



UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Intramural Sports

H-O-R-S-E Rules

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- 1. The Game:** H-O-R-S-E is a game played by two people on a basketball court. The idea of the game involves matching the same baskets that your opponent makes. The player who makes the most shots that the opponent does not duplicate, wins the game. For example: The second person shooting must duplicate the first person's shot, if it is made. If the second shooter misses, he/she receives the letter "H". If the first person's shot is missed, the second shooter may attempt any shot. If his/her shot is made, the opponent is obligated to duplicate it in the same way from the same shooting spot. Each time a shooter misses a shot that he/she attempted to duplicate, a letter is "awarded". The game continues until one person accumulates 5 letters or H-O-R-S-E.
- 2. Area of Play:** H-O-R-S-E will be played on a Half Acre basketball court on one basketball hoop.
- 3. Equipment:** Basketballs for men and women will be provided by RecSports.
- 4. General Rules:**
 - a.) The shooting order will be determined by rock, paper scissors. Winner gets choice of shooting first or second.
 - b.) Shots can be attempted from anywhere on the court. However, dunks of any form are not allowed.
 - c.) Shots may be normal/slop shots or called shots. Called shots must be made as the individual specifies before the shot is attempted, or it will be counted as a miss. Some called shot examples include:
 - 1.) Bank Shot – A shot made off the backboard and into the basket, it may touch the rim.
 - 2.) Bank Swish – A shot made off the backboard and into the basket without touching the rim.
 - 3.) Swish Shot – A shot that directly goes into the basket without touching the backboard or rim.
 - 4.) Opposite Hand Shot – A shot that is made with their non-dominant hand.
 - 5.) Jump Shot – A shot that is made with both feet off the court when the ball is released.
 - 6.) Set Shot – A shot made with both feet in contact with the court when the ball is released.
 - 7.) Hook Shot – A shot that is made with the ball being released in an arch over the body.
 - d.) If you make a shot your opponent made, it counts as nothing and your opponent now has another open shot opportunity.
 - e.) You cannot earn a letter if your opponent misses a shot immediately before you. This is an open shot opportunity for you, and if you now make a shot, your opponent must duplicate this shot. If you miss on the open shot, your opponent now has the open shot.
 - f.) Trick shots involving spins and ball movement prior to the release of the shot are not allowed.
 - g.) No shot may be attempted twice in a row from the same spot to give the opponent 2 consecutive letters.
 - h.) Made lay-ups must be performed by the opponent in the exact same manner.
 - i.) All games will be self-officiated on the honor system by the players. The RecSports Supervisors will help determine the official call on any discrepancies.
 - j.) Whoever wins the game will move onto the next round.
 - k.) This will be a single game elimination tournament bracket.
 - l.) If there are time constraints for any reason the game will become P-I-G. The same rules above will apply, however, you will only spell pig to speed up the game.