

HORSESHOES

PITCHING DISTANCE:

1. The stakes shall be forty (40) feet apart, measured from the front at the point where the stakes enter the ground.
2. The regulation distance for women shall be thirty (30) feet.

THE FIRST PITCH:

1. At the beginning of a game, the contestants shall decide who shall have the first pitch by the toss of a coin. The winner shall have the choice of first pitch or follow.
2. The player's forward step may NOT carry the player more than three (3) feet from the stake.

DEFINITION OF A "RINGER":

1. A 'ringer' shall be a shoe that encircles the stake far enough to permit a straight edge to touch both heel calks simultaneously without touching the stake.
2. Whenever a player knocks off his own or an opponent's 'ringer,' such knocked off 'ringer' loses its scoring value.
3. If a player knocks on one of his/her opponent's shoes to a 'ringer' position, the changed shoe has scoring value and credit for a 'ringer' for the shoe's owner.
4. When a thrown shoe moves a shoe already at the stake, all shoes are counted in their new positions.

SCORING POINTS:

1. All shoes shall be within six (6) inches of the stake to score.
2. Closest shoe to the stake scores one (1) point.
3. Two (2) shoes closer to the stake than opponent's shoe/s scores two (2) points.
4. One (1) 'ringer' scores three (3) points.
5. One (1) 'ringer' and closest shoe of same player scores four (4) points.
6. If a player shall have two (2) 'ringers' and his/her opponent one (1) 'ringer,' the player having two (2) 'ringers' shall score three (3) points.
7. All equals shall count as ties and no points are scored.

Where these rules do not specifically cover a disputed point, the referee shall have final jurisdiction.