Old Settlers Horseshoe Rules

1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 – Riverside Park

The Courts

- 1. Stakes are placed 40 feet apart.
- 2. Stakes should extend 14 to 15 inches above the pit surface.
- 3. Stakes may be inclined toward each other, but not more than a 3 inch lean.
- 4. Stakes are solid or hollow steel 1 inch in diameter.

The Horseshoe

- 1. It shall not weigh more than 2 pounds, 10 ounces.
- 2. It shall not exceed 7 1/4 inches in width.
- 3. It shall not exceed 7 5/8 inches in length.
- 4. On a parallel line 3/4 inch from a straightedge touching the points of the shoe, the opening of the shoe must not exceed 3 1/2 inches.

The Rules

- 1. Each player pitches both shoes followed by the opponent's two shoes.
- 2. In pitching a shoe, the player may not cross the foul line.
- 3. When playing teams, half the team throws from one stake and half throws from the other.
- 4. Seniors & Women may throw from the 30ft Line

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's 4 points.
- 6. If your opponent throws a ringer on top of yours, they cancel, and no points are scored.
- 7. Leaners are worth 1 point and are considered closer than any adjacent shoe except ringers

Please note that the rules for the upcoming event are subject to change. We will provide timely updates regarding any potential adjustments.