



NHPA World Championships Bidder Packet

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Bid Guidelines for National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's World Championships

Bid Submission Deadline: January 1st, 2 years prior to event
Selection Announcement: Following the council voting to be determined at the
current World Tournament.

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Dear Prospective Bidder,

Thank you for your interest in hosting the NHPA World Championships. We have created this package to assist you in presenting your bid for hosting horseshoe pitching's premier event.

This document lays out the guidelines on how to prepare a bid to host the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's World Championships. It is crucial that you understand all items laid out in these guidelines and the accompanying event contract when preparing your bid. If you are selected to host, you will then have a comprehensive blueprint from which to build your operational plans.

Preparing a bid to host a World Championship event is a challenging but rewarding endeavor, and the NHPA thanks you for your interest and commitment. We rely on hosts like you and your community to help us to bring together the best horseshoe pitchers in the world in competition and fellowship. We are committed to growing our sport, and this high-level event will help to increase horseshoe pitching exposure and development throughout the world, while allowing new generations of competitors to experience a fantastic NHPA competition.

These bid guidelines expand on the event contract agreement and are an integral part of the commitment given by the HOST. If you have any questions regarding the bid process or your bid proposal for the NHPA World Championships, please contact the World Tournament coordinator, Laura Lampkin, laurie_r@bellsouth.net.

Regards,

Laura Lampkin, 2nd Vice President
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 About Horseshoe Pitching

A Family Sport

Horseshoe pitching boasts of being one of the few sports that has a national champion for men, women, boys and girls and can still be played in one's backyard. It can be played by one or more and by the young as well as the old.

Physical Fitness

In this day of weight-watching, what better way to exercise than walking, bending and reaching? These are integral parts of this great sport. Game-related injuries are rare, and doctors have repeatedly stressed the beneficial aspects of this sport.

Join the Millions of Participants

It was recently estimated that upwards of fifteen (15) million enthusiasts enjoy pitching horseshoes in the United States and Canada, in tournaments, leagues, recreation areas and backyards. What sport offers so much for so little?

Sports Origin

The origin of this sport goes back to the days of the Roman Empire. Roman soldiers pitched horseshoes discarded from the horses used to drive their chariots.

Soldiers in the American Revolutionary War pitched horseshoes for recreation on the Boston Common. The Duke of Wellington in history said that the war was won by the pitchers of the steel (horseshoes).

An International Sport

The sport has been introduced in South Africa, Italy, Japan, Grand Bahama Islands, Togo, West Africa, Australia, New Zealand, West Germany, Nigeria, Honduras, Canada, South America, Israel, Norway, Switzerland, Poland, Phillipine Islands, England, Sweden, Finland and Russia.



1.2 About the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA)

The NHPA is a federation of sixty (60) charters in the United States and Canada, each with numerous club affiliates and individual members. Each state association is self governing. Some states have more than one charter.

Purpose

The NHPA strives to promote and organize the sport and to standardize the rules, equipment and playing procedures. The top priority is to serve as a unifying agent between state associations, local clubs, unorganized groups and individual players. The NHPA sanctions the Annual World Tournament, state association tournaments, regional and open events and a league program.

The NHPA also manages a player rating system, and publishes the sport's online magazine, *Newsline* .

For more information, visit www.horseshoepitching.com.

1.3 The structure of the NHPA World Championships

The two-week long NHPA World Horseshoe Pitching Championships are held once each summer to crown a World Champion in each of eight divisions – Open Men, Open Women, Senior Men, Senior Women, Short-Distance Men, Junior Boys, Junior Girls and Junior Cadets (12-years old and under).

Preliminary competition consists of round-robin class play with all entrants seeded in up to 16-person classes, with the exception of the Cadet Division. Most classes play over the course of three days.

At the end of class play, champions are named for each class, with the top qualifiers, based on ringer percentages advancing into the Championship Class of their respective divisions. Sizes of championship classes are determined by number of entrants in each division.

Championship play in most divisions spans three days, at the end of which, the individual in each championship class posting the best win/loss record is awarded the title of "World Champion" in that division.

Division champions receive monetary prizes in various amounts which can consists of as much as \$4,000, Men and Women; \$1,500, Senior Men; \$800 Senior Women; \$1,500, Short-distance Men.

World Champion Junior pitchers are awarded scholarships in the amounts of \$600 for boys and girls and \$300 for the Cadet division.

1.4 About NHPA competitors

Participants travel from all parts of the United States, as well as other countries - Canada, Norway, South Africa, Germany and Japan being the most frequent.

