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Happy
Thanksgiving



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More Changes Coming in 2026



**NHPA PRESIDENT
BEN WEBB**

Where has the year gone! It seems like it was just yesterday we were ringing in 2025 on New Years night and we've rounded the turn into another holiday season this month. The weather is getting cooler, the leaves are falling and one of my favorite times of the year is upon us as families will begin gathering to celebrate the holidays! While it might not be the best time for horseshoe pitching or golfing outside, colder weather means the holidays are on the horizon, this is also the best time of the year for us to plan for the days ahead.

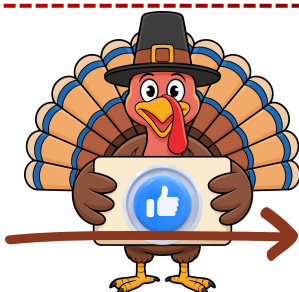
We've been fortunate to move the progress needle forward in 2025 so far, but this is only the beginning! We have many exciting things in the

works for 2026 and now is the time for us to be working on mapping those things out for the coming year. 2025 saw the NHPA shift away from trophies to plaques at the world championships, we also ran music in the venue for the first time, both of these concepts were well received by participants! 2025 saw us rebrand our association with a new logo, began executing an all new sponsorship model, began a complete website redesign, expanded our merchandise options that we began in 2024, brought a new tournament into the picture with the World Doubles Championships, and many more initiatives are underway or currently being implemented. 2026 will see even more increased communication between the NHPA and those running the local level events, further expansion of our merchandise to include hats and things not currently available through Amazon, a revamp of the new membership package program we paused in 2024/2025, the expansion of our sponsorship and promotional models, and much more that's currently in the works!

Last month we were able to bring the inaugural World Doubles championships to Wentzville, Missouri, and it was a huge success for a first year event! Replacing the Sanctioned League Tournament that had declined majorly in attendance, the world doubles brought in 124 participants from 23 different states. We did identify a few pressure points that we plan to correct next year but overall the event was a success with the majority of pitchers enjoying the change of pace with the format for the event. Congratulations to all of our inaugural champions from the World Doubles!

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season this year and we're looking forward to seeing everyone back on the courts in the days ahead. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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**NHPA 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
AUSTIN BAILEY**

I can't believe that it's already November . I don't know where the times goes anymore. With that being said if you attended the 1st World Doubles Tournament at the Hall of Fame in Wentzville I want to take this opportunity to thank you for attending that event as I think this will become one of the key events for the NHPA with this being our first event and the turnout we had was just outstanding in my opinion. If you did not attend please make sure to put this tournament on your radar for next year I know that I will be attending again as it was a great time and the blind draw tournament that was run on Friday night was a great time to get to know people that you may not see all the time. I want to thank the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club for hosting us and all the preparation that went into the event as well. I also would like to thank Josh Olson and Ben Webb for being the tournament directors for us this year as well. I helped where I could and will do the same next year as well.

If you haven't heard the news already, I think it is only fitting that I talk about the fact that the 2028 World Horseshoe Tournament is coming back to my hometown in Springfield Illinois. I have been trying for a few years to get this tournament back and we finally were able to make it happen in 2028. If you attended the World Tournament in 2009 please make sure to make plans and come back in 2028 we will be at a brand new state of the art venue in 2028 at the brand new Scheels Sports Complex and the tournament will be held inside an inflated dome that has 195,000sqf on the inside of it. The Scheels sporting goods store is right in the center of everything being built around it. This will be an awesome venue, and the Scheels Staff is all on board to have us in the facility in 2028. I will just say that there will be 3 hotels all right around the venue when you come in 2028. I look forward to seeing you all at this event in my hometown. Let's make this World Tournament one to be remembered.

I will be contacting a few new individuals here in the next month or so to hopefully be joining my sponsorship committee I take pride in this committee and I am hoping I can get a couple more individuals to join me as I already have 2 great people besides myself on this committee. Please, if you are interested in being on the sponsorship committee do not hesitate to reach out to me.

I hope to see you all on the courts soon, Ringers to all!



As discussed at the 2025 NHPA convention in Sandy this year, the NHPA will begin offering tournament jerseys for those competing in the World Tournament beginning in Wausau! Josh Olson has been hard at work securing quotes for these jerseys and is close to nailing down a price and design for our first run! Stay posted to the NHPA Facebook Page for information as it becomes available!

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**NHPA 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
DALTON RAKESTRAW**

I hope the fall weather has been great for pitching for everyone. We are still seeing temps reach the 90s here in Los Angeles. So we're in for a great winter season...I hope.

