

**2020/2021 TNHPA BY LAWS**  
**AND**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**OF THE**  
**TENNESSEE HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION**

**PREAMBLE**

We the horseshoe pitchers of Tennessee in order to promote and foster the game on both the competitive and recreational levels and to provide all persons in our area (or state) with the opportunity and facilities for playing the game, and to insure its continued growth and existence, do hereby establish this constitution.

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be The Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

**ARTICLE II- PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to further the game of horseshoe pitching by all proper means in this area, provide our membership with the best facilities and activities within our means, and to support and cooperate with the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association in every possible way.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

The requirements for membership shall be set out in the By Laws.

**ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, First, Second, Third Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer. All officers shall serve a two-year term. The President and the Second Vice-President shall be elected in odd years. The First and Third Vice-Presidents and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected in even years. Officers are to be elected during the State Tournament Meeting.

The newly elected officers shall take office immediately after the election.

**ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

1. President - The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings, to administer the business of the organization, to pass on any obligations the organization may wish to incur, and to handle whatever other duties may come to his attention in promoting the best interest of the organization.
2. Vice-Presidents - The Vice-Presidents shall, in their order, assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President or whenever the President is unable to properly discharge his duties and shall assist the President, when requested, and assume any duties their offices may imply.
3. Secretary-Treasurer - The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings, act as custodian of the funds and properties of the organization, and attend to the correspondence and any other duties which may come to his/her attention as necessary to promote the best interest of the organization.

4. Any officer or officers may be removed from office in the event of flagrant misconduct or failure to perform their duties. A two-thirds vote of all regular members attending a special meeting shall be necessary for removal after a fair and impartial hearing of the charges.

#### **ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The elected officers shall constitute the Executive Board and may act on behalf of the organization in all matters.

Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at such times and places as the Executive Board may decide.

At least two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board must be present to constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE VII- COMMITTEES**

The President shall appoint such committees as he/she deems necessary and shall serve as an ex-officio member of them.

#### **ARTICLE VIII-BY LAWS**

The organization may adopt such By Laws as it shall deem necessary. By Laws shall be adopted when approved by a majority vote of the members in good standing present at the regular meeting.

#### **ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS**

The annual meeting and election of officers shall be held during the State Tournament each year.

#### **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all voting members present at any regular meeting provided, however, that no proposed constitutional amendment may be considered or voted upon unless notice of the regular meeting or the special meeting at which the amendment is proposed shall have contained a brief statement of the proposed amendment.

#### **BY LAWS**

1. The rules of the National Horseshoe Pitchers

Association of America shall govern in all cases except those specifically stated in the By Laws.

2. All officer and pitchers must become members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

3. Membership requirements shall be payment of annual TNHPA and NHPA dues and sportsmanlike conduct.

4. The dues of the association per member annually shall be set by the membership and shall include the cost of membership in the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, the State membership, and liability insurance.

5. All tournaments sponsored by the Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association shall be sanctioned.

6. Pitchers must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) sanctioned tournaments in Tennessee prior to the registration deadline date to be eligible to pitch in the State Singles Tournament. 400 shoes pitched in sanctioned league play shall count as one (1) tournament. **(voted in 2015)**

7. Effective in 2021 the Annual Membership meeting will be held prior to the State Championship Tournament on the last Saturday in September.
  8. Any new business, to be brought up at the annual meeting, must be submitted in writing and published in the Newsletter.
  9. All refunds for State Tournament will be issued on approval from the board upon written request and reason from withdrawing pitcher after tournament deadline has passed.
  10. World Tournament entry fees will be paid for State Singles Champions that choose to attend the next World tournament. This includes Men's, Women's, Elder's, and Junior Champions. **( voted 2014)**  
**Effective 1/2021 the World Tournament entries will no longer be paid by TNHPA.**
  11. Pay for the filling of propane tanks for heating of Morgan's courts for fall/winter tournaments and practices as needed, limited to \$60.00 per month unless approved. (voted in 2016)
- TNHPA DUES: Adults \$ 33.00 per year, includes NHPA dues (\$17.00) & TNHPA due \$8.00 Juniors \$10.00, includes NHPA dues \$5.00 and TNHPA dues (\$5.00) Provisional(\$10.00)

**TOURNAMENT STARTING TIME:**

10:30 a.m. 1 January thru May 31, 2018  
 9:30 a.m. June 1 thru August 31, 2018  
 10:30 a.m. September 1 thru Dec 31,2018 (voted in 2016)

**SIGN-UP TIME:** One half hour before scheduled start time **All Tournaments are pre-registration only.**  
 Please help all tournament directors by notifying them by Friday noon or sooner if you intend to play.

**ENTRY FEES:**

**REGULAR TNHPA OPEN TOURNAMENTS**

\$ 21.00 per player, breakdown as follows:

\$ 1.00 to local court

\$ 2.00 to tournament director

\$ 3.00 to State tournaments pay back fund

\$ 14.00 to Class pay back

\$ 1.00 to TNHPA (voted Sep 2017)

**JUNIORS DO NOT PAY ENTRY FEE OR RECEIVE PAYBACK**

(They must have a sanction card)

**SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS:**

**STATE SINGLES TOURNAMENT- PRE-REGISTER**

\$ 25.00 - Adults (voted in 2015) **STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT - PRE-REGISTER**

\$ 20.00 per player

### **SCOREKEEPERS:**

REGULAR TOURNAMENT: \$ .50 per game per player

SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS: \$ 1.00 per game per player

PAYBACK: (Based on \$ 14.00 per pitcher per class) voted in Sep 2018

2 Person Class (\$28 total)  
1st Place \$28  
3 Person Class (\$42 Total)  
1st Place \$42.00  
4 Person Class (\$56 Total)  
1st Place \$42 2nd \$14.00  
5 Person Class (\$70 Total)  
1st Place \$42 2nd \$20.00 3rd \$8.

