

# **Constitution and By-Laws of the Greater Lansing Area Horseshoe Club**

**Established 1985**

Preamble - Since the sport of horseshoe pitching affords a healthy, scientific, pleasant and competitive sport suitable for all persons, at a cost comparable to other sports and with a desire to unify horseshoe adherents, standardize horseshoe pitching rules, authorize and conduct tournaments of local, state and national scope and promote the establishments of leagues and clubs, we the horseshoe pitchers of Greater Lansing Area Horseshoe Club, in convention assembled, do herewith establish the following Constitution and By-Laws for the club.

## **Article 1: Name**

The name of this club shall be Greater Lansing Area Horseshoe Club also known as GLAHC.

## **Article 2: Administration**

- Section 1 - All legislative power herein granted shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors are the officers of the club and shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to transact such business in the interest of the game and the club as they deem advisable, proving that it is not contrary to the Constitution and By-Laws
- Section 2 - The Board of Directors is required to meet a minimum of two times each year. First meeting shall be in the spring prior to league play. Second meeting at the club banquet. A two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors must be present to form a quorum. A majority vote by the members of the Board of Directors present is required to transact any business.
- Section 3 - Officers of the Greater Lansing Area Horseshoe Club shall be elected to two-year terms starting with an odd year. Elections are to be held at the fall business meeting and banquet. Terms of elected officers are to begin January 1, following the election. A member nominated for office shall be present at the meeting to accept the nomination. A letter of acceptance for a nomination may be submitted if the member cannot be present at the meeting.
- Section 4 - In case of death, resignation or removal of an officer between club meetings, the President may make an appointment to fill the unexpired term. Any appointments are to be subject to a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors within thirty days. Should the office of President become vacant due to death, resignation or removal, the Vice President shall become President.
- Section 5 - Club officers may be removed from their positions upon failure to perform the duties of the office or for any action that brings discredit to the club. A two-thirds vote by the remaining Board of Directors is required to remove an officer.
- Section 6 - The Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations may be revised by submitting changes at any membership meeting. All proposed revisions shall be voted upon at the fall banquet. Any additions, deletions and/or changes shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting and shall become effective January 1 of the following year.
- Section 7 - The League Director shall be appointed by the President of the club. It is recommended that the club Vice President be the league director.

### **Article 3: Judiciary**

- Section 1 - All officers shall have their books, records and property belonging to the club at all membership meetings. Officers shall turn over to their successors all records and property of the club that may or should be in their possession at the end of their term.
- Section 2 - Any bill of account or expense against the club amounting to over one hundred dollars, except routine supplies, shall be submitted to the Board of Directors and paid when approved by the Board of Directors. Any bill not approved in this manner, or any amount contested by the Board of Directors, shall be brought before the membership for approval by a majority of members present.

#### Duties of the President

Serves as Chief Executive Officer of the club. Presides over all club meetings. Administers the business of the club. Appoints members to committees when necessary. Signs contracts and makes commitments on behalf of the club. He/she shall promote the best interests of the club. He/she shall have the power to assign specific duties to all officers. The President shall present awards and trophies at the fall business meeting and awards banquet.

#### Duties of the Vice President

When requested, assist the President in carrying out the business of the club. Presides at meetings in the absence of the President. If appointed, serves as league director.

#### Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall be the custodian of all club minutes and act as recording secretary at all meetings.

#### Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the club. He/She shall furnish a complete statement of monies received and paid out at each club meeting and/or any time the Board of Directors demands. He/She shall furnish any information requested by the Board of Director's demands.

#### Duties of the Statistician

The duties of the Statistician are to maintain league records and statistics that may be pertinent to the league. The Statistician shall be the custodian of printed materials and score sheets belonging to the club. The Statistician shall maintain wins and losses, number of shoes pitched, number of ringers, ringer percentages, total number of points made and handicaps. The Statistician shall turn over league records to the Sanctioned League Director.

### **Article 4: Club Charter**

- Section 1 - A charter has been granted to the Greater Lansing Area Horseshoe Club to sponsor a NHPA- MHPA sanctioned tournament when the following guidelines are fulfilled:
- a). The club shall furnish to the MHPA Secretary/Treasurer the name of the GLAHC Treasurer who may receive money from the MHPA.
  - b). The club shall furnish to the MHPA Secretary/Treasurer the name of a club member who will be responsible for organizing tournaments sanctioned by the MHPA at the scheduling meeting.

- c). The club's sanctioned league shall operate with sanctioned courts. The courts shall be set up for 40 and 30 foot pitching. Three courts shall be set up for 20 foot pitching. Pit material shall be identical on all usable competition courts.
- d). The club shall designate one member to handle publicity.
- e). The club shall furnish one member to serve as judge at MHPA district tournaments.

Section 2 - Objectives of the club and its members.

