

NHPA ADMIN DIGEST

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2026 is Here!



**NHPA PRESIDENT
BEN WEBB**

Happy New Year Everyone! We're kicking off 2026 in a big way from the NHPA side! We've got the new patches going out this week, rolling out the return of new member packages with a more direct-to-member feel, and looking at other options to increase membership in 2026! One thing potentially on the docket is a potential dues increase before 2027. While this is the last thing we want to do, it may be necessary to keep our budget in tact. I have spent the last year renegotiating and finding cost savings at every line in our budget and anticipate good results for 2026 financials. 2025 saw us take a loss from the general fund, as we loaned the WT side of our operation the funding to purchase new courts from Winnemucca and upgrade our computers for the WT. This will be

returned to the general fund over the next 3 world tournaments, but we reflect a loss on 2025 financials. Before we formally propose an increase though, we have begun an internal financial audit that will cover the last 9 years of NHPA spending, once we have those results, we can make a decision on what will be necessary with dues. I personally like a tiered model, but all options should be on the table.

I'm still working consistently with the website redesign team, and we should have that project completed soon, the holidays slowed us down just a bit. Our host for the 2026 WT will be bringing our board to Wausau for our winter meeting and site visit at the end of this month, and a new membership survey will be on the way soon! I want to start the new year by saying how thankful we are for your continued support of the NHPA, efforts to grow the sport and dedication to our organization! Your participation in the NHPA makes the organization possible and gives us our best chance at growth!

Shifting gears to the horseshoe pitching season, where will you be starting your year in 2026? I follow a fairly consistent pattern with my season in recent years, typically starting the year in Newberry, South Carolina in April with the Horseshoe Tour. The Valley of the Sun tournament is also on the horizon with entries closing soon and many charters that don't have winter events will be gearing up in March/April.

If your new years resolution is to improve your game this year, I'll share a tip for your practice. Practice with purpose. I heard a quote once that said, "Practice doesn't make perfect, practice makes permanent". When you go out to practice, map out the misses, play the "invisible opponent" (shoes on the stake before you pitch), and some days when you go out to practice and it doesn't feel right, just take a break. Sometimes when I start a practice session, if I just can't find the groove, I'll stop for the day. This keeps me from learning bad habits and getting discouraged with my game. Try these out this spring when you begin practicing and track your practice to see how you improve over time!

Enjoy our first edition of our digest in 2026 and please reach out if we can assist you in your efforts in any way!

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FEBRUARY ARTICLE



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Happy New Year NHPA!

With so many positive things happening within the association, I would encourage everyone to take advantage of all the NHPA has to offer. As we know here in Southern California, membership truly provides great value. While we've had our share of rainy days in Los Angeles recently, we've also enjoyed some beautiful weather. I recently traveled home to Illinois, where it was a snowy, cold 0 degrees-quite the contrast! It certainly made me appreciate the California sunshine a bit more.



