

PROPOSED INHPA STANDING RULES

Effective January 1, 2027 if adopted

(Standing Rules are for the guidance of the Executive Committee, Tournament Directors, & all Members. Standing Rules may be adopted, changed, or suspended by a majority vote at any Indiana State Meeting. Between State Meetings, the Executive Committee may adopt, change, or suspend any Standing Rule with a 2/3 majority vote by the Executive Council, but the change must be ratified by the Membership at next State Meeting by a majority vote to become a permanent change.)

Rule 1:

- A. During any Sanctioned INHPA Tournament,** the use of alcohol, any form of tobacco or vaping, or illegal controlled substances while in the confines of the courts shall be prohibited for all contestants, officials, and scorekeepers in accordance with **NHPA Rule 12, Section D.**
- B. All pitchers must wear shoes and shirts** with their last name, city and state on the back of their shirts. All contestants competing in any NHPA / INHPA Tournament shall have, as a minimum, their last name and State or County abbreviation professionally lettered on the back of their shirts. Lettering must be 1 – 2 inches in height and needs to be professionally applied. Said shirts cannot be sleeveless.

Rule 2: Indiana State Singles Championship

- A.** For Championship Classes, the Game Length is 40 Points. For all other Classes, the Game Length is 40 Shoes. This also applies to all Playoff Games.
- B. Playoff Formats**
 - 1. All ties for 1st Place are to be broken by a full-length playoff game or games.
 - 2. For **non-handicapped Classes**, the order of seeding will be based on the **“Ringer percentage pitched”**. For **handicapped Classes**, order of seeding will be based on the **“Highest over Entry Ringer Pct Average”**.
 - 3. If more than 2 Players are tied for 1st Place the Playoff Format will be a **“Single Elimination Tournament”** with the Winners of each game advancing until a Champion is crowned.
 - 4. Examples of multiple player Playoffs:
 - 3 Players: #1 has a Bye. #2 vs #3, winner of that game plays #1 for 1st Place.
 - 4 Players: #1 vs #4 & #2 vs #3. The 2 Winners play for 1st Place.
 - 5 Players: #1 has a Bye. #2 vs #5, #3 vs #4. The 2 Winners play each other with the Winner of that game playing #1 for 1st Place.
 - 6 Players: #1 & #2 have Byes. #3 vs #6, #4 vs #5. Highest Seed that wins that round advances to play #2 while Lowest Seed that wins that round advances to play #1. The 2 Winners of that round play each other for 1st Place. (Example: Round 1: #3 beats #6 to advance & #5 beats #4 to advance. Round 2: #1 vs #5 & #2 vs #3. The 2 Winners of Round 2 advance to play for 1st Place.
- C. No championship tournament shall be played in the rain.** The State Tournament Committee will decide whether it is raining sufficiently to justify calling the game. In the event of games being called on account of weather, the games are to resume where left off with the State Tournament Committee to decide when the courts are in shape.

- D. Entry forms and Fees** for the State Tournament must be paid 2 weeks prior to the date of the tournament.
- E. Men, Women, Elders Champions and the Regional Director** will each have the Indiana State Singles Championship Entry Fee paid for the following year if they participate.
- F. In Championship classes** there will be an empty court between pitchers if there is 8 ft or less between pitching boxes.
- G. ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION:** There will be an Annual Awards Presentation held at the State Tournament. Awards will be based on the time frame from August 1st of the previous year to July 31st of the current year. Awards will consist of Player of the Year, Hall of Fame Recipients, Rookie of the Year, Most Indiana Tournament attended, and the presentation of 10 Year, 20 Year, 30 Year, 40 Year, & 50 Year NHPA patches.

Rule 3: Number of shoes per Contestant to be pitched per pitcher per Tournament game.

- A.** The maximum number of shoes to be pitched by each **Contestant** in any Tournament Game is set at **52 shoes**. This is in line with **Rule 8-Length of Games, Breaking of Tie Games, Section A.2** of the **NHPA Rule Book**.
- B.** For singles and doubles events, a contestant must have pitched a minimum of 100 shoes to receive eShoe credit. This is from the **NHPA Rule Book, Requirement 2, Section E**.