

HORSESHOE NEWS

Issued by Horseshoe Canada

This is your newsletter. As a result from the discussion at the Annual General meeting, It was decided to have a regular newsletter emailed to all members and interested people to Canadian Horseshoes. So this is the start. We hope to share ideas, inform you, and answer questions on all things horseshoe pitching. This first issue is emailed to all Provincial Presidents and then asking them to forward to all their members. Then when you get this and want to receive the following issues, please send your email to Tom Moffat at xpostie@shaw.ca Ok the ball has started lets keep it rolling. And good pitching and may the shoe fall on pin not off of it.



Recently at the World Tournament the NHPA had its general meeting and had votes on some key issues. I urge you to check out the rules that passed. It can be found here

<http://www.horseshoepitching.com/rules/2012proposals1.html>

Some of the new rules are housekeeping, and some have quite an impact on things. And one is quite funny.

You must now throw both shoes underhand.

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In this part of the newsletter there will be suggestions to help you get more people out to play horseshoes.

They will come from all kind of sources but mostly you.

♦ **Make it your goal to get one new player for your club this year.**

The 2012 Canadian Horseshoe Pitching Championships held in Saskatoon were a great way to connect with old friends and meet new ones. Start your plans to attend the following Championships in

**Belleville Ont. 2013 and
Calgary AB 2014**

It cost money to travel it's a good time to start savings for that trip.

See you soon

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It appears that before this rule came into effect that you could throw overhand. I have never heard of anyone doing that but hey people throw horseshoes all different kinds of ways.

The rule that will impact the most is the changing of the age of a Cadet (In Canada we call this Pee Wee). The new age goes from 9 yrs of age to 12 yrs of age. One note on the end of eligibility is in NHPA rules it states that you must be that age for the whole calendar year. So if you turn 13 before the end of the year, you must compete the whole year as a 13 year old.

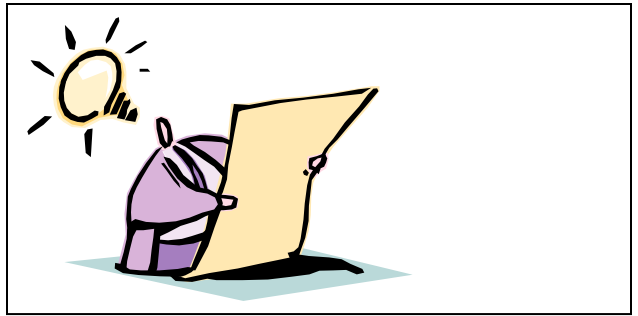
Have I confused you with that explanation? Here is an example. Joe is 11 and turns 12 on Aug 15. So all year he is classed as a 12 yr old. Henry is 12 and turns 13 on Dec. 4. So Henry is classed as a 13 yr old for the whole calendar year.

Now you might say how does that affect us in Canada. Well for anyone playing in tournaments in the US you must follow these age groups. So now is the time to talk it over for when the time comes for the rule to change or not change in Canada. You are informed and your Province executive are informed for any vote or discussion that will take place.

One rule that did not pass was changing the Elder Age. It was proposed to change to 65 from 70, like we have but was voted down. Too bad would have made life easier for our Canadian Elders.

The reason I heard was that anyone under 70 that wants to throw from 30 ft can do so with a request medically to the NHPA. It is rarely turned down if you have a medical reason to move to the closer distance. But most people don't ask so don't get the approval. So if you're interested now you have the information to get a clearance for yourself now.

Editorial by Tom Moffat



IDEAS

So what works in your club? We all are struggling to get new members out to play horseshoes. So what do successful clubs do to attract new members?

Here are some ideas and things some clubs are doing.

Holding other activities such as

Crib

Darts

Poker nights

Open Houses

Others are getting the news out through newspaper ads. Some are getting articles printed in the papers about players that won championships.

Bring a friend down to just throw a few shoes some time when no one else is there. They find out it's a lot of fun and good exercise.

Anyway you get the idea. And if you have a great idea to help build your club send it along to the newsletter to share with others. Send all ideas to xpostie@shaw.ca