

City of Chino  
Community Services Department

## **Adult Horseshoe Rules**

Welcome to the City of Chino Community Services Department Adult Horseshoe League. A representative Community Services Coordinator has been designated to coordinate, administer, and ensure a fair and balanced League, and to promote sportsmanlike participation. The Community Services Coordinator or his/her designee(s) shall have sole responsibility for decisions impacting the League, including but not limited to, actions of teams, individual players, and suspensions.

***The Chino Adult Horseshoe League abides by the following rules as determined by Community Services staff.***

### **DIVISIONS:**

1. The Saturday League shall be offered in two divisions; singles and doubles.

### **GAME STRUCTURE/TIMES:**

1. Game start times are as follows: Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to sunset. Time may be altered as deemed necessary by City staff.
2. Weekly round-robin competition will determine playoff seeding.
3. The following weekends will not be scheduled in observance of holidays or City of Chino events; Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.
4. In all matches, if either team is unable to begin with legally rostered player(s), a 10-minute grace period (*which comes off the game time clock*) will be allowed. For every minute that passes after the 5-minute mark, one point will be awarded to the opposing team with a maximum of 5 points awarded. Failure to field legally rostered player(s) by the end of the 10-minute grace period will result in a forfeiture of that game. The opposing team will be given a win.

### **THE RULES:**

1. Each player pitches both shoes followed by the opponent's two shoes.
2. The choice of the first pitch to start the game is decided by the toss of a coin.
3. In pitching a shoe, the player may not cross the foul line.
4. A shoe that has left the pitchers hand is ruled a pitched shoe.
5. A pitcher's opponent must stand behind the person in action and may not interfere with the pitch in any way.

6. A player may not walk to the opposite stake or be informed of the position of the shoes until the inning is completed.
7. In doubles play, one team member throws from one stake and one team member throws from the other.
8. In singles play, the players move from stake to stake after each throw.
9. Games can be played to 21 points. (If 21 points is not reached in the allotted time, winner will be determined by the highest cumulative score at the completion of the final full inning.)
10. Game times are limited to a maximum of 30 minutes of play.

### **SCORING:**

1. Any shoe must be within one horseshoe-width (measured across the outside of the open end of the shoe) of the stake to be considered for points. (Official rules call for 6 inches max).
2. The closest shoe to the stake gets 1 point.
3. If you have two shoes closer than any of your opponent's, you get 2 points.
4. Ringers are worth 3 points each and must completely encircle the stake so the ends can be touched with a straight edge without touching the stake.
5. If you have the closest shoe and a ringer, it is 4 points.
6. If your opponent throws a ringer on top of yours, they cancel and no points are scored.
7. Leaners are worth 2 points and are considered closer than any adjacent shoe except ringers.
8. Only one team will score on each throw.

### **PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Pay all league fees on time.
2. Learn all rules and regulations that are in place for Adult Horseshoe League.
3. Ensure that his/her **team members** are following all rules and regulations of the League and the City of Chino.
4. Adhere to all rules and regulations of the designated facility/park.
5. Ensure all players meet the minimum age requirement of 18 years old.

### **ILLEGAL PLAYER(S):**

1. Any team found using an illegal player (a player who is not officially registered) will be penalized in the following manner:
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** Forfeiture of current game and removal of the illegal player for the remainder of the season.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense**: The registered player and/or team will be removed from the League schedule for the remainder of the season.

### **CALLED GAMES:**

1. If City staff deems it necessary, a game may be cancelled due to any unsafe condition arising with the horseshoe pit, equipment, inclement weather, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. Cancelled matches due to unsafe conditions may be rescheduled at the end of the season. If more than one week of scheduled matches are cancelled, they will be rescheduled in the order they occurred.
3. The original schedule should be followed to the end of the regular season's games. The scheduled playoff tournament will be postponed while make-up games are played.

### **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:**

1. Staff has jurisdiction **BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER** all matches.
2. Any player(s) and/or team involved in fighting or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, or after a match will **AUTOMATICALLY** be suspended from the League and will not be allowed to return until the Community Services Coordinator reviews the situation.
3. After case review, disciplinary action(s) taken may fall anywhere between the waiving of further suspension to permanent suspension for the player(s) and/or team from the City of Chino Adult Horseshoe League.
4. Any player ejected from a match will leave the premises immediately in a peaceful fashion, and meet with the Community Services Coordinator prior to the next scheduled match. Additional penalties may be assessed depending on the severity of the action.
5. Any player who repeatedly uses profanity will be given an initial warning; multiple offenses will result in further penalties to be assessed by the program coordinator.

### **PLAYOFF TOURNAMENT:**

1. Playoffs will be played as follows:
  - a. All teams and players will qualify for the playoff tournament.
  - b. Teams will be seeded according to regular season standings.
  - c. Head-to-head tie breakers will be applied when seeding.
2. The tournament format will be double-elimination and completed in a single day.

### **AWARDS:**

1. Awards will be issued to winners of both singles and doubles divisions.

**ALCOHOL/SMOKING:**

The City of Chino has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the consumption, sale, or distribution of alcohol or illegal drugs on its property. Players or teams under the influence of any substance will be removed from competition. Failure to comply with this request will result in forfeiture of the match and possible removal from the League.

***Any concerns or questions about the League rules, please contact the Neighborhood Activity Center at 909.334.3260.***

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By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to policies and procedures of the Adult Horseshoe League as defined in the rules packet I have received.

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Participant Signature

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Date