



## **Corn Hole Rules**

### **The Court**

- A Corn hole court shall be a level rectangular area 10 ft. wide and a minimum of 45 ft. long. The court should consist of 2 Corn hole boards, designated pitchers' boxes and foul lines.

### **Equipment**

- 2 wooden corn hole boards
- 8 square bean bags

### **The Game**

- Corn hole can be played as doubles or singles. In doubles play 2 contestants are partners against another team of 2 contestants; in singles play a contestant competes against another contestant. In doubles play, 1 member of each team pitches from 1 Corn hole board and the other members pitch from the other Corn hole board. In singles play, both contestants pitch from the same Corn hole board. All other Corn hole rules are basically the same for doubles or singles play.
- Every Corn hole match is broken down into innings of play. During each inning of play each contestant must pitch all 4 Corn hole bags.
- In singles play, the top of an inning is completed when the first contestant pitches all 4 Corn hole bags; the bottom of the inning is completed when the remaining contestant pitches all 4 bags.
- In doubles play, the top of an inning is completed when both contestants pitching from the first Corn hole board pitch all 4 Corn hole bags; the bottom of the inning is completed when the remaining contestants (pitching from the other Corn hole board) pitch all 4 bags.
- An inning is never completed until all contestants pitch all 4 bags.
- Corn hole Bag In-The-Hole – A Corn hole bag in-the-hole (or Hole-In) is a bag which is thrown through the hole in the Corn hole board or otherwise comes to rest inside the Corn hole board (knocked in by another player or an act of God). A Corn hole bag in-the-hole has a value of 3 points.
- Corn hole Bag In-The-Count – A Corn hole bag that is not in-the-hole but lands with any portion of the bag resting on the Corn hole board is in-the-count (sometimes called on-the-board). A bag in-the-count has a value of 1 point. For a 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 Corn hole board. If a bag touches the ground before coming to rest on the Corn hole board, it is a foul and must be removed from the Corn hole board prior to the continuation of play.
- Corn hole Bag Out-Of-The-Count – A Corn hole 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 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 Corn hole surface prior to the continuation of play.
- In doubles play, the first side of contestants alternate pitching Corn hole bags until they have thrown all 4 bags, then the remaining contestant (pitching from the other Corn hole board) continue to alternate in the same manner until all 4 bags are delivered and the inning completed. Delivery in singles play is handled in the same manner (but from the same board) with each of the 2 contestants alternating their pitching of Corn hole bags until all 4 bags have been pitched completing the inning.
- A contestant may deliver the Corn hole bag from either the left or right pitchers box (see above) but, in any 1 inning, all bags must be delivered from the same pitcher's box. A contestant shall pitch the entire tournament with the same hand or arm, except in the case of a medical emergency.
- Each individual contestant shall deliver the Corn hole bag within 20 seconds. The time shall start when the contestant steps onto the pitcher's box with the intention of pitching.

- The contestant who scored in the preceding inning shall pitch first in the next inning. If neither pitcher scores, the contestant who pitched second (last) in the preceding inning shall pitch first in the next inning.
- The pitcher must maintain constant contact with the designated pitcher's box (See diagram above) during the entire address and release of the Corn hole bag. The only exception is for junior and physically challenged contestants, who must simply remain completely behind the 21 ft. foul line when the bag is released. The opponent, while not pitching, shall stand behind the Corn hole board at least 2 feet to the rear of the contestant who is pitching. After a short distance contestant (junior or physically challenged) pitches first they must return to the Corn hole board if the opponent or any contestant on an adjacent court is a full distance pitcher.
- If both contestants use the same pitchers box to deliver their Corn hole bags, the contestant pitching first should cross over to the other pitchers box in front of the Corn hole board and then move to the proper position. (see #1 above) As the first contestant is crossing in front the second contestant should be crossing over in back and mounting the pitchers box from the rear. If both contestants use opposite pitchers boxes, the contestant who pitches first should step directly back to the proper position described in #1 of this section.
- A foul Corn hole bag is a bag which was delivered in non-compliance with one of the Corn hole rules of the game. It scores as a bag out of the count and is to be removed from the Corn hole court before any more bags are pitched. Corn hole bags already in the court that have been knocked into foul territory by a foul bag should be returned to the scoring area. Additionally, bags that are in the count, but are knocked into the hole by a foul bag must be returned to their original scoring position.
- The following are rule violations that must be spotted and called by an contestant or assigned judge. The penalty is to declare the Corn hole bag a foul bag which requires the bags to be removed from the court prior to resuming play.
  - Any Corn hole bag pitched when the contestant has made contact with or crossed over the foul line before the bag is released.
  - Except as provided above, any Corn hole bag pitched when the contestant has started or stepped completely outside the pitching box before releasing the bag.
  - Any Corn hole bag not delivered within the twenty second time limit.
  - A Corn hole bag pitched from a different pitchers box than the first bag.
  - Any Corn hole bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the Corn hole board.
  - Any Corn hole bag which struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.
  - Any Corn hole bag that leaves a contestant's hand once the final forward swing of the delivery process has started shall count as a pitched bag. A bag that is accidentally dropped by a contestant before the final forward swing has started shall not be considered foul and may be picked up and pitched.
  - A contestant's Corn hole bags shall be called foul if the contestant removes any bag before the scoring of that 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.

### **Playoffs**

- The top teams from each league will participate in a one-day single elimination tournament.
- Top teams will be selected by winning percentages.
  - **NOTE:** Ties have no weighted value when winning percentages are calculated.