



**Virginia
Horseshoe
Pitchers
Association**

Bylaws

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VIRGINIA HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Virginia Horseshoe Pitchers Association, commonly known as VaHPA.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of the VaHPA shall be to work with local clubs and organizations to develop, organize and promote the sport of horseshoe pitching on the state and local levels as a family oriented, recreational and competitive sport.

ARTICLE III AFFILIATION

The VaHPA shall be affiliated with, and chartered by, the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, commonly known as the NHPA and shall be governed by the current NHPA by-laws and NHPA official rules for horseshoe pitching.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Any person who is a legal resident of the State of Virginia may become a member of the VaHPA, upon payment of both annual VaHPA dues and NHPA dues (which includes the National Card and Liability Insurance).

SECTION 2: In order to determine if they are a legal resident of the State of Virginia, they must have a Virginia address and must file their taxes in the State of Virginia.

SECTION 3: Annual membership dues is the combination of NHPA dues (established by the NHPA) plus the VaHPA dues (established by the State Committee), and will be published with the annual budget. VaHPA annual Adult membership dues is \$7.00, no dues for Cadets or Juniors.

SECTION 4 All current VaHPA members in good standing (dues paid up current and not in suspension) shall be allowed to vote at VaHPA membership meetings.

SECTION 5 Any VaHPA member may be suspended in accordance with NHPA By-Laws <Article III, Section 8>, after a fair hearing before the VaHPA Executive Council.

SECTION 6 Decisions on suspensions and reinstatements shall be made by the VaHPA Executive Council as per Article VII, Section 2-G.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The officers of the VaHPA shall consist of a President, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice Presidents and Secretary/Treasurer/Statistician.

SECTION 2: Election of Officers

- A. Eligible VaHPA members desiring to be a candidate for an office shall make that candidacy known by written notice to any member of the Executive Council by the 1st day of August of the election year. Additional nominations may be made at election time.
- B. All officers will be elected by a majority vote at the annual State Singles meeting. A hand or voice vote shall be used for each candidate unless more than one person is nominated for the same office. In that event, a mailed-in written ballot will decide that officer's position.
 1. Ballot Procedure:
 - a. The President will immediately assign a Ballot Committee Chairperson, who will select two committee members, none of whom is a position candidate.
 - b. Within two weeks of the meeting, the Secretary will generate a full membership mailing with voting ballots, position election and candidate information.
 - c. Returning votes will be sent to the Ballot Counting Committee Chairperson.
 - d. Committee Chair will bring votes, unopened, to the October/November business meeting, where they will be opened, counted and tallied by the Committee.
 - e. Election results will be announced at the meeting, and the Secretary will promptly provide that information to the membership.
 - f. The Secretary will retain the vote tally sheets and ballots.
 - g. If a candidate desires a re-count, a request must be made to the Secretary within two weeks of the meeting. Recounts will be made within seven days of the request, and any changes of election results announced immediately.

SECTION 3: Eligibility of officers

- A. All officers shall be adult VaHPA members in good standing (dues paid up current and not in suspension).
- B. No more than two (2) officers can be elected from any one club.

SECTION 4: Terms of Office

- A. The officers shall be elected for two year terms with no limit to the total number of years they may serve.
- B. The President and 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents shall be elected in odd numbered years.
- C. The 1st Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer/Statistician shall be elected in even numbered years.
- D. The newly elected officers shall take office at the beginning of the year (Jan 1st to Dec 31st). Outgoing officers shall turn over their possessions to the new officers by Dec 31st of previous year.
- E. If anyone is appointed to fill a term in an office for less than one (1) year, it shall not be considered a term in office.

SECTION 5: Removal from or vacancy in office

- A. An officer may be removed from office for failure to perform the duties of the office, or for any reason that brings discredit to the VaHPA or NHPA.
- B. Before a State Officer can be removed from office or asked to resign, a fair hearing will be held between the officer in question and the VaHPA Executive Council. The officer in question has the option to be represented by up to two VaHPA members who can participate in the discussion of his/her removal.
- C. Removal from office shall be by majority vote of the Executive Council members in attendance at the meeting.
- D. In the event of a vacancy in an office, for any reason, the remaining Executive Council members shall move up or appoint an eligible VaHPA member to complete the term.

