

# 41st Annual State Horseshoe Tournament

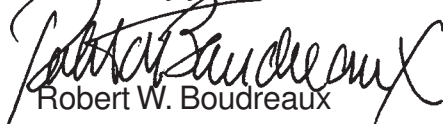
September 14, 2013 - Zito Multi-Purpose Center, Plaquemine

Enclosed are the rules and entry form for the 41st Annual State KC Horseshoe Tournament. Please note that this year, **ALL ENTRIES, ENTER DIRECTLY INTO THE STATE TOURNAMENT.** There will be NO Area Qualification.

These rules apply to the State Tournament. State Tournament play is under Federation rules, and will be a USSSA Sanctioned Event. Tournament play will be in Singles, Doubles and Senior Singles play. A member may play in any division of play - BUT he can only play in one division of play.

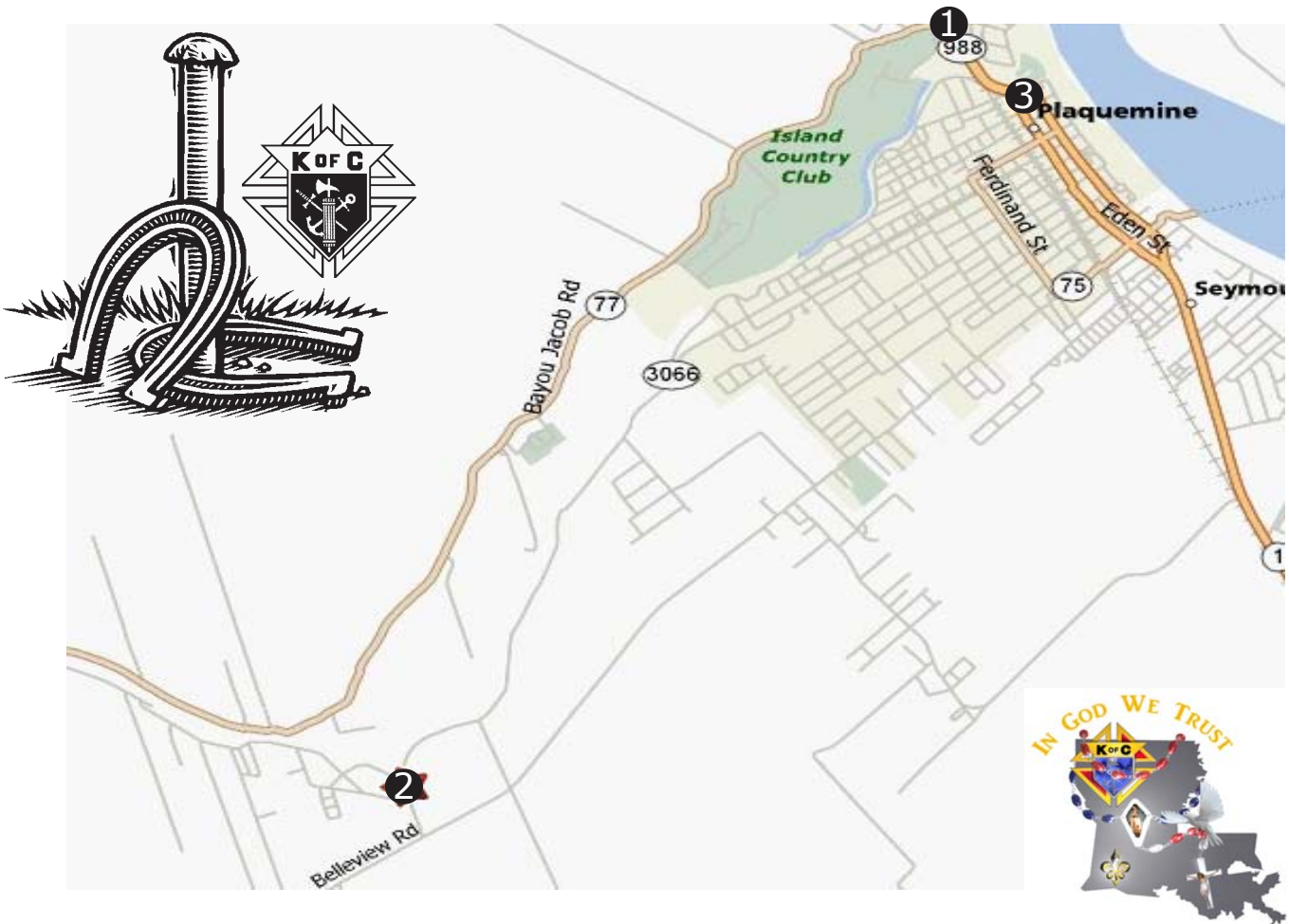
All divisions of play will be double elimination tournaments. Check-In will be Saturday morning from 8:00am to 9:00am at Zito Center and competition will begin at 9:00am on Saturday. Please note **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO DAY OF COMPETITION!!!**

