3rd weekend in August to 1st weekend in September

Fall Memorial Classic – 2nd or 3rd weekend in September

HOST - must provide indoor courts

- Place bid to host at AGM the year prior
- Must provide food for purchase
- Must provide water for players and scorekeepers (either free or for purchase)
- Scoreboard, shovels, rakes and brooms
- Pencils, sharpeners
- Place for the tournament director to have computer

PLAYERS – Must be AHPA members to enter the Provincials

-Must be affiliated with either Horseshoe Canada or NHPA to enter the other two

- Age restrictions as per Horseshoe Canada Rules

ENTRIES - Deadline to be Tuesday 9 P.M. prior to play or as indicated on the entry form

- Entry fee must accompany entry forms – pay to Tournament Director and do NOT mail cash

- Entry forms will be printed in the spring newsletter and be available on-line
- Late entries may be accepted when drop-out occurs if % fits or at the discretion of the Tournament Director
- Must notify Tournament Director at least 24 hours prior to tournament to withdraw and refund will be at discretion of the Tournament Director

CLASSES – Men's Open, Ladies Open, Elders (30'men), Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Pee Wees

- Must have 4 entered in a class to declare a champion.
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- Where numbers warrant the classes may be mixed or combined to accommodate appropriate % spread of not more than 10%.
- If less than 4 in Juniors or Pee Wee class, they may be placed with the 30' class that best fits their ringer %.
- A Junior or Pee Wee that is placed in an Adult Class will not lose their junior status

RULES COMMITTEE –Consists 3 people – Tournament Director, President AHPA and President of the Host club. If one of the above is not available or has a conflict of interest, then the zone director of the host zone may be appointed. Failing that another zone director may be appointed.

DELAY OF GAME – 5 minutes late – forfeit game

- If both players are not available within 10 minutes, the game will not be played and will be recorded as a loss for both players
- Forfeit 2 games – disqualification
- Any player refusing to play any game for an unreasonable reason will forfeit that game.
- A second refusal will result in disqualification from the tournament.

DRESS CODE – Neat, clean shirt with surname and province on the back

- Closed toed shoes MUST be worn
- No halter tops, tubes, tank tops, singlets, sleeveless tops, cut offs, short shorts, swim suits

PITCHING AREA – Out of bounds for non-pitching persons except for score keepers

- No Alcohol on the courts
- No smoking on the courts or within 15 ' of the courts (includes e-cigarettes)
- No cell phone use by players, judges or scorekeepers except as a calculator
- Any medications must be taken away from the courts

OPENING CEREMONIES – 1 hour prior to the first game of the first day of the competition

- Player check in for shoe check ½ hour prior to play (immediately following opening ceremonies)

START TIMES – Pre-registered tournament start at 9 a.m.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – responsible for

- Accepting entries and forwarding fees to treasurer
- Doing the draw
- Score sheets, score keeper sign-up sheets (with courts being used marked)

TREASURER – is responsible for posting the payout schedule (prepared as per formula)

- Ensuring all prize cheques are written on the tournament account
- Ensuring all entry fees and added prize money deposited to the tournament account prior to the tournament
- Providing the cash for scorekeepers and judges from the entry fees (tournament account)
- Ensure crests are available for the awards presentations
- Ensure trophies are available when appropriate

SCOREKEEPING & JUDGING – will follow Horseshoe Canada rules & guidelines

- Will be paid \$10 for each shift or \$1 per game per player
- Players have the first priority to sign up to keep score.
- Sign up at least ½ hour prior to start of play
- Be seated 5 minutes prior to start of the shift
- Score keepers must have completed a score keeper clinic

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The A class will play to 40 points
- All other classes will play 40 shoes or 50 shoes as determined by tournament director
- These guidelines may also apply to the AB Open and the Fall Memorial Classic at the discretion of the Tournament Director
- All junior and pee wee games must be supervised by an adult

AWARDS – In addition to prize cheques the following will be given out

- “Alberta Champions” crests to the “A” class winners at the Provincial championships
- “Alberta Class Winner” crests to all class winners in other than “A” at Provincials
- Plaques in the shape of Alberta will be given to first time winners of a class.
- If a player has a plaque, they will be given a plate to put on the plaque with the appropriate information.

- Plaques, crests and prize money to be presented at end of tournament with the host club involved as well as tournament director and AHPA president
- Photos will be taken with appropriate permanent trophies
- Plates will be added to the permanent trophies as soon as practical after the tournament.

BREAKING TIES – Placing determined first by win/loss records

- Ties for first place will be played off. If a player refuses to play ANY playoff game they will forfeit that game.
- All other ties first place will be broken by ringer %
- First place ties to be broken as follows
- 2 way tie – sudden death game
- 3 way ties- #2 vs #3 – winner plays #1
- 4 way ties - #1 vs #4, #2 vs.#3, winners play off

- All tie breaker games to be played in the same format as the round robin play (for example shoe limit or points)