Most consider this trip their "Family Vacation," and bring along their husbands, wives, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and friends. They will spend their free time touring the area - visiting local events and attractions, and patronizing local businesses.

All competitors are at the venue a minimum of three days – many for the full two weeks. It is estimated that they, along with their friends and family will bring approximately three to six million dollars into the host community, depending on regional economy.

1.5 Snapshot: NHPA World Championships

Time of Year: Early to Mid-July thru Early August

Length of Event: approximately 17 days total which includes the set up of the equipment prior to the beginning of the tournament, Tuesday thru 3rd Saturday (Beginning Saturday will be a "warmup tournament" which tests the electronic Score Keeping systems, Leaderboards, Cameras used for Live Streaming, Wi-fi, High Speed Internet - secured, and Bandwidth connections and works the court substance into proper consistency.)

Number of Competitors: 800 - 1400 +/- competitors

Average length of Stay: 3-5 nights

Estimated Room Nights: 3,500 +/-

Warm-up Tournament

Schedule: Held on first Saturday prior to start of Preliminary Tournament.

HOST provides an IT person to assist with any Wi-fi, High Speed Internet - secured, and Bandwidth connections of 50 upload and 50 download minimum, HOST maintains Water stations and drinking cups on the end of each bank of courts throughout the duration of tournament.

NHPA provides tournament directors, score keepers, electronic scoring equipment and payout (from collected entry fees).

Preliminary Class Play

Schedule: Monday thru Friday of first week; Monday thru Wednesday of second week (new groups of pitchers start every 3 days).

HOST arranges for all necessary concessions.

HOST provides staffers to address any maintenance and/or housekeeping issues during each day of competition. HOST maintains Water stations and drinking cups, shovels for each end of court, White spray paint for stakes. (See Article XI, items 1, 2 and 7)

HOST provides a work crew to clean the pitching area at the end of pitching each day. (See Article XI, item 8)

NHPA provides tournament director, shift directors, score keepers and judges.

Championship Play

Schedule: Thursday thru Saturday of first and second week

HOST arranges for all necessary concessions.

HOST provides staffers to address any maintenance and/or housekeeping issues during competition. HOST maintains Water stations and drinking cups, shovels at each end of pit, white spray paint for stakes (See Article XI, items 1, 2 and 7)

HOST provides a work crew to clean the pitching area at the end of pitching each day. (See Article XI, item 8)

NHPA provides tournament director, shift directors, score keepers and judges.

Player Check-In

Schedule: Beginning the Saturday of Warm-up Tournament and continuing through Preliminary Class Play. Operating hours for the arena will be opened per the tournament schedule and as the NHPA deems necessary to allow for adequate time to allow the competitors to practice and check in /registration.

HOST provides required number of staffers to handle player registration bags to be distributed during check-in.

HOST provides Check-in packets.

NHPA provides list of participants.

Annual NHPA Delegate Convention

Schedule: Held on Sunday Morning after the first week of play.

HOST arranges venue through coordination with NHPA Staff.
(See Article XI, item 10)

Annual NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet

Schedule: Held on Sunday evening after the first week of play.

HOST arranges venue through coordination with NHPA Staff.

2. BIDDER ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Organization

A bid can be placed by any municipality, tourism or visitors' bureau, horseshoe pitching charter or club, venue, or individual that is able to fulfill the requirements of the NHPA World Tournament Contract.

While not required, it is recommended that a bidding entity incorporates the support and assistance of local or state horseshoe pitching clubs.

2.2 Facility Requirements

50,000 -60,000 minimum of square feet of level, unobstructed concrete floor space with minimum ceiling height of no lower than thirty feet. This should include spectator area and room to fit 50-60 sets of portable horseshoe courts. Flooring other than concrete requires inspection and pre-approval by NHPA officials. (See Article XI, item 1)

A meeting room for 200 delegates during annual convention. (See Article XI, item 10)

A minimum of 1,000 square feet of air conditioned space in at least 4 separate, lockable rooms contiguous to the competition courts to house the NHPA offices, Stat Room, Computer Room, website terminal and public relations. (See Article XI, item 9) Please, note Wi-Fi, High Speed Internet - secured, Bandwidth to consist of 50 upload and 50 download minimum, electricity, public address system, wireless microphones and other requirements.

Additional spaces as outlined in items 11 through 18 in Article XI of World Tournament Contract.

2.3 Date Requirements

The NHPA allows a sliding window of dates for this 2-week event. The first week can be as early as the second week of July. The second week can be no later than the first week of August. Additional days approximately 3-4 days prior will be necessary prior to the actual start of the tournament for equipment

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setup and warm-up event to test the equipment and electronics. (See World Tournament Timeline document)

When submitting a bid, be sure to include the actual "competition dates" that you are proposing for your venue.

