

# HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT

Horseshoe Pitching will be held each day of the 2026 Iowa State Fair.  
**All events will take place on 12 outside clay courts east of Pioneer Hall.**

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**Pitch & Win: Monday through Thursday at Noon for adults and children (9 & over)**  
**Learn How to Pitch Horseshoes: Saturday August 15 and Sunday August 16, 2:30 PM - get a free koozie!**

## DAILY PLAYING SCHEDULE

### Thursday, August 13

Class 12 Iowa Farmers' Championship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Class 1 Open Singles .....1:30 p.m.

### Friday, August 14

Class 4 \* IA Regional Team State Championship .....9:30 a.m.

### Saturday, August 15

Class 13 \* Iowa Doubles State Championship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Class 1 Open Singles .....3:00 p.m.

### Sunday, August 16

Class 7 \* Iowa Junior & Cadets State Championship ....9:30 a.m.  
 Class 5 \* Iowa Women State Championship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Class 6 \* Iowa Elder Women State Championship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Class 1 Open Singles .....3:00 p.m.

### Monday, August 17

Class 14 \* Iowa State Fair Midwest Senior Classic .....9:30 a.m.  
 Class 1 Open Singles .....1:30 p.m.  
 Class 8 Open Doubles .....6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, August 18

Class 8 Open Doubles .....9:30 a.m.  
 Class 1 Open Singles .....1:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 19

Class 10 Iowa State Fair Seniors Championship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Class 1 Open Singles .....1:30 p.m.

### Thursday, August 20

Class 1 Open Singles .....1:30 p.m.  
 Class 1 Open Singles .....6:00 p.m.

### Friday, August 21

Class 11 Two Player Pro-Am .....9:30 a.m.  
 Class 11 Two Player Pro-Am Championship Class .....2:30 p.m.  
 - ALL CLASSES CHECK IN BY 9:00 AM

### Saturday, August 22

Class 3 \* Iowa Elder Men State Championship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Class 9 \* Iowa Men State Championships:  
 Lower Classes .....9:30 a.m.  
 Upper Classes .....1:30 p.m.

### Sunday, August 23

Class 9 \* Iowa Men State Championship Top 8 .....9:30 a.m.

**\* NHPA Sanctioned Tournament - requires membership in National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA)**

## 2026 IHHPA State Tournament Entry Form

Iowa State Fair - Des Moines, IA

Mail completed form with entry fee(s) to: IHHPA, 1306 NW Greenwood Street, Ankeny, IA 50023

Entry fees can also be paid via PayPal through the IHHPA website.

**DO NOT MAIL ENTRY FEES TO IOWA STATE FAIR ENTRY DEPARTMENT.**

Name: _____	___ Midwest Senior	\$15
	___ Team State	\$75
Address: _____	State Men Championship	
	___ Classes A and lower	\$15
City/State/Zip: _____	___ Championship Class (Top 8)	\$20
	___ Elder Men State	\$15
Phone: _____	___ Women State	\$15
	___ Elder Women State	\$15
NHPA Sanction Number: _____	___ Cadets / Juniors State	Free
	Pro-Am (per team)	
	___ Championship Class	\$40
	___ Other Classes	\$30

Check rules on reverse side for deadlines, qualifying and membership requirements.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Open Singles, Open Doubles, Iowa State Fair Senior events are open to any pitchers from anywhere. Farmers Championship is open to Iowa pitchers only. No advance registration is required for these events. Register day of event. Averages will be used to determine class placement in various events. Players with no average on record may qualify day of event (non-sanctioned only), time permitting. Method of play (cancellation, count-all, number of shoes) will be announced prior to start of event.

Championship Events (\*) require membership in the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA). All adult pitchers must have pitched in at least 3 sanctioned tournaments between August 1, 2025 and July 31, 2026. NATSTATS posted on July 31, 2026 on the NHPA E-Shoe Website will determine averages for State championships. Method of play in all championship events will be 40-point cancellation or 40-shoes cancellation. Exception is in Iowa State Team Regional where play will be cancellation with number of shoes to be announced the day of event. All pitchers participating in any Iowa State Championship Tournament must wear a shirt with sleeves with their name neatly lettered on the back at least one-inch high. No cut off (frayed) jeans or shorts. No alcohol or tobacco of any kind will be permitted within the confines of the courts. Current NHPA Rules will be enforced. Each paid entry in the Women's, Elder Women's, Elder Men's and Men's championship classes will receive an Iowa State Fair admission ticket.

