




PALM COAST
& the Flagler Beaches

FLORIDA
SPORTS
FOUNDATION

FLORIDA
**SENIOR
GAMES**
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open to Ages 50 & Up

HORSESHOES

DATE: 9/17

START TIME: 9AM


LOCATION:

OLD DIXIE COMMUNITY PARK
150 S. DIXIE HWY
BUNNELL, FL

FEE: \$15/PER PERSON

INCLUDES T-SHIRT AND ONE EVENT.
ADDITIONAL EVENTS ARE \$5 EACH

CONTACT 386.986.2323



Registration form and waiver located on
www.palmcoastgov.com/seniorgames
This Local Senior Games is sanctioned by the Florida Sports
Foundation and a qualifier for the Florida Senior Games
State Championships.

Florida Senior Games Rules of Competition

HORSESHOES

EVENTS

Singles

Non-Ambulatory Singles

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING RULES

Top 5 in each age group at Local Games Qualifying site. (Note: qualifying is only applicable to the State Championships – Florida resident divisions). Non-Ambulatory events do not require qualifying.

ENTRY REGULATIONS

Competitors must provide their own horseshoes, however the Event Director reserves the right to inspect equipment.

FORMAT

1. If numbers are conducive, athletes will be divided into pools within their age divisions. Within each pool a preliminary single round-robin tournament will be played. At the conclusion of the preliminary round robin, the top eight players will advance and play a single round-robin championship final. If entries are not conducive, a double round robin tournament will be played within the age division. If pools are not of even numbers, the average score per game will be used. The top eight players based on total points or average points will advance to the championship finals.
2. If numbers are conducive, all rounds will be conducted using count-all scoring with five bonus points awarded for each match won. Matches will continue until each player has pitched 30 shoes. If the score is tied after 30 shoes are pitched, four additional shoes shall be pitched to determine which player shall be awarded the five bonus points. Additional sets of four shoes shall continue to be pitched until the winner is determined. Final scores reported shall be scores after 30 shoes.
3. The tournament director reserves the right to change the format to cancellation scoring based on total number of athletes in a division.
4. In the championship rounds, all ties will be played off for the medal positions.

SPORT RULES

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

National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association

3085 76th Street

Franksville, WI 53126

(262) 835-9108

www.horseshoepitching.com

2. Shoes shall be pitched from alternate ends of the court 40 feet apart except as modified herein. Women 50-74 will pitch a minimum distance of 30 feet. Women in divisions 75+ will pitch a minimum distance of 20 feet. Men 50-69 will pitch a distance of 40 feet. Men in divisions 70+ will pitch a minimum distance of 30 feet. Age and distance determined by December 31 of this year.
3. For Non-Ambulatory events, competition will use a standard court, but the pitching distance for women and men will be 20 feet.
4. For Non-Ambulatory events, the athlete must be seated in their wheelchair or scooter for the

entire duration of competition.

5. A match will consist of one game.

6. Players will match shoes to determine who pitches first.

7. A 15-minute default time will be enforced. For default matches in preliminary rounds, the remaining player will pitch 30 shoes to determine their score and be awarded the five bonus points.

8. The pitcher must stand on one of the pitching platforms. Players may use the platform on either side of the court. Feet must stay behind the foul line and within the platform limits until the shoe has left the pitcher's hand. When not pitching, the opponent shall stand quietly and stationary on or behind the same court's opposite pitching platform and at least two feet (2') behind the contestant who is pitching from the same or adjacent court. 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 a loss of score for that player in that inning.

9. Shoes must be within six inches of the stake to score. A shoe that first strikes the ground outside the target area or rebounds from the backboard cannot be scored, nor can any shoe thrown from an invalid position. Such shoes may be removed from the target area 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 tips of the horseshoe without touching the stake.

NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES QUALIFYING RULES

All first-, second-, third- and fourth-place winners at the 2014 Florida International Senior Games and State Championships will qualify for the 2015 National Senior Games.