

51st Annual K.C.State Horseshoe Tournament

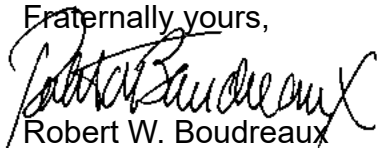
September 23, 2023 - Lamar Dixon Center, Gonzales

Enclosed are the rules and entry form for the 51st 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 Elder 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 Lamar Dixon Center and competition will begin at 9:00am on Saturday. Please note **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO DAY OF COMPETITION!!!**

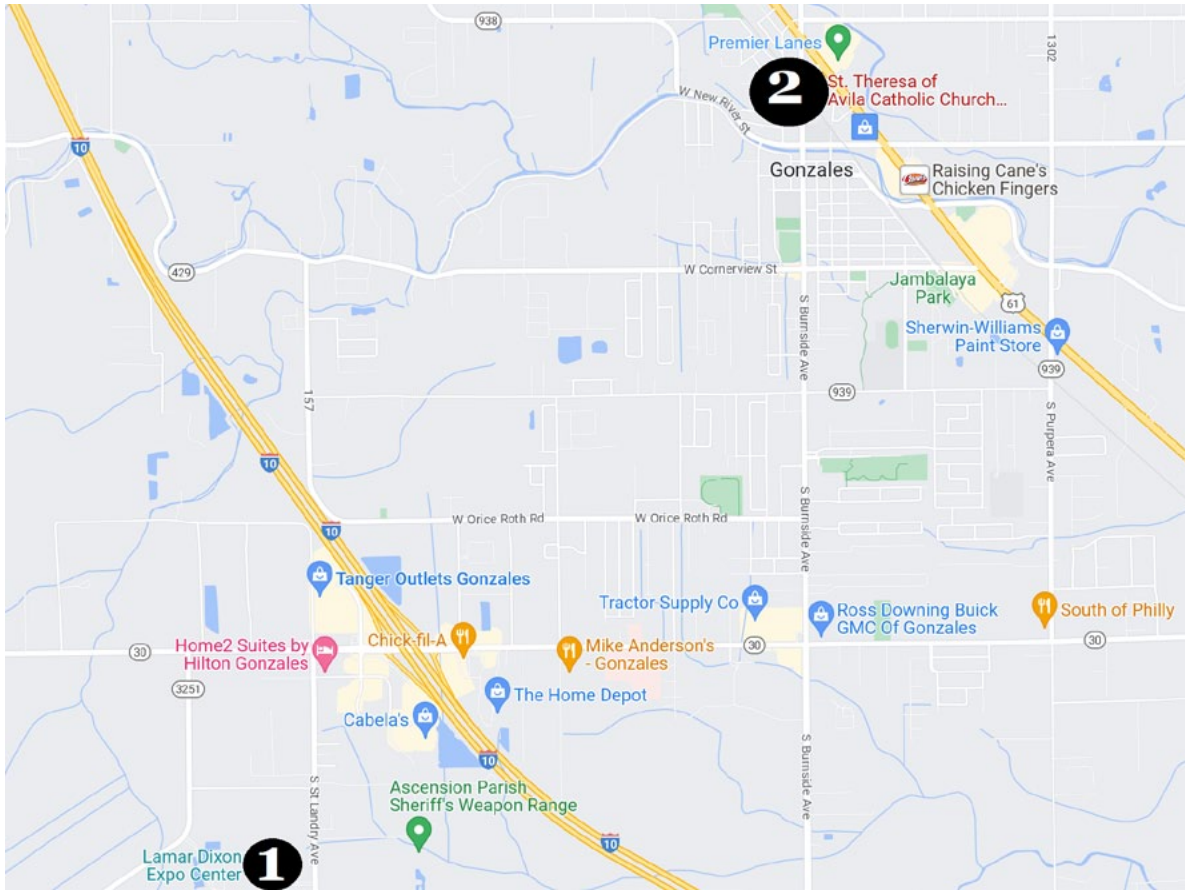
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Robert W. Boudreaux
State Office Administrator



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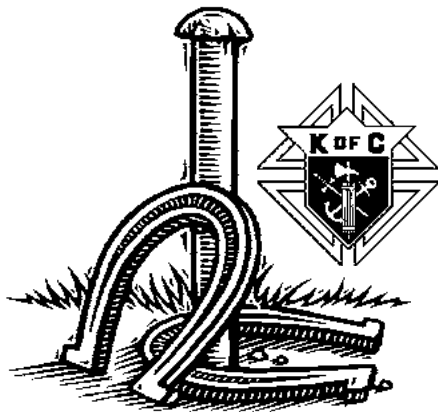
**51st Annual K.C. State Horseshoe
 Saturday, September 23, 2023
 Check-In: 8am to 9am. Competition Begins 9am**

① Lamar Dixon
 Competition Conducted Here.
 9039 South St. Landry Avenue
 Gonzales, LA 70737

② MASS SCHEDULE
 St. Theresa of Avila
 1022 North Burnside Avenue
 Gonzales, LA 70737
 Saturday: 4:00pm
 Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am.

Refreshments Will Be Sold
 During State Tournament.
NO ICE CHESTS will be allowed!

Local Chairmen
 Craig Braud...225.505.2953
 Keith Gautreau...225.620.7253



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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 elder singles (65 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 \$30per man (\$60 per doubles team) and fees MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY BLANK to STATE TOURNAMENT. The DEADLINE to submit ALL Entries will be **September 19, 2023**. 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 & elder) 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. Elder play will have a 27 foot pitch line.

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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.

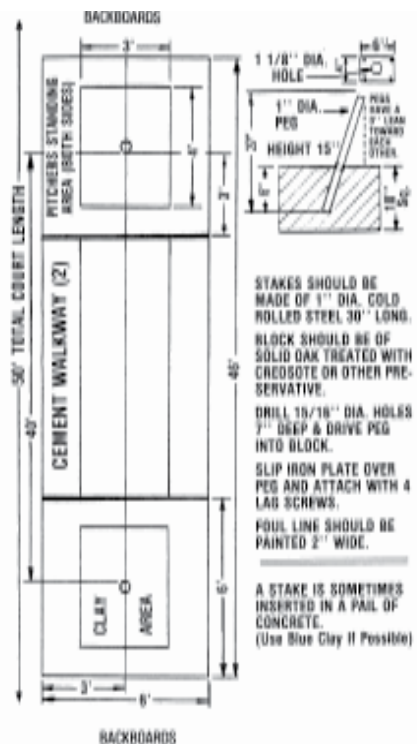
3) When not pitching, player must remain on opposite side of stake to player in action and to rear of the stake. Violation is the same as a foul.

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 walkways 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

Elder Singles

Elder Singles Participants MUST be 65 Years of Age on/or before September 22, 2023

Name: _____ Council Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell or Residence Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Double Partner, if Applicable: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell or Residence Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please complete form and submit with State Entry Fee
of \$30 per participant (\$60 per doubles team)
Deadline: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 (at State Office)



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