

BYLAWS

KENTUCKY HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION INC.

PREAMBLE

Recognized the fact that the sport of horseshoe pitching is a wholesome, healthy, enjoyable, competitive, recreation , favorable to all persons, at a cost comparable to that of other sports, and with a desire to promote more player interest among the clubs and pitchers of Kentucky do hereby establish the following Constitution and Bylaws to govern our playing activities.

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the KENTUCKY HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Herein known as KHPA.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the KHPA shall be to foster, develop and promote organized horseshoe pitching at all levels, city, county, state, and regional, both as a recreational pastime and as a competitive sport.

ARTICLE 3. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1.

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the KHPA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

SECTION 2.

The bylaws may be recommended for amendment at any scheduled meeting of the Executive Council by a two thirds (2/3) vote of members present. At least 4 of the 7 Executive Council members must be present to constitute a quorum. Final approval will require a majority vote by membership present at the state meeting.

Or a special meeting may be called at any scheduled tournament. Two weeks prior notice must be given, to all members, to inform them about the special membership meeting.

SECTION 3.

The bylaws may be revised in a like manner.

ARTICLE 4. ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 1.

The KHPA is established as a non-profit organization. All dues charged for membership and entry fees for tournaments are to be used to provide us with the funds to pay our obligations, promotions and awards.

SECTION 2.

The KHPA rules are not binding on any individual/club. Such individuals, clubs, leagues may formulate their own rules and regulations for their play. The KHPA is an established entity through which these individuals, clubs, and leagues may, if they wish, be associated to foster and promote the game of horseshoe pitching with continuity of leadership, and regulate standardized rules for tournament play.

SECTION 3.

Meetings of the KHPA will be held at the state singles tournament each year, or as deemed necessary to conduct business.

SECTION 4.

All legislative power herein granted shall be vested in an assembly of the membership, all of whom must be members in good standing of the KHPA.

SECTION 5.

Each member being entitled to one vote, which in order to be cast, the member must be present whenever a KHPA meeting is called.

SECTION 6.

Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum and have authority to transact the business of the KHPA.

SECTION 7.

Voting shall be by ballot, secret ballot, rising vote, or ayes and nays, according to the chairman.

ARTICLE 5. 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. The person must also be a legitimate resident of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as defined in the Department of Revenue form #740 or spend a total of 183 days of the year in the state.

SECTION 2.

Juniors may join at a reduced fee as designated in these bylaws. Boys and girls are eligible to compete as juniors. Any pitcher eighteen (18) years old or younger for the entire calendar year may pitch as a Junior. Also any pitcher twelve (12) years old or younger, for the entire calendar year may pitch as a Junior Cadet.

SECTION 3.

Dues for adult members are a national dues of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) plus KHPA dues of five dollars (\$5.00) for a total of thirty dollars (\$30.00) annual dues.

SECTION 4.

Dues for junior members are a national dues of five dollars (\$5.00) plus KHPA dues of one dollar (\$1.00) for a total of six dollars (\$6.00) annual dues.

SECTION 5.

Dues for junior cadet membership are a national dues of five dollars (\$5.00) plus KHPA dues of one dollar (\$1.00) for a total of six dollars (\$6.00) annual dues.

SECTION 6.

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

SECTION 7.

Full Membership:

Dues for full adult membership are the national dues and state dues as noted above. Only full members may enter the State and World Tournaments.

Provisional member:

Dues for Provisional Adult members are the National Provisional dues of ten dollars (\$10.00). Provisional adults are allowed entry to regular tournaments/leagues (upon paying their full entry fee) for the period beginning at their first entry to the end of the current calendar year. At which time they must become full members in order to continue participation in NHPA. During their provisional time, a member can upgrade to full membership at any time by paying the remainder of their national dues of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) plus their state charter dues. Provisional members tournament/league statistics are reported to the NHPA and the member is provided by an NHPA membership card number with a "P" at the beginning of their charter assigned membership number (e.g. P095001) for tracking purposes. Provisional members can not vote and do not count toward the awarding of charter delegates, but are reported on charter membership reports to the NHPA.

Trial member:

All dues for trial members are waived and the member is allowed entry into one regular tournament/league (upon paying their full entry fee). Trial member tournament/league statistics are not reported to the NHPA. Trial members can not

vote and do not count toward the awarding of charter delegates, but are reported on charter membership reports to the NHPA.