I've been busy traveling with Sports Conferences last month. I attended IMEX in Las Vegas and then the next week I attended TEAMS in Columbus, Ohio. I can report our connections are continuing to build and in hopes we can still see secured locations for upcoming world tournaments. I've got quite an interest so far. But it's now up to continuing these connections to help these efforts. So far the top runners for those interested in 2030 are:

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

MACON, GEORGIA

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA

PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

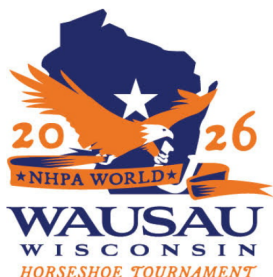


I would say these top 5 locations are the ones who continually seek out to connect with me each conference. There are others who are interested but cannot commit at this time for one reason or another. But I like to see they are still in our wheel house for potentials. As always Scott Bruscato from Monroe/West Monroe, Louisiana, is always ready to host if we need them. Always saying if you need us let us know.

The world doubles was a success and it seemed like all had a great time. The commitment was great but the fun was grand! An update that next year the world doubles will be at the Hall of Fame in Wentzville. We have dissolved our host with Hutchinson Kansas for the 2026 doubles but are inn hopes to get them in board for a regionals type of event.

I have not much more to report for this issue. I hope to see you all on the courts soon. Hoping to travel this winter and make it to the Northeast. Until then pitch many ringers and we'll see you on the courts!

2026 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships



Singles
July 13th - 24th, 2026

Doubles
October 8th - 11th, 2026



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As the season winds down you may be thinking about changing a rule or a bylaw. I want to share a few details on how that process works.

First of all, all proposals must be received in writing (email or US Mail) by the Rules Committee Chairperson by February 1st. My email is Jlabro6186@aol.com and I will always acknowledge you.

The proposal should be in 3 parts: 1) The current rule 2) The modified rule with exact wording, and 3) The reasoning behind your proposal.

EXAMPLE:

Current Wording:

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, hereinafter known as the NHPA.

Proposed Wording:

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the National Horseshoe Throwers Association of America, hereinafter known as the NHTA.

Reasoning:

This example is for format only

If anyone has any questions or needs assistance in writing a proposal, please contact me.

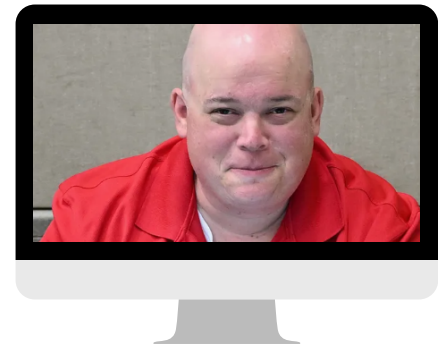
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In a world where technology touches nearly every part of our day—from work to hobbies to staying connected, it's important to stay sharp with a few simple tech habits. *Keep Your Software Updated*, whether it's your operating system, browser, or apps, updates often include critical security patches. *Set devices to update automatically*, when possible, to avoid missing important fixes. Something simple as a restart is good practice on your device. On most computers when you do a restart the updates will run and help keep your computer running at optimal capacity. Windows 10 operating system is no longer supported so make sure you are using Windows 11 to ensure your computer can receive the proper software updates it needs to stay on top of security patches and other critical fixes that happen every day.

Computers are used more for all things horseshoes these days. Keeping track of stats, to keeping score to putting this article together, etc. A restart can not only fix many problems you might have, but it can also help make sure updates are running efficiently.



NHPA 3RD VICE PRESIDENT
JERRY LABROSSE



NHPA 5TH VICE PRESIDENT
JOSH OLSON

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**NHPA 4TH VICE PRESIDENT
BARBARA CARSON**

2025 is winding down and the 2026 season will soon begin. We're looking to bring some changes to the sanctioned league program in 2026 & 2027. A couple of changes we're considering is the elimination of the top 10's for sanctioned leagues. When this program originated there were many more sanctioned leagues in the country, in tandem with the membership decline, sanctioned league participation has also fallen off dramatically. The top 10's are the only reason that the NHPA must enter every league into eShoe and now with charters having access to enter their own events into the NHPA's tracking system (eShoe), events can be entered much quicker, creating a better experience for players. League top 10's also cost the NHPA a considerable amount of money on the additional patches and awards, but the time it takes to get these numbers is a major factor as well.

Stay posted to the administrative report for updates on league entries and the top 10 program!

As the year winds down, we also have scholarships on the table for those young players participating in a Sanctioned League! To apply for an NHPA Scholarship, simply complete the form from the NHPA website and email to me by the end of the year.

Patch orders from charters are already coming in for 2026 and I'm filing those in anticipation of our patch order arriving. We've landed on an all new design featuring our new NHPA logo in 2026 and we're very excited to install this change for our weekly tournaments across the nation. Please continue to send those orders in and I'll get those to you as soon as they arrive. We do have some meetings that we've unfortunately been able to schedule earlier in the year. Our first virtual RD and League directors meetings have now been scheduled and are announced in this newsletter. Hoping to see everyone there and as always please let me know if I can assist you in anyway. Happy Thanksgiving!

