Assembly

Building a Horseshoe Court

Note: Find a level, open surface, free of obstructions to set up your court.

See FIGURE 1

- 1. Place Stakes 40 feet apart.
- 2. Stakes should extend 14" to 15" above the pit surface.
- 3. Stakes should be a minimum of 21 inches from the back and front of the pit.
- 4. Construct your Horseshoe pits 31" to 36" wide and 43" to 72" deep. A minimum depth of 4 inches and a preferred depth of 8 inches is recommended. We also recommend filling your Horseshoe pits with sand, sawdust, loose soil, or clay. If you use clay it must be watered often to maintain its texture.
- 5. Mark a foul line 3 feet in front of each stake. This makes the actual throwing distance 37 feet from foul line to Stake.
- 7. Construct a wood backboard (not included) at least four feet behind each stake. It should extend the width of the pit and be at least one foot high.

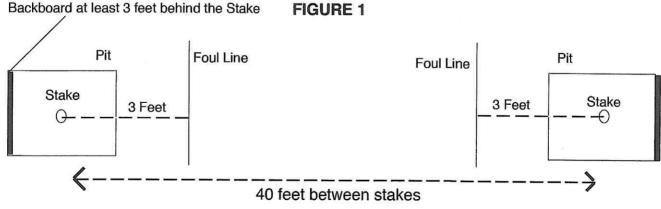
Rules

- 1. Each player stands behind the foul line and pitches two shoes followed by the opponents two shoes. A point does not count if the player crosses the foul line when pitching.
- 2. When playing teams, half the team pitches from one Stake and half from the other.
- 3. Games are usually played to forty points.

Scoring

- 1. A shoe must be one Horseshoe width (measured from the outside of the open end of the shoe) from the Stake to score a point. The closest shoe to the Stake gets one point. If you have two shoes closer than any of your opponents, you get two points.
- Ringers must completely encircle the Stake; meaning that the ends of the Horseshoe can be touched with a straight edge without touching the Stake. Ringers count for 3 points.
- 3. If you have the closest shoe and a ringer, it is worth 4 points.
- If you throw a ringer on top of your opponents ringer they cancel each other out and no points are scored.
- 5. Leaners are considered closer than any adjacent shoe except ringers and are worth 1 point.

Warning! Horseshoes are heavy and dangerous objects when thrown. Do not throw near any persons or animals. All competitors must be well clear of the pit when another competitor is pitching.



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