

**THE BY-LAWS
OF THE
IDAHO STATE HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION
REVISED 9-2022**

Preamble

We, the horseshoe pitchers of the State of Idaho, in order to promote, foster, and develop the game of horseshoe pitching, both as a competitive sport and a recreational pastime, provide the opportunity and facilities, and ensure the continued growth and existence of the game, do hereby establish these By-Laws for the Idaho State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

ARTICLE I (NAME)

The name of this association shall be "Idaho State Horseshoe Pitchers Association," hereinafter referred to as "ISHPA."

ARTICLE II (PURPOSE)

The purpose of this association shall be to further the cause of horseshoe pitching by all proper means in the state of Idaho. ISHPA is to be recognized as an active division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) and agrees to abide by the Constitution, Rules, Regulations, and By-Laws of the NHPA.

ARTICLE III (MEMBERSHIP)

Any person having residence in the State of Idaho for a period of thirty (30) days may become a member of the ISHPA. Annual dues of \$35.00 (\$25 NHPA; \$10 ISHPA) for adults and \$6.00 (\$5 NHPA; \$1 ISHPA) for Juniors. Dues can be paid using NHPA eShoe or the State Secretary-Treasurer. Cards can be printed from eShoe. Dues entitle membership from January 1 through December 31 of the current year. Cards purchased after October 1st will apply to the following year.

ARTICLE IV (OFFICERS)

1. Officers of this association shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, and a Secretary-Treasurer.
2. Election of officers will occur annually. The First Vice President and the Secretary-Treasurer will be elected on the odd-numbered years. The President and the Second Vice President will be elected on the even-numbered years. Officers are to take office on January 1. Persons interested in running for office are encouraged to announce their candidacy early by submitting their intentions to the newsletter's editor.
- 3.1 Any officer's position up for election/re-election with two or more people nominated or announcing their interest in the office, a ballot form will be handed out to each member by pre-selected members. Ballots will be collected after voting has concluded.
- 3.2 Ballots will be counted and winner announced.
- 3.3 Ballots shall be kept in President's possession for no more than 6 months in case of a challenge. If no challenge is made, they shall be discarded at the end of the 6-month timeframe.

ARTICLE V (DUTIES OF OFFICERS)

PRESIDENT: Shall preside at all meetings, administer the business of the association, pass on any obligations the association may wish to incur, and handle duties that come to his/her attention in promoting the interests of the association. The President shall have access to the checking and savings account in the event the Secretary-Treasurer is unable to perform duties or the office is vacant.

VICE-PRESIDENTS: Shall have the same duties as the President, but will assume them only in the absence of the President and shall perform any other duties assigned by the President.

SECRETARY-TREASURER: Shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings, act as custodian of all funds and properties of the association, sign all warrants for the association expenditures, keep all correspondence and other duties which may come to his/her attention as necessary to promote the best interest of the association.

Time & Expense Reimbursement

Individuals mentioned in the positions below shall receive an annual stipend to defray the expenses of using their home, utilities, and equipment in serving their elected or appointed positions.

Sec.-Treas. \$1.50 per ISHPA member, plus costs of needed supplies.

ARTICLE VI (MEETINGS)

Full meetings deemed necessary may be called either by the President or any officer, notifying all members in good standing of the time and place of such meeting. Executive Board meetings may be called by the President as needed.

ARTICLE VII (AMENDMENTS)

The voting process for all new items, issues or any By-Laws amendments or deletions will be voted on at the Annual State meeting. Proposals or changes must be submitted to the President by March 1 and approved by the Executive Board before being placed on the State Meeting Agenda. Approved issues or changes will be posted in the Summer issue of "Four Dead" for the membership to review. A simple majority vote is required to pass items or issues proposed, and By-Laws changes need a 2/3 Majority vote by members present at the annual meeting. Minor issues, as determined by the President, can be presented and voted on at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII (ORDER OF BUSINESS)

Meetings shall be conducted in the following manner:

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Meeting called to order.
3. Reading the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Approval, addition, or correction of minutes.
5. Financial report by Secretary-Treasurer.
6. Reports of officers, Boards, and Committees.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Correspondence.
9. New business.
10. Election of officers.
11. Adjournment.

ARTICLE IX (JUDICIAL BODY)

The Executive Board, consisting of the President, Vice Presidents, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be the judicial body. It shall be their responsibility to decide technical points submitted. Their ruling shall be final, with the exception of an overruling by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present.

ARTICLE X (CONDUCT)

No player may indulge in actions, words or phrases disturbing an opponent, nor will profanity or abusive language be permitted on tournament grounds. It shall be the responsibility of all members to see that rules and rules of conduct are enforced.

Members may be suspended for non-payment of dues, for violation of the By-Laws, or for conduct unbecoming a member. Members suspended for a non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon payment of current dues. Members suspended for other reasons may be suspended for a period of one year and may be reinstated at the discretion of the executive committee.

