

North Carolina Horseshoe Pitchers Association By-Laws

- BL-1 The North Carolina Horseshoe Pitchers Association will perform business on a calendar year basis.
- BL-2 All NC-HPA tournament schedules shall be drawn up and issued by the charter Secretary/Treasurer and President in affiliation with each tournament director or club president.
- BL-3 The members of the Executive Board may be compensated for incurred business expenses.
- BL-4 An accurate financial and membership report shall be produced at the end of each season by charter Secretary/Treasurer.
- BL-5 A financial report shall be made available to the President or any member upon request.
- BL-6 Any court complex with sixteen or more regulation clay courts is eligible to host the state tournament.
- BL-7 The NC-HPA Executive Board shall determine the next year's location for the state tournament.
- BL-8 Any pitcher dropping out of a tournament without a legitimate reason will not be permitted to participate in that tournament the following year. Legitimate reasons for dropping out of a tournament must be approved by the tournament director.
- BL-9 NHPA rules/regulations, guidelines, and specifications (RGS Booklet) and By-Laws shall take precedence over any issues not addressed in the NC-HPA By-Laws.
- BL-11 Weekly Tournaments
 - R-1 Classes at weekly tournaments may be handicapped under the following criteria: (1) the difference in ringer percentage between top and bottom seeds in a class will be greater than 10 percentage points and (2) a majority vote by class participants. If a tie vote occurs, the tournament director will decide how the class is conducted.
 - R-2 The elimination of a "Championship" class except for the State Singles, State Doubles and any tournament with all class participants having greater than 50% average. They will be A, B, C, D, etc. with the "Tournament Champion" patch awarded to the winner of Class A.

- R-3 All first-place ties will be “pitched-off”. Ties for other positions will be broken by ringer percentage, then head-to-head win/loss in regular round robin. Head-to-head win/loss will be used as a tiebreaker of handicapped classes.
- R-4 All classes will play to 40 shoes with exception of the tournaments that are allowed a “Championship Class” which will pitch 40-point games. The following exceptions will also apply: (1) 30 shoe games to accommodate large tournament attendance or to shorten the tournament due to inclement weather such as excessive heat; (2) 50 shoes to ensure small classes have adequate shoe counts as opposed to playing multiple rounds. A defined number of shoes pitched will allow for “pacers” to be used in the event a player has to drop out. Our goal is to have players pitch 200-300 shoes at each tournament. The forfeit win/loss will still apply.