- Class 1**     **Open Singles** – Registration fee is \$5. Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$10; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$8; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$7, plus ribbons. All Opens are limited to number of courts available. Open to all pitchers. Register day of event.
- Class 2**     **(Class reserved)**
- Class 3 \***   **Iowa Elder Men State Championship** – Registration fee for all classes will be \$15. **Entry deadline is July 31, 2026.** Championship Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$55; 2<sup>nd</sup> - plaque plus \$45; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$40, plus ribbons. Other Classes Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$55; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$45; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$40, plus ribbons.
- Class 4 \***   **Iowa Regional Team State Championship** – Registration fee is \$75 per 3-player team. Eight teams will play round robin schedule. Win-loss record will determine Champion. Team's combined ringer % average cannot exceed 132%. Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$165 & traveling trophy; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$150; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$135, plus ribbons. **Contact Vern Kollasch with team information at 319-321-0747 or vkollasch@aol.com.**
- Class 5 \***   **Iowa Women State Championship** – Registration fee for all classes will be \$15. **Entry deadline is July 24, 2026.** Championship Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$55; 2<sup>nd</sup> - plaque plus \$45; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$40, plus ribbons. Other Classes Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$55; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$45; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$40, plus ribbons.
- Class 6 \***   **Iowa Elder Women State Championship** – Registration fee will be \$15. **Entry deadline is July 24, 2026.** Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$55; 2<sup>nd</sup> - plaque plus \$45; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$40, plus ribbons.
- Class 7 \***   **Iowa Juniors & Cadets State Championships** – No registration fee. Register day of event. Championship Premiums: plaque for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, plus ribbons.
- Class 8**     **Open Doubles** – Registration fee is \$8. Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$12; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$10, plus ribbons. Open to all pitchers. Register day of event.
- Class 9 \***   **Iowa Men State Championship** – Registration fee for Championship Class of top 8 pitchers as of July 31, 2026, will be \$20. Championship Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$110; 2<sup>nd</sup> - plaque plus \$80; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$55, plus ribbons. Registration fee for Classes A to E will be \$15. Other Class Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$55; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$45; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$40, plus ribbons. **Entry deadline is August 1, 2026.**
- Class 10**   **Iowa State Fair Seniors Championship** – Men and Women age 60 by the day of Tournament. Registration fee is \$4. Championship Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$15; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$8; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$7, plus ribbons. Other Classes Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$10; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$8; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$7, plus ribbons. Register day of event.
- Class 11**   **Two Player Pro-Am** – Registration fee for Championship class is \$40 per team. Championship Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$125; 2<sup>nd</sup> - plaque plus \$100; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$75, plus ribbons. Registration fee for all other classes is \$30 per team. Other Classes Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$75; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$65; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$55, plus ribbons. Pros must have a current NHPA card. An Amateur is a pitcher who has not been a member of the NHPA for the past five years, or was a previous Pro-Am Champion in the last two years. Advanced registration is appreciated, but entries will be accepted on day of event. All classes are to sign in by 9:00 a.m. morning of tournament. Championship Class will start at approximately 2:30 p.m.
- Class 12**   **Iowa Farmers' Championship** – Registration fee is \$5. Championship Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$15; 2<sup>nd</sup> - plaque plus \$9; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$7, plus ribbons. Other Classes Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$10; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$7; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$6, plus ribbons. Open to all Iowa pitchers. Register day of event.
- Class 13 \***   **Iowa Doubles State Championship** – Registration fee is \$25. Mixed teams allowed. Choose your partner. Combined averages cannot be over 100%. Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$120; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$90; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$75, plus ribbons. This is an NHPA sanctioned tournament, but open to all pitchers. Register day of event.
- Class 14 \***   **Iowa State Fair Midwest Senior Classic** – Men and Women age 60 or over day of the tournament. Mixed 30-40 ft. classes. Registration fee is \$15. Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - plaque plus \$55; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$45; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$40, plus ribbons. Register day of event.

**IOWA STATE FAIR GENERAL TICKET AND PARKING INFORMATION**

All persons entering the Fairgrounds must pay an admission fee. Anyone wishing to leave the Fairgrounds and return the same day may do so by having their hand stamped at the gate before leaving. (This does not apply to vehicles.) General admission charged at the gate is \$16 for adults, \$10 for children (6-11 years) and \$10 for Lot A parking (north lot). Discount admission tickets may be purchased for adults at \$11 each and for children at \$7 each at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in the Entry Department or by mail. Parking at \$10 per day for Lot A may also be purchased in advance. Send order and payment to: Iowa State Fair, Entry Department, PO Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317. Orders accepted June 1 - July 15. Make checks payable to the Iowa State Fair. (Admission tickets may also be purchased in advance at Hy-Vee and Fareway stores or online at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/>. Advance parking is not available for purchase at the stores or online.) Admission tickets and parking tickets are good for any one day. **Admission tickets and parking tickets are non-refundable.** Questions: 515-262-3111 ext. 242 or [competitiveevents@iowastatefair.org](mailto:competitiveevents@iowastatefair.org). **DO NOT MAIL HORSESHOE ENTRY FEES TO IOWA STATE FAIR ENTRY DEPARTMENT.**