

# BY-LAWS OF THE KANSAS STATE HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION

Section 1: The name of the State Association shall be the Kansas State Horseshoe Pitchers Association (KHPA), and it shall be further recognized as the Kansas Division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America (NHPA). (Refer to NHPA By-laws, Article VII: Charters.)

Section 2: State Association officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer. As the State Association Executive Council, these officers shall be empowered to transact business in the interest of the State Association, provided that such action is not contrary to the By-laws of the State Association or of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America. (Refer to NHPA By-laws, Article VII: Charters.)

Section 3: State Association officers shall be elected for a two-year term of office at the State Association Annual Meeting and shall assume their office and responsibilities within 30 days after election. Election of officers shall be alternated with the President and Vice-President to be elected in odd-numbered years and the Secretary/Treasurer elected in even-numbered years. The President may appoint an eligible member to complete the term for any vacant office. Only adult members in good standing for the past three consecutive years and who participated in at least one NHPA sanctioned tournament during the past 12 months shall be eligible for election or appointment as an officer.

Section 4: The President shall preside at all meetings and shall have the authority to appoint committees and to designate specific duties for other officers and members. The President shall abstain from voting on all issues except to cast deciding vote on tie votes.

Section 5: In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall carry out the duties of the President.

Section 6: The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain the records, correspondence, and accounts of the State Association, shall be custodian of supplies and property belonging to the State Association, and shall present a financial statement of all receipts and disbursements at each Annual Meeting and at the request of the other officers. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be authorized to receive all State Association money and to deposit it in a bank of choice.

Section 7: All interest and other gain from State Association funds shall be credited to the State Association account. No investment of any amount nor major purchase, other than tournament prizes, exceeding \$200. shall be made with State Association funds without unanimous approval of all members of the executive Committee.

Section 8: An Annual Meeting shall be scheduled in conjunction with a State Tournament each year for the September Labor Day Holiday weekend. (Refer to NHPA By-laws, Article VII: Charters.) The Secretary/Treasurer shall send written announcement of the Annual Meeting and State

Tournament to each person who participated in the State Tournament the previous year and to all other current members of the State Association. There must be a minimum of 20 members including 2 officers in attendance for the Annual Meeting to be considered an official meeting. The order of business for the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

- a. Reading, approval, addition and correction of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting.
- b. Reading, approval, addition and correction to the financial report.
- c. Reports of officers and committees.
- d. President's report.
- e. Unfinished business.
- f. New business.
- g. Election of officers.
- h. Next year tournament site.
- I. Adjournment.

Section 9: The Executive Council shall be responsible for conducting the State Association Annual State Tournament and for enforcing tournament rules and regulations.

Section 10: Membership dues for both the State Association and the NHPA shall be paid to the State Association Secretary/Treasurer who shall issue a joint membership card and number to each member. (Refer to NHPA By-laws, Article III: Membership.) The Secretary/Treasurer shall forward all NHPA dues received to the NHPA.

Section 11: Annual Membership dues for the State Association shall be \$8.00. (Refer to NHPA By-laws, Article III: Membership, for NHPA dues.) State Association annual membership dues for Junior boys and girls shall be \$2.00. (Refer to NHPA By-laws, Article III: Membership, for NHPA Junior dues.) Annual associate memberships in the State Association are available for sponsors interested in promoting horseshoe pitching upon donation of \$6.00 or more. Associate members have no NHPA privileges. Junior and associate members may not hold a State Association office nor have State Association voting rights.

Section 12: Any resident of the State of Kansas who is not eligible for membership in any other NHPA Division is eligible for membership in the State Association. (Refer to NHPA By-laws, Article III: Membership, Section 7.)

