

Fellow Pitchers:

Welcome to the 2022 State Tournament to be held in Pierre at Griffin Park, on August 27th and 28th. Doubles pitching will be on Saturday the 27th and Singles pitching on Sunday the 28th.

The banquet and business meeting will be held at the Moose Lodge in Fort Pierre. They provide a very good meal. The Menu is: roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salads, dinner rolls, water, coffee, and dessert. The cost for the meal is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

The Pierre Lions club is scheduled to be at the park on Saturday and Sunday. Please give them your business because it is handy to not have to leave the park for food, and we want to make it worth their while to come back again next year. The food will be reasonably priced.

All pitchers will need at least three qualifying events to enter the tournament except for cadets and juniors who only need one tournament. Any sanctioned tournaments in the last 12 months can be used as qualifying events (including last year's singles and doubles). Also, any sanctioned leagues can be used. The entry fee this year is again \$20. Scorekeeper fees are included in your entry fee. Also, any overage will be used to offset additional costs.

This is the State Tournament and pitchers should not have to keep their own scores. Each doubles scorekeeper on Saturday will receive \$2 per game. I encourage you to help with scorekeeping if you are able to do so. Good, competent score keepers are a very valuable asset. The singles scorekeepers on Sunday will receive the usual \$1 per game. Again, we need competent score keepers. Players should try to be available for scorekeeping when they are not pitching.

We are returning to walking doubles format based on feedback from last year. You may select your own partner for the doubles competition. The combined average in doubles cannot exceed 90%. The latest NATSTATS will be used for seeding players for singles and doubles play. If you do not have a partner, we will try to match you up with one.

Your shoes will be checked for legal weight and size when you arrive at the tournament. All pitchers are required to turn and water as necessary, one end of the court on which they are about to play. It is mandatory that each player provide pre-game maintenance to the court. When both contestants are on the court ready to pitch, only four warm-up shoes, down & back, are permitted. Observe the foul line and the 30 second time limit to deliver both shoes. Judges will be watching. Be courteous, stand at least 2 feet behind your opponent on the opposite side when he/she is pitching. A short distance player on a court next to a full distance group is required to move all the way to the rear of the 40' platform. Cross over in front to not distract pitchers on the adjacent courts. Have a straightedge available and measure your own shoes. Call a judge only if you and your opponent cannot decide the count.

Once again, we will be offering cash prizes for all of the classes. We also will be using the same "state trophy" system as we have for the past few years. If you have already received a state trophy, then you will be playing for a plate to add to that trophy; if you do not have a state trophy yet, then you will have the chance to win one. Cash prizes are available through donations from local clubs throughout the state, as well as money saved by using our new trophy system. Juniors will also receive cash prizes this year, as this practice is now accepted by the NHPA rules committee.

There are still several tournaments to be held in July and August, if you are short of the required number to play in the State Tournament. You must have your required number of tournaments pitched by Aug 13th. I do not want to turn anyone away because of not having enough tournaments played.

Travel safe to the State Tournament and good pitching.

Kurt Whaley
President SDHPA

2022 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT PLAY: Griffin Park, Pierre, SD 57501

OFFICERS' MEETING: Saturday, Aug 27th, 8:00 AM; at the Horseshoe Courts

BANQUET: Saturday, Aug 27th, 7:00 PM; Moose Lodge, Fort Pierre, SD

BUSINESS MEETING: Saturday, Aug 27th, 8:00PM following banquet

ENTRY & FEE: Singles and Doubles

Adults - \$20.00 per person per event

Juniors - \$5.00 per person per event

No Phone Entries. Entry fee must accompany all entries.

DEADLINE: Postmarked no later than Saturday, August 13th, 2022

DOUBLES: Saturday, Aug 27th **11 AM** Must have played in 3 sanctioned tournaments in preceding 12 months
Juniors and Cadets only need 1 tournament
Format: Walking. Throw your own shoes - 30 shoes per player.

SINGLES: Sunday, Aug 28th **8:30 AM** Must have played in 3 sanctioned tournaments in preceding 12 months
Juniors and Cadets only need 1 tournament.

CHECKIN: Check in 45 minutes before time of play. Your shoes will be weighed and measured.
Wear a shirt with your name on the back. No sleeveless shirts. No open toed shoes. No smoking or alcohol on the courts.

Make checks payable to **SDHPA** and mail to:

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Sioux Falls SD 57109

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Name _____ Phone _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Circle One: Man Woman 30 ft. Elders Jr. Boy Jr. Girl Cadet

____ Yes, I want to play in the singles tournament Sunday, Aug 28th Adult @\$20.00 \$ _____

____ Yes, I want to play in the doubles tournament Saturday, Aug 27th Junior @\$ 5.00 \$ _____

____ Yes, I want to play in the doubles tournament Saturday, Aug 27th Adult @\$20.00 \$ _____

____ Yes, I want to play in the doubles tournament Saturday, Aug 27th Junior @\$ 5.00 \$ _____

My doubles partner is _____

____ Yes, I want to play doubles, and have enclosed my entry fee, but need a partner

____ Yes, I want to pay for my doubles partner. Adult @\$20.00 \$ _____

____ My partner will send his own entry fee. Junior @\$ 5.00 \$ _____

____ Yes, I plan to attend the banquet. I will need _____ Adult Tickets @\$20.00 each \$ _____

____ No, I will not attend the banquet. I will need _____ Child Tickets @\$15.00 each \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____