- a). To stimulate and maintain interest in horseshoe pitching.
- b). To inform all interested persons in the rules governing the sport.
- c). To promote sound ethics in fair play.
- d). To encourage greater participation in local, regional, state and national games.

### **Article 5: By-Laws**

Section 1 - The club shall have jurisdiction over all members and guests at any club function.

Section 2 - The club shall maintain at least \$50.00 balance in the treasury to carry over to the coming year.

Section 3 - All applications for club membership automatically entitle (when accepted) members to all courtesies and privileges extended to the club.

Section 4 - **League Fees**.

- a). Annual membership dues are \$5.00
- b). League play shall be \$5.00 per night or \$40.00 per season.
- c). Payment of \$40.00 for the full season entitles members to the year-end banquet with meal paid.
- d). Sanctioned League members must also be a current member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA).

Section 5 - All juniors shall pitch at no charge.

Section 6 - Roberts Rules of Order, revised and reading as follows shall govern the order of conducting business at all meetings. Order as follows:

- a). Roll call of members present to assure a quorum.
- b). Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- c). Approval, additions or corrections of the minutes.
- d). Reading of the financial report.
- e). Reports of officers, boards and standing or special committees.
- f). Memorandum of the President.
- g). Unfinished business.
- h). New Business.
- i). Report of good and welfare work.
- j). Election of officers.
- k). Adjournment.

Note: Members shall not speak on any subject more than twice. Members shall speak no longer than five minutes the first time and no longer than three minutes the second time. Committee reports, recommendations and visiting guests shall be exempt from time limitations.

Section 7 - Recommendations for lifetime membership shall be made by the Membership Committee to the President before any announcement. Criteria for selection to lifetime membership of the club are as follows:

- a). Mandatory: A minimum of 15 years membership with the club.
- b). Mandatory: Minimum of age 60 years.
- c). Mandatory: A resident of Michigan at the time of selection.

Two of the following three are mandatory for selection.

- a). An officer of the club.
- b). A club tournament champion.
- c). A promoter of the club.

- Notes:
- a). A pitcher must meet 5 of the 6 conditions.
  - b). There shall be a maximum of one selection per year.
  - c). There shall be no more than 2 lifetime members of the club at any one time.

Section 8 - **Accounting:** A three tier accounting system shall be employed. Tier 1 shall constitute membership dues. Expenses for club supplies shall be withdrawn from Tier 1. Tier 2 shall constitute club pitching fees. 25% of all pitching fees per year shall be set aside before expenses from banquet, trophies and other prizes are awarded. Tier 3 shall constitute tournament income and expenditures.

## **Article 6: Tournaments**

Section 1 - All sanctioned tournaments shall be conducted according to the rules and regulations of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) and the governing guidelines of the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association (MHPA) Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2 - Non-sanctioned tournaments can be conducted according to club rules and standards.

## **Article 7: Sanctioned League Playing Rules**

Section 1 - All NHPA playing rules and regulations shall apply. Alcohol, smoking or vaping are not allowed on the courts. All cell phones must be turned off while on the courts. The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the league member's actions and decisions during league play. Only NHPA approved sanctioned horseshoes shall be used in sanctioned league play.

Section 2 - Three or five person round robin groups pitching 4 games at 40 shoes per game with count-all scoring and a 90% handicap is the method of league play.

Section 3 - Pitchers are to arrive at 5:30 P.M. From 5:30 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. they should help carry shovels, watering cans, paint, sponges, chairs etc. to the courts. They should use this equipment to prepare the courts that will be pitched on that evening. League play will start promptly at 6:00 P.M.

Section 4 - No credit shall be given for league night rain-out. League night rain-out may be made up for credit on another night.

Section 5 - Two tournaments will be played at the end of the season. One will be called a League Tournament. One will be called a Club Tournament.

Section 6 - The League Tournament will be incorporated with the 16<sup>th</sup> week of league play. The League Tournament determines class champions. The league champion will be determined by total number of wins over the league season. The format is the same as league play. To qualify for the League Tournament, you must participate in half of the league nights. Participation of at least half of the league nights or payment of full season membership also qualifies you to attend the end of the season banquet with your dinner paid.

Section 7 - To qualify for the Club Tournament, a pitcher must pitch in at least half of the league nights. The Club Tournament is incorporated the week after the League Tournament. The winner of the Club Tournament is determined by the total number of points pitched including handicap. The winner will be the Club Champion and will hold and maintain the Club Championship plaque for one year. The format is the same as league play.

Section 8 - The club will provide trophies and/or patches for the following categories:

High Game	Rookie(s)
High Average	Sportsmanship
High Game Over Average	Most Improved
Game Percentage Patches	League Champion

Note: The club has a permanent plaque to present to the Club Champion.

**REVISED**

**September 22, 2022 By Majority Vote**

**Constitution and By-Laws Committee**

Chairman: Paul (Dewey) Howard

Members: Randall Kamm, Becky Sullivan, Tina Schafer, Keith Schafer