

## 2011 Iowa Senior Olympics: Horseshoes

**Schedule:** Thursday, June 16 at 4:00 p.m.

**Venue:** [Holiday Park](#) (See Venue Directions on the Events Tab)  
17th and Railroad, West Des Moines

**Divisions:** 5-Year Age Brackets (i.e. 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69...)

### **Event Regulations:**

1. Competitors must provide their own horseshoes.

### **Format:**

1. Participants will play a single round-robin tournament within each age group, using Count-All Scoring.

2. In the event of a tie, an additional four shoes shall be pitched until the winner is determined.

3. ISO reserves the right to change the tournament format for any age division based on entry numbers, space restrictions, or other circumstances.

### **Sport Rules:**

1. All matches will be conducted in accordance with National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association rules, except as modified herein. For a copy of these rules, please write or call:

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National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association  
3085 76th Street  
Franksville, WI 53126  
(414) 835-1321  
[www.horsepitching.com](http://www.horsepitching.com)

2. Games will be played to the high score after thirty (30) shoes are pitched. Women 50-74 will pitch a distance of thirty (30) feet. Women 75+ will pitch at a minimum distance of twenty (20) feet. Men 50-69 will pitch a distance of forty (40) feet. Men 70+ will pitch a minimum distance of thirty (30) feet.

3. A match will consist of one (1) game.

4. Singles - Each player has two (2) shoes and uses the same pitcher's box. Players pitch both shoes in turn at the opposite stake each inning. They walk to that stake, tally the score, and pitch back toward the first stake.

5. Start - Players toss a coin; the winner decides who pitches first.

6. Pitching - A 15-minute default time will be enforced. The pitcher must stand on one of the pitching platforms. Feet must stay behind the foul line until the shoe has left one's hand. Opponents must remain on the opposite side of the stake, either in the rear quarter of the other pitching platform or behind the pitching box, with the toes of one foot touching that platform, and must not talk, move or in any way distract the pitcher. Such an offense incurs a loss of score in that inning. No player may walk to the opposite stake, or be informed of the position of the shoes before an inning is complete. Once thrown, shoes may not be moved or touched until the scores have been decided. Such an offense incurs loss of score in that inning.

7. Scoring - Shoes must be within six (6) inches of the stake to score. A shoe that first strikes the ground outside the target area cannot be scored, nor can any shoe thrown from an invalid position. Such shoes may be removed from the pitching box on the request of the opponent. A shoe landing in the area and breaking is not scored; it is removed and another pitch taken. A "ringer" is a shoe that encircles the stake so that a straight edge could touch the two prongs without touching the stake.