SECTION 8.

The NHPA/KHPA membership card will be issued by the KHPA Secretary/Treasurer upon payment of both Charter and National dues. A membership card must be purchased prior to participating in any sanctioned event.

SECTION 9.

Any member may be suspended for:

Willfully violating any official NHPA playing rules or bylaws of the KHPA.

Fixing games, cheating, or any other conduct unbecoming a member.

A bet or monetary value on a contestant, or self, or when participating in a competition.

Using unsanctioned shoes in a tournament.

Forfeiting in a tournament for an unapproved reason.

No player may indulge in actions, words, phrases, disturbing to his opponent, nor will profane or abusive language by any member of the association be permitted upon the tournament grounds.

SECTION 10.

All contestants competing in the World Tournament shall have, as a minimum, their last name and state or country abbreviation professionally lettered on the back of their shirts. Said shirts can not be sleeveless. No cut offs are permitted and closed toe shoes must be worn. Further dress code restrictions may be imposed by the executive council if all entrants are notified no later than the mailing date of their pitching schedule. The dress code may also be adopted into a Charter Bylaws. Or may be enforced at any state championship tournament, or at any local tournament, if announced in advance by the tournament/league official.

SECTION 11.

During the World and State Championship Tournaments, the use of alcohol, any form of tobacco, or illegal controlled substances while in the confines of the courts shall be prohibited for all contestants, officials, and scorekeepers. This rule may also be adopted into any charter bylaws, if announced in advance by the tournament/league official.

SECTION 12.

During the World and State Championship Tournaments, the use of cell phones shall not be allowed by anyone on the courts. This rule may also be adopted into any charter bylaws or may be enforced at any local tournament, if announced in advance by the Tournament/League Officials.

SECTION 13.

For any of the reasons above, a member may be suspended up to, and including, one year. The secretary/treasurer shall notify the National Secretary of said suspensions.

SECTION 14.

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

SECTION 15.

Members who have been suspended, for one year, may request to be reinstated after the year has elapsed. A majority vote of the Executive Council is needed for reinstatement.

SECTION 16.

All current KHPA members in good standing shall be allowed to vote at all KHPA membership meetings and must comply with the NHPA Bylaws.

At state officers meetings, only officers may vote.

SECTION 17.

Class A State Singles Champions: 40 foot men, 30 foot men, women, junior boys, junior girls. If any of these class champions have entered and are competing in the World Horseshoe Tournament, then their entry fee will be paid by the KHPA.

If any Class A state singles champion does not enter and participate in the WHT, then the following will apply: All other KHPA members that are attending and playing in the WHT, for the current year, will have their names placed into a drawing. One name will be drawn and that person will have their entry fee paid by the KHPA.

ARTICLE 6. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SECTION 1. MEMBERS

The executive council will be made up of the officers of the KHPA.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

The executive council will have full power to conduct the business of the KHPA between annual meetings, provided such business is not contrary to the bylaws of the KHPA.

The executive council shall define and interpret these bylaws and its rulings shall be official. Unless overturned by the membership assembled in quorum by 2/3 vote.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS

The executive council shall meet at the call of the President or any three (3) members of the council.

A quorum for any meeting of the executive council shall be four (4) members.

The executive council shall conduct business by mail, by telephone, or by email, when necessary.

The executive council shall have the power to call a special meeting at a scheduled tournament with a two (2) weeks prior notice.

ARTICLE 7. OFFICERS & OFFICERS DUTIES

SECTION 1.

The officers of the KHPA shall be:

A President

A First, Second, Third, Fourth Vice President.

A Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION 2.

a. The President shall:

Be chief executive officer of the KHPA.

Preside at all meetings of the KHPA.

Approve warrants for payment by being the second required signature on all checks received from the Secretary/Treasurer for payment of all accounts.

Have the power to assign specific duties to all other officers.

Appoint any committees, standing or special, name its chair, change the makeup of the committee, fill any vacancies or discharge the committee as is deemed necessary for the good of the organization.

Be ex-officio a member of all committees in the event of death, resignation, or removal of an officer or committee member.

