

BAYOU HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION **2026 TUESDAY NIGHT SUMMER LEAGUE RULES.**

The league consists of five teams.

All players must be sanctioned by NHPA and be paying BHPA members to be eligible for this league.

The league will play for eleven weeks which includes 1 position round the final week commencing on July 7, 2026, and ending on September 15, 2026, provided there are no rainouts. League play will commence promptly at 6:00 P.M. each night. In case of rainouts, the schedule will slide back to the next week.

Three players from each team will play three matches each night (Total of 120 shoes)
All games will be 40 shoe count all format, alternate pitch.

Averages will be based on scratch points, not by ringer percentage. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between each player's point average and a 90 point scratch average in the league each week. All new players will establish an average on their first night of competition. Returning players will carry over their established 2026 Spring League Average for their first nine games.

New players will not be eligible for handicap league awards until after they have played a minimum of nine games (360 shoes).

Captains to work out schedule with team members. Players will be numbered by their average, highest being #1 on each team, etc. Captains are responsible for score sheets & summary sheets and scheduling his players or arranging for substitutes.

In the case of a blind (missing player) on a team, that team will forfeit and receive a loss for those matches that night. The player he was scheduled to shoot must play out the game (a pacer may be used). That player's score will count for his individual average and his team will receive a win for that match.

If a player is unable to complete a game, he will forfeit that game, and only the shoes he actually shot will be credited to his personal stats. **If the reason that the player was unable to continue was due to injury, illness, or emergency, then any of his remaining un-played matches may be played by another member of his team's roster or a qualified substitute.**

Each player on the team playing the BYE will play out their matches unopposed and must score within 90% of his/her scratch point average to receive a win.

Substitutes must be paying BHPA members.

All subs will establish their average on the first night they play. Subs who played in the spring league and did not throw at least 240 shoes will NOT carry over their average. Subs will not be eligible to play on position night unless they have shot 240 shoes before position night.

Ties for first place at the end of the schedule will be decided by a three game match to be held immediately following the end of regulation play on the final night of the schedule. Teams will match "A" player vs. "A" player, "B" player vs. "B" player, etc. The championship will be decided by the best two out of three matches. The games will be played simultaneously in order to save time. Ties in those matches will be decided by throwing down and back until the tie is broken. **Any eligible player on either team's roster may play in the playoffs.**

Each team is responsible for maintaining their assigned courts for that night. Responsibilities are painting stakes, maintaining sand and final cleanup after match play has ended. Players sitting out should be scorekeepers and court maintenance personnel.

Time is essential. League play will take two to three hours to complete each night. Please be on time and be on the court when you're up. All paperwork will be turned in to the Secretary after play has ended each night.

Please remember proper Court Etiquette and Good Housekeeping.

Lightning Rule: If lightning strikes within 3 miles of the courts, it will be monitored every 5 minutes for a period of 30 minutes. The person in charge that night (League Director or ranking Club Officer) will monitor the situation and make the decision to continue play or not.