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STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

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PITCH SHOES AT STATE FAIR

Great Horseshoe Pitching To Be Held At Fair Grounds Next Week

That the management of the State Fair is trying to furnish every wholesome entertainment possible is evidenced by the recent addition to its many entertainment features the inauguration of a State Horseshoe Pitching Contest.

Contestants from every part of the state will be in evidence and a state organization will be perfected and another year the state board of agriculture will undoubtedly adopt this as one of the permanent features and publish same as its premium list and do as is done in other places; have county contests all over the state and the two winners from each county to compete at the state fair in a state contest. In this manner a state champion will be determined.

J. A. Jensen of Sioux Falls, an enthusiastic horseshoe pitcher, has been placed as superintendent of this new department. A fine clay court is now being installed in front of the west bleacher so that twenty-four contestants can compete at the same time. Professionals are barred from this contest.

The state horseshoe tournament will start Tuesday morning, September 13, and will continue from 9:00 to 11:45 a. m. each day until finished.

Each team entered in the tournament shall pitch each other team one game of 21 points. The team scoring the highest number of points at the end of the contest shall be declared the winner of the tournament.

The following cash prizes will be awarded to the eight teams in the order they finish the tournament.

\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$2.00
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In addition to the cash prizes, the champion will be awarded a silver loving cup.

National Rules For Horseshoe Pitching

Section I

1. The standard distance shall be 40 feet between the pegs.
2. The grounds shall be as level as possible. In indoor pitching, contestants will pitch into boxes. The boxes not to exceed six inches in height.
3. The pitchers box shall extend three feet on either side to the rear and in front of the peg. The ground therein shall consist of either clay or sand; if the former, it shall be well dampened and dug up to a depth of six inches; if the latter; it shall be well dampened and tamped down. A contestant when pitching may stand anywhere inside the pitcher's box. Any pitcher delivering a shoe outside the pitcher's box shall forfeit the value of that pitch.
4. The pegs shall be of steel one inch in diameter, perpendicular and extending eight inches above the surface.

Section II

1. At the beginning of the game, the contestants shall toss a coin for first pitch, the winner to have his choice of first or follow.
2. At the beginning of the second game, the loser of the preceeding game shall have the first pitch.

Section III

1. The shoes to be used must not exceed 7 ½ inches in length or 7 inches in width. No toe or heel caulks shall be over ¾ inch in length. No opening between the heel caulks shall exceed 3 ½ inches inside measurement. No shoe shall exceed 2 pounds and 8 ounces (2 ½ lbs) in weight.

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The State Horseshoe Tournament which was postponed from yesterday, was again delayed this morning by the weather, but will undoubtedly be commenced before the day is over if the rain holds off.

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The State Horseshoe Tournament has been abandoned, Frank Jackson returning to his home at Kellerton IA, yesterday, while Commissioner Jensen of Sioux Falls, who has this feature of the fair in charge, together with Mr. Peebles of Iroquois and other prominent contestants, have abandoned all hopes of pulling off a tournament even if good weather should come the last two days.