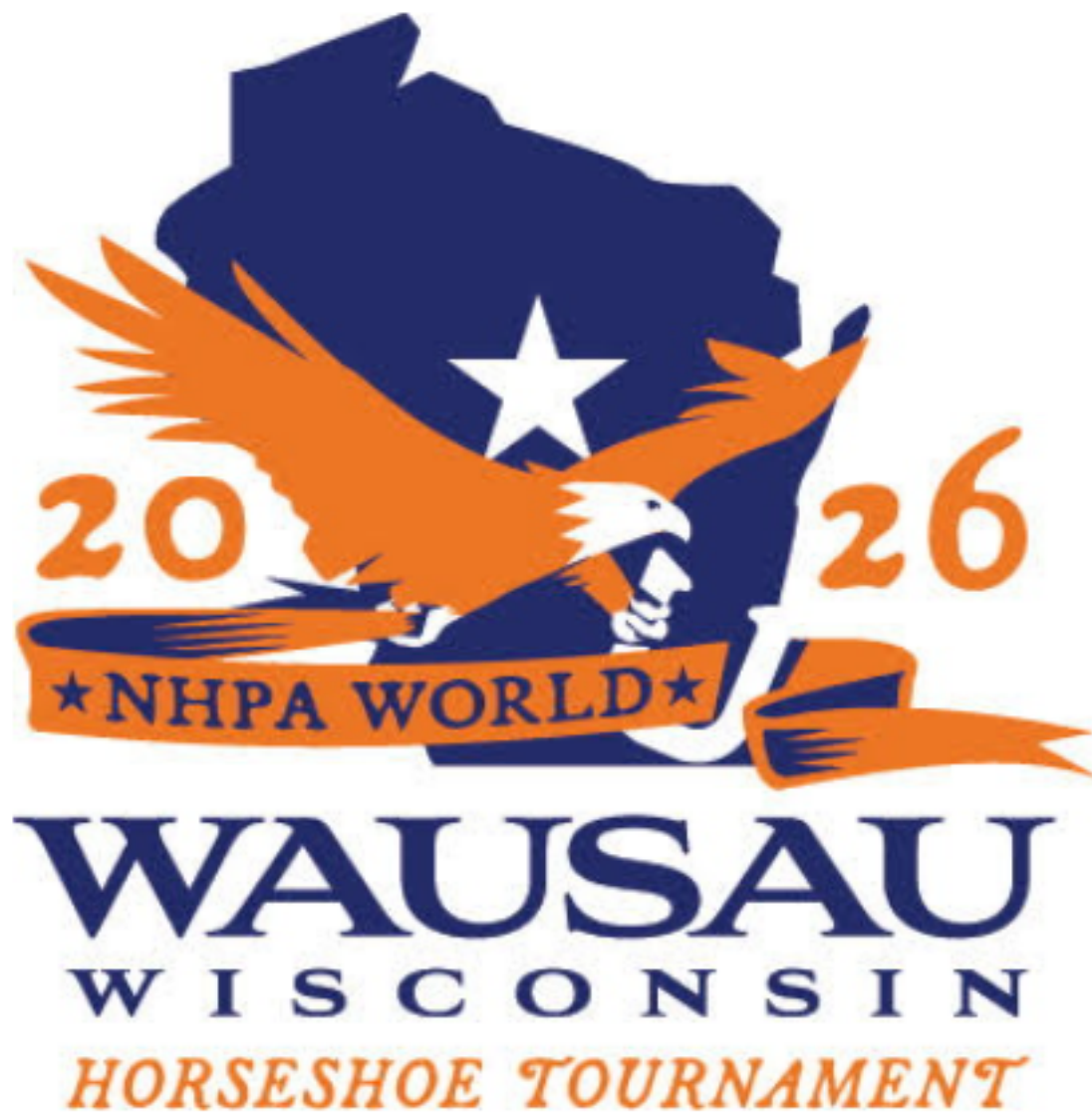
**NHPA 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
DALTON RAKESTRAW**

There is not much new to report in this edition of the Admin Digest, as I will be conducting a few site visits over the coming weeks. As NHPA President, Ben Webb, and I continue our efforts, we are beginning to receive additional interest in bids for our 2030 World Championships. These are the DMOs (CVBs) I have had extensive contact over the past month: Lubbock, Texas (bid received), Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Macon, Georgia, Salem, Oregon, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Elk Grove/Sacramento, California, St. Louis, Missouri, Little Rock, Arkansas, Owensboro, Kentucky, Provo, Utah.

While there is still work to do to still secure some of these bids, I am confident the NHPA Council will have strong options to consider as the deadline approaches. I would also like to congratulate Albuquerque, New Mexico, on successfully securing the bid to host a Regionals Tournament. The dates are set for April 10-12, 2026. Additional details and entry forms will be shared once final arrangements are completed. Angela Gandy, ABQ Sports Commission CEO, and Ryan Abeta, ABQ Sports Commission Sports Sales have presented a bid to the NHPA that is truly exceptional. We are excited about this opportunity and hope many of you can attend. These events will be similar in format to the former Dakota Magic tournaments, with one tournament hosted each day. More details to follow.

