

MEDICAL EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM
THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION

The *Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching* states that "All Open Men and Senior contestants shall observe the 37-foot foul lines. Physically impaired males in these categories may be given permission by the governing NHPA officials to move onto the extended platforms and observe the 27 foot foul lines." (See Rule 3, Section A, number 2) The NHPA has further delegated the responsibility of this decision-making to the various State Associations for acceptance or denial. This form has been adopted by the NHPA and the steps of this process are outlined below. Please complete Parts I and IV of this form and send it to your Charter Secretary or the Charter officer in charge of Medical Exemptions.

PART I - BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I, _____, am applying for a medical exemption which would allow me to pitch horseshoes in NHPA sanctioned events from a distance of 30 feet, instead of 40 feet, due to the following medical condition and other information described below which I proclaim to be true and accurate.

- What is the name of this medical condition? _____
- For how long have you had this condition? _____
- Do you consider this condition to be permanent? _____
- For how long have you pitched horseshoes? _____
- What is your date of birth _____ and current age? _____
- Explain what area(s) of your body are affected and why this condition prevents you from being able to pitch from 40 feet. (add an additional page if necessary) _____

- Have you seen a specialist about this medical condition? _____
- If so, for how long have you been under his/her care? _____
- Have you undergone surgery or other medical procedures for this condition? _____
- Has surgery or any other medical procedure been recommended? _____
- Do you have a current, handicap license plate or rear-view mirror placard granted by your State BMV? _____
- If this medical exemption is denied, will you continue pitching from 40 feet? _____
- The medical doctor most familiar with my medical condition is:
Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____ zip code _____

PART II - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REVIEW

Copies of the above information will be circulated among the Executive Council members for review and voting. If two-thirds or more of the Council member agree, the exemption may be granted at this point. Council members may also defer their vote until after the *Medical Information and Professional Opinion Form* has been received from the attending physician. **Please Note:** As it may relate to the Medical Right to Privacy Act, all Charter council members have been directed to keep this medical information in strict confidence.

PART III - MEDICAL INFORMATION AND PROFESSIONAL OPINION

A separate medical questionnaire form may be sent to the attending physician for confirmation of the medical condition and for a professional opinion as it applies to the requested exemption.

PART IV - CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

I hereby give permission for my medical doctor to release to the State HPA Executive Council, any medical information about my health condition as it may relate to this exemption request.

Signature of applicant _____
Address _____ zip code _____
Phone number _____
NHPA card number _____

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PART V - DECISION AND FOLLOW-UP

Upon receiving the completed medical form from the attending physician, the state officer in charge of medical exemption requests will re-circulate the combined forms among the Executive Council members for a final decision. Again, a two-thirds or greater vote will be required for acceptance of this medical exemption. The President of the Executive Council will notify the pitcher, in writing, of the Council's decision and (if granted) the pitcher may then, and only then, begin pitching in NHPA sanctioned events from the shorter distance. The pitcher must also notify the State Secretary of the date that he will begin pitching from this shorter distance. Re-qualification at this shorter distance may also be necessary (see Rules/Bylaws). Although it is expected that this will be a long-term exemption, the State Executive Council reserves the right to review and/or withdraw the medical exemption at any time.

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