Fraternally yours,

  
Robert W. Boudreaux  
State Office Administrator



MAP & HOTEL INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE



**41st Annual State Horseshoe  
Saturday, September 14.  
Check-In: 8am to 9am. Competition Begins 9am**

**1 MOTEL**

Best Western, Plaquemine, 225.385.4542  
23235 Highway 1 South, Plaquemine

**3 MASS SCHEDULE**

St. John the Evangelist  
57805 Main Street  
Saturday: 4pm; Sunday 7:30am, 9am & 11am.

**2 Zito Center**

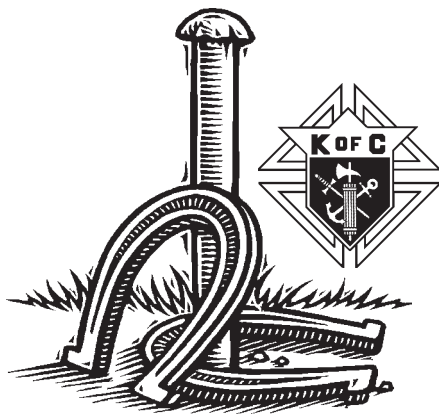
Competition Conducted Here.  
61755 Bayou Road, Plaquemine, 70764

Refreshments of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,  
Soft Drinks, Water & Beer  
Will Be Sold During State Tournament.  
NO ICE CHESTS will be allowed!

Camper Hook-Ups Available  
Contact - 225.659.7579  
\$15 for one night/\$25 for two nights

Local Chairman  
Ralph Comeaux  
225.687.7549 Residence  
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## General Rules

All Tournament play shall be under the rules of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association; however, where those rules are in variance from the KC Tournament rules, the KC tournament rules shall apply.

## Tournament Rules

I. All entries must be members in good standing of the KC Council they represent. Entries may participate in singles, doubles or senior singles (70 years old), but may **NOT** participate in more than one. Entries per KC Council are unlimited in State Tournament. Entries will be required to show current KC membership card at check in. All participants must provide their own horseshoes. All entries enter State Tournament directly. There is **NO QUALIFICATION** necessary.

II. State tournament entry fee is \$20 per man (\$40 per doubles team) and fees **MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY BLANK** to **STATE TOURNAMENT**. The **DEADLINE** to submit **ALL** Entries will be **September 9, 2013**. The State Tournament will be a **USSSA Sanctioned Event**.

III. Play will begin Saturday morning at 9am. and will conclude Saturday evening. If play is not concluded on Saturday, play will resume at 9am on Sunday.

IV. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners in singles, doubles and senior singles and both doubles team members will receive trophies. Any state tourney disputes will be decided by tournament chairman in consultation with State Council Activity Director and shall not be appealable.

V. Play shall be "double elimination" competition in all divisions. All matches, with the exception of the "Winners Bracket" finals and beyond, will consist of 40 SHOES. At the completion of 40 shoes, if a TIE exist, **FOUR (4)** more shoes will be thrown by each participant and/or team. All games beyond & including the "Winners Bracket" finals will be 30 points.

VII. Doubles team members must be from same council.

## Playing Rules

A. Choice of first pitch shall be determined by a toss of a coin.

B. Order of play:

1) In singles, (regular & senior) first contestant pitches both shoes; then opponent pitches two shoes. The pitching of both shoes by both contestants constitutes an inning. Point winner of each inning pitches first in the following inning. In case of a tie, player who pitched last in that inning pitches first in following inning. After scoring determined in an inning, contestants move to pitcher's box at which they were pitching to begin next inning. Senior play will have a 30 foot pitch line.

2) In doubles, one team player is in one pitcher's box and his partner in the other. Play is same as in singles except players do not move from their original pitcher's box to the other.

