

Rules & Guidelines

AHPA “Sanctioned” Tournaments

revised July 2018

DATES

- Sanctioned Tournament dates are chosen in the fall at the Annual General Meeting.
- A Club member must attend the AGM to request a specific date for their tournament; 1st come, 1st served.
- Dates must not conflict with AHPA sponsored tournaments; Provincials, AB Open or Memorial Classic.
- Dates chosen must not conflict with dates set if AHPA were to host the Western Canada Classic, Canadian Championships or World Tournament.

PLAYERS

- Players must have current Membership within AHPA or be affiliated with Horseshoe Canada through another provincial association.
- Membership Cards should be available if asked for by the hosting clubs Tournament Director. Actual card or a picture of the card on cell phone is acceptable.
- Adhere to Dress Code regulations imposed by hosting club
- Pay scorekeepers \$.50 per game. For Junior and/or Pee Wee classes, the Hosting Club will compensate the scorekeepers.
- Players are encouraged to support the club hosting the tournament by offering some assistance
- When not pitching, players are expected to contribute/help with scorekeeping.

REGISTRATION

- Deadline or register by dates are as indicated on the Sanctioned Tournament Schedule on the AHPA web site. The Sanctioned Tournament Schedule is continually prone to changes made by the hosting Clubs (updates, additions &/or deletions) so it certainly should be revisited periodically. Do not entirely go by the schedule printed in Newsletter.
- Late entries may be accepted but only at the discretion of the hosting clubs Tournament Director
- Pre-Registration is always welcomed by hosting club.

CLASSES

- Men's 40'
- Men's 30'. Men 65 years of age or older may elect to pitch in the 30' Men's Class. They can choose to return to the 40' Men's Class but not until January 1st of the following year.
- 40' Men who present the AHPA Membership Chair person with a Doctors Note stating that a medical condition has them unable to pitch from 40' may qualify to be classed with the 30' Men. They can choose to return to the 40' Men's Class but not until January 1st of the following year plus a Doctors Note would be required stating they are medically okay for reclassification.
- Ladies pitch from 30'.
- Juniors. Youth 13 to 17 years of age pitch from 30'. Youth that are 17 years of age at the start of the Sanctioned Tournament year, January 1st, may continue to pitch at 30' till December 31st.

As Juniors are not required to pitch 200 shoes per tournament, the hosting Club can decide if Juniors will pitch 40 or 30 shoe games.

- Pee Wees. Youth who are 12 years of age or under pitch from 20'. Youth that are 12 years of age on January 1st of the current tournament year may continue to pitch at 20' till December 31st. Pee Wees pitch 30 shoe games and are not required to pitch 200 shoes per tournament.

Classes can be combined &/or mixed if ringer percentage between players exceeds 10%. If Juniors &/or Pee Wee's are mixed with adult classes, they will pitch 40 shoe games.

PARTICIPANT ENTRIES

- Tournament Director should try for 5-6 participants per group. 7 per group should be avoided if possible
- 8 participants to a group not permitted
- No more than 5 participants are permitted per group in a Junior Class or Pee Wee Class

REGISTRATION FEE

- Registration Fee is \$10 to \$20 per tournament /per player and is upon the discretion of hosting Club. Registration Fees imposed should be indicated on the Sanctioned Tournament Schedule in both the News Letter and Web Site.
- Junior's and Pee Wee's pay 50% of imposed Registration Fee and hosting Club pays the remaining 50%.

TIES

- Placing first determined by wins and losses
- Only ties for 1st place will be played off. All ties other than 1st place is determined by highest tournament ringer percentage
- All tie breaker games are to be the same number of shoes or points as were played in the tournament round robin play:

2-way tie – sudden death game

3-way tie – the player with the highest tournament ringer percentage sits out while the other two have a playoff game. The losing player will be awarded 3rd place and the winner and higher percentage player now have a play off for 1st and 2nd place

PRIZE PAYOUTS

- A maximum of 6 players per class is recommended and payout should be ½ way down so usually 1st, 2nd and 3rd placements are awarded. If there is a class with only 4 players in it, only 1st and 2nd places would be awarded.
- 100% of Registration Fees collected goes in prize pool for payouts to class winners
- Prizes will be allocated evenly for all classes no matter how many are in a class: Example: all 1st place winners in every class will receive same dollar amount, all 2nd place winners receive same dollar amount etc. etc.
- Additional prize money added by hosting club will be added to registration fees collected and distributed to all classes equally; same manner as above
- If hosting club wishes, an additional gift can be presented to all Juniors and Pee Wees participating in the tournament, but it is not mandatory

DRESS CODE

- Hosting Clubs have the discretion of stating whether AHPA regulated shirt are required at their tournament or not; surname and province imprinted on back of shirt. This will be stated in the Sanctioned Tournament Schedule on the right side with other information like “potluck” and “camping” for example.
- If AHPA shirt is not asked for, a neat clean shirt can be worn.
- Tube tops, halter tops, swim suits, tank tops or muscle shirts NOT permitted.
- Spandex, cut-offs or short shorts NOT permitted.
- Closed-toed shoes only

PITCHING AREA

- Is out of bounds to non-pitching persons except for scorekeepers and judges
- Is out of bounds for practice pitching when games are being played
- No alcohol on the courts during tournament play
- No smoking on the courts during tournament play (includes e-cigarettes &/or vaping)

HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Supply scoreboards, pencils and scorekeeping sheets
- Have available by the courts; shovels, rakes and brooms
- In the event of hot weather, have water accessible to wet down sand in the courts
- Have drinking water available for players; complimentary or for sale
- Must have FIRST AID KIT on site
- Host Club must have an adult assigned to oversee or supervise Junior &/or Pee Wee classes. This could be one of the scorekeepers. Supervisor will make sure games stay on track and will additionally assume position of Judge if need be
- Tournament Stats are to be submitted to the AHPA Tournament Statistician within 10 days of the tournament

DISCREPANCY / RULING COMMITTEE

3 people: AHPA President, hosting Club’s Zone Director and the President of the Hosting Club shall constitute the Ruling Committee. Another Zone Director shall fill in if any of the above positions are not readily available to contribute or have a conflict of interest.

Decision/s made by the Rules Committee shall be binding.

President, Cindy Ekkel

Date

Secretary, Barb Miller