

REQUIREMENTS

PREAMBLE

This section includes requirements (in addition to the Playing Rules) that apply for Tournament/League Officials, local Sanctioned Tournaments/Leagues, Provincial Information, Special Tournaments, and also for Peewee and Junior Pitchers. Violations of these additional requirements will be enforced by designated penalties or by other penalties assessed by the Tournament/League Officials, Provincial Officers, or by the HORSESHOE CANADA Executive.

REQUIREMENT 1 – TOURNAMENT/LEAGUE OFFICIALS

Section A – Duties and Responsibilities

All HORSESHOE CANADA sanctioned tournaments and leagues shall have a designated director or committee to administer the activities of the event. The tournament/league officials shall:

1. Before the Event

- A. Publicize the event well in advance by using the Provincial tournament schedule, by posting/distributing “flyers”, and/or by using all other available media. The information provided should include available Divisions, the date(s) and location of the event, amount of the entry fee, a prize list, the registration deadline, and any other special/pertinent information.
- B. If the tournament requires pre-registration, the Classes for each Division should be made up in advance and the contestants are to be seeded based on current CanStats averages (see RULE 11, Section D).
- C. Contestants should be notified of their pitching dates and times in a timely manner.

2. During the Event

- A. During sign-in, verify that all entrants are current HORSESHOE CANADA members.
- B. Arrange for scorekeeping for each court.
- C. Appoint an official judge(s) and provide them with judging tools, and a copy of the current RGS book.
- D. Before Class play begins:
 - I. Announce the method of play (cancellation or count-all), the length of the games (how many shoes or points) and information about alternate pitch, if it will be used.
 - II. Announce how winners will be determined, and how ties and class ties will be broken.
 - III. Announce the amount and method for paying scorekeepers (if used).
 - IV. If scoring devices are used, provide the contestants with a name placard.
 - V. Provide a schedule and/or round-robin card of games to be played, including court assignments.
 - VI. Have statisticians available for the checking and recording of game scores and for the compilation of class results, as the tournament proceeds.

- E. Make the final decisions on any protests, and answer any questions that may arise.
- F. When necessary, make the decision to halt play due to inclement weather or other emergencies and decide when play shall resume, if or when conditions improve.
- G. Present the awards at the end of play.

2. After the Event

In a timely fashion, tournament and League results must be submitted to CanStats upon completion of any tournament or league. See REQUIREMENT #2, Section I, below, for details and additional information.

REQUIREMENT 2 – ALL HORSESHOE CANADA TOURNAMENTS/LEAGUES

All HORSESHOE CANADA Tournaments/Leagues shall be conducted at the discretion of the Tournament/League Officials, providing THE OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES, REQUIREMENTS, GUIDELINES, AND SPECIFICATIONS are followed.

Section A – Sanctioning

All HORSESHOE CANADA tournaments shall be sanctioned by HORSESHOE CANADA in accordance with the published guidelines or directives for HORSESHOE CANADA. All Provincial Leagues shall be sanctioned by HORSESHOE CANADA in accordance to all rules, requirements, guidelines and specifications.

Section B - Eligibility

Tournament entry and league participation is restricted to contestants holding a current HORSESHOE CANADA membership card (see Bylaws for additional information on membership). This includes pacers and substitutes. Other eligibility requirements may apply for Provincial tournaments and for the World Tournament.

Section C – Fees

All registration (entry) and any other fees shall be determined by the Tournament/League Officials.

Section D – Division Size

Any division not receiving at least four (4) entries can be canceled, but the entrants shall be given an opportunity to pitch in a Class of another Division.

Section E – Tournament Credit

1. For singles and doubles events, a contestant must have pitched a minimum of 100 shoes to receive CanStats credit.

Exception: If all games of the round-robin schedule have been pitched in less than 100 shoes, these statistics may be submitted for CanStats credit.
2. For elimination tournaments, a contestant must pitch one hundred (100) or more shoes to receive CanStats credit for that event.

Section H – Total Ringers/Shoes

All ringers and shoes pitched under one sanction number, including additional shoes for breaking of ties and play-off games, shall be included when figuring the totals for that event.

Section I – Reporting Results

1. Tournaments

The Tournament Director or statistician must send Tournament results to the Provincial statistician, who shall forward those results to CanStats as soon as possible, upon completion of the tournament. A period of not more than two (2) weeks is recommended.