SECTION 6: Duties of the Officers

A. All Officers:

1. Will be authorized as second "approval" signature on checks issued by the VaHPA Treasurer, except if two are from the same household. In that event, one of them will be barred from the process. The President will have the option of choice.
2. Must assist with running State held tournaments (Singles, Doubles, Sponsorship).
3. Are required to subscribe annually to the NHPA Newsline magazine.
4. Shall provide news articles and information to the State Newsletter Editor and the Regional Director for publication and the promotion of the sport.

B. Position Duties:

1. President

- a. Call and preside at all meetings of the VaHPA membership, the State Committee, and the Executive Council.
- b. Have the authority to approve any unplanned expenditure of less than \$250.
- c. Have the authority to assign specific duties and responsibilities to the other officers.
- d. Appoint the Chairperson of all standing committees, and name Special Committees.
- e. Serve as a member of all committees.
- f. Be or appoint the Tournament Director for the annual State Singles, Doubles, or any other State held tournament.
- g. Appoint the Delegates to the NHPA Convention.
- h. Notify the appropriate NHPA representative of the Executive Council's recommendation of a Regional Director, as necessary.

2. Vice Presidents

- a. Attend the annual State Membership & Business Meetings.
- b. In the absence or disability of the President or any other officer, assume duties as per Article V, Section 5-D.
- c. Assume any specific duties as assigned by the President.

3. Secretary

- a. Attend and Record the minutes of all VaHPA meetings and submit for approval to the President.
- b. Manage and safeguard all archived financial records and any other VaHPA owned assets, except those designated in this document to be under separate direction. ie: committee holdings
- c. Issue and distribute membership cards, and keep records on all members.
- d. Provide ballots for the election of officers as needed.
- e. Help establish and secure the approval of the tournament schedule and distribute to all members.
- f. Assist President in setting the itinerary for all meetings.
- g. Send information to the membership as needed, including announcements about the State Singles, Doubles, and any other State tournaments.
- h. Keep track of all new projects or promotional events happening.
- i. Anyone considered for this position must have computer knowledge.

4. Treasurer

- a. Keep all financial records for the VaHPA. Report to the Executive Council as requested.
- b. Provide annual Treasury reports to the membership. Year-to-date status at the State Singles Membership meeting, and year end results in one of the mass mailings early in the year.
- c. Prepare all warrants for payment and be the first signature on checks and submit for the second authorized signature approval.
- d. Receive and audit expense reports. Submit audited reports for second signature approval.
- e. Archive files and send to the Secretary for permanent storage and maintenance.
- f. Anyone considered for this position must have computer knowledge.

5. Statistician

- a. Once Tournament results have been received, promptly submit the appropriate report to NaSTAT.
- b. Keep records of every Sanctioned event and compose a report of winners for future reference.
- c. VaHPA stats will follow NaSTAT guidelines.
- d. In advance of each sanctioned event, ensure Tournament Directors are provided with appropriate statistical and membership information to run their events. Can be by email, web-based data base, hard copy listings or any other method or format.
- e. Provide current and historical information as requested by Officers, Regional Director or members for their personal records – including but not limited to tournament attendance, placing, pitcher performance and class winners.
- f. Submit tournament standings or articles of interest to the NHPA Newslines and VaHPA Newsletter.
- g. Anyone considered for this position must have computer knowledge.

6. Regional Director

- a. Is an NHPA office, not a VaHPA position for election.
- b. Will be appointed by the NHPA Vice President in charge of RD's based upon the selection and recommendation of the VaHPA Executive Council, to represent our Charter at the national level.
- c. Fulfill those duties as spelled out by the National organization.
- d. Be a member of all committees in our state.
- e. Appoint Assistant RD's as needed with the Executive Council approval.
- f. Attend as many events as possible in our state.
- g. Pursue and promote all leads for new opportunities within the state.