I wish everyone a healthy, prosperous New Year. Until next time, I look forward to seeing you on the courts.

Due to the financial state of the NHPA, the new member program hit the pause button in 2024/2025. We have been analyzing options to bring this program back to our new members and have landed on a direction for it. New members will begin receiving a welcome letter and bumper sticker in the mail, directly to the member. We're also looking at an option for second year renewal packages to offer as well that may include an NHPA member patch. Stay posted in February for more details on both new programs!



SAVE THE DATE July 13-26, 2026
at Greenheck Turner
Community Center



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15 Minutes to go, but 30 Seconds to pitch!

This month I'd like to share some information regarding the use of judges at all NHPA sanctioned events, including world and state tournaments. Everybody knows that it is up to the players to determine the score at each end of your court. If you are unable to do this, then you both should agree to call for a judge. I'm sure most of you know this, but I want to reiterate that once you call for that judge, both players must step away and let that judge determine the score, and the judge's decision is FINAL. The NHPA strives to have the best trained judges on the floor at all times. We have judging training clinics and also we share notes on any updated rules. Unfortunately we are not perfect.



**NHPA 3RD VICE PRESIDENT
JERRY LABROSSE**

There was a judging incident that happened at the world tournament in Sandy. It involved the 30 second rule to release both shoes. The situation was not handled well and caused a lot of hard feelings. We all know that the 30 second rule is somewhat subjective and unclear in certain ways. Long story short, the NHPA has adopted a new policy to deal with this situation at the world tournament.

All judges will be instructed that they are not allowed to take any action regarding the 30 second rule with any player without getting the shift director or an NHPA officer involved first. I believe this new policy is self-explanatory, but if anybody has any questions regarding this policy, feel free to contact me.

I don't think he meant on the floor literally buddy!



Can I borrow the 25 seconds you don't use each inning?



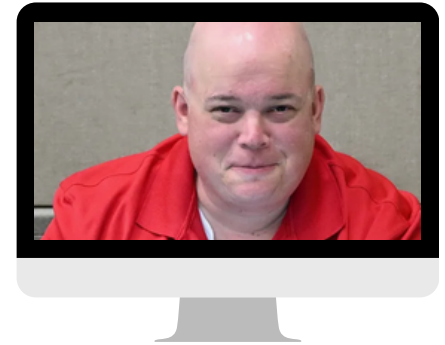
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Are you ready for the new year? New Year, new you? A lot of people always set short term and long-term goals for the new year. For me, I set a few short term and long-term goals at work, as well as a few personal goals that I would like to achieve every year. Do you have any short term and long-term goals? Do you have any goals that are related to horseshoes? For me, I have a few short-term goals in horseshoes specifically, increasing the league membership by 10% at my home club, I also would like to see myself pitch over my average at the next horseshoe tournament I play in. What are your short term and long-term goals for horseshoes? I think we all should set a long-term goal to help increase membership for Horseshoes!

I know it isn't easy to recruit new members, but if you keep trying and trying you never know when that person you have been working on getting sanctioned might finally say, you know what, I will give it a try this time. Don't forget to make sure you have your 4 events in if you are planning to pitch in this year's world tournament.



**NHPA 5TH VICE PRESIDENT
JOSH OLSON**

Keep an eye out eShoe for some Minnesota Tournament action that you can follow along on through eShoe. All of the SHOEBOX tournaments are using eShoe scoring so you can follow along during the entire tournament each month!