2. Leagues

League results must be sent to the Provincial Statistician as soon as possible, upon the completion of the league season. A period of not more than two (2) weeks is recommended.

REQUIREMENT 3 – PROVINCIAL INFORMATION

Section A – Provincial Championship Play

Each Province must hold a HORSESHOE CANADA sanctioned Provincial Championship event annually.

1. Divisions

The Provincial Singles Championship Tournament must advertise and provide an entry form stating the intent to crown champions in at least Men, Women, Junior, PeeWee and Elder Divisions. Other Divisions are an option left to the discretion of the tournament officials. All age limitations for Divisions shall be in accord with RULE 1, Sections A-E.

2. Mixed Play (see also Rule 11, Section E)

All Divisions and classes may be mixed at the discretion of the Tournament Officials.

3. Residency

Provincial Championship Tournaments are open only to those HORSESHOE CANADA members who legally reside in that Province and meet the regular eligibility requirements imposed for the event. An exception to this shall be active-duty members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their dependents who may pitch in the Provincial Championship event of any Province in which they are stationed/reside, provided they meet the other eligibility requirements of that Province. No one will be allowed to pitch in more than one Provincial Championship Tournament per year.

4. Full and Short Distance Pitchers

All sanctioned tournaments shall provide a playing opportunity for all eligible Full and Short distance pitchers. The **HORSESHOE CANADA** Executive, in accord with REQUIREMENT #4 (below), can authorize exceptions for special tournaments such as Invitationals, Juniors only, etc.

Section B – Delegates

Only HORSESHOE CANADA members in possession of a current combined Provincial/National card are eligible to vote on any matter pertaining to the election of Provincial officers, the sanctioned tournament schedule, or anything else that may directly or indirectly involve HORSESHOE CANADA business, Bylaws, or official Playing Rules.

Section C – Compliance

Each Province must comply in all ways with THE OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES, REQUIREMENTS, GUIDELINES, AND SPECIFICATIONS, and with the BYLAWS of HORSESHOE CANADA. Any deliberate violation of same will be cause for possible HORSESHOE CANADA suspension of Provincial Officers, the revocation of the Provincial affiliation, or both.

REQUIREMENT 4 – SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS OR EVENTS

Section A – Events

The HORSESHOE CANADA Executive may authorize or conduct, at its discretion, special/promotional tournaments, matches, exhibitions, open, invitational, or celebrity pitching events, anywhere that it deems suitable .

Section B – Waiver

Any Special tournament or event will be conducted in accordance with THE OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES, REQUIREMENTS, GUIDELINES, AND SPECIFICATIONS except that the HORSESHOE CANADA Executive may approve a waiver if it will aid in the promotion of the sport and/or success of the event. The HORSESHOE CANADA Executive may authorize a limit to the number of entries to any Special Tournament or Special Event if it feels time, available courts, or any other conditions make it impossible to reasonably schedule an unlimited number of entrants. In such cases, limits may be set by any manner deemed suitable.

REQUIREMENT 5 – PEEWEE AND JUNIOR PITCHERS – Additional Information

(See also Playing Rule 1, Section A)

Section A – Juniors Competing In Adult Divisions

Any Junior Boy or Junior Girl pitcher may compete in an Adult Division of a mixed tournament, without harm to their Junior standing, provided neither of these Junior Division Classes is offered/available in that same tournament. When a Junior Division is offered, a Junior may pitch with the adults (without harm to their Junior standing) if their entering average is at least ten (10) percent higher than the next closest Junior. **Note:** This same requirement will also apply to Peewees; for their movement into other Divisions.

Section B – Eligibility

Junior pitchers who request admittance and are accepted into an adult class outside the conditions set forth in Section A above, will forever forfeit their Junior eligibility. A Junior Boy who forfeits his Junior status must pitch from the full distance. **Note:** The same above requirements will apply to Junior Peewees; for their movement into the Junior Division.

Section C – Awards

All Junior play (mixed class or otherwise) will be conducted on an amateur basis. Awards presented to this Division by the Tournament/League Officials should have no immediate monetary value. The awarding of trophies, medals, or ribbons is recommended. Any award with monetary value, including funds from the National, Provincial, World Tournament or the Junior Scholar Pitcher Awards Program, shall not be issued before the recipient reaches 18 years of age. Scholar awards may have additional

restrictions.

Section D – Responsibility

It shall be the *responsibility of all Junior pitchers (or their parents/guardians)* to make sure that their amateur standing is not jeopardized by any violation of the above information.