



# **2025 Cornhole League Rules**

These rules are based on the rules of the "American Cornhole Organization"

## **INTRODUCTION**

This program is organized, administered, and supervised by the Recreation Division. Any questions about policies, rules, or regulations should be referred to the Recreation Division at (307) 773-1039. The primary objectives of the league are fun and enjoyment. **Therefore, good sportsmanship will be required of all league participants.** No alcoholic beverages are allowed. In addition, teams will be disqualified from the game with a forfeiture.

## **CORNHOLE COURT LAYOUT**

**Cornhole Boards:** Boards are positioned 27' from the front edge of each board.

**Cornhole Pitchers Boxes:** A designated pitcher's box is a 4' x 3' area at each end of the court and on both sides of each board.

**Cornhole Foul Lines:** The front edge of the cornhole board is the foul line.

## **LENGTH OF MATCHES**

The matches will be the best of 5 games. Each game will be played to twenty-one (21) points. If the match goes to a fifth game, it will be played to 13 points. The first player/team to reach or exceed that amount is the winner of that game. The first player/team to reach two wins will have won the match.

The matches will be played within a 60-minute time frame. If no team has won three games by the time 60 minutes is up, the team with the most points is the winner.

## **PLAY**

To start the game, teams will play a single round of rock, paper, scissors, or perform a bag spin. In a bag spin, a cornhole bag is spun on the board, and whichever player the unique mark (e.g., seam, logo) is pointing to wins. The winning team will choose the following:

- Lane assignments
- Order of pitching

In the second game, the team that did not throw first in the first game will go first. This alternation will continue for each subsequent game. If the match reaches a fifth game, another round of rock, paper, scissors, or a bag spin will determine which team throws first.

Teammates will stand on opposite ends of the court, facing each other. After each game, teams will switch sides/boards to ensure a fair playing field.

A team needs 2 individuals to play. If there are not 2 individuals ready to play after a 5-minute grace period, that game will count as a forfeit.

## **PITCHING CORNHOLE BAGS**

Players alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all (4) of their bags.

The player/team who scored in the preceding frame will pitch first in the next frame.

If neither player/team scores, the player/team who pitched first in the preceding frame will pitch first in the next frame.

If bags become piled inside the cornhole board hole and may interfere with or obstruct the next pitch, a player may request to "rake" the cornhole bags that have fallen inside the hole.

No cornhole bags that have been played with outside can be used. Players can use their own cornhole bags, as long as they don't produce a mess. If you don't own any bags, some will be provided.

## **TOUCHING BAGS BEFORE THE FRAME IS COMPLETE**

If a player touches any bags in scoring positions (woodies or cornholes) before all bags during the frame are pitched, the frame is over.

The team that touches the bags forfeits all remaining bags and tallies the score for the bags they have already pitched during the frame. The non-offending team tallies 12 points as if they had thrown 4 cornholes during the frame.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** 12 pts are NOT automatically added to the overall score. The 12 pts are only used within this specific frame before cancellation.

## **SCORING**

**WOODY (Worth 1 point):** Any cornhole bag that remains on the cornhole board after the frame.

**CORNHOLE (Worth 3 points):** Any cornhole bag that passes through the hole of the cornhole board at any time within the frame.

**CANCELLATION SCORING:** The method of scoring used for this league is cancellation scoring. In cancellation scoring, one player's points cancel out their opponent's points.

### **Example:**

The red team achieves one (1) woody and two (2) cornholes during the frame (7 total pts)

The blue team achieves two (2) woodies and zero (0) cornholes during the frame (2 total pts)

7 points – 2 points = Red scores 5 points for the frame

**\*The winning team must report the final score to the recreation staff.**

## **MOVING CORNHOLE BOARDS**

A player can straighten cornhole boards in between frames only with the approval of their opponent.

## **FOUL BAGS**

Refers to a cornhole bag that violates any rules and results in a dead bag (0 points).

- Any bag pitched without at least one foot completely inside the pitcher's box at the time of release
- Any bag that was thrown before or after the player's foot crosses the foul line
- Any bag that contacts the ground or an object in the playing area before coming to rest on the playing surface (the bag must be taken off the board before the next pitch)
- Any bag that is touching any part of the ground at the end of the frame
- Any bag that is thrown before the other team has thrown their next bag
- Any bag not thrown with an underhanded release
- There will be no sliding of the bags on the ground

**There is no referee.** Players are responsible for calling infractions of the rules and recording the score.

- Teams are here to have FUN!
- Matches are played in the spirit of competitiveness and fair play. Sportsmanship is the key goal. The game's enjoyment and the league's quality depend on every player's cooperation.
- Due to the time restrictions, there are NO time-outs during a match.

**If any complications arise, please let the recreation staff know as soon as possible.**