2.4 Accommodation's

Rooms for the event should be available to competitors at rates no higher than \$110-\$125, regardless of occupancy. Participants will be responsible for making their own reservations directly to the Hotel and not the national reservation desk and paying for their rooms directly with the hotel, or housing service, if utilized.

3. BIDDING AND SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 NHPA World Championship Tournament Contract

Read through the tournament contract in its entirety, prior to submitting a bid, to ensure that your organization and venue are able to fulfill all requirements that are detailed therein.

Direct any questions or concerns to NHPA World Tournament Coordinator, 2nd Vice President, Laura Lampkin via email at laurie_r@bellsouth.net

3.2 Pre-bid site visit

Site must be pre-approved by an authorized NHPA representative through a preliminary site visit (at the expense of the HOST) prior to the bid deadline. (See Article II)

3.3 Bid Options

Select the bid option that best suits your organization's needs.

Option 1: includes HOST providing bid fee and twelve (12) complimentary hotel rooms for tournament officials and staff, equaling up to 195 room nights.

Option 2: includes HOST providing a larger bid fee with the NHPA obtaining all required rooms for officials and staff.(See Articles I & II – Bid Options and Option Selection)

3.4 Payment of Sponsorship Dollars (Bid Fee)

A payment equaling one-third the total sponsorship amount is to accompany the bid. This payment will be refunded if the bidder is unsuccessful.

Upon being awarded the event, the remaining fee shall be paid in two more installments as follows: The second payment due by December 31, the year the bid is won. The third and final payment is due June 30th, one year prior to the tournament date.

(See Article IV – Payment of Pledged Sponsorship Dollars)

3.5 Complete and Sign Tournament Contract

Once the decision has been made to submit the contract, you will need to contact the NHPA 2nd VP Laurie Lampkin. The contract will be sent to the organization or person that will have the authority to sign the contract.

Complete all the "blanks" on the World Championship Tournament Contract, including venue, proposed dates and the bid option you are choosing. Be sure to list any special stipulations that may have been agreed upon during correspondence with the NHPA. Contract must be signed by the NHPA to be considered an eligible bid.

Send the completed contract, along with the required bid fee to the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer:

Jim Kinney, Sec/Treas
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
P.O. Box 205
127 Walnut Dr.
Drexel, MO 64727

In addition, email a scanned copy of the signed contract to World Tournament Coordinator, NHPA 2nd Vice President, Laurie Lampkin at laurie_r@bellsouth.net.

*****To avoid missing the deadline, please submit your bid and fee with ample delivery time.*****

3.6 Bid Acceptance

Accepted bids will be announced after the January 1st deadline.

3.7 Distribution of Information

All bidder submissions will be reviewed by the NHPA council. Once a decision has been made by the NHPA council, the winning bidder shall be prepared to attend the first week of the NHPA World Tournament of the year the bid is accepted to present site information to event attendees in a booth setting. This booth space is complimentary.

Handout information, such as brochures about attractions, accommodations, travel accommodations including but not limited to airlines, rental cars, uber, etc., restaurants, special events, RV Campsites, etc... will be beneficial. Bidders are welcome to distribute other "freebies," such as key chains, candy, knick-knacks, or any other promotional items desired. Be prepared to field questions about where to stay, how to get there, what to do while not pitching, etc...

NOTE: All items distributed are at the discretion and expense of the bidders. The NHPA will not be liable for any expenses, whether a bidder is successful or not.

3.8 Presentation of Proposal

After the January 1st deadline, each bidder will have the opportunity to submit their presentation to the NHPA council via e-mail, US postal service, courier service, UPS or FED EX. The presentation should include the necessary information required per the NHPA bidder guidelines and contract to win the vote and approval of the seven (7) person Executive Council and then be prepared to field questions from the NHPA council.

Should the bidder decide to move forward, a site visit will be necessary for the NHPA which will include a minimum of two NHPA officers and will be necessary to confirm suitability of the venue. The site visit will be at the expense of the prospective bidder.

All bidders will be contacted for the official announcement of the winning site.

3.9 Advertisement

All bidders will have the opportunity to purchase advertisements/articles in the NHPA's online newsletter, NEWSLINE, prior to the delegate convention.

3.10 Successful Bidder Follow-up

The site that wins the bid will be expected to attend the next World Tournament to distribute information about their venue, hotel accommodations, restaurants, attractions, RV Campsites, travel accommodations, rental cars, airlines etc... to event attendees in a booth setting.

