

State Tournament Guidelines

Time Line:

- * Two years prior, present your bid to the State Association at the Fall meeting.
- * One year prior to the event, have shirts prepared for sale to promote your tournament site. They have been sold at the previous State tournament on the final afternoon with permission of the hosting club.
- * Six to 9 months prior, hold club meeting to determine committee chairpersons for the following items: (find more information about these items below)

Food / Refreshments

PA System

Booklets

Scorekeepers

Judges

Statistician(s), Name cards, Round Robin cards, Results charts

Shirts

Computer(s)

Court Setup & Maintenance

Check-in

Awards Presentations

Entry forms & Flyer

Trophies

- * Three months prior, publish the State Tournament entry form and a list of Motels & Campgrounds, in the WHNL and post on the WHPA website. (Webmaster – Dave Volz will create entry form to post on website and send to newsletter) (contact area Motels and Campgrounds for rates and submit information to Webmaster)

Determine an entry fee: (contact Sec./Treas. John Secord for more information)

Entry fee MUST include the following:

\$3.00 per adult, for the hosting club(s). (Bylaw - Article VII, sec. 4)

\$1.00 per game, per entry, for scorekeeping. (Bylaw – Article VII, sec. 3)

\$1.00 per adult pitcher goes to the WHPA Sec/Treasurer. (Bylaw – Article IX, sec. 1c)

Trophy costs. (Bylaw - Article V, sec. 3&4) (Junior & Cadet trophies / awards are sponsored by the WHPA)

Hall of Fame and WHPA Awards Ceremony

The Host shall reserve a time for the Hall of Fame award(s) and other WHPA awards to precede the Champion classes. The WHPA president shall be consulted regarding the time of day and length of anticipated awards ceremony.

Tournament Schedule (Class pitching times and days of competition)

All entries will be sent to the WHPA Secretary. Entrants, averages and class assignments will be then forwarded to the State Tournament director. In consulting with the WHPA executive board, the host tournament director shall assign class pitching times with prime times assigned to all championship classes. (Bylaw – Article V, sec.2) The completed schedule shall be sent to the webmaster to be posted on the website and emailed via the Whpa group email.

Publicity

It is expected that the host shall duly publicize the State Tournament in their area.

Tournament Results

Publication of the results to be sent to the WHPA Webmaster and WHPA newsletter along with pictures of all class winners, top 2 or 3 in class and award winners.

Booklet

The booklet traditionally includes past champions, pitching schedule, Hall of Fame inductees information and pictures, Hall of Fame members, a Welcome, WHPA officers page, pictures of defending champions. Past booklets have also had court etiquette, pitching tips and a Friends of Horseshoes list. These extra pages can be determined by the hosting club(s).

Feel free at any time to contact your WHPA officers or past state tournament host for help. They can provide you with many helpful tips, hints and suggestions. Often times “traditional” pages in the booklet can be updated and utilized, saving hours of processing and set up time.

The sale of Ads in the booklet will help greatly in deferring the cost of publication.

Scorekeepers

Scorekeepers at the State Tournament shall receive a minimum of \$1.00 per game from each pitcher. These fees to be part of the entry fee and dispersed by the host club.

Check-in

Have personnel available at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each shift for pitcher check in. They are responsible for handing out round robin cards, and state booklets. And checking pitchers' attire, names on their shirts and close toed shoes.

Awards Presentations

Have an announcer available for announcements and the introduction of pitchers before each shift and to present awards at the completion of each shift. Have someone to sing or have an audio of "The Star-Spangled Banner" before the event each day.

Courts

All courts used for State Tournament play must be clay and NHPA sanctioned and approved. Stakes to be painted white and back boards black. Have an ample number of shovels, water, watering containers and paint cans available to maintain the courts during the event.

Computer(s)

The Whpa supplies the laptops and monitors to run the state tournament. All classes will be entered into the HSMaster program by the Whpa. They will print round robin cards for each class and set up and maintain the electronic scoring system used for the state tournament. The host club shall supply tables for scoring and chairs for scorekeepers. (check with Second Vice President Dan Newkirk for the number needed and any other set up requirements)

Statistician

Have someone available to print and post standings and results for each class throughout the tournament.

Trophies

Trophies to be awarded. Three (3) in the ten and eight person classes, two (2) in the less than eight person classes. Note: Solicited money is accepted for cash awards or trophy enhancements. Championship Class trophies to be larger than other class trophies with Mens, Womens, Elders, Juniors and Cadets (Boys and Girls) Championship trophies equal in size. This Association to pay for Junior trophies in the State Tournament.