

Whpa Sanctioned Horseshoe Tournaments

All Whpa sanctioned tournaments must be held on Nhpa full or conditional sanctioned horseshoe courts. A Nhpa sanction number will be issued by the Nhpa Regional Director for the Wisconsin Charter for each Whpa sanctioned tournament. You will receive a Sanction Certificate to post at your event as well as patches for the winners of each class. All Whpa sanctioned tournaments shall follow the Whpa Bylaws and the Official Nhpa Rules, Guidelines and Specifications as published in the RGS booklet provided by the Regional Director. All tournament pitchers must be Nhpa Full or Provisional members.

Tournament Director Guidelines

Before the Event

1. Publicize the event well in advance. Once a sanction number has been issued, it will be published on the official whpa tournament schedule in the whpa newsletter as well as on the whpa website calendar and on eShoe under Event Search. In addition, posting or mailing flyers may be helpful in promoting your event. Information should include location, entry fee, maximum number of entries accepted, If you will have a separate Jr/Cadet class, entry deadline and contact information.
2. Embrace the word "Open" to include all entrants possible without restriction to age, origin or gender within the published entry limit number. Mixed classes combine gender, full distance and short distance pitchers and is the most common in whpa tournaments.
3. Classes should be made up in advance and contestants are to be seeded based on current eShoe averages. Contestants should be notified of their pitching dates and times in a **timely manner**.
4. Provide paint, shovels, rakes, water etc. necessary for maintaining the courts. Provide a schedule and/or round-robin card of games to be played, including court assignments. Have enough score sheets available for each game. If scoring devices are used, provide name cards.

Before Class Play Begins

1. Announce the method of play (cancellation or count all) the length of games (how many shoes or points).
2. Announce how winners will be determined, and how game ties and class ties will be broken.
3. Explain how to use the scoresheets, score boards or electronic scoring devices if used.

During the Event

1. Have statisticians available for the checking and recording of game scores and for the compilation of class results, as the tournament proceeds.
2. Display a results board and post wins and losses after each game. The Nhpa has a computer program available to download called H S Master. (recommended) It will help you create classes, round-robins and game by game results. It will calculate ringer percentages and will give you final class and tournament result reports at the end of the event.
3. Answer any questions that may arise, make final decisions on any disputes, make the decision to halt play or cancel due to weather or emergency conditions. When a tournament has to be cancelled due to weather or other uncontrollable events, the results will be considered final if at least one half of the scheduled games in a class have been completed.
4. Present awards at the end of each Class play. Awards presented to a Junior or Cadet by the League/Tournament Officials may have immediate or deferred monetary value. Any cash not accepted by a Junior/Cadet shall be put in the Whpa Junior Scholarship Fund.

After the Event

1. All sanctioned tournament results must be recorded in eShoe. Results can be added/imported by charter RD's, statisticians, or tournament directors. (this is an important part in trying to keep pitchers eShoe averages current and up to date) For Tournament Directors using HSMaster, this can be done through the program immediately after the event is completed. Those using other methods, please send the required information on the form provided to your RD or Statistician. A fee of \$1 per adult pitcher must be sent to the Whpa Secretary within 14 days of the event.
2. Send tournament results to the Whpa 1st Vice President for the purpose of keeping track of points for the Pitcher of the Year Awards.
3. Send tournament results to the Whpa webmaster to post on the results page of the Whpa website.
4. Return any unused patches to the Regional Director.
5. It's always nice to have pictures of the Class winners of your tournament! If you take pictures at your event, please send them to the Webmaster and they will be published in an upcoming newsletter and on the website.

Thank You Tournament Directors!

Your hard work and dedication is what makes the Whpa successful!

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