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**NHPA 4TH VICE PRESIDENT
BARBARA CARSON**

Just a quick update on the Charter/League Patches and Tournament Patches. The Tournament Patches have been ordered and are in the process of being mailed out to RD's for charter distribution. They will be sent based on the date of your first 2026 Tournament. The League Patches have also arrived. It was decided and voted on that the year will no longer be on the Tournament Patches and League Patches. The year, however, will be on the State Championship and State class patches as well as the League Championship patches. The Tournament Patches have been changed to the new LOGO, The League Patches have been re-designed, but not to the new LOGO yet. We made some minor changes to the league patches to be more consistent with the new tournament designs though

I would like to express my appreciation and Good Luck to former Indiana RD, Dwight Silvers. Dwight resigned from the RD position due to Personal Reasons. Thank you Dwight for everything you do for the sport of Horseshoes and especially for the support you have given me during your years of service.

Happy New Year everyone and enjoy the 2025 season with your friends and family. Thank You to all of you for everything you do to support our sport. See you at the Pits!

Valley of the Sun Entry and Shirt Order Forms

VALLEY OF THE SUN – 2026 **February 17- 22 2026** **Deadline January 14, 2026**

NAME _____ **NHPA CARD #** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE _____ **E_MAIL** _____

Entry Fee \$70

Circle: 40FT. 30FT. 20FT Male

Female

Location:

Mesa, Arizona

Pioneer Park

525 E Main Street

Shirts will be Dark Gray as shown

Hat design on the right



Tournament Shirt

S- XL \$18.00/ea.

2XL. \$19.00/ea.

3XL \$21.00/ea.

Shirt sizes S, M and 3XL will not be available for purchase at the tournament other sizes will be while they last

ShirtSize	Numberof shirts	ShirtCost	Total
Name & State	OnShirt	Add \$10per shirt	
<i>FirstName onFront</i>	<i>Last Name & State on Back</i>		
VOSHats		Add \$22per hat	
<i>CircleHat Color</i>	<i>Black Red Khaki Navy</i>	<i>Dark Green Neon Pink</i>	
	<i>White Orange</i>	EntryFee\$70	\$70
		Grand Total	

Make check payable toEVHC

Mailto:15233 W Eureka Trail, Surprise AZ 85374 or

send paymentthruZelle to rchubs4@gmail.com and e-mail entry form

You may includeshirt&hat order money with your entry form check or Zelle

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Who am I thinking of? He turns on a light when there was only darkness. He builds a warm fire where there was a chill. He brings music where there is silence. He gives meaning when there is none. He fills with unspeakable joy when there was emptiness. He creates wonderful fellowship where there was loneliness. He brings peace where there is distress. He brings healing where there is sickness. He grants life to those who were dead. He is preparing a place for those who believe. No doubt you have the answer. Yes, it's the Messiah who came to this earth 2000 years ago. "Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is interpreted, God with us." Matthew 1:23. Talking about this, never gets old!



**NHPA CHAPLAIN
KEN HEINRITZ**

So why did Jesus come into this world? God says why in His Word "... you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). He came to save sinners ... that's all of us ... "For all have sinned..." Romans 3:23. That's our problem, but our gracious God had a solution. Romans 5:8 says that "God demonstrated His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Acts 16:31 says that we need to "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." May I offer a very important distinction. There is a vast difference between 'knowing about Him' and 'knowing Him'. Many have the 'head knowledge' but not the 'heart knowledge'. That distance of 9 inches will be the determining factor of where you spend eternity. Is there room in your heart for the Savior? This announcement by the angels was certainly as they said, "good tidings of great joy, which will be to all people." That means me and you!

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."
John 1:12



**DAVE SIDLES
NHPF PRESIDENT**

A New Year and a new direction. At the end of 2025 my current term on the NHPF Board of Directors will expire. I have decided not to seek another term. Horseshoes has given myself and my family opportunities and experiences that I never imagined when I started pitching in a sanctioned league in 1989. I will be forever grateful for the many lifelong friendships and memories the sport has provided. I want to encourage you as members of the horseshoe pitching community to continue to support the Hall of Fame Museum and the programs of the NHPF. The NHPA and the NHPF are working together in efforts to grow the sport of horseshoe pitching at every level. Financial contributions can be made directly through the NHPF website. You can also purchase a brick in the outdoor plaza.

