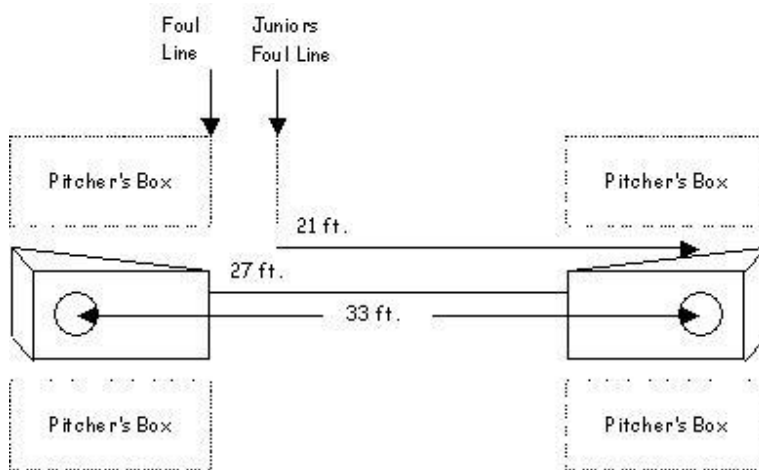


Cornhole Tournament Rules

Corn Toss / Cornhole Playing Field:



During a match, a contestant shall not be allowed to alter the Cornhole / Corn Toss court in any manner without the consent of the opponent or a tournament official.

Foul Lines – foul lines shall be defined as an imaginary line 30 ft. from the beginning of the hole in the opposite Cornhole platform. This foul line (blue tape) will be parallel to the front of the cornhole platform.

Innings:

Every Cornhole / Corn Toss match is broken down into innings of play. The inning is completed when both contestants (one from each team) pitching from the cornhole platform pitch all 4 corn bags.

An inning is never completed until one contestant from each team pitches all four corn bags.

Value Of The Corn Bag:

1. Corn Bag In-The-Hole - A corn bag in-the-hole (or Hole-In) is a corn bag which is thrown through the hole in the cornhole platform or otherwise comes to rest inside the cornhole platform (knocked in by another player or an act of God). A corn bag in-the-hole has a value of three points.
2. Corn Bag In-The-Count - A corn bag that is not in-the-hole but lands with any portion of the corn bag resting on the cornhole platform is in-the-count (sometimes called on-the-board). A corn bag in-the-count has a value of one point. For a corn bag to be in-the-count, it must not touch the ground or any other portion of the court prior to coming to rest on the cornhole platform. If a corn bag touches the ground before coming to rest on

the cornhole platform, it is a foul and must be removed from the cornhole platform prior to the continuation of play.

3. Corn Bag Out-Of-The-Count - A corn bag which comes to rest anywhere except in-the-count or in-the-hole is out-of-the-count and has no scoring value. A corn bag which is declared to be a foul is considered to be out-of-the-count (no matter where it comes to rest) and must be removed from the cornhole surface prior to the continuation of play.

Delivery Of Corn Bags During Play:

1. In doubles play, the first side of contestants alternate pitching corn bags until they have thrown all four corn bags, then the remaining contestant (pitching from the other cornhole platform) continue to alternate in the same manner until all four corn bags are delivered.

2. A contestant may deliver the corn bag from either the left or right pitchers box (see above) but, in any one inning, all corn bags must be delivered from the same pitcher's box.

3. Each individual contestant shall deliver the corn bag within 20 seconds. The time shall start when the contestant steps onto the pitcher's box with the intention of pitching.

4. A contestant shall pitch the entire tournament with the same hand or arm, except in the case of a medical emergency.

Pitching Rotation During The Game:

The contestant who scored in the preceding inning shall pitch first in the next inning. If neither pitcher scores, the team who scored last in the preceding inning shall pitch first in the next inning.

Length Of The Game:

The Cornhole / Corn Toss match shall be played until the first team of contestants reaches (or exceeds) 21 points at the completion of an inning. The winning team does not need to win by two or more points.

