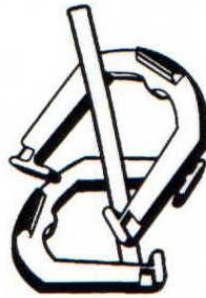


NEVADA
STATE
HORSESHOE
PITCHERS'
ASSOCIATION



**Bylaws
and
Standing Rules**

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NEVADA STATE HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Nevada State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, hereinafter known as NSHPA.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The purpose of the NSHPA shall be to develop, foster and promote organized horseshoe pitching at local and state levels, as a recreational pastime and a competitive game by providing direction, organization, published material and approved equipment, when necessary, to enhance the sport.

ARTICLE III: Membership

SECTION 1. Any reputable person may become a member upon payment of annual dues as designated in these bylaws. Annual dues include NHPA Liability Insurance.

SECTION 2. Juniors may join at a reduced fee as designated in these bylaws. Boys and Girls are eligible to compete as Juniors up to the age of 18.

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SECTION 3. The dues for adult members are the National dues of seventeen dollars (\$17.00), the State dues of eight dollars (\$8.00), and one dollar (\$1.00) set for NHPF.

SECTION 4. Dues for junior members are National dues of five dollars (\$5.00), the State dues of one dollar (\$1.00), and one dollar (\$1.00) set for NHPF. These dues entitle the junior member to all normal Sanctioned Tournament and League Program benefits.

SECTION 5. Dues are due and payable January 1, or upon joining, and last until December 31 of the current year.

SECTION 6. An NHPA Membership card is a combined State-National card and is to be issued only through the Charter Secretary upon payment of both State and National dues. Charter Secretaries are required to send membership reports and dues to the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer at least once every calendar quarter.

SECTION 7. A membership card must be issued by the State in which the member maintains legal residence as determined by the filing of federal and state tax returns, voting and/or driver license laws. States collecting NHPA dues for a non-resident member only issues a receipt and forwards the dues and address information to the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer who will advise the State of record. Residents of a State having no charter may become a member by sending their dues direct to the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer.

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SECTION 8. Any member may be suspended for:

- a. Willfully violating any official playing rule or by-law of the NSHPA.
- b. Fixing games, cheating, or any other conduct unbecoming a member.
- c. Placing a bet of monetary value on a contestant, or self, when participating in a competition.
- d. Using unsanctioned shoes in a tournament.
- e. Forfeiting in a tournament for an unapproved reason.

SECTION 9. For any reasons above, a member may be suspended for one year.

SECTION 10. No member shall be suspended until given a fair hearing before the Executive Council or a Board appointed by same.

SECTION 11. Members who have been suspended for one year may be reinstated after the year has elapsed by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IV: Executive Council

SECTION 1. Members

The Executive Council shall be made up of the officers of the NSHPA.

SECTION 2. Authority

- a. The Executive Council shall have full power to conduct the business of the NSHPA between annual meetings provided such business is not contrary to the bylaws of the NSHPA.
- b. The Executive Council shall define and interpret these bylaws and its rulings shall be official unless overturned by the delegates assembled in Convention by a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 3. Meetings

- a. The Executive Council shall meet at the Call of the President or any three (3) members of the Council.
- b. A quorum for any meeting of the Executive Council shall be three (3) members.
- c. The Executive Council may conduct business by mail, e-mail, or telephone when necessary.
- d. Official decisions made by the Executive Council that affect the general membership shall be published within three (3) months of said decisions.

ARTICLE V: Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of the NSHPA shall be:

- a. A President
- b. A Vice-President from Northern Nevada
- c. A Vice-President from Southern Nevada
- d. A Secretary/Treasurer

SECTION 2. Duties of Officers

a. The President shall

1. be the chief executive officer of the NSHPA.
2. preside at all meetings of the NSHPA.
3. approve warrants for payment by being the second required signature on all checks received from the Secretary/Treasurer for payment of all accounts.
4. assign or change specific duties of other officers.
5. appoint any committees, Standing or Special, name its chair, change the make-up of the committee, fill any vacancies or discharge the committee as is deemed necessary for the good of the organization.
6. be ex-officio a member of all committees.
7. develop, revise and maintain NSHPA contracts, Standard Operating Procedures and travel guidelines. Standard Operating Procedures shall be available for review by any delegate who so requests.

b. The Vice-President shall:

1. in their second year of tenure assume the duties of the President in the absence of or disability of the President.
2. assist the President, when requested, and assume any duties their offices may imply.

c. The **Secretary/Treasurer** shall:

1. be custodian of all funds, property, records and other NSHPA owned assets.
2. keep records of all monies received and disbursed.
3. pay all bills for routine supplies and all other special purchases that have been approved by the Executive Council.
4. annually submit required books and records of the previous fiscal year, to NHPA auditor for the year-end report.
5. submit Financial Report of the previous year, to NSHPA members at annual meeting.

SECTION 3. Time and Expense Reimbursement

Individuals, including officers, shall receive reimbursement for approved expenses.

SECTION 4. Eligibility of Officers

- a. All officers shall be NHPA members in good standing (dues paid and not in suspension).
- b. At least one officer shall be a woman, and, similarly, at least one officer shall be a man – no junior may be an officer.

SECTION 5. Terms of office

- a. All officers shall serve a two-year term.
- b. The President and Vice-President from Northern Nevada shall be elected in odd numbered years. Secretary/Treasurer and

ARTICLE V continued....

