

University of Nebraska
Campus Recreation

H.O.R.S.E. RULES

A. Entries

No advance entry is necessary (enter on site), but participants should arrive at the playing site 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time in order to get signed in.

B. Equipment

Basketballs for men and women will be provided by Campus Recreation.

C. General Rules

1. The idea of the game is to earn as few letters of the word H.O.R.S.E. as possible, while your opponent tries to do the same. The first to earn all 5 letters, finishing with E, is eliminated from the competition. The winner moves on to the next round. A single or double elimination bracket will be played.
2. A coin flip will determine the first shooter.
3. If your opponent makes a shot, you must duplicate the shot, i.e. same distance and kind of shot (lay-up, hook shot, etc.). If missed, you receive a letter. If your opponent calls for a bank shot or no rim, you must duplicate this shot or receive a letter. If a discrepancy exists between opponents on a shot, the supervisor will determine if the type of shot was followed closely enough to count.
4. If you are left handed and your opponent is right handed, you may shoot with your strong hand if your opponent has made a shot with his/her strong hand. However, if your opponent makes a shot with his/her off hand, you must also shoot the shot with your off hand.
5. If you make a shot your opponent made, it counts as nothing and your opponent now has another "open" shot opportunity.
6. 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.
7. NO dunk shots.

D. Eligibility

1. UNL students, faculty/staff, and their spouses are eligible to participate.
2. Participants are required to present a current UNL ID on site.

- E. Participants should be aware that there is a risk of injury in participation in intramural sports. Individuals participate in intramural sports at their own risk.

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