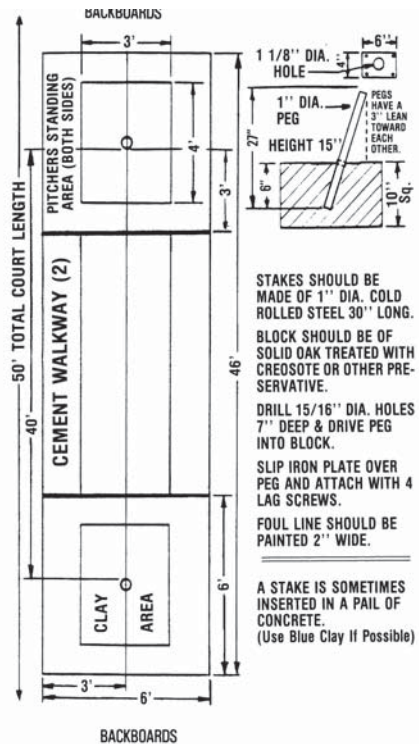
3) When not pitching, player must remain on opposite side of stake to player in action and to rear of the stake. Violation is the same as a foul.

4) In doubles, the players not in action in an inning are NOT allowed to communicate with partner or opponent in action in other pitcher's box. Violation is same as foul.

C. Foul Shoes: The pitcher must remain behind the foul line until the shoe leaves his hand. Any shoe delivered while the pitcher's foot extends beyond the foul line shall be declared a foul and removed from pitcher's box if opponent requests.

D. Scoring: A State Tournament match will be 40 shoes. If a tie exist at 40 shoes, four (4) additional shoes will be thrown by each participant/team. Winner's Bracket Finals, and all games beyond will be 30 points, and winner must win by two (2) points.

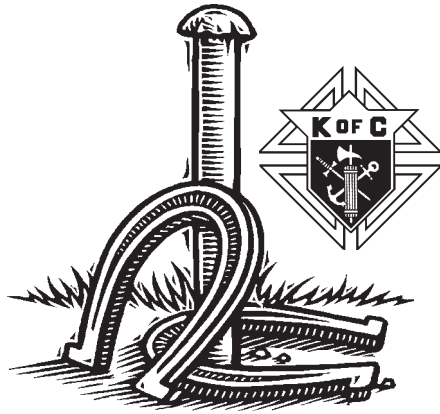
- 1) Only one player scores in an inning.
- 2) A shoe must be within 6 inches of the stake to score.
- 3) A "ringer" is declared when a shoe encircles the stake far enough to allow the touching of both heel caulks simultaneous with a straight edge, and still allow clearance of Stake.
- 4) Closest shoe to stake scores one point.
- 5) Two shoes closer than the opponents count two points.
- 6) One ringer scores three points; two ringers count six points.
- 7) Two ringers against one for opponent count three points.
- 8) One ringer and closest shoe of same player scores four points.
- 9) If each player has a ringer, the next closest shoe, if within 6 inches of stake, scores one point.
- 10) A leaning shoe has no value over one touching stake.
- 11) All equals count as ties, and no points are scored.



**ABOUT PIT CONSTRUCTION, PLEASE NOTE WELL!**

Because of the inexperience we have, we urge host Councils to be just as close as possible to the requirements of the pit specifications: that is, be exact as to distances; but the cement walk-ways called for are NOT expected. Wooden walkways may be used. Use the blue clay called for or sand but be sure it is to a depth of four (4) inches. Since a number of courts adjacent to each other are needed, the stakes of one court shall be at least 10 feet (12 feet is preferable) from stakes of the adjacent court. All foul lines in front of the pitchers boxes shall be in a straight line across the entire layout.

**PLEASE BE FRATERNAL AND CONSIDERATE!!!!** In 1989, we changed from our old original KC rules to those of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association because a great majority of the usual entrants requested this of the state evaluation committee. The differences between the two sets of rules are minimal at best. But because of our limited time experience, we urge you not to be harshly critical or "nit-picky" about the pit construction of our host Councils. Be Knights of Columbus and true sportsmen!!!!



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## State Entry Form

One Form per Entry...Please Submit to K.C. State Office.  
P.O. Box 51166, Lafayette, LA 70505-1166

**Singles Entry**

**Doubles Entry**

**Senior Singles**

*Senior Singles Participants MUST be 70 Years of Age on/or before September 13, 2013.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Double Partner, if Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete form and submit with State Entry Fee  
of \$20 per participant (\$40 per doubles team)  
Deadline: Monday, September 9, 2013 (at State Office)

