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Hoover-Ball National Championships Increases Prize Pool

WEST BRANCH, IOWA – June 28, 2018– Registration is now open for the 31st annual Hoover-Ball National Championships in West Branch, Iowa. The top prize for the men’s and the women’s division champions has increased to \$300 this year. They, along with the second and third place finishers will receive individual gold, silver or bronze Olympic-style medals from the Iowa Games, a partner of the tournament. Both men’s and women’s championship trophies have been rebuilt this year and will include plaques dating back to 1988 with the winning team’s name and its players for public display.

The tournament is held Saturday, August 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is drawing attention from far away as Texas and New Mexico. “We’ve got verbal commitments from teams in those states and we’re looking forward to welcoming them to the games,” said Hoover-Ball commissioner Jordyn Daggs Olson. “The games typically draw players from up to five states, but not as far as those two!”

There are no qualifying matches required to enter the games. All teams are welcome and will play in round robin matches for about four hours in competition for overall ranking. The top 16 teams will then enter the finals bracket. Teams may consist of three to five players, with three on the court at a time. Substitutions may be made between points.

Hoover-Ball was once the most popular sport at the White House, played by the President, Supreme Court justices, Cabinet members and other high government officials. It was invented, developed and perfected by White House physician Admiral Joel T. Boone to keep Hoover physically fit. It is a combination of tennis, volleyball and medicine ball. Teams of up to five people play ‘catch’ with a four pound medicine ball on a court 66 feet by 30 feet with an eight foot volleyball net. The team who drops the ball or throws it out of bounds loses the point.

Advance registration is \$20 per player until 9 a.m. Aug 3. Walk-up registration is available on game day for \$30 per player.

For more information and to register for this year’s tournament, go to Hoover-Ball.org.

About the Foundation

The Hoover Presidential Foundation promotes and supports the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, National Historic Site, and other programs that enhance the understanding of Herbert Hoover as president and humanitarian.