Between meetings, the president is empowered to make appointments to fill the unexpired term.

b. Vice-Presidents shall:

In their order, assume the duties of the president in the absence or disability of the president.

Assist the president, when required, and assume any duties their office may imply.

c. Secretary/Treasurer shall:

Be custodian of all funds, property, records, and other KHPA owned assets.

Keep records of all monies received and disbursed, provide a yearly written statement of the same to the Executive Board of the KHPA, and an oral presentation to the membership.

Pay all bills for routine supplies and all other special purchases that have been approved by the Executive Board of the KHPA.

d. The election and terms of office will be as follows:

Two year term to be elected on even numbered years:

Secretary/Treasurer

Second and Fourth Vice/President:

Two year terms to be elected on odd numbered years:

President

First and Third Vice-President:

The President and all Vice-Presidents term will run for two years starting after the end of the State Singles Tournament in which they were elected and ending two years later at the conclusion of the State Singles Tournament.

The Secretary/Treasurer term shall run for two years, starting at the end of the year in which they were elected and ending two years later at the end of the year. At which time the President shall call an executive board meeting after the last scheduled tournament of the season. At this time a full accounting of financial matters and the passing of all records can be made to the newly elected Secretary/Treasurer, with officers as witnesses.

Any officers of the KHPA may be removed from their position upon failure to perform the duties of their office, or for any reason or action that tends to reduce or bring discredit to the efficiency of the Kentucky Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Said removal shall be by majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Council.

In accordance with NHPA Article 7, Section 13, the KHPA will provide the cost of the NHPA magazine, Newslite, for the President, all Vice-Presidents, Regional Director, and Secretary/Treasurer during their terms of office. Unless Newslite is available online.

e. Any member that is nominated or wishes to become an officer:

To be nominated or run for any KHPA Officer's Position, the person's name must be submitted and received by KHPA Secretary/Treasurer no later than two weeks prior to the KHPA State Singles Tournament.

ARTICLE 8. TOURNAMENT RULES

SECTION 1.

All KHPA sponsored tournaments shall be approved by the Executive Council and shall meet with the requirements of the National Association. All sanctioned tournaments shall require the National rules be followed.

SECTION 2.

All sanctioned tournaments shall be designated to accommodate the number of entries. The number of points and/or method of play of each tournament will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director(s) and shall take into consideration the number of category entries. With the exception of the State Tournament, classes will be mixed to accommodate both 20, 30, and 40 foot pitchers, including male, female, and junior.

SECTION 3.

The Kentucky Horseshoe Pitchers Association will conduct, under KHPA guidelines, a state tournament each year to determine the state champion in each division. The dates for this tournament will be on Labor Day Weekend.

SECTION 4.

To eligible to pitch in the KHPA State Singles Tournament each participant must pitch in at least four sanctioned tournaments within the past twelve (12) months. One of which can be a sanctioned league, one of which can be the previous State Singles, one of which can be an “out of state” sanctioned tournament. All sanctioned tournaments will count toward KHPA State and NHPA World Tournaments.

New members that join after July 1st or later of the current year, are only required to pitch in and complete three sanctioned tournaments, to qualify for entry into KHPA State Singles Tournament.

SECTION 5.

Playoff in all of KHPA sanctioned tournaments including the state, ties for first place will require a playoff. In the event of a tie for first place in any class, a playoff of one game will be held and recorded on the player’s stats for that year. If three (3) or more tie for first place, a ladder playoff will be performed, which averages of all players are calculated. And the two lowest percentages will play first game followed by winner and next highest percentage. Any player that waits for the first game to be played is automatically given byes. Ties for second and third in all tournaments are based on percentages.

SECTION 6.

Deciding the Tournament Champion

The tournament champion will be the winner of Class A. If tournament director has designated, A, and A1 pitchers will pitch together (because of percentage disadvantage) then the final standings for the class will be determined as follows:

1. When the whole class (combined A/A1 pitchers) is won by an A pitcher then the highest finisher A1 pitcher will be the A1 champion and 2nd and 3rd place finishers (whether A/A1 pitchers) will be awarded A 2nd and A 3rd.

2. When the whole class is won by an A1 pitcher, then the combined class reverts back to a straight A class and no A1 champion will be awarded.