6 Person Class (\$84 Total)  
1st Place \$50 2nd \$24 3rd \$10.  
7 Person Class (\$98)

1st Place \$50 2nd \$25 3rd \$15 4th \$8  
8 Person Class (\$112 total)  
1st \$50 2nd \$30 3rd \$20 4th \$12

9 Person Class (\$126 total)  
1st \$55 2nd \$35 3rd \$20 4th \$16

### **CLASS PLACEMENT:**

Pitchers will be placed in classes based on their average according to the previous weeks NATSTATS standing. If they are new or have no average from lack of tournament play, they will be required to pitch 100 shoes and the score to be kept by an appointed TNHPA member.

### **30 FOOT AND 40 FOOT PITCHERS:**

Pitch in same class according to percentage except for State tournament and special tournaments determined by Tournament Director. Handicapping is allowed if there is substantial difference in percentage to create a better class of tournament. NHPA handicap rules apply.

### **GAME TIES**

Shoe Limit Games - Non Handicapped Classes: Flip a shoe to see who goes first, then down and back until tie is broken. (4-shoe innings) Handicapped Classes: Games that end in a tie remain as a tie.

### **STATE SINGLES TOURNAMENT:**

**DATE:** The date for the State Singles Tournament will be the last Saturday in September. (Voted in 2004) **Effective in 2021** The State Singles will rotate between between Clarksville and Crossville.

**REGISTRATION:** The State Tournament is pre-registered. Entries must be postmarked by two Saturdays before the tournament. The NATSTAT average of that Saturday will be used for entry %.

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 (voted in 2015)

**FORMAT:** Games for Championship Classes will be 40 points. All other classes will be 40 shoes. Play-offs for first place ties will be 20 shoe games - except for Championship Classes which will be 40 points. Regular tournament rules will apply for all other ties (2nd,3rd,etc.)

**TROPHIES:** Trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in 8 person classes. 1st, 2nd and 3rd for 6 person classes. 1st and 2nd in 4 person classes

### **STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT:**

**DATE:** The date for the State Doubles Tournament will be the last Saturday in June. **(voted in2009)**  
**Effective in 2021 The Doubles Tournament will rotate between Clarksville and Crossville.**

**REGISTRATION:** State doubles are pre-registered and the format will be walking doubles. **(added 2012)**

Combined averages of entrants may not be over 115%.

**FORMAT:** Each game will be 60 shoes with each player pitching 30 shoes.

**PAYOUT:** In 2010 it was voted to have a payback for the State Doubles, and trophies for 1st and 2nd place. The payback amount to be determined by the number of entrants in each class.

**Procedure for Breaking Ties** at Regular Tournaments and the State Singles & Doubles Championships

#### **First Place Ties:**

20 Shoe Playoff games will decide the First Place Winner for Non Handicap and Handicap\* classes at all Regular Tournaments and the State Championship. **Exception: 40 point playoff games will be required for all Championship Classes at the State Championship.**

First place ties of three persons will be decided by a ladder type playoff, with the two lower average pitchers for the Tournament meeting in the first match and the winner playing the high average pitcher in the Tournament for the title

First place ties of four pitchers will be settled by using the ringer percentage from round robin play and having the highest percentage pitcher for the Tournament play the lowest percentage pitcher for the Tournament, while the second and third highest play each other. The winners of those two games will play one game for the class championship. Third and fourth place will be determined by the procedure outlined below for "All Other Position Ties".

In case of five or more persons tied for first place there will NOT be a playoff game. Use the procedure outlined below for "All Other Position Ties"

\*Tournament using HSMaster, the Handicap will NOT automatically be assigned. All Tournament Directors will have a copy of the Handicap Calculation Sheet supplied by the TNHPA Statistician.

#### **All Other Position Ties:**

##### **Non Handicap Class:**

1st tie breaker: ringer percentage  
2nd tie breaker: head to head  
3rd tie breaker: total points

##### **Handicap Class**

1st tie breaker: Head to Head  
2nd tie breaker: greatest over avg. or closest to avg.

3rd tie breaker: total points including handicaps (voted in 2015)

**HALL OF FAME:** A committee appointed by the President will accept and review nominations for the Hall Of Fame Inductees. Any TNHPA member may submit nominations in writing listing the nominees qualifications and achievements. Nominees may be active or deceased. Nominees and their qualifications will be announced in a special Newsletter that goes out prior to the State Singles Tournament. Membership will vote by ballot at that tournament prior to the annual meeting with inductees being announced at the meeting. They will receive a plaque afterwards. A member may also be removed from the Hall of fame for actions unsupportive of TNHPA by a motion at the annual meeting with a two thirds majority vote.

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:** During the State Tournament, each registered member may get a ballot and vote for the pitcher who they think has shown the most sportsmanship throughout the season. The winner will have their next year's NHPA Card paid for. Award may be won 1 time every 3 years.

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** The winner of this Honor will be announced at the State meeting. The winner will be a pitcher who has a natstat avg at the State Singles cutoff entry date that is most improved from their qualifying % and has pitched in at least 6 TN tournaments.