

PROTOCOL FOR SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

To help all members have a high-quality & enjoyable tournament, it is recommended:

A. Equipment & clothing meet NHPA specifications:

1. Weight & dimensions of horseshoes & pick-up tools
2. Shirts display Name, Town & State
3. Must wear closed-toed shoes

B. Each participant arrive approx. 30 min. prior to scheduled start time in order to:

1. Sign in & pay
2. Practice/warm-up
3. Receive round-robin cards
4. Hear Tournament Director announcements for your session

C. Late arrivals and “no-shows”:

1. Arriving after the session has begun, a pitcher forfeits 1st game, but may complete the rest
2. If a late arrival opts out of the whole session, a pre-pay is required for next tournament entry
3. “No-shows & “walk-offs”, for other than legitimate &/or medical reasons, will be reviewed by the FSHC Executive Board for possible further disciplinary actions.

D. Understand the method for resolving GAMES ending in a TIE:

1. Pitch two more innings (that’s down & back), and if STILL tied, continue same until no tie
2. Under handicapped format, no extra innings are pitched & each player is awarded ½ point

E. Understand the method for resolving SESSIONS ending in TIES:

1. Tournament Director announces how ties will be resolved BEFORE session begins
2. If restraints prevent playoffs, Tournament Director reserves final tie-breaker method.

F. Pit preparation and maintenance:

1. Between games, each pitcher (or a friend) is responsible for preparing one pit
2. During a game, do not step on, or mash, any of the pit material
3. Stakes may be painted before each game
4. Stakes may be painted DURING a game if both pitchers agree

G. Pitching from left or right side:

1. Each inning, you may pitch both shoes from the side of your choice
2. Your 2nd shoe must be pitched from the same platform as the 1st pitched shoe

H. Foul lines

1. Prior to the release of your shoe, stepping over or ON your foul line is a “fault”
2. You may WARN your opponent of the violation, but ONLY an official judge may penalize

I. NEW MEMBERS & QUALIFIED RINGER PERCENTAGES

All members entering a sanctioned event need to have an entering ringer percentage. Brand new members can establish their ringer percentage in one of two methods:

Method A. Pitch in any non-sanctioned tournament. The contestant will be placed in a class according to their estimated average, OR via use of Method B. Once a new member completes the event, their resulting percentage is their entry level for their first sanctioned tournament, wherever it is. Their official (published) percentage begins only after a sanctioned event.

Method B. Before entry into their first sanctioned event, pitch 100 shoes witnessed & scored by a card-holding member, at a site & time mutually agreed upon. The score sheet will be dated, signed & saved for conveying to the Tournament Director the total number of ringers. This is the fair way to place the contestant into the proper class so he/she pitches among his/her peers according to seeding.

Members who would like to re-join the club after being idle for more than one year may opt for Method A or B above.