

BYLAWS NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Standing Rules

Standing Rules are for the guidance of the Executive Council. They may be adopted, changed, or suspended by a majority vote at any meeting, without notice. Between meetings, the Executive Council may adopt, change, or suspend a Standing Rule, but it must be ratified at the next meeting for it to continue.

Standing Rules take effect immediately and are as follows:

1. The Executive Council shall have their annual membership, *Horseshoe Pitching Newslines* magazine, and NHPA Awards Banquet fees paid by the NHPA.
2. The Secretary-Treasurer and National Buyer shall be bonded. The Executive Council shall determine the bond amount and the cost shall be paid by the NHPA.
3. The Executive Council shall determine the initial fee to be charged for sanctioning or licensing of a product and set any renewal or royalty fees.
4. The Executive Council, by majority vote, may authorize the purchase /production and distribution of patches, awards, literature, videos, or other promotional items they deem suitable for the advancement and goodwill of the sport and the NHPA.
5. Game related items at the World Tournament must be sold through authorized NHPA distributors or other personnel appointed by the National Buyer. Anyone else wishing to sell anything at the World Tournament site must have permission of the Executive Council.
6. Authorized NHPA distributors of game related items have the sole sale rights at any NHPA sanctioned tournament. The sale of game-related items, by an authorized distributor at an NHPA sanctioned tournament, cannot be refused by the Tournament Director or Committee, as long as there is no more than one active, authorized distributor attending the tournament, and as long as there is no violation of local laws.
7. The NHPA will not recognize or sanction as an approved horseshoe, any brand name that is produced by a manufacturer who will not sign a written agreement with the NHPA.
8. When submitting, for sanction approval, a new model of pitching horseshoe, or changes to an existing or old model, the NHPA Secretary must also receive a complete written description of the proposed design.
9. As long as it remains a volunteer subscription item, the NHPA *Horseshoe Pitching Newslines* magazine shall have the number of issues and subscription rates determined by the Executive Council, who shall endeavor to see that it is self-supporting.
10. The *Horseshoe Pitching Newslines* magazine must publish: 1) the financial reports of the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer 2), the Auditor's annual year-end report, 3) the World Tournament prize list, 4) information about candidates running for office, and 5) any proposed changes to the Bylaws and/or RGS Book. This information shall be published as early as possible, before the Convention. Items 4 and 5 above must also be included in the delegate packets, along with a meeting agenda, which are to be mailed to all Charter Presidents as soon as the required information has been gathered and printed.
11. Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors are appointed, removed, replaced and will serve in accordance with the published guidelines developed by the NHPA 1st VP who oversees the RD program. All must be subscribers to the *Horseshoe Pitching Newslines* magazine.
12. All member-proposed changes to the NHPA Bylaws and RGS Book shall be submitted in writing to the respective Committee Chairperson and shall be postmarked no later than Dec 31st of the year preceding the appropriate Convention.
13. The NHPA Officers, National Buyer, Regional Directors, Committee members and others directed by the

Executive Council, will endeavor to maintain (on computers when possible) all relevant membership, subscription, inventory, scheduling, historical and statistical data of the NHPA and its members. Where appropriate, printouts of same will be made available to the Charter officers.

14. The official NHPA RGS Book is printed as a separate document. The NHPA Rules Committee shall review and bring approved, proposed changes before the Convention Delegates for a vote, at every third Convention beginning in 2009. A two-thirds majority vote is required to pass rules changes.

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Paul Stewart, President