

# WPFG ABRIDGED RULES - HORSESHOES - Page 1

## GUIDING BODIES

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## EVENTS

UNISEX: Full Distance (40 feet / 12.19 meters) Open  
“A” Division: Singles & Doubles  
“B” Division: Singles & Doubles

Short Distance (30 feet / 9.14 meters)  
Elders (70 years & over): Singles (only)  
Women (Open): Singles (only)

Note: For the Short Distance events, at least five (5) competitors must enter an event, or that event will be cancelled and the affected competitors offered the option of Full Distance play.

## EQUIPMENT

**Horseshoes:** Competitors must bring their own horseshoes. Extra pitching shoes (two sets) shall be provided by the Host.

## BRACKETING

### FULL DISTANCE EVENTS:

Competitors will enter into the “Horseshoe” event(s) desired (Singles and/or Doubles).

#### **I. Round Robin Pool Play:**

Players will be assigned to groups (use seeding from past years). Each player in a group will compete against every other player in the group. The size of the groups are determined by the number of players in the tournament and the number of pits available.

#### **II. “A” and “B” Division Double Elimination/Final:**

Use the results of the group play to rank each player from first to last. If the group has an even number of competitors, divide the rankings in half. If the group has an odd

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number of competitors, divide ranking so that the top half has one less than the bottom half. The top half of each group will be "A" Division; the bottom half will be "B" Division. (Example: There are 18 competitors. Finishers 1-9 will be "A" Division; finishers 10-18 will be "B" Division.)

The "A" & "B" Divisions each play a separate Double Elimination tournament.

SHORT DISTANCE EVENTS: Round Robin. If 7 or fewer competitors enter an event, the tournament can be Double Round Robin with the approval of the WPFGB Horseshoes Director.

### **SCHEDULING**

The tournament is generally a 3 day event. The Singles tournament should be held on the first day and the Doubles event will commence at the conclusion of the Singles event.

### **SCORING**

CANCELLATION SCORING: A regulation game shall consist of 40 points or a maximum of 50 shoes pitched. If there are a large number of competitors, a "40-shoe" tournament may be utilized with WPFGB approval. A game is divided into innings and each inning constitutes the pitching of two shoes by each competitor. The points shall be scored according to the shoes at the innings end after the contestants have each thrown two shoes. Ringer credits shall be given on the same basis.

The winner of points shall call the result. In case of a tie, the contestant pitching last shall call.

Closest shoes to the stake scores.....	1 point
Two shoes closer than opponents scores .....	3 points
Two ringers scores .....	6 points
One ringer and closest shoe of same player scores.....	4 points
Player having two ringers vs. one for opponent scores .....	3 points
Each player has one ringer, the next closest shoe scores.....	1 point

All equals count as ties. A leaning shoe has no value over one touching the stake.

DOUBLES SCORING: Partners' points are added together.

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### GENERAL RULES for Horseshoes

The player having the first pitch in a designated inning shall pitch two shoes in succession before the other player pitches two shoes.

The player scoring points shall pitch first in the next inning. In case of no score, the player who pitched last shall pitch first in the next inning.

Ties: Tie games shall be broken by pitching as many extra innings as necessary to determine a winner. If there is a tie for a medal, the winner will be determined based on ringer percentage.

DOUBLES GAMES: Two players are paired and pitch from opposite ends of the court against a similar combination of opponents. An inning is complete when all four players have pitched two shoes.