ARTICLE XI (TOURNAMENTS)

All tournaments that are to be sanctioned must meet the following requirements:

- 1.1 Sanctioned Tournaments shall be submitted to the Regional Director by March 1st of the current year with the exception of newly formed clubs in which tournaments may be submitted any time after courts are sanctioned.
- 1.2 Regional Director will assign sanction numbers promptly, install all appropriate information into Eshoe, and distribute certificates and patches as soon as possible whether mailed or brought to tournament location.
2. All entrants, including Juniors (17 years of age and younger), must be members of the ISHPA and/or NHPA.
3. It shall be the duty of the tournament director to check membership of all entrants to verify eligibility into the tournament.
4. All scores should be kept accurately by a third-party scorekeeper if possible.
5. Summary sheets or computer data must be submitted using HSMaster to eShoe or sent to the State Secretary within seventy-two (72) hours of completion of the tournament. Two dollars (\$2.00) for each tournament adult player must be sent to the Sec-Treas., (\$1.00) for the State Tournament fund and (\$1.00) for the State Trophy fund to be used by Hosting Club to provide State Trophies.
6. Scores will be kept for all sanctioned tournaments and ringers percentages recorded for permanent records and inclusion into the NHPA eShoe database.
7. A minimum fee of 50 cents shall be paid by each pitcher to the scorekeeper at the beginning of the game.

Any pitcher who has not pitched in a sanctioned tournament for a period of one year or more must re-qualify by throwing one hundred (100) shoes. A state and national member should, if possible, keep the score and sign the score sheet with his/her name along with their current membership number. Results must be carried to his/her first tournament by the player and given to the tournament director.

All Idaho horseshoe pitching tournaments are mixed pitching unless specified in the tournament schedule or if the tournament director decides that fair groups can be formed using just Elders, Juniors, or Women in a class. The exception being the Idaho State Singles Tournament where individual classes are to be held. Pitchers can be grouped together to meet minimum shoe requirements.

ARTICLE XII (STATE SINGLES TOURNAMENT)

1. To qualify to pitch in the State Singles Tournament, during the past 12 months a pitcher must have pitched in either a) a minimum of three (3) sanctioned tournaments with at least one being any Idaho sanctioned tournament or b) a minimum of two (2) sanctioned tournaments with at least two (2) being Idaho sanctioned tournaments. The Executive board may approve other circumstances.
2. Any new members joining the Association after August first (1st) must pitch in at least one (1) sanctioned tournament to qualify for the State Singles Tournament.
3. Members in good standing, attending a meeting held at the annual Idaho State Singles Tournament, shall select the site for the following year's Idaho State Singles and Doubles Tournaments location by a simple

majority vote. The state is divided into three sections: North, East, and West. The North section will include, Coeur d'Alene, Kellogg, Salmon, and Challis. The West section will include Boise, Nampa, Caldwell, Meridian, Mountain Home, and Fairfield. The East section will include Jerome, Twin Falls, Rupert, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls. If possible, tournament sites will be alternated between the Northern, Western and Eastern sections of the state. Site selection will rotate counter clockwise for the State Singles Tournament.

4. A city must hold at least one sanctioned tournament in that given year before it be allowed to host a State Tournament and needs to have a representative present at the selection meeting or submit a letter of interest to the President no later than August 1st.
5. The hosting organization for the State Singles Tournament shall be given \$100.00 to help provide the main meat dish for the Saturday potluck.
6. The State Singles Tournament shall be held on or one week before or after Labor Day weekend. The host club will decide the date of the State Tournament.
7. At the State Tournament, the use of alcoholic beverages, illegal controlled substances, and tobacco of any kind while in the confines of the courts shall be prohibited for all contestants, scorekeepers, and officials during play. This is in accordance with the NHPA guidelines.
8. State Tournament entry fee for adult members shall be decided at the previous annual state meeting.
9. Deadline for signing up for the State Singles shall be by 8:00pm (Mountain time) on the Monday of the week of the State Singles Tournament.
10. All Participants shall be required to wear a shirt that has a minimum of their last name professionally lettered on the back.
11. At least two (2) judges shall be available and dressed accordingly for easy recognition.
12. Pacers shall be utilized in bye games, if available for the entire round robin.
13. There will be a fifty-(50) cent charge per game for scorekeeping.
14. The State Singles Tournament shall be run by the State Officers, thus allowing the hosting site to concentrate on all other duties associated with the tournament.
15. The maximum class (division) size will not exceed eight (8) players.
16. The minimum number of rounds pitched shall be two (2).
17. A potluck dinner and the state annual meeting shall be conducted during the tournament.

ARTICLE XIII (STATE DOUBLES)

1. To be eligible to pitch in the State Doubles Tournament a pitcher must have pitched in at least one sanctioned tournament in the last 12 months.
2. 100% cap is utilized. (Total percentage of both partners not to exceed 100%)
3. Doubles will be a mixed tournament with no restrictions.
4. Play to consist of a walking doubles, round robin format. Play may consist of double rounds, but should attempt to finish in one day if possible. Games can be either points or shoes, but players should get at least 150 shoes pitched.