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This is the time of year when families come together from near and far to meet in a central location. Not for vacation or for business as we normally do but for the unity of the holiday season. This thanksgiving season, we can all appreciate another year that we've been blessed with. This past year, I'm sure we've all experienced highs, lows, and everything in between. If we truly reflect though, I would imagine we can all say we've been blessed over the past 12 months in some capacity. It's easy to get caught up in the festivities and forget the true reason for these holidays all together, let's all try to be mindful and present this holiday season. Thankful for our horseshoe family all over the land this season!



**NHPA CHAPLAIN
KEN HEINRITZ**

*BE CAREFUL FOR NOTHING; BUT IN EVERY THING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING
LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN UNTO GOD. - PHILIPPIANS 4:6*

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IMPORTANT DATES!

If there's one thing we can't stress enough it's that restructuring often brings some fluidity in our plans. Oftentimes we have to change course, delay the installment of a new project or simply have to postpone a deadline we previously set for various reasons! We've had a couple of things on the burners this year and we appreciate your patience as we continue to add to the new look of our organization. Some of these dates may be for programs or meetings we thought we'd have been able to hold by now and some may be new news to you, regardless, mark these down to stay connected!

Membership Surveys

2025 Q4

Opens November 5th - Closes November 12th

2026 Q1

Opens February 5th - Closes February 12th

2026 Q2

Opens May 5th - Closes May 12th

2026 Q3

Opens August 5th - Closes August 12th

Virtual Meeting Opportunities

Charter Officers Meeting

November 17th, 2025 @ 6 p.m. (CST)

League Directors Meeting

November 19th, 2025 @ 6 p.m.

Regional Directors Meeting

November 19th, 2025 @ 7 p.m.



**NHPA STATISTICIAN
STAN GRIGGS**

I am deep and heavy into crunching the World Tournament stats, with all the files that we keep, this is a 3-4 month process. The large file that I call the Master File, which has every world tournament performance from every pitcher no matter of the class dating back to our first World Tournament is completed. I hope to have all the other files updated and ready for our new web page before the end of the year.

I will be compiling a mirror image of all these files with our new Doubles World Tournament stats, so be on the lookout for that as well.

A reminder that we will be accepting nominations for the NHPA Hall of Fame, they must be received no later than January 31, 2026. The nomination form is on our web page <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/HOFNominationForm.pdf> and can be emailed to me.

If you have any questions regarding the World Tournament Stats or the NHPA Hall of Fame, you may email me at moshoe63@gmail.com.

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." – F. Scott Fitzgerald



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**NHPA SECRETARY/TREASURER
BRIAN POOLE**

I hope you all have had a great time pitching this year and are looking at what tournaments there are in eshoe wherever you are traveling and supporting the clubs in your travels.

There are a couple things that I want to discuss and make sure all Tournament Directors are doing. Please make sure that all pitchers have a current membership whether it is a Tentative, Provisional, or Full Membership. This can all be done on eshoe and then they are available to be put into tournaments. Pitchers need to be members for them to be covered by our insurance and get credit for the tournaments they pitch in.

hope that all Clubs are looking at next year and what tournaments you are going to have and get them to your RD before January 1st. If you are running tournaments, you need a TD login from Jim Kinney Jr to access the new HS Master in eshoe. If you have any questions, please call me.

Please be looking at your schedule and planning to attend the 2026 World Tournament in Wausau, Wisconsin July 13-25, 2026. Attached is the paper application.

I am also announcing that my NHPA Office hours are Monday-Friday from 4pm to 6pm MT. Please call me during those hours if you can or send me a text message or email with your question on request and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

NHPA AND NHPF MEET ON OCTOBER 27TH!

A meeting was held between the NHPA and NHPF on October 27th this year to discuss the future of the partnership between the two. Past agreements had expired several years ago and required an update to bring them current. During this meeting, the financial state of both organizations was discussed and some terms were amended in the mutual interest of both entities. We had a very productive meeting and coming out of the meeting the partnership between the two is as strong, if not stronger than it has ever been. One thing that will need to be addressed in the near future is an opening on the NHPF board. Dave Sidles expressed in late 2024 that he wouldn't be returning for another term after his term expired at the end of 2025. The NHPA and NHPF alike thanks Dave for his many years of service to both organizations as he enters the next chapter of his life this winter!



Anyone interested in joining the NHPF board may contact NHPA President, Ben Webb, to apply. Applicants will be taken until December 31, 2025, which is the end of Dave's current term. After this date, the NHPA council will review all applicants and make an appointment to the board.

