

HORSESHOES Singles

QUALIFYING RULES

1. All first-, second-, third- and fourth-place winners at a 2018 NSGA qualifying games will qualify for the 2019 National Senior Games.

ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. Competitors must provide their own horseshoes.

FORMAT

1. Preliminary round will consist of a round robin format per age group played over 2 days. Age groups may be combined during preliminary rounds to make round robins as close to 8+ as possible and allow participants to pitch enough games (Points in games against someone not in the same age group will not count towards advancement). Everyone in an age group will pitch everyone else in their age group during preliminary round in order to advance to Championship round.
2. Count-all scoring with five bonus points awarded for each match won will be used during preliminary rounds to help determine advancement. All matches will continue until each player has pitched 30 shoes. If the score is tied after 30 shoes are pitched, four additional shoes shall be pitched to determine which player shall be awarded the five bonus points. Additional sets of four shoes shall continue to be pitched until the winner is determined. Final scores reported shall be scores after 30 shoes. Points in preliminary rounds are for playoff advancement only and will not count or be used in Championship round.
3. At the conclusion of the preliminary round robin, the top eight players will advance and play a single round-robin championship final.
4. The Championship round will be decided by win/loss record. Count-all scoring (without bonus points for each match won) will be used. 1st place ties will play a 30 shoe playoff game to decide 1st and 2nd place. All other ties will be decided by head-to-head competition and then by points scored if still tied.
5. Awards will be presented for 1st through 8th place within each age division.

SPORT RULES

1. All matches will be conducted in accordance with National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association rules, except as modified herein. For a copy of these rules, please write or call:

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2. Shoes shall be pitched from alternate ends of the court at stakes at the following distances: men 50-69 (40 feet), women 50-74, men 70 and older (30 feet). Women 75 and older (20 feet).
3. A match will consist of one game.
4. Players will match shoes to determine who pitches first.
5. A 15-minute default time will be enforced. For default matches in preliminary rounds, the remaining player will pitch 30 shoes to determine his/her score and be awarded the five bonus points.
6. The pitcher must stand on one of the pitching platforms. Players may use the platform on either side of the court. Feet must stay behind the foul line and within the platform limits until the shoe has left the pitcher's hand. When not pitching, the opponent shall stand quietly and stationary on or behind the same court's opposite pitching platform and at least two feet (2') behind the contestant who is pitching from the same or adjacent court. Such an offense incurs a loss of score in that inning. No player may walk to the opposite stake, or be informed of the position of the shoes before an inning is complete. Once thrown, shoes may not be moved or touched until the scores have been decided. Such an offense incurs a loss of score in that inning.
7. Shoes must be within six inches of the stake to be scored. A shoe that first strikes the ground outside the target area (if using portable raised pits, the box that makes up the pit sides is considered to be outside the target area) or rebounds from the backboard cannot be scored, nor can any shoe thrown from an invalid position. Such shoes may be removed from the target area on the request of the opponent. A shoe landing in the area and breaking is not scored; it is removed and another pitch taken. A "ringer" is a shoe that encircles the stake so that a straight edge could touch the two tips of horseshoe without touching the stake.