NATIONAL HORSESHOE
PITCHERS FOUNDATION



NHPF WEBSITE NEAR COMPLETION!



Stan Griggs,
NHPA World Tournament Statistician
NHPA Hall of Fame Chairman

NHPA STATISTICIAN
STAN GRIGGS

Time is approaching quickly for the 2026 NHPA Hall of Fame voting process, we have four new nominations that have been added to the ballot. A reminder that the deadline is January 31, 2026 for accepting new nominations. The nomination form is on our web page <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/HOFNominationForm.pdf> and can be emailed to me.

The first ever NHPA Double's World Tournament is in the books, and I am very close to having all the stats compiled and will be on our new web page with our other world tournament stats. For a sneak peak of some of those records...

	NHPA World Champions by Years - Double's							Individual	Team	Individual	Team	Updated - 11/21/25	
	21 Point Games							Individual	Team	Individual	Team		
								Highest	Highest	Cons. Ringers	Cons. Ringers		
Year	First	Last	City	State	W	L	Avg. by %	Avg. by %	Game	Game	in Row	in Row	World Doubles Location
2025	Maxine	Griffith	Covington	TN	6	1	77.17%	70.56%	84.62%	81.25%	8	6	Wentzville, Missouri (*)
	Marlene	Ray	Covington	TN			63.64%		87.50%		6		

(*) Indoor Courts

(#) Overhead Cover

(+) Both

None = Outdoors

NHPA Double's World Championship Finals- Highest Consecutive Ringers In-A-Row Per one Game - Individual													
21 Point Game Era 2025 - To Present										Individual Consecutive	Finished		
Year	First	Last	State	Game #	Score	Ringers	Shoes	Avg. %	Ringers by YR	World	Opponent	Avg. %	World Location
2025	Maxine	Griffith	TN	7	22-20	22	26	84.62%	8	1st.	Jennifer Gegg (MO)	80.77%	Wentzville, Missouri (*)
2025	Jennifer	Gegg	MO	7	21-11	10	12	83.33%	8	2nd.	Lachelle Cook (MO)	50.00%	Wentzville, Missouri (*)
2025	Virgle	McCown-30'	MO	4	21-16	15	20	75.00%	8	5th.	Lachelle Cook (MO)	70.00%	Wentzville, Missouri (*)
2025	Austin	Bailey	IL	3	19-21	12	16	75.00%	8	7th.	Pam Meyer (MO)	56.25%	Wentzville, Missouri (*)
2025	Dan	Watson	AL	5	21-3	9	10	90.00%	8	8th.	Rich Bonner-30' (WI)	50.00%	Wentzville, Missouri (*)
2025	Penny	Steinke	WI	1	17-22	13	18	72.22%	8	10th.	Dan Watson (AL)	77.78%	Wentzville, Missouri (*)

Updated After World 2025

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If you have any questions regarding the World Tournament Stats or the NHPA Hall of Fame, you may email me at moshoe63@gmail.com.

"Though we may not have reached the heights we anticipated yesterday, today is a brand new day to begin anew climb." - Chinonye J. Chidolue

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We are at the end of the 2025 pitching year. A few changes have been made in the past year, and we have seen some great things happen in 2025. One of the changes made is the way the Tournament Director runs their tournament. Tournament Directors have run tournaments in HS Master for many years. This is not the only option now. Kurt Whaley has written a program to run tournaments directly from eShoe. This will allow Tournament Directors who have internet access, or a hotspot, to run their tournament direct from eShoe while anyone with access to the web can watch each game pitched. We are working on a how-to-video to walk those who are interested in running a tournament from eShoe through the steps needed. Before the Tournament Director can run their tournament through eShoe they will need a login from myself. Tournament Director from each charter will be given a User Name that starts with their charter name and starting with TD1 thru how many Tournament Directors are in the Charter. (Example: TD1, TD2, TD3...) The Regional Directors will be setting up the tournaments for each charter as it has been.