Dave Sidles, Hall of Fame 2025

photo with
NHPA Historian Jerry Smith (inducted 2023)
Hall of Fame co-chair Amy Francis (inducted 2011)



National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

2026 World Horseshoe Pitching Championship

July 13 - 25, 2026

Wausau, Wisconsin



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All application information above is required. Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete. **ENTRY DEADLINE MAY 18, 2026**

NO REFUNDS will be made after June 1, 2026. **NOTE:** A processing fee of \$15 will be deducted from all refunds.

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA), all officers, employee's, agents and the servants of the NHPA, 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. The NHPA and it's legal representatives (NHPA Officers) assigns, and retains the right and permissions to publish, without charge, photographs taken during the 2026 World Tournament. These photos or videos may be used in any publication, or in audio-visual presentations including "Live" interviews, promotional literature, advertising, sponsorships, or in other similar ways that the NHPA sees fit to use on behalf to represent and promote the NHPA World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament and the sport.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

* Mail top half only *

Entry Fees	Adults -- \$150 before Jan 1, 2026 -- \$170 Jan 1 to May 18, 2026	
	All Juniors/Cadets -- \$25	All Fund must be USD Currency
	Canadian Entries must use a Money Order if mailing payment	
		Entry Fee includes Scorekeeping Fee

Mail to: NHPA Telephone & Email inquires to:
 2660 S Fairway Drive Phone: 208 201-3326
 Pocatello, ID 83201 Email: sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com

All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a postmark no later than May 18, 2026. You may enter anytime prior to May 18, 2026 using this form or on our website link. Entries received with a postmark after May 18, 2026 shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the World Tournament only as spaces are available. All Adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months prior to May 18, 2026 in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors/Cadets. Exceptions for US Armed Forces members and family and Foreign competitors (other than Canadians) are outlined in Rule 11, Sec D.1 of the RGS Book. Contact NHPA for more information regarding qualifying exceptions. All Averages used will be the average on record in NHPA-eShoe as of May 18, 2026. Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. Please see note regarding refunds.

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 2026. Any Man/Women that turns 65 years of age in 2026, or has an approved Medical exemption may enter the Elders Division. Entrants in the Jr Boys and Jr Girls Division eighteen (18) years old or younger for the entire calendar year OR through September 30th of the year of completing high School - not to exceed 19 years of age. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls Division entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2026 calendar year.

NOTE #1: 30 ft Men with a Medical Exemption must be in NHPA eShoe as "Exempt" to pitch in this Division. A copy of the Exemption Form must be sent with this application.
NOTE #2: For Prelim Class play, a minimum of 48 pitchers must enter Sr Division's or it may be canceled. All entrants will then pitch in the Open Division if canceled.
NOTE #3: Junior Boys & Junior Girls Divisions will be mixed for preliminary class play. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls Divisions will be mixed for preliminary class play.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by May 31, 2026 and published on the NHPA website www.horseshoepitching.com. If you indicate above to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed above during the 2nd week in June. Please write address clearly & readable.

Please note: The NHPA reserves the right to disallow your participation for any of the following reasons: Any errors on this form, if your records don't appear in NHPA eShoe or any false or misleading information on this form, cannot validate Medical Exemption, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council. The NHPA also reserves the right to add qualified entrants and to make class participant changes after the above deadline. No pitcher will be moved from a class or pitching time, without notification, after the final schedule has been published.

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COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Getting involved with an NHPA committee is the best way to get in the door with the NHPA administration! We are consistently looking for members ready to get involved and make a difference on our committees, for anyone interested in getting involved with an NHPA committee please email bwebb5155@gmail.com!

2026 OFFICER ELECTIONS & RULE PROPOSALS

Before we know it, we'll all be headed to Wisconsin for the 2026 World Tournament! The delegate convention is an annual place where rules are discussed and passed, officers are elected and delegates from all charters meet to relay your interests! Rule/Bylaw change proposals are due by February 1st and so are incumbent officer intent letters. Candidates seeking to become an NHPA officer must submit their intent in writing by April 1st, but now is the time to start thinking about running if someone is interested! Up for election in 2026 are the 2nd and 4th Vice President positions as well as the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer.

NEW WEBSITE UPDATE

Two words can easily describe the status of the NHPA Website, Content Migration. Our partner over at Technogoober has been diligently working on the new website to migrate all of the content on our current site into the new formats of both the NHPA and NHPF websites. We are in contact almost daily and they are progressing quickly through the project. As they've been able to migrate most of the content already, the next stage of the project is fast approaching and we should have an updated timetable within the next week!

2024 – WA
2023 – MI
2022 – LA
2021 – NV
2019 – TX
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PAST WT RESULTS!

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