3. When at the end of regulation play an A and an A1 pitchers are tied with the best win/loss totals, then the class champion will be decided by a one game playoff. If playoff winner is the A pitcher, then see #1 above. If winner is the A1 pitcher, then see #2 above.

SECTION 7.

Any tournament which is rained out or cancelled for any reason will not be made up. If three games have been completed, won and loss record will determine the winners, percentage or points will break ties. If play is cancelled before the required games are completed, refund of entry fee will be made. For special circumstances, at the discretion of the President or Tournament Director, the number of shoes pitched for a completed game may be changed.

SECTION 8.

At the end of each game contestants can practice on current court until their next assigned court is available. After the games and adjacent courts are completed, both pits shall be prepared for play. When the scorekeeper is ready, the contestants have the option of pitching no more than four (4) additional warm-up shoes each, and then the next game must begin immediately.

SECTION 9.

The officers and members of the KHPA will at all times comply with the BYLAWS, rules and regulations of both the National and Kentucky Associations.

SECTION 10.

The state tournament site will rotate between eligible sites and will be determined at the annual meeting of the KHPA Executive Committee. Current rotation is as follows: 2024- Chalybeate, 2025- Mt Sterling, 2026-Russell Springs, 2027- Bardstown, 2028-Richmond, 2029-Somerset.

If the courts for the current year, are not inspected and fully sanctioned by June 1st of the current year, then the state tournament will be awarded to the next location that is fully sanctioned.

SECTION 11.

In the State Singles a Championship Class will not be blended. If a non-championship class becomes too small, it may be blended in accordance with ringer percentage, with priority given to whichever division this class was entered.

SECTION 12.

No tournament is to appear on the KHPA schedule that is not a sanctioned tournament, with the exception being the World Tournament. Special events can be listed separately.

SECTION 13.

Clubs hosting a sanctioned tournament will, if at all possible, provide scoreboards, scorekeeper seats, and paint for painting stakes. The KHPA will provide round robin cards and summary charts.

SECTION 14.

State Doubles shall be considered a sanctioned tournament.

SECTION 15.

Beginning in 2023, entry fee for sanctioned tournaments held in Kentucky, with the exception of Kentucky State Singles, Kentucky State Doubles, and Shorty's Indoor Courts, will be fifteen dollars (\$15). Entry fee for State Singles, State Doubles, and Shorty's Indoor will be twenty dollars (\$20). Juniors and Junior Cadets are not required to pay an entry fee.

Five dollars (\$5) of the entry fee from all sanctioned tournaments during the season, prior to the State Singles, will be held in a fund for the State Singles. This money will be distributed equally among all adult class winners at the State Singles tournament. A lesser amount will be set aside for all Junior Classes. Non Championship adult classes will be paid for first, second, and third place winners. In Championship classes all entrants will be paid. Women A, first through sixth

place will be paid, Men A, 30 foot, first through sixth place will be paid. Men A, 40 foot, first through eighth place will be paid. Five dollars from each class's entry fee, for State Singles will also be added to each adult class and calculated into the classes total winnings as well.

Secretary/Treasurer may, if he or she chooses to do so, receive one dollar (\$1.00) per person for every sanctioned tournament, and the host club receives one dollar (\$1.00) per tournament player.

No lodging, money, or gas will be provided by the KHPA to anyone running a tournament.

SECTION 16.

Beginning in 2023, score keepers will receive one dollar (\$1.00) per adult player, per game to be paid by each adult player. Juniors and Junior Cadets do not pay scorekeepers.

SECTION 17.

The winners of all tournaments, and classes, shall be acknowledged as the champion of the respective tournaments and classes. Tournament champions will receive a NHPA Champion patch as provided from the Secretary of the NHPA.

SECTION 18.

Juniors and Junior Cadets may receive prizes and cash. Awards presented to Juniors or Cadets by the Tournament/League Officials may have immediate or deferred monetary value. Prizes or cash awards for horseshoe pitching achievements do not impact amateur status in any NCAA sports (Horseshoe Pitching is not an NCAA sport). High School, it is the responsibility of the youth participant and their parent/guardian to check state scholastic sports association regulations/restrictions when determining whether to accept an award with any monetary value. The host charter and/or the NHPA assumes no responsibility for any adverse effects which Horseshoe Pitching awards may have on the amateur status of any youth participant.

