

Membership in the Whpa/ NHPA will allow you to compete in sanctioned events throughout the U.S. and Canada including your State Championships and the World Championships as well as local sanctioned leagues and tournaments. There are seven pitching divisions, men's, women's, elders, junior boys, junior girls, cadet boys and cadet girls. Annual membership dues for the Whpa/Nhpa are \$35 for adults and \$5 for junior/cadets. More information can be found on the Whpa website under New Members Information.



The Whpa oversees Sanctioned Events in Wisconsin – Any horseshoe pitching event which has been recognized and approved by the Nhpa and/or Charter Regional Directors and for which the results and records will be accepted, recorded, and published by the NHPA through eShoe. This includes leagues, tournaments, and special events.



The standard method of play for sanctioned tournaments is round robin play with contestants seeded in classes by Tournament Directors based on their current ringer percentage. Generally there are 6 to 8 pitchers per class and to keep classes more competitive with closer ringer percentages they usually have mixed division classes. Most games consist of 40 shoes per pitcher. A pitcher's ringer percentage (for a game, tournament, or eShoe) is determined by dividing the total number of ringers by the total number of shoes pitched. A pitcher's current ringer percent in eShoe is based on the three highest Nhpa sanctioned events in the preceding twelve months or among the last ten events during that same period.

There are between 50 and 60 sanctioned tournaments run every year in Wisconsin with indoor facilities for the winter months. The tournament schedule and calendar with court location and Tournament Directors contact information can also be found on the Whpa website. You must be a Whpa/Nhpa member to participate in sanctioned tournaments.

WHPA STATE SINGLES TOURNAMENT

Labor Day Weekend Aug 30 - 31, 2025

Fond du Lac Horseshoe Club

Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Adult Entry Fee: \$25
(Juniors and Cadets Free)

Registration Deadline: 7/31/2025

Adults need 3 Whpa (Nhpa
sanctioned) tournaments before
the July 31 deadline to qualify

The Whpa State Singles Championship Tournament is held on labor day weekend each year. All entrants must be a legal resident of Wisconsin at least (6) months prior to the State Tournament and be a Whpa/Nhpa member. The entry deadline is July 31st and all adult entrants must have pitched in (3) Nhpa sanctioned tournaments in Wisconsin in the (12) months prior to the entry deadline. The State Tournament will include classes for Men, Women, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Cadet Boys, Cadet Girls and Elder Men. The State Tournament entry form can be found on the Whpa website when it becomes available. The State Tournament location is voted on by the membership at the Whpa Fall Meeting (2) years in advance. The Whpa Junior Scholarship Fund awards the Junior Boy and Junior Girl State Champion a \$300 scholarship each and the second place finishers a \$150 scholarship each.

2026 World Tournament
Greenheck Turner Community Center
Wausau, Wisconsin
July 13 – 25, 2026

2024 Whpa State Champions

Mens



John Nawrot
Grand Marsh WI

Women



Penny Steinke
Waukesha WI

Elders



Jim Bilderback
Birchwood WI

Junior Boys



Blake Benzing
Eagle River WI

Junior



Lillyan Kildahl
Stratford WI

Cadet Boys



Andrew James
Baraboo WI

Cadet Girls



Jazmyn Kildahl
Stratford WI

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The Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association is a non-profit organization created solely for the promotion of organized horseshoe pitching in the State of Wisconsin. It is a charter of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, NHPA, and therefore governs itself by standards set by the NHPA. Annual fall and spring meetings of the WHPA are led by an elected executive board and joined by WHPA members to promote and develop the sport of horseshoe pitching. The WHPA executive board consists of a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, each with their own duties and responsibilities to endorse the sport within the State.



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