**HORSESHOES**

**HISTORY:**

* Horseshoes was started by the Greek soldier that had a lot of time on their hands.
* Originally, the game was played on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with stakes 2 inches above ground level.
* It was not until the late 1930’s that the stakes were raised from 2 inches to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ inches above ground level.
* The first horseshoe pitching tournament was open to the world in the summer of 1910 in Bronson, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**PLAYING COURT:**

* The horseshoe court is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wide and a minimum of 46 feet long with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_feet apart. The pitcher’s box is the square 6 ft by 6 ft area at each end of the court. The pitcher’s box includes 3 things:
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the pitcher’s platform, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The pit is a rectangular area filled with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or dirt.
* The purpose of the filler is to keep the horseshoes from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ excessively.

**TERMINOLOGY:**

Value of the Shoe:

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – a shoe which comes to rest encircling the stake. A ringer must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ touch any part of the stake. Has a value of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ points.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – a shoe which is not a ringer, but comes to rest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the stake. Has a value of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ point.
* A “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” or any other shoe touching the stake is considered a shoe in count and has a value of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_point. Amateurs often count a leaner as 2 points.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– a shoe which comes to rest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6 inches from the stake and has a scoring value of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ points.

**LENGTH OF GAME:**

* The game is broken down into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ consisting of four pitched shoes, 2 by each contestant.
* The length of the game is determined before play begins. There are 3 options:
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Game played to a predetermined number of points. 21 is common for recreational play. 50 is standard in tournament play.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Game played to a predetermined number of shoes. Has to be an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ number. When the amount is reached, the player with the highest score is the winner
* Point limit or shoe limit – Combination of the point and shoe limit. (ex. 21points or 30 shoes)

**SCORING:**

There are two methods of scoring in horseshoes:

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ player can score in each inning.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – all shoes thrown will count as points.

