

DEPARTMENT 22
SECTION 4
HORSESHOE PITCHING CONTEST
FINAL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 13, 2011

Chairman - Jim Wech 570-726-6677

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Qualifying - Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM, or by appointment with one of the tournament directors. Due to increased participation and the time necessary to seed pitchers in their proper classes, there will be NO qualifying other than stated above. No one will be turned away, if you showed and pitched during qualifying YOU WILL pitch Saturday in a class. The pitching area will be open daily throughout Fair Week for practice.

REGISTRATION ENTRY FEE: \$6.00

CLASSES:

Open Division

22401 - Class A

22402 - Class B

22403 - Class C

22404 - Class D

22405 - Class E

22406 - Class F

Master's Division (Over age 60)

22471 - Class A

Youth Division (Under age 18)

22461 - Class A

PREMIUMS: 1st – 20.00 & trophy
 2nd - \$15.00 & trophy
 3rd - \$10.00 & trophy

Divisions will be mixed, male & female. Pitchers will be matched based on their qualifying percentages. Classes will be determined by the ringer percentage of 50 shoes thrown or a current NHPA card average as listed in Nat-Stats. Class notification will be posted on the board at the courts or can be obtained by calling the Fair Office (570-726-4148) after noon on Friday of Fair week.

PITCHING TIME SCHEDULE

9:00 AM - Masters & Youth A complete game will be 25 points or 30 shoes

9:00 AM - Classes D, E & F A complete game will be 30 points or 40 shoes

12 Noon - Classes A & B A complete game will be 40 points or 50 shoes

12 Noon - Class C A complete game will be 30 points or 40 shoes

Ringer count will be kept for all games in every class. In the event of a tie, 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be determined by ringer percentage. Class A will have a pitch-off to settle a tie for 1st place only.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Regulation shoes will be furnished by the tournament chairman. In cases where the contestant wishes to use their own shoes, they must meet the following specifications: No horseshoe shall exceed dimensions of 7 1/2" long x 7" wide, maximum of 2 1/2 pounds in weight. No heel and toe shall project more than 1 1/16" in height, including the body of the shoe. The opening between the heel calks shall not exceed 3 1/2" inside measurement. Said opening shall not be more than 1/2" from the extreme end of the shoe, determined by measurement from a straight edge placed across the heel calks. NO projection shall be allowed ahead of the calks on the inner circle of the shoe.
2. Regulation courts will be used and will consist of: A 6'x6' pitchers box, a pin set in the center of the box 40' from the pin at the opposite box. The pins will protrude 15" above the clay and lean 3" toward each other.
3. Choice of pitch will be determined by the pitchers involved prior to the beginning of the game based on the flip of a shoe.
4. Scoring Rules:
 - A . A shoe must be within 6" of the stake to score.

- b. Any shoe striking any portion of the court other than the clay will be a dead shoe and must be removed from the box before another shoe is pitched.
 - c. The closest shoe to the stake scores 1 point, 2 shoes closer than the opponents scores 2 points.
 - d. A leaner counts only 1 point, if the opponent also has a leaner they cancel each other and no points are scored.
 - e. 1 ringer scores 3 points, 2 ringers scores 6 points.
 - f. 1 ringer and closest shoe of the same player scores 4 points, providing the opponent doesn't have a closer shoe than the non-ringer.
 - g. The pitcher having 2 ringers against 1 for the opponent scores 3 points.
 - h. All other questions in conduction of the contest not covered in the rules outlined above shall be decided according to the last published rules of the NHPA.
5. Youth and Master's may pitch at any distance up to 30' as regulated by NHPA.