Vice-President from Southern Nevada shall be elected in even numbered years.

- c. The newly elected officers shall take office on January 1 of the year following their election.

SECTION 6. Removal from office

- a. Any officer may be removed from office upon failure to perform the duties of the office or for any reason that brings discredit to the NSHPA.
- b. Removal from office shall be by majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Council.

SECTION 7. Vacancies in office

Any vacancies in office except that of President shall be filled within thirty (30) days by the President with the approval of the Executive Council.

SECTION 8. Records and property held by officers

During the last thirty (30) day of their term, all outgoing officers and committee chairs shall deliver to their successors in office all records and property of the NSHPA in their possession.

ARTICLE VI: State Championship

SECTION 1. NSHPA must hold a sanctioned State Championship Tournament yearly.

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SECTION 2. The Nevada State Championship Tournament is open only to those NSHPA members who legally reside (see ARTICLE III, SECTION 7) in Nevada and meet the regular eligibility requirements imposed for the event. All entrants in the Nevada State Championship Tournament must currently have an average in NHPA NatStats.

SECTION 3. Only NHPA members in possession of a current combined State-National card are eligible to vote on any matter pertaining to the election of Charter Officers, the sanctioned tournament schedule or anything else that may directly or indirectly involve NSHPA business, by-laws, or official playing rules.

SECTION 4. All Nevada residing entrants to the State Tournament must have completed at least one (1) NHPA sanctioned event at their Division pitching distance in the twelve months preceding the Nevada State Tournament. It is the responsibility of each entrant to verify NatStats has received and entered the results into NatStats.

ARTICLE VII: Meetings

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting

The annual NSHPA Meeting is the meeting where the business of the organization is undertaken. The location and time of the yearly Nevada State Championship Tournament and NSHPA Meeting shall be voted on at the annual meeting.

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SECTION 2. Special Meetings

- a. A special meeting may be called by the President when approved by the Executive Council.
- b. All officers must be notified of this Special Meeting at least 7 days before the meeting and be given the reason for the meeting.
- c. No business except that specified in the notice may be taken up.

SECTION 3. Quorum

A quorum for the annual meeting shall be 51% of the total number of participants attending the NSHPA Meeting.

SECTION 4. Voting

The President may decide on the method of voting except that there shall be no voting by mail.

ARTICLE VIII: Sanctioned Tournaments

The Tournament Officials shall decide how Class winners are to be determined and how ties are to be broken and shall announce these procedures before tournament play begins.

SECTION 1A. Class Winners. At the end of round-robin play, win/loss records or ringer percentage shall determine Class winners. In addition, total points may be used if the scoring was done using the count-all method.

SECTION 1B. Ties. If ties occur, they shall be broken by playoff, ringer percentage, total points, who-beat-whom, or other methods

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that were not used to determine the winners. In Regional and State Championships, all ties for first place in the *Championship Class* of a designated Division must be broken by a playoff game.

SECTION 2. It is recommended that all pitchers competing in a Nevada sanctioned tournament have their last name professionally lettered on the back of their shirts.

SECTION 3. The Prize and Trophy list will be developed by members of the Tournament Committee and approved by a majority of the same.

SECTION 4. At Nevada sanctioned tournaments, the use of Alcoholic Beverages and any form of Tobacco shall be permitted for all contestants, officials and scorekeepers at one end of the court but not while in the confines of the courts.

ARTICLE IX: All NSHPA Tournaments/Leagues

SECTION 1. All Nevada sanctioned tournaments will donate \$1 per participant to be deposited into the State Treasury. The Tournament Director/Committee will determine the entry fee amount for each tournament. The balance of the entry fee will be disbursed according to club officers.

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ARTICLE X: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the proceeding of the NSHPA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XI: Amendments

SECTION 1. These bylaws may be amended as follows:

- a. An amendment may be considered at any Annual Meeting if consent is given by a three-fourths vote of the Annual Meeting attendees for its consideration.

STANDING RULES

Standing Rules are for the guidance of the Executive Council. They may be adopted, changed, or suspended by majority vote at any meeting, without notice. Between meetings, the Executive Council may adopt, change, or suspend a Standing Rule, but it must be ratified at the next meeting for it to continue.

Standing Rules take effect immediately.

1. The Executive Council shall have their annual membership, *Newsline*, and Annual State Meeting/Banquet fees paid by the NSHPA.
2. The Executive Council may authorize the purchase/production and distribution of patches, awards, literature, or other promotional items they deem suitable for the advancement and goodwill of the sport and NHPA.
3. Game related items sold at any tournament must be through authorized NHPA distributors. Anyone else wishing to sell anything at NSHPA tournament sites must have permission of the Executive Council.
4. Authorized NHPA distributors of game related items have sole sale rights at any NSHPA sanctioned tournament and cannot be refused by the tournament director or committee as long as there is no violation of local laws.

STANDING RULES continued....

5. The Executive Council of NSHPA will publish and distribute:
 - a. Annual Meeting Minutes
 - b. Tournament Schedule
 - c. Nevada Bylaws and Standing Rules

6. The NSHPA Officers, also known as the Executive Council, Directors, Committee people and others directed will endeavor to maintain, on computers when possible, all relevant membership, subscription, inventory, scheduling, historical and statistical data of the NSHPA and its members. Where appropriate, printouts of same will be made available.

7. The official Standing Rules of the NSHPA are included with the Nevada Bylaws.