HOST shall communicate with the NHPA throughout the coordination of the tournament to ensure a unified and successful event.

4. ENDORSEMENTS

"The Florence Center hosted the 2018 National Horseshoe Pitchers Association World Tournament played out. The round-robin competition included the 1226 players and family members from across the country and world to compete. The tournament is a two-week event and drew approximately more than 1,226 participants from all 50 states, including Canada, Norway, and South Africa. The horseshoe tournament will be the largest single event hosted in Florence. It's expected to draw thousands of tourists, generate 8,000 or more room nights at local hotels and have an estimated economic impact of approximately \$3.5 million. **Holly Beaumier, director of the Florence Convention and Visitor's Bureau.**

"Hosting the World Horseshoe Tournament was a fun and rewarding experience for us. The novelty of the sport makes it very entertaining and our local media was buzzing with human interest stories. Local restaurants were filled with participants and the community seemed alive with talk of the event. For us, the tournament occurs during the shoulder season for our Convention Center, so it fits into our schedule and adds a nice boost economically. In 2013 we hosted more than 1,000 athletes and nearly 4,000 visitors who came from 44 states and 5 countries. The average stay was over 7 nights. Our post event surveys showed that participants loved our facilities, they really appreciated our clean and welcoming community, and the outstanding vacation opportunities in the area were a major plus. Putting on the event is a major undertaking, but after evaluating the impact, we decided to bid for the event again and will host the tournament for the second time in 2017." **Kevin Lewis, Director, Washington County Sports & Outdoor Recreation, St. George, UT**

"Cedar Rapids, Iowa was the site of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's 2010 World Tournament. Throughout the bidding process, I found the NHPA very responsive to my many questions, and the association was willing to hold the competition in a non-traditional venue, the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. I will always be sincerely grateful for the vote of confidence NHPA delegates showed Cedar Rapids by awarding the tournament to us, two weeks after a devastating flood wiped out the inner core of our city! During the tournament itself, we found the participants very interested in our area. When they were not competing, they made a point to experience our attractions, entertainment and dining options. We enjoyed hosting this event very much!" **Mary Lee Malmberg, CSEE, Director of Sports Tourism, GO Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids, IA**

5. LINKS

Official website of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association: www.horseshoepitching.com

Official Facebook page of the NHPA: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalHorseshoePitchersAssociation/>

Time lapse video of World Tournament setup: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CS-N4culCdc&feature=youtu.be>

Regional Directors in each Charter: <http://www.horseshoepitching.com/officers/rdf.html>

HISTORY OF THE NHPA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1990

Location

Attendance

2021 Winnemucca, NV - Events Complex	
2020 Monroe/West Monroe, Louisiana - Civic Center	
2019 Wichita Falls, TX	971
2018 Florence, SC	1026
2017 St. George, Utah - Dixie Center	1042
2016 Montgomery, Alabama-Multiplex	934
2015 Topeka, Kansas - Expocentre	1404
2014 Buffalo, New York - Hamburg Events Center	1376
2013 St. George, Utah - Dixie Center	1032
2012 Knoxville, Tennessee -- Convention Center	1230
2011 Monroe/West Monroe Louisiana -- Civic Center	804
2010 Cedar Rapids, Iowa --- Cedar Rapids Ice Arena	1286
2009 Springfield, Illinois --- Prairie Capital Convention	1330
2008 York, Pennsylvania --- York Expo Center	1321
2007 Ardmore, Oklahoma --- Celebration Arena	984
2006 Gillette, Wyoming ---- Cam-Plex	907
2005 Bakersfield, California --- Fairgrounds	824
2004 Pocatello, Idaho ---- University	1200
2003 Eau Claire, Wisconsin --- University	1324
2002 Red Deer, Alberta Canada University	826
2001 Hibbing, Minnesota -- Ice Hockey Arena	1045
2000 Bismarck, North Dakota --- Ice Hockey Arena	1215
1999 Greenville, Ohio --- Fairgrounds	1542
1998 Ainsworth, Nebraska - Fairgrounds	993
1997 Kitchener, Ontario Canada - University	1740
1996 Gillette, Wyoming --- Cam-Plex	1536
1995 Perry, Georgia -- University	1120
1994 Syracuse, New York - University	1304
1993 Spearfish, South Dakota - City Park	1492
1992 Columbus, Ohio - Fairground	1700
1991 Biloxi, Mississippi	1023
1990 Stone Mountain, Georgia	1064

NHPA World Tournament Timeline

Most times are approximate but will generally be within 1 hour.