ESHOE ADMINISTRATOR
JIM KINNEY JR

As the NHPA eShoe Director I handle renewal membership numbers, new member membership numbers, and anything that pertains to discrepancies in eShoe. If you have any questions about your membership number or your 2026 renewal please contact me. Remember if you are a current member and want to renew for 2026 you need to go to eShoe and renew by using the Home button. If you try and renew by going thru the NHPA Website you need to use the RENEW (existing NHPA members) button. If you have not been an NHPA member in the past you will need to us the JOIN (new NHPA members) button. If there are any questions on the eShoe program please contact me. See ya on the courts in 2026!

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THE FIRST EVER
OFFICIAL NHPA
PODCAST IS ON ITS
WAY!



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE POOLE'S IN IDAHO.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Poole's in Idaho. I hope everyone is taking some time to spend with families this holiday season and give hugs to those you care about because in this World, it might be the last one. Hug the ones you LOVE!

Just a couple of items to talk about. First, it is the end of 2025 and to pitch in 2026 tournaments you need to get your membership renewed. Call your Charter Sec/Treas and they can help you or if you have questions just give me a call. You can do it in Eshoe if you pay with a card or you can pay your Charter with a check. Please use the RENEW button and don't create a new member number.

Second, Where we were late getting the WT Entry Form and Online entry out it was decided to extend the Early Bird pricing thru Jan 31, 2026. So get your entry in and let's make this a great World Tournament!

Third, For Tournament Directors please verify that those who are entered into your tournaments have a 2026 card. You can verify it really easily by looking in Eshoe.

Last, I will be Running the Charter's Invoices for Eshoe on January 1. This is for all membership entries from Oct-Dec in Eshoe. Please be looking for the email with your invoice and pay promptly.

Here are the links for 2026 WT Entry. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns that I can relay to the Council. We look forward to seeing you in Wausau, WI.

WT Entry Fee

\$150 paying with Check or Money Order

\$154.50 using PayPal Thru Jan 31

Feb 1 it will increase to \$170 by Check and \$175 using PayPal.

Online Link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9_gu3g8vfkJe_68UciO3uyFANvE5UBqVgDm2ljDi-xeSFpA/viewform?usp=header

You can fill out the online Form and select "Mail Check or Money Order" and if you click on the PayPal link and click Process it will come up that you are Free but that is because you selected to Mail a Check so there is no balance to process. If you select any other payment option you need to click on the paypal link that is displayed after you click Submit. Please call me if you have questions!



**NHPA SECRETARY/TREASURER
BRIAN POOLE**



National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

2026 World Horseshoe Pitching Championship

July 13 - 25, 2026

Wausau, Wisconsin



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All application information above is required. Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete. **ENTRY DEADLINE MAY 18, 2026**

NO REFUNDS will be made after June 1, 2026. **NOTE:** A processing fee of \$15 will be deducted from all refunds.

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA), all officers, employee's, agents and the servants of the NHPA, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. The NHPA and it's legal representatives (NHPA Officers) assigns, and retains the right and permissions to publish, without charge, photographs taken during the 2026 World Tournament. These photos or videos may be used in any publication, or in audio-visual presentations including "Live" interviews, promotional literature, advertising, sponsorships, or in other similar ways that the NHPA sees fit to use on behalf to represent and promote the NHPA World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament and the sport.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

* Mail top half only *

Entry Fees	Adults -- \$150 before Jan 1, 2026 -- \$170 Jan 1 to May 18, 2026		All Fund must be USD Currency
	All Juniors/Cadets -- \$25		
	Canadian Entries must use a Money Order if mailing payment		Entry Fee includes Scorekeeping Fee

Mail to: NHPA Telephone & Email inquires to:
 2660 S Fairway Drive Phone: 208 201-3326
 Pocatello, ID 83201 Email: sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com