ARTICLE VI COMPENSATION

SECTION 1: Compensations will be set by the State Committee, incorporated into the budget for the next year, and paid/issued before December 31st of the current year.

A. For their time and service to the organization:

1. All currently serving VaHPA Officers, the Newsletter Editor, and the Regional Director shall have their NHPA cards purchased by the VaHPA, and have their VaHPA membership dues waived.
2. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be compensated \$300.00 per year.
3. The Statistician shall be compensated \$50.00 per year.

B. Running events takes active participation, and personal commitment of time and resources. To compensate their efforts, Officers who assist running either the State Singles or Doubles:

1. and pitch in the event, shall have their entry fees for that event waived, but will be responsible for any extra fees.
2. and travel at least seventy miles to the tournament site, so must stay overnight, will be reimbursed up to \$85.00 per night for room expenses.

C. Currently serving VaHPA officers and the State Newsletter Editor shall be reimbursed for any reasonable expenditure for phone calls, postage and supplies.

D. All VaHPA pitchers who enter the World Tournament and pitch in the Championship Class for their division, will be reimbursed their Championship Class entry fee.

SECTION 2: All reimbursements shall be paid provided that expense reports and/or receipts are received before February 1 of the following year.

ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SECTION 1. The Executive Council shall consist of the elected officers of the VaHPA.

SECTION 2. The Executive Council shall have the responsibility and authority to:

- A. Conduct the business of the VaHPA between the annual membership and the State Committee meetings.
- B. Produce an annual budget for the following year, and present for approval to the State Committee, in time for their fall meeting.
- C. Decide on general membership awards.
- D. Decide on the format and awards for any State Tournament.
- E. Approve non-budgeted expenditures for fund-raisers, advertising and any special purchases not costing over \$500.00.
- F. Define and interpret these By-Laws, and its rulings shall be official, unless overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present for a VaHPA membership meeting (as per Article VIII, Section 1, A-4).
- G. Hear and decide on all cases of suspension, reinstatement, or removal of an officer or a member. Resolve and settle any disputes that may arise.
- H. Appoint members for State Committee as required per Article IX, Section 1.
- I. Endeavor to ensure that the State Newsletter is a successful and self supporting operation.

SECTION 3. Meetings:

- A. The Executive Council shall meet as necessary at the call of the President or any three (3) members.
- B. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum; however three (3) like votes will be needed for any decision.
- C. The Executive Council may conduct business by mail, email, telephone or any other method that suffices to include all members, as necessary.

ARTICLE VIII STATE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SECTION 1. The regular annual membership meeting shall be called by the President, held at the time and site of the State Singles Tournament, and will be open to all current VaHPA members in good standing.

A The agenda of this meeting will be:

1. Hold the nomination and election of required State Officers (per Article V, Section 2).
2. The presentation of Hall of Fame and/or other special and recognition awards.
3. Receive reports on the current status of the organization including President's overview, Secretary minutes, year-to-date treasury standing, and any other informational reports given by Clubs, RD, World Tournament Reps, etc.
4. Vote on proposed amendments submitted, or Standing Rules passed by the State Committee.
 - a. Notice of these changes will be posted and publicized at the sanctioned Virginia Tournaments held in the sixty (60) day period prior to the meeting.
 - b. Decisions will be considered accepted when a majority (2/3) of those present vote in favor of the item discussed.
 - c. An emergency amendment may be considered at the meeting if consent is given by a majority of the members assembled, and provided it arises out of the business of the meeting.

SECTION 2. A special Membership meeting may be called at the time and site of the State Doubles Tournament provided notice of, and the reason for, the meeting has been publicized at least 60 days in advance of the event.

- No business except that specified may be taken up at this meeting.

SECTION 3. A statewide membership referendum, through the mail, may be held to vote on matters of special importance.