Section 13. A city or organization desiring to host a State Tournament shall place its bid in writing, in the hands of the KHPA Secretary/Treasurer prior to or during the Annual Meeting being held no more than two years in advance of a delivered or postmarked no later than 12:00 midnight, August 1<sup>st</sup>, unless prior arrangements have been made. The entry must include State Tournament for which a site has not been previously selected. The deadline for submitting a bid will be the Annual meeting prior to a State Tournament for which a site has not been previously selected. No bids will be considered unless all of the following conditions are met:

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a. The facilities available for conducting the tournament are stated and the following minimums are met:

1. Horseshoe court conditions as specified in NHPA Rules.
2. A minimum of 18 paved combination 30 ft./40 ft. Horseshoe courts in the same area.
3. Adequate lighting for night pitching.
4. Moist clay filled pits.
5. Spectator safety fences behind pits & safety rope or other barricade to keep spectators from the courts.
6. Drinking water and restroom facilities in the area of the courts.
7. Covered facility for the tournament committee and central scorekeeping use with adequate tables, chairs, and electrical service for lights, calculators, etc.
8. Must have scoreboards for all courts that are used.
  - b. A single bid shall not be for more than two consecutive years.
  - c. The site in the bid would not be hosting the State Tournament for more than two consecutive years, unless no other site is available or acceptable.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall read aloud, all valid bids to host the State Tournament at the Annual Meeting, and the privilege of hosting the State Tournament shall be awarded by majority vote of the members in attendance. If three or more sites are bidding and none receives a majority vote, the two sites receiving the most votes will have a run off in a second ballot. In case a State Tournament bid has not been received by the KHPA deadline, the Executive Council has the authority to award the State Tournament for that next open year only. Bidders who are awarded the State Tournament must sign a contract that, among other things, requires the total bid to be paid at least one year prior to the tournament.

Section 14: Current membership in good standing in the State Association and the NHPA shall be required of all participants in the State Association Annual Meeting and State Tournament.

Section 15: A qualifying ringer average for the Kansas State Tournament must meet the following requirements. A ringer average (total ringers pitched divided by total shoes pitched) consisting of 2 tournaments pitched between August 2<sup>nd</sup> of the previous year and August 1<sup>st</sup> of the present year as verified by NATSTATS. A sanctioned league of at least 400 shoes is considered a tournament. Members not able to meet the entry requirements because of health or other reasons may have their situation reviewed by the Executive Council. New members (less than 1 year) may enter the state tournament if unable to pitch in 2 events by pitching 1 event before the entry deadline and use the average of that event as a qualifying ringer average. Any one who was a KHPA member the previous year, must have 2 tournaments to qualify for the state tournament. All Juniors and Cadet juniors need only to pitch 1 event during the previous year. \_Entry applications for the State Tournament must be submitted to the State Association Secretary/Treasurer in writing, the pitcher's first and last names, NHPA card number, entry fee and any outstanding dues.

Section 16: Provided that funds are available after the Annual Meeting and after all expenses of the Annual Meeting and State Tournament are paid, the State Association will pay a \$300. fee to the State Association Secretary/Treasurer for services rendered. Said payment of fee may be canceled by a majority vote of members in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Section 17: Entry fees to the State Tournament shall be determined by the Executive Council.

Section 18: The Executive Council shall define and interpret State Association By-laws. Technical points shall be submitted to them for decision and their ruling shall be official unless contrary to KHPA or NHPA By-laws or Official Playing Rules or unless overturned by majority vote of members in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Section 19: State Association By-laws automatically include all applicable NHPA By-laws and Official Playing Rules and changes thereto. (Refer to NHPA By-laws, Article VII: Charters.)

Section 20: Amendments to State Association By-laws shall become effective after their adoption by a majority vote of members in attendance at the Annual Meeting. Amendment proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to August 1st of the current year for distribution to State association officers and members prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 21: NHPA sanctioned tournament results are to be reported in writing to the State Association Secretary/Treasurer or to a designated statistician reporting to the Secretary/Treasurer by each Tournament Director within 5 days after completion of each tournament. To avoid duplication and others handling problems, all submittals of tournament results to NHPA NATSTATS (computer database of collective tournament results) should be through the State Association Secretary/Treasurer or designated statistician.

By majority approval of members in attendance at State Association Annual Meeting, these By-laws supersede all previous State Association By-laws, effective after adoption.  
KHPA President: Howard Reed

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