

Moose International HORSESHOES Rules

- 1. Courts & Lighting** - Hosting lodge must have **EITHER* 24 courts, OR; A minimum of 16 courts with adequate night-lighting comparable to daylight.
- 2. Clay vs Sand** - Lodges *may choose* between sand or clay, under the following condition: Their choice must be communicated to Moose International upon acceptance of the tournament to ensure that the material can be prevalently displayed on the registration form so all players are aware of the which they will be playing on.
- 3. Ringer Percentage** – By default, Moose International will automatically use the contestants’ most recent Moose International Tournament Ringer Percentages recorded for the material being played in (sand or clay), if on record at Moose International. If a player has never played in a Moose International tournament, the ringer percentage provided on the registration form will be used in the first year of their play in this tournament.
- 4. Scoring / Shoe limit**
 - a. Class A – 40 Points, or 40 Shoes, whichever comes first.
 - b. All Classes excluding Class A – 30 points or 30 shoes, whichever comes first.
 - c. All Doubles classes – 40 points or 40 shoes, whichever comes first.
- 5. Leaving the Courts** –
 - a. Contestants shall make every attempt to remain on the court during play.
 - b. Contestants shall remain within earshot of announcements from tournament organizers instructing them to report to certain courts.
 - c. Prolonged absences from the court (beyond 3 minutes) must also be announced and require special approval from the Tournament Official, who will identify an appropriate return time for the contestant, based on the situation. Failure to return within the identified time period will result in the contestant’s forfeiture of the game.
 - d. If the contestant is not present within 3 minutes of the start of a game, and has no special approval from a tournament official, they will forfeit the game.
 - e. Failure to notify opponents, scorekeepers and/or Tournament Officials of any absences from the court, will be considered an unexcused break, regardless of the time the contestant is away, and could result in automatic forfeiture of the game.
 - f. Ultimate authority of forfeitures lies with Tournament Official in collaboration with the on-site Moose International representative.
- 6. Partners Policy** – If you signed up for partners in advance, you must check in upon arrival with the tournament director to inquire about the status/availability of partners. Delayed inquiry into this can result in disqualification from that event, as tournament organizers need advance notice there is still a vacancy to remedy.
- 7. Ties** – In the event of a tie, a pitch-off will be conducted. Players will pitch 4 shoes up and 4 shoes down solely to determine who wins. Statistics relating to those pitches do NOT get counted into the ringer percentages or the entire number of ringers thrown for that game.
- 8. Score Sheet Sign Offs** - Both players in a singles match, and at least one player from each team in a doubles event must sign the score sheet at the conclusion of the game – not solely the winner of the game. Ultimately, per the NHPA rules, it is the players’ responsibility to ensure the score is correct with the scorekeepers throughout the game (Rule 6c).
- 9.** For the last day’s scheduled events, results may not be available on site, in time for the close of the tournament; in which case plaques and prize money will be sent to the winner from Moose International at the address indicated in the members’ membership records.
- 10. Inclement Weather** – In the event that inclement weather delays play, players may be asked to report back to the tournament desk/lodge at a certain time to resume play. Tournament organizers reserve the right to disqualify players who do not report back as the designated time.
- 11. All results will be posted** on the Moose International website upon receipt from tournament organizers.
- 12. Final Governing authority** – When Moose International tournament rules do not address a situation, tournament organizers will defer to the rules set forth by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA)