

CORNHOLE TOSS - TOURNAMENT RULES

Game Setup

Cornhole boards are placed 27 feet apart from the fronts. Tournament play requires teams of 2 individuals, one at each board.

Playing The Game

Play begins with partners set up at opposing boards. A coin toss determines which side throws first. All 8 bags begin at the same end. The player on the team that goes first (has honors) throws his/her first bag. From then on the players alternate their throws until all 8 bags are thrown. Once scoring is complete (see Scoring section below) the team with the most points in that round receives honors and his/her partner gets to throw first in the next round. Once play has begun, each individual must remain at the board they started at. Players may choose to throw from either side of the board, but once they start their turn of throwing 4 bags they must remain on the side of their board they started. They may however switch to the other side of their board at the start of their next turn. Both players on that board may throw from the same side if they choose. Players may not cross the imaginary line in front of the board during their throw. Doing so will forfeit that throw's points, and if the bag that was thrown when the violation occurred is on the board it must be cleared immediately.

Point Values

- 1) 3 points for each bag that goes through the hole.
- 2) 1 point for each bag resting on the playing surface (not touching the ground).
- 3) 1 point for each bag hanging on the hole, but has not fallen through.
- 4) 0 points for a bag that bounces onto the playing surface after hitting the ground or some other object. This bag must also be removed from the playing surface immediately.

Scoring

The Cornhole match shall be played until a team reaches (or exceeds) 21 points at the completion of a round. A round is completed when the 2 people at one of the boards have thrown all 8 bags. The winning team doesn't have to win by 2 or more points. When scoring, use the point values listed above. At the end of each round the players add up the total points they earned. The player with the most points subtracts the points his/her opponent scored and adds the difference to his/her teams total.

Other Tournament Notes

- 1) This is a double elimination tournament – 2 losses and your team is out of the tournament. After a team's first loss, they will be assigned a position in the Losers' Bracket. If the team loses again, they are out. The champion of the Winners' Bracket will need to be beaten 2 times by the winner of the Losers' Bracket in order to be defeated.
- 2) Fast play is critical in order to keep tournaments moving. When a team is called to play it is expected to report to the court it is assigned. A team will be called a second time if needed. If the team doesn't show 5 minutes after the second calling, they will forfeit that game. The forfeit is considered a loss and will be counted as such in the standings.