



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT RULES

All rules follow the “American Cornhole Association” official rules

Scoring System:

- Play to 21: Games are played to 21 points
- No Bust: The first player/team to reach (or exceed) 21 points is the winner (no busts = teams do not go back to 13 points if they go over 21)
- Woody: Any cornhole bag that has been pitched and remains on the cornhole board playing surface at the conclusion of the frame. Each woody is 1pt
- Cornhole: Any cornhole bag that has been pitched and passes through the cornhole board hole at any time within the frame. Each cornhole is 3pts
- 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 frame

Game Play:

- Board Structure: Plywood that is $\frac{3}{4}$ ” thick | 48” L x 24” W | 6” diameter hole
- Bags: 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ” x 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ” | 1” thick
- Adult Board Distance: 27 feet from front edge to front edge
- Parent-Child Board Distance: 21 feet from front edge to front edge
- Right/Left: All players must stay in their designated right/left lane for the whole game
- Pitching Box:
 - Feet must stay behind the line of the front of the board
 - Feet must be within 4’ of the side of the corhole board at the time of releasing the bag
- Pitching Order: The team who scored in the preceding frame pitches first in the next frame. If neither team scored, the team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain first pitch in the next frame
- Alternating Pitching Bags: Players alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all (4) bags
- Foul Bag Rules: The following are rule violations that must be spotted and called by an opposing player. The penalty requires the bag(s) to be removed from the board prior to resuming play:
 - Any bag pitched when the player has crossed over the pitching box boundaries
 - Any bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the board
 - A bag that comes to rest touching the ground AND the board does not count as a point
 - Any bag that struck a previously defined object (tree limb, wire, person, ceiling, etc)
 - Any bag removed from the board before scoring has been agreed upon for that bag



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- The offending team (who touches the bags) forfeits all remaining bags from that round and tallies the score of just the bags thrown before the foul was reported
- A bag that is accidentally dropped by a player before the final forward swing has started shall not be considered foul and may be picked up and pitched.
- Raking Bags: If bags become piled inside the hole and may interfere or obstruct with the next pitch or if there is question whether a cornhole bag would have naturally fallen through the hole, a player may request to rake the cornhole bags that have fallen inside the hole
- Protests: If a player desires to make a protest, the protest shall be made to the Zeeland Recreation staff member at the time the problem occurs. The Zeeland Recreation staff member will make the final ruling on all protests
- Parent-Child Tournament Only: In the parent-child tournament, the children must compete against each other on the same board and the adults must compete against each other on the opposite board

Tournament Set Up:

- Round Robin: Each team will play one game to 21 against every other team in the tournament
- Champion: The team with the best W-L record after playing every other team wins the championship
- Tie-Breaker: If two teams end the round robin with the same W-L record, the head-head matchup will serve as the tie-breaker to determine the champion. In the event that multiple teams tie, head-head matches and/or overall tournament point differential will serve as the tie-breaker
- Awards for Champion: The winning team will receive a \$30 gift card to a local restaurant + a trophy!
- Scorekeeper: A Zeeland Recreation staff member will be on site to keep track of scores, standings, answer questions, provide rule clarifications, etc