

2012 World Tournament update.

At the NHPA Council meeting, held in Knoxville, TN on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> the Council reviewed both the World Tournament entry form and the championship prize fund. As most of you know part of the championship prize fund comes from the \$3 per adult member that is set aside to fund the championships as per the NHPA Bylaws. Because of a decline in membership over the past few years it was obvious to the council that some changes had to be made in the form of cuts to this prize fund. We also had to take into consideration the ever growing number of Elders that are entering the tournament each year. So the following changes were made. The Elders this year will have the same amount in their prize fund as the Men's and Women's Open division. There will be 16 move ups in each of those 3 Championship divisions. To allow for this some prize money was reduced for the Men, Women and Sr. Men. There were no changes made to the Juniors, Cadets or the Sr. Women. A complete list of the Championship Prize Fund is printed elsewhere in this issue.

There were no changes made to the payouts for class play. First place in all classes will be \$500. The entry form is available in this issue and also on the NHPA web page.

Last year for the first time the World Tournament was done completely with computerized scoring on 32 courts. This year we plan on adding at least 8 more courts but may need 16 more depending on the number of entries. That will mean an additional cost in computer equipment that the Council felt could not be just taken from the NHPA's general fund. The goal is to make the World Tournament a "break-even" event. To make that happen we are doing two things. 1) We will again this year be holding the World Tournament Experience raffle. One half of the profits from the raffle will go to help fund the new equipment. 2) The Council approved a \$5 surcharge, to be added to the entry fee for this year only to help cover the cost of the new equipment that will be needed for this year's tournament. The \$5 plus the raffle should make this a "break-even" tournament and next year we will go back to the \$125 entry fee. The computerize scoring has many benefits and in the long run will save the NHPA thousands in the cost of running this event. We also found out last year that it saves between 15 and 20 minutes per shift.

One other change was made to the Championship finals. On the last day of the tournament the Men's, Women's and Elder's Championships will all have the same starting times. This is being done this year because the host has requested that we have the courts out of the area that night. In order to have enough time to do this all three of those divisions will start about 10 AM on the last day. This may cause some inconvenience to both pitchers and spectators but this was out of our control.

Thank You for your understanding to these changes and hope to see many of you in Knoxville this summer. The arena is going to be a great setup this year. I think those that make the trip will enjoy both their time in Knoxville and the pitching. My wife Paulette was along for the trip and said everyone will enjoy the downtown shopping. Well maybe not everyone! See you there.

Dick Hansen  
NHPA Sec/Treas and Tournament Director.

Registration Fees:  
Adults \$130.00  
Juniors \$25.00  
Pitching Schedules  
will be posted  
by June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ENTRY FORM**  
**National Horseshoe Pitchers Association**  
**World Horseshoe Pitching Championships**  
**July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Knoxville, Tennessee**

See note #4 below

**Entry Deadline May 17<sup>th</sup> 2012**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ 2012 NHPA Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) First Last (or Canadian)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ SS # \_\_\_\_\_  
(See Note #1)

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROV \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your local Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ Did you enter last years tournament – Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you need a schedule mailed to you, or will you print it off the NHPA web site? Check one. Web Site \_\_\_ U S Mail \_\_\_

Circle the division you are entering - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)

OPEN MEN 40' SENIOR MEN 40' OPEN WOMEN SENIOR WOMEN (see note #2) ELDER MEN 30' JR. BOYS JR. GIRLS 20' (see note #3) CADETS

I believe my current average is approx \_\_\_\_\_ % **No refunds will be made after May 25<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE:** In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, 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. In addition it is understood that the NHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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The NHPA Council reserve the right to disallow your participation if we discover errors on this form or if your records don't appear in NatStats, CanStats, or false or misleading information is on this form. Or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council.

**MAIL THIS FORM with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)**

TO: NHPA  
3085 76th St  
Franksville WI 53126

Direct Telephone & Email Inquiries to:  
Dick Hansen NHPA Sec/Treas.  
262-835-9108 – nhpa22@yahoo.com

All Entries must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than **May 17<sup>th</sup> 2012**. Entries received with a postmark after May 17th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. NATSTATS/CANSTATS files must substantiate that you have pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior to May 17<sup>th</sup> 2012, which is the last date NATSTATS will accept results to determine entering averages. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Participants will be required to show their 2012 NHPA or CANADIAN membership card when checking in to pitch.

**REGISTRATION FEES: ALL ADULTS -- \$130.00 • ALL JUNIORS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY**  
CANADIAN ENTRIES USE MONEY ORDERS REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES SCORE KEEPING FEES  
**NO REFUNDS AFTER May 25<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

You may enter at anytime prior to May 17th. All adult averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS/CANSTATS on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Entry fees received before April 1st will be held until that date.

**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 2012. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2012 or is older or physically impaired person of any age may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. Provided they meet the requirements listed above. **JUNIOR DIVISION** entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2012 calendar year.

**Note # 1.** A Social Security number is required from all adult pitchers that move up to the Championship Classes.

**Note # 2.** For class play a minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled. All entrants will then pitch in the Open Women.

**Note # 3.** Junior Cadets must be 9 years old or younger for the entire 2012 calendar year.

**Note # 4.** A surcharge of \$5 has been added this year to cover the cost of additional scorekeeping equipment. Adults only. Thank You You can check your average on the NHPA Web Page at [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com)

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 25<sup>th</sup>** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above the 1<sup>st</sup> week in June.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held August 5th. Please sign up for this event prior to July 20th 2012. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. **DON'T MISS OUT.**