

“Best Horseshoe Event of the Year”– Sue Snyder

TEAM WORLD

Team World is a unique event in which horseshoe players from their home U.S. state or Canada form teams to compete for the Team World title. The first Team World event occurred in January, 1985, at the Pitchin’ Palace in Sturtevant, Wisconsin. It was named the Canadian-American International Friendship Open, or “Can-Am”. The concept of the event came from Tom Roanhouse of Sturtevant, Wisconsin, and Bob Fanjoy of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The two men met at the World Tournament in Huntsville, Alabama in 1984. A conversation evolved into an event that would have players representing Canada and the U.S. in some friendly horseshoe competition with national pride on the line. The “Can-Am” was a success at the Pitchin’ Palace from 1985 to 1987 and the original tournament director was Bill Henthorn. The Can-Am Friendship Open changed its name to Team World in 1988. The event moved to its current location that includes 24 enclosed portable courts inside the Edwards Activity Center at Telfer Park in Beloit, Wisconsin in 1990. Earl Paulson replaced Bill Henthorn as Tournament Director. Earl was Director for 29 Team World tournaments, retiring from the position in 2019. Team World has included a committee along with the Director(s) since its beginning. The committee has included former NHPA officers Ralph Dykes and Dick Hansen. The Beloit Horseshoe Club also provides incredible support for the event. Many participants consider Team World to be the best horseshoe event of the year. Most agree that no other event is run as well or is quite as fun to participate in. Everyone should consider participating in Team World. There truly is no event like this one!

Team World is held each year on the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday following Mother’s Day in May. Participating teams consist of (4) adult players made up of any combination of division (Men/Women/Elders) from Canada or from the same U.S. state. The entry fee is \$200 per team. Teams are assessed a scorekeeper fee of \$1.25 per player, per game, when teams arrive to check in. Teams do have the option of including a 5th player on their team with no additional entry cost to the team. There is a maximum limit of (3) short distance pitchers allowed on each team

Each team plays all opposing teams in a round robin format. The (5) teams finishing with the most wins after round robin play move on to an elimination playoff to determine the winner of the event. The event is limited to 24 teams. Teams with the lowest combined entering ringer percentage from a U.S. state with multiple teams entered may be denied entry if more than 24 teams or an odd number of teams enter.

TEAM WORLD PROCEDURES AND RULES OF PLAY

- This is an NHPA sanctioned tournament; NHPA rules apply.
- Teams are comprised of (4) adult pitchers from any adult division (Men, Women, and/or Elders) from the same U.S. state or from Canada.
- A maximum of (3) short distance pitchers on a team roster.
- Teams have the option to include a 5th player without any additional entry fee. This 5th player:
 - May be from any division (Men, Women, Junior Boys/Girls or Elders) provided the combination does not exceed the maximum limit of (3) short distance pitchers; and
 - Must be from the same U.S. state as the rest of the team. A 5th player on a Canadian team must also be from Canada.
- Teams are identified by their U.S. state of entry, or as Canada, and designated a roster number.
- All competition consists of singles play, no handicap, with 40-shoe cancellation games.
- Decisions of and by the TEAM WORLD COMMITTEE on all matters shall be final.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

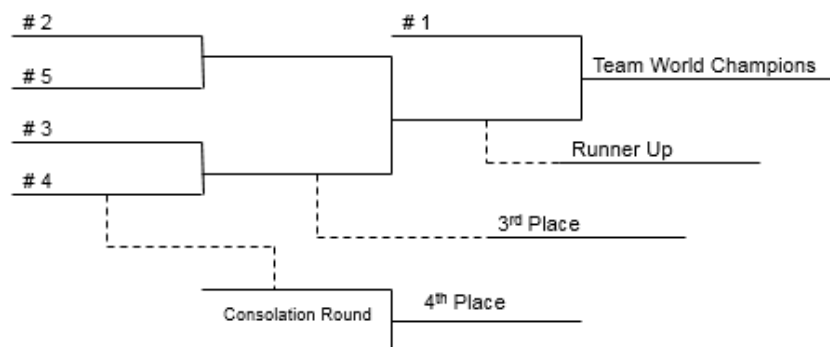
- Preliminary rounds consist of each team competing against all other teams for one match in a round robin format.
- Preliminary play begins on Friday and concludes on Sunday.
- Teams are awarded one point for each game win and a tie game after 40 shoes stands as a tie with each team earning ½ point for the match.
- Maximum point total a team can earn in each round is 4 points.
- Only the top five teams ranked by wins at the end of the preliminary rounds advance to finals competition. All other teams have completed play.

MATCH PLAY FORMAT FOR PRELIMS

- A team representative must report to the scorer's table prior to each match for an official coin toss.
- The teams that win the coin toss choose individual opponent pairings for the team match.
- The teams that lose the coin toss have choice of courts and first pitch to start the match.
- An active and current player lineup must be on file at the scorer's table.
- Substitutions are not allowed after the coin toss. Any exceptions due to extenuating circumstances must be approved by tournament officials.

FINAL ROUNDS

- Final rounds occur on Sunday at the conclusion of the Preliminary round robin.
- The team ranked #1 by team wins automatically advances to the final match. Teams ranked #2 through #5 by team wins compete in single elimination match play.
- Opponent pairings in the final rounds are determined by percentage order according to final ringer percentage earned during preliminary competition.
- NO TIE GAMES** -Tie games after 40 shoes are played off in a 4-shoe sudden death format until the tie is broken.
- NO TIE MATCHES** –The winner of a match that ends in a 2-games-each tie is determined by the team with the most points earned in the four games. Total ringers are used in the case of a tie in total points.
- The team that wins this single-elimination competition plays the number 1 ranked team in a final match. The winner of the final match is recognized as **“Team World Tournament Champions!”**



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Airport driving times to Team World:

- Rockford, IL (RFD) 35 minutes
- Madison, WI (MSN) 53 minutes
- Milwaukee, WI (MKE) 1, hour, 8 minutes
- Chicago, IL – O’Hare (ORD) 1 hour, 28 minutes
- Chicago, IL – Midway (MDW) 1 hour, 47 minutes



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We've asked each state association to sponsor the entry of their four best available pitchers.

- Also, each pitcher will receive a complimentary tournament shirt which displays his/her respective state or province.
- Interested players must contact state association regarding form makeup.
- State association to forward their team's players' name, shirt size and number of days of lodging needed.

Entry deadline is December 15th. There is a possibility this event will be televised locally/nationally.

For more information contact Pitching Palace or Bob Fanjoy after 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton Horseshoe Club, Canada, 416-662-8501.

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