

# Horseshoes

1. **Age Categories:** Men and Women 55 years of age and over.

2. **Events:** Singles only in the following classes based on ringer percentage:

MEN	WOMEN	ELDER MEN 65+	SENIOR WOMEN 65+
A - 45% and over	A – 45% and over	A - 45% and over	A – 45% and over
B - 35% to 44.9%	B – 35% to 44.9%	B - 35% to 44.9%	B – 35% to 44.9%
C - 25% to 34.9%	C – 25% to 34.9%	C - 25% to 34.9%	C – 25% to 34.9%
D - 15% to 24.9%	D – 15% to 24.9%	D - 15% to 24.9%	D – 15% to 24.9%
E - 0% to 14.9%	E - 0% to 14.9%	E - 0% to 14.9%	E - 0% to 14.9%

3. **Participation:**

- (a) A total of eight (8) horseshoe players per class per Zone, two in each event.
- (b) Senior Women and Elder Men are those who are 65 and over with a throwing distance of 30 feet. Players who are members of the BC Horseshoe Association and have been given a medical exemption to throw from 30 feet are also eligible to compete in this category.
- (c) Distances and Ringer percentages should be stated on the registration form and the player will continue to throw from that distance throughout the Games.
- (d) All participants must be members of the BCHSA.

4. **Competition:**

- (a) Competition Category:
  - (i) Gold medal winners at the previous year's Games will move up one ringer percentage Category (except Class A) for the Zone Playoffs and the Games.
  - (ii) At no time may a Participant in a higher class compete in a lower class.
  - (iii) A Horseshoe B.C. handicapping system may be used if there are four or fewer Participants in "A" class in either men's 30 or 40-foot distances or in women's.
- (b) Playing Rules:
  - (i) Horseshoe B.C. Rules shall apply. The Host Society shall obtain an official sanction for this meet from the British Columbia Horseshoe Association.
  - (ii) Male Participants throwing from 30 feet will compete only against other Participants throwing from 30 feet. No player throwing from 40 feet will compete against a player throwing from 30 feet.
  - (iii) A player throwing from 30 feet may throw from anywhere between 30 and 39 feet.
  - (iv) If a person steps over the 30-foot or 40 foot line, a foul shall be called as indicated in the Horseshoes Rule Book.

- (c) Scoring:
- (i) For all categories (Men 40 foot; Men 30 foot; and Women) scoring will be as follows:
    - Class A will play to 40 points or 60 shoes whichever comes first
    - Class B will play to 40 points or 50 shoes whichever comes first
    - Class C will play to 35 points or 40 shoes whichever comes first
    - Class D will play to 25 points or 40 shoes whichever comes first
    - Class E will play to 25 points or 40 shoes whichever comes first
  - (i) Ringer percentage must be kept for each game and given to the Official Scorekeeper after each game.
  - (ii) Winners will be declared according to the best record of wins and losses. However:
    - (1) in the event of a tie for first place, a one-game playoff shall be held;
    - (2) in the event of a 3-way tie for 1st place, Horseshoe B.C. Rules will be used to determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd places;
    - (3) in the case of ties for other places, ringer percentage will decide.

## **5. Medals:**

- (a) Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three male Participants who throw from 40 feet in each class; and the top three male Participants who throw from 30 feet in each class; and the top three female Participants in each class.

## **6. Zone Playoffs:**

- (a) Above rules will apply.
- (b) All Participants must register with the Zone Committee and have a "Participant's Ringer Percentage" which must be attached to the Registration Form.
- (c) Last ringer percentage from previous calendar year shall apply for Games ranking if player belongs to a Horseshoe Club. If player does not belong to a Horseshoe Club but attended the immediate past Seniors Games, percentage attained at these Games shall be used as ranking percentage. In no case may a player use lower percentages than that attained at the Games for ranking.
- (d) If a player does not have either of the above, he or she must throw fifty (50) shoes, in competition, prior to the Zone Playoff, in the presence of, and ratified by, a Zone Committee or a Horseshoes B.C. representative, to determine a "Ringer Percentage".
- (e) If a Participant is defeated at one class, and there is no Participant at the next higher (more difficult) class, the defeated Participant may represent the Zone at the higher class; i.e., if a Participant is defeated in the "D" Class, and there is no Participant in the "C" class, that Participant may represent the Zone in the "C" class.