SECTION 19.

Forfeits: In tournament competition, the wins and losses and all statistics accumulated shall remain in the books for a pitcher who has had to forfeit one or more games for any reason. A pitcher may miss a number of games due to illness or other legitimate reason approved by the Tournament Director or Committee and still be permitted to return to competition. If a pitcher forfeits for an unapproved reason, the pitcher will not be allowed to return to the competition and will forfeit all prize money and/or awards. Any person who forfeits games shall finish wherever their record puts them in the standings unless the forfeits are for unapproved reasons, then they finish last.

SECTION 20.

All pitchers averages shall be based on the three highest NHPA sanctioned events pitched in the preceding twelve (12) months, or the last ten sanctioned events during the same period, whichever occurs first. An average is figured by dividing the total number of ringers by the total number of shoes pitched for those three events.

Any member without an average will pitch a minimum of 100 consecutive shoes to establish their tournament seeding percentage. This qualifying must be scored in writing and witnessed by a KHPA member 0.no more than 30 days prior to entering a tournament. Alternately a NHPA sanctioned club or league may be used if it covers 200 or more shoes. All seasonal, sanctioned Club/League play must be two hundred (200) or more shoes to qualify as an official event for NATSTAT purposes. Members with less than three tournaments shall use the combined averages of the one or two that they have pitched.

SECTION 21.

All contestants shall be properly attired at all times when on the courts. This is to include appropriate clothing (shirt, blouse, sweaters, slacks, etc.) and footwear. Shirts may include the last name of pitcher on the back.

SECTION 22.

The material in the pits shall be watered (if necessary) and leveled by the contestants before a game begins. (Contestants may have someone do this job for them). During a contest, contestants will not mash or move material around the stake. Material may not be shoveled unless it is approved by their opponent.

SECTION 23.

No contestant shall touch his/her shoes or opponents shoes until a winner or points have been agreed by both contestants or a decision rendered by a judge. The judge shall declare shoes thrown by a contestant to be foul, if said contestant does not comply with the above rule. Points are awarded to the opponent according to the position of his/her shoes.

SECTION 24.

BYES/PACERS: A "bye" is indicated only when a round robin class has an odd number of pitchers, examples are 5, 7, 9. A "pacer" is usually used to fill that bye or vacancy in a class. Pacers percentages can be calculated but not entered stats. A pacers opponent has the choice of pitching rotation or not.

ARTICLE 9. AWARDS

SECTION 1.

Trophies will be given as awards for first, second and third place, in all tournaments. Unless the tournament is designated as a money or other than trophy tournament. As decided by the tournament director.

SECTION 2.

The Hall of Fame Award will be awarded at the KHPA State Singles tournament meeting each year. Nominations are to be sent to the Chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee. Chairperson will distribute copies to the Hall of Fame Committee members. Members will vote for nominees and return ballot to Hall of Fame Chairperson for tabulation. The Chairperson will be appointed by the President of the KHPA.

SECTION 3.

The Golden Horseshoe Award will be awarded at the KHPA state singles tournament meeting. The award is given to the person who has done the most during the current year to promote, foster, and build the sport of horseshoe pitching in the state. The Chairperson will be appointed by the President of the KHPA.

SECTION 4.

The Sportsmanship Award will be awarded at the KHPA State Singles tournament Meeting each year. The award is given to the person that has shown excellent sportsmanship throughout the season. The Chairperson of the Sportsmanship Award committee will be appointed by the President of the KHPA.

SECTION 5.

The KHPA Pitcher of the Year is awarded to the pitcher who accumulates the most points during the year. Points are given for participation, placing first or second in your class, and for each game that is won. Each player receives 20 points for participation, 10 points for placing first, 5 points for placing second and 2 points for every game that is won.

KHPA players that enter and participate in the World Horseshoe Tournament will receive the following points: 30 points for participation, 10 points for finishing first place, and 5 points for second place. Any player that enters and plays in all KHPA Sanctioned Tournaments, will not be eligible for the World Horseshoe Tournament Points.

SECTION 6.

All other awards such as special or national awards will be handled by the awards committee by the same process. Awards committee will be appointed by the President of the KHPA.