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Horseshoes

- 1. Age Categories:** Men and Women 55 +
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- 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) There should be more play than 2 or 3 games per day.
 - (b) A total of eight horseshoe players per class per Zone, two in each event.
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) Distances and Ringer percentages should be stated on the registration form and the player will continue to throw from that distance throughout the Games.
 - (e) 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.
 - (v) Sand level should be even in pits according to Horseshoe Canada.

- (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
 - (ii) Ringer percentage must be kept for each game and given to the Official Scorekeeper after each game.
 - (iii) 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:

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 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.