The Cornhole / Corn Toss match 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.

If the Cornhole / Corn Toss match 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.

Cancellation Scoring

In cancellation scoring, corn bags in-the-hole and corn bags in-the-count pitched by opponents during an inning cancel each other out. Only non cancelled corn bags are counted in the score for the inning.

1. Corn Bags In-The-Hole – Hole-ins (HI's) cancel each other. A corn bag in-the-hole of one contestant shall cancel a corn bag in-the-hole of his competitor and those corn bags shall not score any points. Any non cancelled corn bag in-the-hole scores three points.

2. Corn Bags In-The-Count – Corn bags in-the-count cancel each other. A corn bag in-the-count of one contestant shall cancel a corn bags in-the-count of the opponent and those corn bags shall not score any points. Any non cancelled corn bags in-the-count score one point each.

Cancellation scoring may be easily calculated as follows:

1. The points of both contestants are calculated for hole-ins and in-the-count corn bags.

2. The points of the lowest scoring contestant for hole-in corn bags are subtracted from the points of the highest scoring contestant for hole-in corn bags. The result is the hole-in score for the highest scoring contestant. The hole-in score for the lowest scoring contestant is zero.

3. The points of the lowest scoring contestant for in-the-count corn bags are subtracted from the points of the highest scoring contestant for in-the-count corn bags. The result is the in-the-count score for the highest scoring contestant. The in-the-count score for the lowest scoring contestant is zero.

3. The hole-in score for each contestant is added to the in-the-count score for each contestant to derive the the total score for each contestant.

4. The lowest total score is then subtracted from the highest total score. The result is the score recorded for the highest scoring contestant/team. The lowest scoring contestant/team records a zero. In this manner hole-in and in-the-count corn bags from each contestant/team are cancelled out and only non cancelled corn bags are counted in the score.

To illustrate, if the first contestant lands two corn bags in-the hole and two corn bags in-the-count and the second contestant lands two corn bags in-the-hole and two in-the-count, the score for both contestants would be zero as both corn bags in-the-hole and corn bags in-the-count cancel each other out.

To further illustrate, if the first contestant lands one corn bag in the hole and one corn bag in-the-count and the second contestant lands one corn bag in-the count, the score for the first contestant would be 3 and the score for the second contestant would be zero as the bag in-the-hole would count and the two corn bags in-the-count (one from each team) cancel each other out.

Alternatively, if the first contestant lands no corn bags in-the-hole or in-the-count and

the second contestant lands two corn bags in-the count, the score for the first contestant would be 0 and the score for the second contestant would be 2 as only bags from the second contestant landed on the cornhole platform and there is no cancellation.

Lastly, if the first contestant lands one corn bag in-the-hole and none in-the-count and the second contestant lands two corn bag in-the count, the score for the first contestant would be 1 and the score for the second contestant would be 0.

Corn bags in-the-count may be knocked off the cornhole platform or in-the-hole by an opponent or by that contestant other corn bags. Where the corn bag ultimately lands determines the scoring.

Foul Corn Bags:

A foul corn bag is a corn bag which was delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules of the game. It scores as a corn bag out of the count and is to be removed from the Cornhole / Corn Toss court before any more corn bags are pitched. Corn bags already in the court that have been knocked into foul territory by a foul corn bag should be returned to the scoring area. Additionally, corn bags that are in the count, but are knocked into the hole by a foul corn bag must be returned to their original scoring position.

A corn bag which is declared to be a foul is considered to be out-of-the-count (no matter where it comes to rest) and must be removed from the cornhole surface prior to the continuation of play.

A contestant's corn bags shall be called foul if the contestant removes any corn bag before the scoring of that corn bag has been agreed upon. A judge shall be called if a decision cannot be reached. The judge shall determine the scoring for the inning.

Protests:

If a contestant desires to make a protest, the protest shall be made to the judge or tournament official at the time the problem occurs. The tournament judge shall make the final ruling on all protests.

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ARE FINAL.**