



FIRST STATE HORSESHOE CLUB

Delaware Charter of National Horseshoe Pitching Association

2017 NHPA Membership Application

Annual memberships are issued for January 1 thru December 31.

Those purchased on or after October 1 are eligible for following year

State of residence: Delaware Circle one: New Renewal

Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth ___/___/___ Cell (___)(___-___) H (___)(___-___)

E-mail _____

Check only one pitching category applicable to you:

Men 40' ___ Women 30' ___ Elder 30'-- 70 & Over ___ or Med. Exempt ___

Juniors, 30' -- 18 and under ___ Cadet 20'-- 12 & under ___

Have you held NHPA card in another State? If so, how many years in what State _____ Club _____ Years ___ - ___ Ringer % ___

Membership Fees and signatures will be due before a person can pitch in a FSHC/NHPA sanctioned tournament. Fees are as follows:

Adults 19 and over	\$20.00
Juniors	\$ 8.00
Cadets	\$ 8.00 *

*NEW Cadet members - sanction fee paid by FSHC for first year

Make checks payable to: "First State Horseshoe Club" and may be sent to:

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I agree to hold harmless against the First State Horseshoe Club for any liabilities while pitching in the club's sanctioned tournaments, and I agree that the club may use any pictures taken at these tournaments for publicity purposes.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

NHPA: www.horseshoepitching.com Club: www.firststatehorseshoeclub.com

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 & pickup tools
2. Shirts display Name – Town – State
3. Must wear closed-toed shoes

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

1. Sign in and pay
2. Practice
3. Hear Tournament Directors announcement for your session
4. Receive round robin cards

C. Late arrivals and no-shows:

1. Arriving after the session has begun, a pitcher forfeits FIRST 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 and/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 (down / back) and if still tied, continue until no tie
2. Under handicapped format, no extra innings are pitched and each player is award ½ point

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

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

F. Pit preparation and maintenance:

1. Between games, each pitcher (or 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 (down/back) you may pitch both shoes from the side of your choice
2. Your SECOND shoe must be pitched from the same side that the FIRST one is pitched

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 and 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. Once a new member completes the event, their resulting percentage is their entry level for their first sanctioned tournament. Their official (published) percentage begins only after a sanctioned event.

Method B – Before entry into their first sanctioned event, pitch 100 shoes witnessed and scored by a card-holding member, at a site and time mutually agreed upon. The score sheet will be dated, signed and 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 that he/she pitches among his/her peers according to seeding.

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