ARTICLE IX STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committees of the VaHPA shall be:

SECTION 1: State Committee

- A. **Membership:** The State Committee shall be comprised of VaHPA members in good standing, representatives from all aspects of the organization, and shall consist of the Executive Council and the appointed or elected representatives as follows:
1. Chairperson, approved by a majority of the current Executive Council, and appointed by the President for an indefinite term (as per Article V, Section 6, B1-d).
 2. A maximum of two representatives from each sanctioned club. Any club member(s) on the Executive Council shall count toward their representation.
 - a. The sanctioned clubs shall appoint or elect their needed Representatives in any manner they so choose, and will advise the State Secretary of their names by December 31st of the current year, or the Executive Council will make any needed appointments.
 - b. If a representative is unable to attend a meeting, the club may send a qualified alternate in his place.
 3. Three Representatives from the VaHPA membership not currently members of a sanctioned club. Any members from this group on the Executive Council will count toward the needed representation.
 - a. Any needed representatives shall be elected at a short meeting of these members held immediately after the annual State Singles meeting and their names given to the Secretary, or the Executive Council will make needed appointments.
 - b. Any representative unable to attend a meeting should notify the Secretary and assist in finding an alternate.
 4. The most recent past President willing to serve, and if not a representative from above, shall be a voting member, and his vote shall not affect the representation of the clubs or non-affiliated members.
 5. The Chairperson of each of the Standing Committees and the Regional Director, if not Representatives from above, shall be non-voting members.
 6. The Executive Council shall appoint one Junior pitcher as a non-voting member.

B. Responsibilities:

1. All decisions of the State Committee shall be immediate and official, unless overturned by a majority of votes of the members assembled at the State Singles membership meeting.
2. The State Committee shall have the responsibility and authority to:
 - a. Review, question, request revisions to, and/or approve, the recommended budget submitted by the Executive Council for the following year.
 - b. Set the annual VaHPA membership dues.
 - c. Set the amount and/or type of compensation, including but not limited to RD, VaHPA State Secretary/Treasurer, Statistician and Newsletter Editor, for their for time and service to the association.
 - d. Review and approve/disapprove all expenditures that exceed the limitation of the Executive Council.
 - e. Institute bylaw revisions and/or amendments and standing rule changes as needed. Present those change recommendations to the membership at the State membership meeting for ratification.
 - f. Set the annual State pitching schedule.
 - g. Solicit the opinions and needs of the membership, and be responsive to their questions and inquiries.

C. Meetings:

1. Two regular meetings shall be scheduled for:
 - a. March/April prior to the start of the new season.
 - b. October/November after the completion of the pitching season. Clubs that were recognized by the VaHPA during the current year will be entitled to representation.
 1. The exact date, time and place of these meetings shall be made general knowledge, and any VaHPA member may address the State Committee by notifying the President or Secretary/Treasurer at least seven days in advance of the meeting.
2. Special meetings may be called as needed without prior notice.
3. A minimum of nine voting Representatives shall constitute a quorum, with a majority vote required on all decisions.
4. The State Committee may conduct business by mail, email, telephone, personal meetings or any other method that accomplishes majority participation.

SECTION 2. Virginia Hall of Fame

- A. **Membership:** The Hall of Fame Committee shall be comprised of adult VaHPA members in good standing, and shall consist of 7 members as follows:
1. The Chairperson shall be approved by a majority of the current Executive Council, and appointed by the President for an indefinite term (as per Article V, Section 6, B1-d).
 2. The Chairperson will be responsible for selecting the members of the Committee.
- B. **Meetings:** Annually at the State Doubles tournaments.
- C. **Voting:** Decisions will be considered accepted when a majority (2/3) of those present at the meeting vote in favor.
- D. **Responsibilities:**
1. Review and select qualified nominees. Induct new members.
 2. Safeguard and maintain all property and records relating to the Hall of Fame.
 3. Hall Of Fame plaques will be displayed at the membership meeting at the State Singles Tournament.
- E. **Induction:** Presentation will take place at the State Singles Membership meeting.
- F. **Hall of Fame Process:**
1. A nominee may be inducted into the Hall of Fame one time only, and in just one category.
 2. Nominees must have shown outstanding qualities of participation in the State Organization in one of these categories:
 - Organizer/Promoter
 - Pitcher
 - Old Timer
 3. One pitcher, one organizer, and one old-timer may be inducted in any one year (old-timer is 70 or older - living or deceased)
 4. Any member of the VaHPA may submit a candidate for the Hall of Fame.
 5. To be considered, a written resume or history and at least one picture of the nominee must be submitted no less than one month prior to the State Doubles registration cutoff of the current year.
 6. All candidates must have been a member of the VaHPA for a minimum of 10 years.
- G. **Rule Changes:** Modifications or additions to this process may be recommended by the Hall Of Fame Committee for approval by the VaHPA Executive Council.

