

SCORING

Traditional 21: The game shall be played to 21 points. The first team to reach (or exceed) that amount at the conclusion of a frame is the winner. The winning team does not need to win by two or more points.

Frame: A frame consists of a player pitching his/her four (4) bags from one board to another. Players must pitch all four (4) bags from the same side of the board in a frame.

Woody: Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and remains on the cornhole board playing surface at the conclusion of the frame. (1 point)

Cornhole: Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and passes through the cornhole board hole at anytime within the frame. (3 points)

Foul Bags: Refers to any cornhole bag that has not been determined as a “woody” or “cornhole”, or was designated a foul bag as the result of rules violation. Bags contacting the ground before reaching the playing surface and bags pitched when a player has crossed the foul line are Foul Bags. If a foul bag lands on the playing surface or comes to rest touching the ground and the board, it must be removed immediately.

Cancellation 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 frame.

ROUND ONE: For the first 15 minutes, cancellation scoring is in place.
Starting at 15:01, all points scored will count toward your team total.

ROUND TWO: Cancellation scoring will be used the whole game.

Example: Red achieves one (1) woody and two (2) cornholes Blue achieves two (2) woodies and zero (0) cornholes 7 points – 2 points = Red scores 5 points for that frame

Referee: A designated referee will “make the call” on game conflicts. Any disputes will be settled by the referee’s ruling.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

All other playing fields will be removed and only one championship field will remain. We will play “Backyard Rules” for the final Championship Game, therefore, if a team finishes a frame with a score OVER 21, they will go back to 13 points and continue play.

OTHER RULES

Coin Toss: Each game will with a coin toss. The winner of the toss can choose whether they would like to toss first and which side of the board they would like to toss from.

Doubles Play

- * Team A competes against Team B – each team is comprised of two (2) people.
- * Each team will stay in their designated lane for the whole game.
- * Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all (4) of his/her bags.
- * Each individual contestant shall deliver the corn bag within 20 seconds. The time shall start when the contestant steps into the pitcher’s box with the intention of pitching.

Pitching

- * Players alternate pitching bags (one player at a time) until each player has pitched all (4) of his/her bags.
- * A player must pitch all (4) cornhole bags from their designated cornhole pitchers box.
- * One foot must stay completely in the pitchers box at all times while pitching bags.
- * Players must not cross the foul line with their feet before the bag has landed.
- * Players must pitch the bags with an under-hand release.

Pitching the Next Frame: The team who scored in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame. If neither team scores, the team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain first pitch in the next frame.

The Inning Must Be finished: The game can never end in the middle of an inning. Thus, if a team that pitches first reaches or exceeds 21 points, the game can not end until the other side is allowed to pitch all of their corn bags and the inning is completed.

Ties At The End Of An Inning: If the game is tied at 21 or more at the end of an inning, play continues until one team or the other achieves a higher score at the end of an inning and wins the match.

Raking Cornhole Bags:

If bags become piled inside the cornhole board 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. *Important note: During raking, all efforts should be made to leave bags on the playing surface undisrupted, in their natural state, and to leave bags that may hang on the rim of the hole from falling inside the hole unnaturally. If a bag is resting on a piled bag, and unavoidably falls into the hole as a result of raking, then it shall be counted as a “cornhole.”*