



36th Annual Moose International Horseshoes Tournament 2023

Ionia, MI Lodge 998 ■ July 7-9, 2023

Tournament Director: Marsha Warrington

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

IMPORTANT: ANY OMISSIONS ON THIS FORM WITH DELAY THE OFFICIAL DATE OF ACCEPTANCE.

SECTION 1 — Registration - CLAY PITS

Moose ID # _____	Exp (for office use only)
Participant Name _____	Best Phone Number _____
Participant's Lodge/Chapter Number _____	Participant's Lodge/Chapter State _____
Email _____	

SECTION 2 — Tournament Event Choices (Check all that apply.)

Indicate appropriate ringer % FOR PLAY IN CLAY.

DIVISION:	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLES	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLES	<input type="checkbox"/> MIXED DOUBLES
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's	Ringer Percentage _____ % (Sand)	Partner's Name _____	Partner's Name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's		Partner's Ringer Percentage _____ % (Sand)	Partner's Ringer Percentage _____ % (Sand)
<input type="checkbox"/> *Youth		<input type="checkbox"/> Need partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Need partner

- All pitchers over 60 years of age will pitch at no less than 30 feet.
- *Youth participation requires advance Moose International approval and legal paperwork. See Rule #8 in Section 7. For more information email wharrison@mooseintl.org. Youth division will be blind draw and double elimination.
- Check the Moose International website (www.mooseintl.org) one week prior to the tournament to view or print a program booklet containing playing times for all classes.
- Battle of the Sexes! Class A Champions battle it out on Sunday afternoon.

Mail entry forms and fees to:

20232 International Moose Horseshoes Tournament, Moose International

Attn: Will Harrison, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1173 (U.S. funds only).

Entries must be postmarked by **Wednesday, June 11, 2023**

For further assistance please contact Sherry LaRosa at 630-966-2213.



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SECTION 3 — Payment page

Refund Policy: Participants will be eligible to receive a full refund when cancelling prior to the registration **deadline date of Wednesday, June 11, 2023. NO REFUNDS** after this date.

Men Moose Members			
Name			
MID		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK HERE FOR YOUTH PARTICIPANT	
EVENT	DAY	FEE	CHECK (✓) IF ENTERING
MEN'S DOUBLES	FRI	\$20.00	
MEN'S SINGLES	SAT	\$40.00	
MIXED DOUBLES	SUN	\$20.00	
TOTAL			

Women Moose Members			
Name			
MID		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK HERE FOR YOUTH PARTICIPANT	
EVENT	DAY	FEE	CHECK (✓) IF ENTERING
WOMEN'S DOUBLES	FRI	\$20.00	
WOMEN'S SINGLES	SAT	\$40.00	
MIXED DOUBLES	SUN	\$20.00	
TOTAL			

*To complete the application process email addresses and phone numbers for EACH participant are required.
Tournament information will be sent via email.

Payment Information

Card Type (please circle) Visa Master Card Discover American Express



Name as it appears on Card: _____

Credit Card Number: Amount \$

Expiration Date: /

Signature: _____

* Check, money order or credit card information **must** accompany all entries and must be **postmarked by June 11, 2023**
* Returned checks must be replaced with an alternate form of payment (No Checks) within 10 days or entry will be cancelled.
* All checks and money orders should be made payable to **Moose International** and must be earmarked **2023 Horseshoes Tournament**. Mail forms and fees to: **2023 International Moose Horseshoes Tournament, Moose International, Attn: Will Harrison, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1173** (U.S. funds only).

For Office Use Only (US Funds Only)		
Name _____	No. _____	\$ _____
Name _____	No. _____	\$ _____
Name _____	No. _____	\$ _____
Name _____	No. _____	\$ _____
Notes _____		

Date Received by Finance
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Received by _____

Date Received by Activities
____ / ____ / ____

Received by _____



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SECTION 5 — Tournament Agenda

Thursday, July 7

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Dinner

Early Horseshoes Tournament Check-in

Kitchen open 5 - 7pm

Friday, July 8

8:00 am

7:00 - 9:00 am

9:30 am

10:00 am

10:15 am

Horseshoes Tournament Check-in

Breakfast

Scorekeepers Meeting

Opening ceremony - Horseshoes Tournament Tournament: [Men's & Women's Doubles]

Lunch - Grill running during events

Dinner - Smoked pork chops

Entertainment - Music

Saturday, July 9

7:00 - 9:00 am

8:00 am

8:30 am

9:00 am

7:00 pm

Breakfast

Horseshoes Tournament Check-in continues

Continental breakfast will be served

Scorekeepers Meeting If any new scorekeepers

Tournament: [Men's & Women's Singles]

Lunch - Grill running during events

[Horseshoes payouts]

Dinner - Steak fry

Entertainment - Music

Sunday, July 10

7:00 - 9:00 am

10:00 am

At completion of
mixed doubles

Breakfast

Tournament: [Mixed Doubles]

Lunch - Grill opens

Battle of the Sexes! Class A Men's & Womens Champion's

[Horseshoes payouts]



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SECTION 6 — Information and Lodging

Ionia, MI Lodge 998 : 869 E. Lincoln Ave., Ionia, MI 48846 (616) 527-3550

Moose International Coordinator of Activities: Will Harrison (630) 966-2214 wharrison@mooseintl.org