SECTION 3. State Newsletter

- A. **Membership:** The Newsletter Committee shall be comprised of adult VaHPA members in good standing, and shall consist of members as follows:
1. The Chairperson shall be approved by a majority of the current Executive Council, and appointed by the President for an indefinite term (as per Article V, Section 6, B1-d).
 2. The Chairperson will be responsible for selecting the members of the Committee.
- B. **Responsibilities:**
1. The Newsletter Committee shall be responsible for publication of a State Newsletter three times per year.
 2. Endeavor to ensure that the Newsletter is a successful and self-supporting operation.
 3. Safeguard and maintain all property and records relating to the Newsletter.

ARTICLE X PLAYING RULES/REGULATIONS

SECTION 1: The playing rules of the NHPA shall govern in all cases.

SECTION 2: FORFEITS: In Tournament competition, the wins and losses and all statistics accumulated shall remain in the books for both players, a player who has to forfeit one or more games due to illness or any other reason, and for all other players. Opponents shall be awarded a "win" for forfeited games.

SECTION 3: BYES/PACERS:

- A. A "bye" is created when a scheduled pitcher is available to play but has no opponent (ie: odd number of players in a class, opponent forfeited, etc) Players are awarded wins in these circumstances.
- B. A "pacer" can be used to fill a vacancy in a class. A pacer's percentage can be calculated, but not reported as stats. If a pacer is used, the pacer will always pitch last, for all innings (per RGS Book Rule7, Section D).

SECTION 4: CONDUCT OF PLAYERS: No contestant or member, while in competition, shall make any remarks, utter any sounds nor make any movements that does, or might, interfere with the opponent or contestants pitching on neighboring courts. A player, when not pitching must remain on the opposite side of the stake to the player in action and to the rear of the pitcher's platform behind the stake. Offenses will be addressed by following NHPA Rule #12, Sections A & B, which can include forfeiture of games and/or suspension of membership.

SECTION 5: STATS:

- A. VaHPA stats will follow NaSTAT guidelines.
- B. OUT OF STATE pitchers should supply a current copy of their NaSTAT. If no NaSTAT available, must qualify with 100 shoes.

ARTICLE XI AREA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

SECTION 1: A current NHPA card is required by all pitchers at area sanctioned tournaments. Tournament directors are responsible for collecting dues from players that haven't already paid them.

SECTION 2: Tournament Directors will prominently display:

- Tournament Sanction Certificate
- Court Sanction Certificate
- Tournament Rules

SECTION 3: The awards, entry fee and format are at the discretion of each tournament director or club/organization holding that event.