Tuesday

7:00 AM	1 Back NHPA trailer up to loading dock.	
	2 Begin unloading and staging NHPA equipment for assembly 3 Begin laying out lines on arena floor for court mats.	Forklift needed
until		
6:00 PM		

4 Begin positioning of mats on arena floor.

Wednesday

7:00 AM	1 Assembly of court boxes	
	2 Begin mixing of clay and filling court boxes 3 Fork lifting boxes onto mats.	Labor crew needed
until		
6:00 PM		

Thursday

8:00 AM	1 Continue mixing clay and filling and setting boxes 2 Begin fence setup	
	3 Begin score keeper station setup	Labor crew needed
until		
6:00 PM		

Friday

8:00 AM	1 Finish taping down mats	
	2 Finish score keeper station setup 3 Misc	
until		
6:00 PM		

Saturday

8:00 AM	Warm-Up Tournament	(Open doors at 7:00 am)
3:00 PM	Warm-Up over - Open practice begins	
6:00 PM	Open practice over	

Sunday

10:00 AM	Open practice	(These times may vary slightly)
5:00 PM	Open practice over	
6:00 PM	Clean building	

Monday

6:00 AM	Open doors	(Doors need to be open at 6:00 AM everyday of competition)
6:30 AM	Shoe check begins/separate room	Shoe check preceded each shift of pitching on this day
8:00 AM	<i>Tournament begins</i>	
11:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies/Arena floor	
	Competition continues until approx 9:00 pm	
9:00 PM	Clean building	

Tuesday

6:00 AM	Open doors	
8:30 AM	Competition begins	
9:00 PM	Clean building	

Wednesday

6:00 AM	Open doors	
8:30 AM	Competition begins	
11:00 AM	Awards Presentations/separate room	Awards presentations follow each shift of pitching on this day
	Competition continues until approx 9:00 pm	
9:00 PM	Clean building	

Thursday

6:00 AM	Open doors	(Doors need to be open at 6:00 AM everyday of competition)
6:30 AM	Shoe check begins/separate room	Shoe check precedes each shift of pitching on this day
8:00 AM	Competition begins	
	Competition continues until approx 9:00 pm	
9:00 PM	Clean building	

Friday

6:00 AM	Open doors	
8:30 AM	Competition begins	
	Competition continues until approx 9:00 pm with Junior awards	
9:00 PM	following of Clean building	

Saturday

6:00 AM	Open doors	
8:30 AM	Competition begins	
11:00 AM	Awards Presentations/separate room	Awards presentations follow each shift of pitching on this day
	Competition continues until approx 9:00 pm	
9:00 PM	Clean building	

Sunday

9:00 AM	Registration for Delegate Meeting begins (Coffee and Danish/Rolls served)	
10:00 AM	Delegate Meeting	
2:00 PM	Chapel Service	
5:00 PM	Social hour before HOF Banquet	
6:00 PM	Hall of Fame Banquet	
10:00 AM	Open practice	(These times may vary slightly)
4:00 PM	Open practice closes	
4:00 PM	Clean building	

Monday

6:00 AM	Open doors	(Doors need to be open at 6:00 AM everyday of competition)
6:30 AM	Shoe check begins/separate room	Shoe check preceded each shift of pitching on this day
8:00 AM	Competition begins	
	Competition continues until approx 9:00 pm	
9:00 PM	Clean building	

Tuesday

6:00 AM	Open doors	
8:30 AM	Competition begins	
	Competition continues until approx 9:00 pm	
9:00 PM	Clean building	

Wednesday

6:00 AM	Open doors	
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8:30 AM	Competition begins	
11:00 AM	Awards Presentations/separate	Awards presentations follow each shift of pitching on this day
10:00 PM	room Clean building	

At the conclusion of play we will begin moving out some of the courts to prepare for Championship play Some of this may be also be done very early Thursday morning before competition starts.
NO BREAKDOWN WILL OCCUR DURING COMPETITION.

Thursday

6:00 AM	Open doors
7:30 AM	Shoe check opens
9:00 AM	Competition begins
8:00 PM	Clean building

Friday

6:00 AM	Open doors
9:00 AM	Competition begins
8:00 PM	Clean building

Saturday

6:00 AM	Open doors	
10:00 AM	Competition begins Championship	Labor crew needed
1:00 PM	Awards Presentation Begin tear	
2:00 PM	down	

Sunday

6:00 AM	Finish loading semi trailer. Staff move out	Labor crew needed
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