

MOORHEAD HORSESHOE LEAGUE BY-LAWS AND GENERAL RULES

SECTION I (AFFILIATION)

1. This league will cooperate with the Minnesota Gopher State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association and the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association of America. (MGSHA & NHPA). This league is both State and National Sanctioned unless rejected by vote at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION II (MEMBERSHIP)

1. The fiscal year shall be from Jan 1st to Jan 1st with pitcher's dues paid before the third evening of league play. We recommend that state dues be paid the first evening of play so that they can be sent to the state for recording when pitchers enter any tournaments.
2. Pitcher's dues will be voted on at the Spring Meeting each year for any person that pitches in the Moorhead Horseshoe League including persons that belong to other leagues.
3. Sponsor's dues will be voted on at the Spring Meeting and is to be paid before the sixth evening of league play or forfeit all games until paid.
4. Trophies, plaques or cash will be voted on at the Spring meeting for the end of League season awards.
5. League play format will be voted on at the Spring meeting.
6. All league members are asked to recruit new teams, new members and promote public relations.

SECTION III (OFFICERS & DIRECTORS)

1. The officers of this league shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistical Secretary and Three Directors. These officers and directors will be the governing board of the league.
2. One director to be elected each year for a three year term (this leaves two previous directors on the board after the election of one director).
3. All elected offices will be voted on at the annual meeting which will be prior to or at the end of each league season play.
4. An auditing committee consisting of the president and one director will audit the treasurer's books at the conclusion of league play and must be done before the last

day of September. A printed final treasurer's report shall be available after February 1st.

5. The secretary shall record in a separate permanent book all the minutes of any league or governing board meetings.
6. The treasurer shall record in a separate permanent book all the income and expenses of the league.
7. The statistician shall record in a separate permanent book all the final statistics of the league and members at the end of league play each year. Also hand out team and individual statistic sheets to all team members and a copy to the league president.

SECTION IV (SALARIES)

1. Salaries for all elected offices will be voted on at the annual meeting each year.
2. The grounds keeper fees are to be voted on at the annual meeting each year.
3. Scorekeepers pay are to be voted on at the annual meeting each year.

SECTION V (GENERAL RULES)

1. National and state rules will apply to any conditions not covered by the following league rules.
2. League play will be Thursday evenings with a starting time of 7:00PM and the starting deadline will be 7:15 PM.
3. Each team can have an unlimited number of pitchers on their roster. New pitchers enrolling on a team after the first evening of league play must pay all dues before their second evening of league play.
4. At the beginning of the season each pitcher will use their first three games of play to establish a starting average. Handicap percent based on point difference between pitchers will be determined at the Spring meeting each year.
5. League will use the nine point scoring system for wins and losses. Each of the three team members on a team will pitch alternately against an opposing team member and will score a win or loss for each game using handicap. (3 x 3 = 9 points).
6. If a team does not have three of their team members present at each evening of league play they can choose one of the following options:
 - A. Two team members and one substitute.

- B. Two team members.
- C. One team member and one substitute.
- D. One team member

Note: A substitute cannot pitch against their own team at any time.

7. If a team has a bye for a night then the team gets no wins and no losses and does not have to pitch that night.
8. No dummy scores will be used by this league.

If a team member is pitching against an absent opposing team member he or she must meet or exceed 90% of his or her league average to win a point for that game.
9. Teams involved in league play-off games are to have three team members participating except in an emergency when they may use a substitute with a league average as close as (preferably within 10 points) possible to the average of the missing pitcher.
10. The league championship play-off games using the nine point (win/loss) scoring system and using a handicap point difference for each game will determine the team winner. If tied at the end of the nine games total points will determine the winner.
11. Pitchers involved in championship play-off must have a minimum of nine games (450 shoes) pitched in the Moorhead Horseshoe League prior to play-off.
12. Teams that are unable to pitch on a scheduled evening of play must make up the games before the next league scheduled evening of play including play-off games.
13. Scorekeepers will be paid for scoring each three games and paid prior to start of league play. Team captains will be responsible to see that scorekeepers are paid the correct amount prior to start of league play. Scorekeepers are to score a maximum of two courts each game unless asked to score more by the teams involved.
14. An individual league tournament will be held on the same evening as the league championship play-off with a handicap up to 100% to be decided on by the governing board each year prior to play-off.
15. Team captains are to be notified at least 14 days prior to any meeting date that is scheduled. Team captains are then responsible to notify all their team members of the meeting and are also to relay any information that is given or voiced at league play.

16. The president shall be entitled to a subscription of the NHPA Newsline and the MGSHPA Ringer Digest subscribed to and paid for by the league treasurer. The president will give a highlight summary of articles in each issue at the beginning of league play when issues are received.
17. All league members are expected to help with a portion of the Annual Allard Trophy Company Open Horseshoe Tournament. A sign-up sheet will be distributed prior to the tournament. Please support this tournament.
18. A position round (option) at the end of each half may be added on by a majority affirmative vote of the members present at the Spring meeting or a special meeting called by the president at the courts.
19. Persons 70 years of age or older have the option of pitching less than 40 feet (30 feet minimum).
20. Team captain is responsible to make sure that all members of the team read these By-Laws and Rules.

SECTION VI (Etiquette)

1. Members must pitch from platform (not in the center in line with stakes).
2. Member must be at least two feet in back of opponent that is pitching and no noise or talking at that time.
3. All team members are expected to help maintain the courts during the league season. Water the courts that you pitched on before covering them after each evening of league play.
4. In a tournament the pit area of the court is not to be turned, etc. after game has started without the permission of your opponent.

SECTION VII (AMENDMENTS)

1. These By-Laws and Rules may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative of all paid voting members present at the annual meeting or a special meeting called for this purpose by the officers and directors.

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