On-site lodge representative: Troy Lee and Ellis Conley (616) 527-3550

Tournament Director: Marsha Warrington cell (419) 704-7954

Hotels information (rates subject to change)

You can also call and search for online rates

All listed hotels offer continental breakfast

American Inn & Suites

423 Brown Blvd.

Ionia, MI 48846

(616) 527-2200

Estimated - 4 miles from lodge

Super 8

7245 South St. Rd.

Ionia, MI 48846

(616) 289-9509

Estimated - 8 miles from lodge

Lodge Hours

Thursday	4pm - 12pm	Kitchen Menu	4 - 9pm
Friday	4pm - 1am	Kitchen Specials/Menu/Salad bar	4 - 10pm
Saturday	1pm - 1am	Kitchen Specials/Menu/Salad bar	4 - 10pm
Sunday	1pm - 10pm	Kitchen Menu	4 - 9pm

17 Full Pits

No Lights - except 2 night lights for safety around parking and pits

Entertainment - Lodge Social Quarters - Friday and Saturday night (See section 5)



WAIVER & GENERAL RELEASE

I (we), the participant, understand, recognize, and acknowledge that there are certain risks of injury while participating in this Moose International Tournament on **Date July 7-9, 2023** sponsored by **Ionia, MI Lodge 998** and I (we) agree to assume the full risk of any such injuries, damages, or loss, regardless of the severity, which may be sustained as a result of participating in this event.

I (we), the participant(s), my heirs, executors and assigns, do hereby fully and forever release and discharge the host, Moose International, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, and their agents, directors, officers, heirs, successors, and/or employees from and against any and all liability as a result of any and all injuries, illness, claims, actions or causes of actions arising out of or in any way associated with my participation in this event.

I (we) agree to indemnify and hold harmless the host Moose International, Inc., an Indiana corporation, and their agents, directors, officers, heirs, successors, and/or employees against any and all claims, actions, or lawsuits whether brought by myself, anyone acting on my behalf, or anyone else, for any and all injuries, illness, damages, claims, and causes of action arising out of, in connection with, or in any way associated with my participation in this event.

I (we) understand and acknowledge that the host Moose International, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, and their agents, directors, officers, heirs, successors, and/or employees are not responsible for any injury or illness occurring from my participating in this event.

I (we) affirm that the statements set forth above are true and correct and that I have read the terms and conditions of the foregoing Waiver and Consent and understand them accordingly.

PUBLICITY RELEASE

I (we) also agree that Moose International may use my name, photograph, and background information for publicity purposes and electronic media concerning the Moose International Horseshoes Tournament, and do indemnify them against any loss or liability incurred by such use.

Dated this day of registration signature or submission.

Print Name #1

Print Name #2

Participant #1 Signature

Participant #2 Signature



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SECTION 7 — GENERAL RULES (All Moose International Sports Tournaments)

1. Moose members holding an active membership at the time of the tournament will be eligible to play horseshoes and compete for tournament prizes. All players must present a valid photo I.D. and a valid Moose membership card.
2. Good sportsmanship will be the prevailing attitude throughout the tournament. Tournament Director and/or Moose International may recommend disqualification of a player for unsportsmanlike conduct or tactics detrimental to the tournament.
3. Gambling on the tournament is not permitted and will result in disqualification and forfeiture of prize money.
4. **No entry forms will be accepted unless all information is entered and entry fees are paid in full**, by the established registration deadline.
5. All remittances must be in the form of a check, money order or credit card in U.S. funds. Checks and/or money orders should be made payable to Moose International and earmarked with the current year and name of tournament.
6. **Refund Policy:** Participants will be eligible to receive a full refund when cancelling prior to the registration deadline date. **After this date, no refunds will be issued, regardless of the circumstances.** No entry fees will be refunded if it is found that some teams or individuals have failed to comply with all the rules and regulations governing this tournament. This policy will be strictly enforced in all Moose International tournaments.
7. **Substitute Policy:** In cases of death, injury, sickness, or other emergency, Moose International may approve a substitute's participation. All substitutes must present a valid photo I.D. and a Moose membership card. Moose International will not be involved in the exchange of any monies between the involved parties either relating to registration fees or prize money awarded. Moose International retains the right to authorize and/or decline, any substitute's participation. Substitutes will be authorized to participate without pre-registration as many times as needed for unexpected absences of pre-registered participants.
8. **Youth Policy:** On occasion, youth may be permitted to participate through a special approval process handled through Moose International. This process involves a notarized waiver and documentation of the youth's age and their relationship to an immediate family member that is an active Moose member in good standing. Youth ages 16-17 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times during the event, and the parent/guardian assumes all legal responsibility for the youth's actions. If the youth is 18 or older, he/she assumes full legal responsibility for their own actions by signing the waiver, and will not require full time supervision; but must still provide proof that an active Moose member is an immediate family member. Moose International will review each request on a case-by-case basis to ensure that all criteria are met. Please email your request to Coordinator of Activities and Heart of Community, Will Harrison, wharrison@mooseintl.org who will approve and facilitate this process on a case by case basis.



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SECTION 8 — International Horseshoes Tournament 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)