ARTICLE XII STATE TOURNAMENTS (DOUBLES,SINGLES,SPONSORSHIP)

SECTION 1: RULES

- A. To participate, current membership cards will be required prior to registration deadline. *No dues will be collected and no memberships sold at these events.*
- B. **REFUNDS:** No refunds of pre-paid entry fees will be made without acceptable reason. Executive Council decision per occurrence.
- C. **DRESS CODE:** Players are required to wear a shirt and shoes. Last name must be visible to the scorekeeper's eye on the back of the shirt.
- D. **ENTRY AND AWARDS:** Determined by the Executive Council prior to the event.
- E. **FORMAT:** Size and format of all rounds and classes to be determined by the Executive Council, posted at the events, and can be adjusted right up until class start time by the Tournament Director, to accommodate drop outs and/or no-shows.
- F. **SCOREKEEPER FEES:** Participants are responsible for paying their scorekeepers \$1 a game.
- G. **WARM UP:** Players are allowed an 8 shoe warm up at the start of games and between games, provided the scorekeeper is ready. Failure to abide by this rule can result in a forfeiture of *the current game.*
- H. **LEAVING THE COURT:** Once a class has started, all players must stay on the courts.
 - 1. If a contestant has to leave the courts between games for a legitimate reason, they shall notify their next opponent, the scorekeeper, or a Tournament Official and shall return soon after the last game of that round is completed. Failure to return in a reasonable period of time (to be determined by the Tournament Director) will result in the forfeiture of *that next game.*

SECTION 2: EVENTS

All rules in Article XII, Section 1 carry to these events.

A OLD DOMINION:

- 1. Will be a walk up/sign up event. No pre-qualification required.

B STATE DOUBLES:

- 1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** All players must have pitched in one (1) sanctioned tournament in Virginia or one (1) sanctioned league of 400 shoes prior to current year State Doubles registration deadline.
- 2. **CLASSES:** Mixed play (Men & Women, Women & Juniors, Men & Elders, etc).
- 3. **FORMAT:** Standing doubles, no walking doubles.
- 4. **PLAYOFFS:** Any ties for 1st place in "A Class" (the Championship class of the State Doubles) will be broken by a playoff game (per RGS Book Rule 11, Section B-2). Other classes can be settled at the Tournament Director's discretion.

C. STATE SINGLES:

1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** All players must have pitched in three (3) sanctioned tournaments in Virginia or two (2) Virginia sanctioned tournaments and one (1) sanctioned (400 shoe) league prior to registration deadline.
 - a. HOWEVER, any newcomer (first year) purchasing their card after July 31, must enter one (1) Virginia tournament prior to registration deadline. Also, with approval of Executive Council, anyone with a disability/handicap must have one tournament prior to registration deadline to be eligible.
 2. **CLASS PLAY / QUALIFYING ROUNDS:** (RGS Book Part II, Requirement 4-B states that "If Class pitching performance is used as a "qualifier" for determining who will advance to Championship Division play, the Championship rounds shall be assigned a separate sanction number and both Class and Championship play shall each count as a separate tournament.")
 - a. Virginia Horseshoe Pitchers Association will host two separate events :
Class Play/Qualifying rounds and Championship rounds.
- ### 3A. STATE SINGLES CLASS PLAY / QUALIFYING ROUNDS
1. **CLASSES:** Separate classes for short distance and full distance pitchers. Within those classes, all Divisions will be mixed. (refer to RGS Book, Rule 1 for Division definitions)
 2. **FORMAT:** Determined by the Executive Council prior to the event, based on number of entries for each Division.
 - a. 40 shoe limit all classes.
 - b. If combined Divisions warrant separate classes (ie:Elders/Sr Women/Junior/Cadet), their shoe limits can adjusted by the Executive Council prior to the event, based on number of entries for each Division
 3. **SEEDING:** NaSTAT as of registration cut-off will be used to seed classes.

3B. STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** All players must have pitched and completed class play/qualifying rounds.
2. **DIVISIONS:**
 - a. Number of Division classes to be determined by Executive Council based on number of entries.
 - b. Size of classes will be an "invitational number of participants" determined by the Executive Council prior to the event, based on entries for each Division.
 - c. Any Division not receiving at least four (4) entries can be canceled, but the entrants shall be given an opportunity to pitch in a class of another Division.
3. **FORMAT:** Determined by the Executive Council prior to the event, based on number of entries for each Division.
 - a. 40 / 30 / 20 point limit all classes.
 - b. Point/shoe limits can be established (ie: 20pts/30shoes Junior/Cadet), by the Executive Council prior to the event, based on number of entries for each Division.
4. **SEEDING:** Final ringer percentage earned during class play/qualification rounds will be used to seed classes. Percentage ties for all move-up positions into a championship class shall be broken by a 40 shoe play-off game. Stats earned in this play-off game will not be used to seed the class.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: These by-laws may be amended at a State membership meeting as described in Article VIII, Section 1, A-4.

