

**THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE  
CONNECTICUT HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION**

**CONSTITUTION**  
**Revised May 2023**

Preamble

Whereas horseshoes provides a healthful and wholesome game and whereas horseshoes can be played by people of all ages and sex, and whereas horseshoes can provide competition as all levels of play, we the horseshoe pitchers of Connecticut in order to insure its continued existence and growth do hereby establish this constitution and by-laws.

**ARTICLE 1 Title**

The name of the organization will be known as the CONNECTICUT HORSEHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION. (CT.HPA).

**ARTICLE II Administration**

**SECTION 1.**

All legislative power herein granted shall be vested in a meeting of members in good standing of the CT.HPA.

**SECTION 2. Officers**

Officers shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**SECTION 3. Elections**

The officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting of the CT.HPA. The term of office shall be two years. The President and Secretary shall be elected in odd number years and the Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years.

**SECTION 4. Duties**

The duties of the President shall be to preside over all meetings and to administer the business of the CT.HPA and to handle whatever other duties which may come to his/her attention in the best interest of the CT.HPA.

The duties of the Vice-President shall be the same as the President but will be assumed only in the Presidents absence.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep accurate minutes of all meetings, take care of any correspondence of the CT.HPA, maintain a record of the membership and the playing records of all tournament players.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be to act as custodian of all funds, keeping accurate records of all CT.HPA financial transactions.

#### SECTION 5. Vacancies

If the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice-President will assume the President's office. If the office of Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer becomes vacant, the Executive Board will fill the vacancy until the next regular election of officers.

### **ARTICLE III Executive Board**

The elected officers shall make up the Executive Board and may act of behalf of the CT.HPA on all matters.

### **ARTICLE IV Committees**

The executive board shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary.

### **ARTICLE V By-Laws**

The CT.PHA may adopt such By-Laws as it shall deem necessary. By-Laws shall be adopted when voted on by a majority of members in good standing at any regular or special meeting.

### **ARTICLE VI Meetings**

The members meeting shall be held annually at a site to be named each year.

### **ARTICLE VII Amendments**

This constitution may be amended by two thirds vote at any regular or special meeting. No proposed amendment may be considered at any meeting unless a statement that amendments are to be considered are included in the call of the meeting.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I Playing Rules**

Any Tournament sanctioned by the CT.HPA will be played under NHPA rules.

### **ARTICLE II Tournament Directors**

All Tournaments sanctioned by the CT.HPA will have a Tournament Director.

#### **SECTION 1. Duties**

- A. To receive all entries for the Tournaments.
- B. To seed all entries in classes as evenly as possible.
- C. To notify all entries as to playing time and class.
- D. To direct the Tournament under the playing rules of the NHPA and the guidelines set by the CT.HPA.
- E. To name class coordinators
- F. To see that scoreboards are set up and available for all classes.
- G. To present awards as soon as possible after each flight.
- H. To give all results to the CT.HPA Secretary.
- I. Tournament Directors may limit the number of entries.
- J. Tournament Directors are responsible for checking all entries for current NHPA card.
- K. Tournament Directors will have the power to settle any dispute and call rain delays or cancellations.

### **ARTICLE III Scoring**

The Self-Scoring system shall be used at all CT.HPA Tournaments. Alternate methods may be used at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

### **ARTICLE IV Games**

All games will be thirty-five (35) points unless otherwise specified by the Tournament Director. When games have been designated as a fifty (50) shoe limit, and both players are at twenty-nine (29) points or more at the fifty shoe mark, the game will continue until one player has reached thirty-five (35) points.

## **BY-LAWS (Continued)**

### **ARITICLE V State Championships**

SECTION 1. State Championships will be held each year.

SECTION 2. Qualifications

- A. A person must be a legal resident of the State.
- B. A person must have played in at least two sanctioned tournaments anywhere in the last 12 months, with at least one in the present calendar, to be eligible to play in the State Championships. Previous State Championship may count as one tournament.

SECTION 3. Site

- A. The site where the State Championship will be held will be determined at the Annual Business Meeting.
- B. When feasible, the Class A Championships (Men & Women) should be moved to different locations around the State each year.

### **ARTICLE VI Playoffs**

SECTION 1.

- A. All classes ending in a tie for first place will be decided by a play-off.
- B. All other ties will be decided by percentage.

SECTION 2.

- A. In playoffs involving more than two players, the top player will have a bye.
- B. When more than one playoff game is to be played, successive games will be played on a neutral court, if possible.
- C. Players with a bye will not practice on the court where their next game is to be played.

### **ARTICLE VII Court Etiquette**

All NHPA rules pertaining to etiquette must be adhered to.

SECTION 1.

- A. Sleeveless Shirts. May be worn at Connecticut Tournaments but must be purchased as a sleeveless shirt (meaning it must have been sewn sleeveless when purchased). NHPA rules as far as size of name must be followed. Tank tops a cut off shirts are not allowed. Can not be worn at Ct State Single or Doubles Tournament. Can not be worn at out of state tournaments unless that state allows them.