All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a postmark no later than May 18, 2026. You may enter anytime prior to May 18, 2026 using this form or on our website link. Entries received with a postmark after May 18, 2026 shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the World Tournament only as spaces are available. All Adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months prior to May 18, 2026 in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors/Cadets. Exceptions for US Armed Forces members and family and Foreign competitors (other than Canadians) are outlined in Rule 11, Sec D.1 of the RGS Book. Contact NHPA for more information regarding qualifying exceptions. All Averages used will be the average on record in NHPA-eShoe as of May 18, 2026. Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. Please see note regarding refunds.

READ CAREFULLY: Any Adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the OPEN Men's Division regardless of age, just as any Adult Female may enter the OPEN Women's Division. To enter the Senior Division, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2026. Any Man/Women that turns 65 years of age in 2026, or has an approved Medical exemption may enter the Elders Division. Entrants in the Jr Boys and Jr Girls Division eighteen (18) years old or younger for the entire calendar year OR through September 30th of the year of completing high School - not to exceed 19 years of age. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls Division entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2026 calendar year.

NOTE #1: 30 ft Men with a Medical Exemption must be in NHPA eShoe as "Exempt" to pitch in this Division. A copy of the Exemption Form must be sent with this application.
NOTE #2: For Prelim Class play, a minimum of 48 pitchers must enter Sr Division's or it may be canceled. All entrants will then pitch in the Open Division if canceled.
NOTE #3: Junior Boys & Junior Girls Divisions will be mixed for preliminary class play. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls Divisions will be mixed for preliminary class play.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by May 31, 2026 and published on the NHPA website www.horseshoepitching.com. If you indicate above to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed above during the 2nd week in June. Please write address clearly & readable.

Please note: The NHPA reserves the right to disallow your participation for any of the following reasons: Any errors on this form, if your records don't appear in NHPA eShoe or any false or misleading information on this form, cannot validate Medical Exemption, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council. The NHPA also reserves the right to add qualified entrants and to make class participant changes after the above deadline. No pitcher will be moved from a class or pitching time, without notification, after the final schedule has been published.

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PUBLICITY DIRECTOR
MICHELLE FOARD

Happy New Year fellow pitchers! While I know some pitch all year long others will get started in a few short months with spring leagues. The marketing committee is gonna put together a sheet with ideas on ways to get new pitchers. I also welcome any ideas other fellow pitchers have. So, if you have ideas on what to do or things that have worked for you, please reach out to me.

Don't forget to get signed up for World. Get in on the Early bird pricing. You don't have all events in yet? That's ok. Sign up now and complete events by the deadline. As part of the marketing committee, we will also be posting

about things in the Wausau area to do as well. I think this year we will have a big turnout. Are you having trouble getting tournaments in to qualify for World? Reach out to local tournament directors. I am sure they would be happy to create a tournament so people can get sign up. Here in Mn we have 2 tournaments a month all fall and winter. As spring approaches Russ Girtz and I will host additional tournaments as needed. Our tournaments have been filling up fast.

As always if you have any ideas for promotion of horseshoes I am all ears. I also encourage you to post pictures of your courts, clubs members and tournament results on our Facebook page. National Horseshoe Pitchers Association-Official Page. Let 2026 be the year of growth for horseshoes!

THE TRADITION CONTINUES!

For the past 16 years the Horseshoe Tour has set it's sights on the small town of Newberry, South Carolina to demonstrate horseshoe pitching excellence on it's tour! In the unique, ringers only style format, culminating with bracket-style elimination on your second day of play, pitching in the Horseshoe Tours kickoff event is the perfect way to start your spring season!

Named after legendary women's world champion, Sue Snyder, the memorial SummerFun tournament will be held on April 18-19, 2026! Stay posted to the Horseshoe Tour Facebook page and website for more information on player receptions, entrants and more!



I think it's about
time I won this
one again



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