

Cornhole Rules



Activity Format: This is a one day special event informal activity. No winner crowned, play for fun.

Policy Information: For additional information please review the Intramural Sports Handbook online at: www.butler.edu/intramurals

Equipment

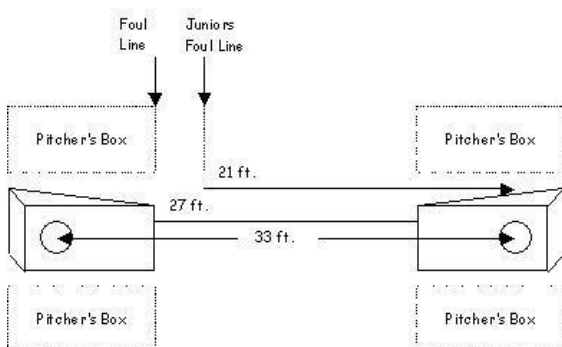
Bags: Only bags provided by Intramural Sports will be allowed.

Game Regulations

Players: An official team will consist of two (2) players maximum.

Substitutions: Substitutions can be made after a game is ended. New players cannot be added to an already existing game.

Board Distance: Playing boards should be placed at a distance of 27 feet (or nine yards) from the front of each board.



Foul Line: Players must release the bag prior to stepping over the foul line. The line runs parallel to the front of the cornhole platform.

Covered or Indoor Courts: The regulations for covered and indoor cornhole courts are exactly the same with the additional stipulation that they shall have a minimum 12-foot vertical clearance to the lowest possible obstruction.

Officials: The Intramural Sports department does not schedule officials for Cornhole games. Participants will call their own games.

Sport Specific Rules

Pitching Distance: Contestants shall pitch from the pitcher's box behind the 30-foot foul lines.

Innings: Every cornhole match is broken down into innings of play. During each inning of play each contestant must pitch all four corn bags.

Scoring: In cancellation scoring, bags in-the-hole and bags in-the-count pitched by opponents during an inning or half of an inning in doubles play cancel each other out. Only non cancelled bags are counted in the score for the inning.

A bag in-the-hole (or hole-in) is a 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 bag in-the-hole has a value of three (3) points.

A bag that is not in-the-hole but lands with any portion of the bag resting on the cornhole platform is in-the-count. A bag in-the-count has a value of one (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 cornhole platform. If a 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.

A 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 cornhole surface prior to the continuation of play.

Delivery of Corn Bags: In doubles play, the first side of contestants alternate pitching bags until they have thrown all four bags, then the remaining contestant (pitching from the other cornhole platform) continue to alternate in the same manner until all four bags are delivered and the inning completed. Delivery in singles play is handled in the same manner (but from the same platform) with each of the two contestants alternating their pitching of bags until all four bags have been pitched completing the inning.

A contestant may deliver the bag from either the left or right pitchers box (see above) but, in any one 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.

Time Limit: A 25-minute time limit or best 2 out of 3 will be in place for all games.

Pitching Rotation: 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.

Foul Corn Bags: A foul bag is a bag, which was delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules of the game. It scores as a bag out-of-the-count and is to be removed from the cornhole court before any more corn bags are pitched. Corn 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 considered fouls:

(a) Any corn bag pitched when the contestant has made contact with or crossed over the foul line before the corn bag is released.

(b) Except as provided above, any corn bag pitched when the contestant has started or stepped completely outside the pitching box before releasing the corn bag.

(c) Any corn bag not delivered within the twenty second time limit.

(d) A corn bag pitched from a different pitchers box than the first corn bag.

(e) Any corn bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the cornhole platform.

(f) Any corn bag which struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.

(g) Any corn bag that leaves a contestant's hand once the final forward swing of the delivery process has started shall count as a pitched corn bag. A corn 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 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.

Winning the Game: A 25-minute time limit will be in place for all preliminary rounds before the championship game. The cornhole matches shall be played until the first team of contestants wins 2 out of 3 games by reaching (or exceeding) 21 points at the completion of an inning. The winning team does not need to win by two or more points nor does the winning team need to get exactly 21. The inning must be finished and a match can never end in the middle of an inning.

If the cornhole 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.

Covid-19 Policies:

Masks- Masks or gaiters are required to be worn at all times during the event. Failure to wear a mask will result in dismissal from the competition and potentially the league.

Social distancing- If it is not your turn to throw you must stand at the six foot mark outlined on the field to allow for safe distance during game play.

Bags- Each team will get their own set of bags that will only be touched by the two players of that team. All bags will be provided by IM Staff, personal bags not allowed.

Sanitation- Each player will be required to sanitize their hands at check in, prior to the games start. The IM Staff will sanitize bags before and after each use.