ARTICLE XIV STANDING RULES

SECTION 1: The Standing Rules are the rulings and decisions of the State Committee and shall take effect immediately. They may be adopted, changed or suspended at a State membership meeting as described in Article VIII, Section 1, A-4.

SECTION 2: Between membership meetings, the State Committee may adopt, change or suspend a Standing Rule, but it must be ratified at the next membership meeting for it to continue.

SECTION 3: RULES

1. A fee of \$5.00 per tournament shall be charged to any organization, NHPA sanctioned or otherwise, that lists a horseshoe tournament, sanctioned or otherwise, with the VaHPA to be on the official VaHPA pitching schedule. All proceeds to go to the publication of the State Newsletter.
2. The Virginia Newsletter subscription price is \$5.00 per year per person. All issues must be purchased through the Secretary/Treasurer.
3. All TDs for sanctioned tournaments shall forward their tournament results to the State Statistician within 1 week of tournament held. The Statistician will review results and submit to NaSTAT.
4. All Sanctioned Club stats must be sent to State Statistician immediately upon completion of league play. The Statistician will review results and submit to NaSTAT.
5. All Sanctioned Clubs are responsible for sending their Membership report to the State Statistician within 3 weeks of league start night. The Statistician will review and submit to the National League Director.
6. Anyone wishing to hold a sanctioned tournament must notify the Executive Committee at least 60 days prior to the tournament date to allow time for players to be notified of the event being added to schedule. However, if notification is less than 60 days, it must be more than 30 days prior to the tournament date, and the club requesting the tournament will be responsible for reimbursing the VaHPA for mailing flyers to all members. Cost will be based on postage and copies made.

NOTES:

DATE:	NOTES:
12/1/2007 through 6/1/2008	<p>The Virginia Horseshoe Pitchers Association Bylaws underwent a thorough review and proposed updates were made by the Executive Council. The goal of the revisions were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove conflicts with NHPA Rules and Guidelines • Reorganize/consolidate our own bylaws • Clarify language in our bylaws. <p>Council members that participated were: President: Kevin Snelgrove 1st Vice President: Renee Cowan 2nd Vice President: Chuck Duymich 3rd Vice President: Carl Otto Secretary/Treasurer/Statistician: Patricia Snelgrove</p>
1/28/2008	Chuck Duymich accepted the position of Chairperson of the State Committee and started contacting potential members.
4/6/2008	1 st VP, Renee resigned due to personal reasons.
4/7/2008	Officers accept "move-up" positions. Sherwood Brown accepted 3 rd VP position.
5/14/2008	State Committee officially formed with 19 members.
6/9/2008 through 7/30/2008	<p>State Committee and Executive Council finalized proposed revisions. Participants were:</p> <p>President: Kevin Snelgrove 1st Vice President: Chuck Duymich 2nd Vice President: Carl Otto 3rd Vice President: Sherwood Brown Secretary/Treasurer/Statistician: Patricia Snelgrove</p> <p>State Committee Chairperson: Chuck Duymich Committee members: Scott Fencil - Chesapeake Bob Oakes – At large Floyd Hix – Hall of Committee Chairperson Glenn Bouley – Stuarts Draft Ricky Hall – Past President Sherwood Brown – Portsmouth Marty Coleman - At large Evelyn Zahorchak – Winchester John Cummings – Dublin</p>
8/30/2008	Bylaw updates were ratified by membership vote at the annual membership meeting at the State Singles.
10/18/2008	Article VI, Section 1D. At the October business meeting, changed from: VaHPA State Singles Champions who... to... All VaHPA pitchers who...

