



CORNHOLE RULES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

First and foremost, these leagues are intended to be fun, social, and recreational in nature. Accordingly, aggressive or confrontational behavior will not be tolerated. If there is a dispute, replay the point or notify a cornhole coordinator.

Mgmt. has the final authority on all disputes.

- Seriously—just have a good time in our leagues
- If there is an honest dispute replay the point!

RULES OF PLAY & SCORING

50W Operates under the Rules for “Doubles” Cornhole Matches where two teams, consisting of two players, compete against one another until a winning team is determined.

- Each team will stay in their designated lane for the whole game
- Pitching players will alternate pitches until each player has pitched all four of his/her bags
- Non-Pitching players will take score until it is their turn to pitch bags
- An “inning” is completed when both players from each team have pitched all four bags.

PITCHING ROTATION & POSITION OF PLAYERS DURING PITCHING

The team who scored in the preceding inning has honor pitching first in the next inning. If neither team scores, the team who is in the lead for total points will pitch first.

- The pitcher must be behind the foul line at the time of release
- A player must pitch all four bags from their designated side of the board.

SCORING

The approved method of scoring for the sport of cornhole is “cancellation” scoring. In cancellation scoring, the points of one player cancel out the points of their opponent. Using this method, only one player/team can score in each inning.



- Bag In-The-Count (Woody) : Any bag which comes to rest anywhere on top of the board. Each is worth one (1) point. (BOUNCES DO NOT COUNT)
- Bag In-The-Hole (Cornhole) : Any bag which is thrown through the hole or knocked through the hole by another bag. Each is worth three (3) points.
- Foul Bags – Refers to any bag that has not been determined as Bag In-The-Count or Bag In-The Hole or was designated a foul bag as the result of rules violation
- Players must pitch the bag with an under-hand release.

REGULAR LEAGUE

- Teams will play a match of 3 games to 21 points exactly OR the 60 minute mark is met
- Should a team exceed 21 points in a round they go back to 16 points
- The winner is determined by the team with the most points in the case of the 45 minute mark cutting off the game.
- Teams are awarded a point for each game won in a match.
- The points will be credited towards tournament seeding so all 3 games in a match should be played.

TOURNAMENT PLAY

- Teams will play a match of best 2 out of 3 games playing each to 16 points or the 45 minute mark is met.
- Should a team exceed 16 points in a round they go back to 11 points
- The winner is determined by the team with the most points in the case of the 30 minute mark cutting off the game.
- Teams are awarded “1” points towards tournament advancement
- Teams are given “0” points for a loss
- Should a team be at a tie for scores at the end of the 45 minute allotted match time, teams will go into “sudden death” whereas the next team to score successfully will be considered the winner of the match

FOUL BAGS

The following are rule violations that must be spotted and called by a player. The penalty is to declare the bag a foul bag, which requires the bags to be removed from the court prior to resuming play.

A foul bag is defined as:

- Any bag pitched with the player has (1) made contact with or crossed over the foul line, or (2) started or stepped completely away from the board before the bag is released.
- Any bag pitched from a different side than the first bag.
- Any bag that contacted the court or ground before coming to rest on the board. i.e. bounces onto the board.
- Any bag on the board that is also touching the ground
- Any bag removed from the board before score has been agreed upon for that bag
- The offending team (who touches the opposing team’s bags) forfeits all remaining bags and tallies the score of just the bags thrown before the foul was reported
- The non-offending team (whose bags were moved) gets 12 points out of the realm
- Once a bag leaves a player’s hand in a final forward swing is counted as a pitched bag—aka no do-overs
- A bag that is dropped before a final forward swing can be completed is not considered a pitched bag.



LENGTH OF GAME

REGULAR LEAGUE PLAY:

Each match shall consist of 3 games to be played to 21 points or to the end of 60 minutes.

TOURNAMENT PLAY (LAST TWO WEEKS OF PLAY):

Each match shall consist of 3 games to be played to 16 points or to the end of 45 minutes.

ROSTER RULES

Teams consist of two players of 18 years or older.

- There is no restriction as to gender, teams can be:
 - Two males
 - Two females
 - One male and one female

RAIN/HOLIDAY POLICY

- Rain/Snow Policy
- We never cancel a match or night for rain prior to the scheduled time.
- Seriously—there is no need to call—we never cancel a match for rain prior to the start time.
- (In the case of thunder we will wait from the last thunder strike for thirty minutes and then restart play)

HOLIDAY POLICY

- We never postpone league for holidays (Fourth of July, Labor Day etc.)
- In the event one team shows up and the other doesn't—the “no show team” will receive a loss

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY FIFTY WEST

- Cornhole boards
- Bean bags
- Timer for games

