

Cornhole Rules

ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION:

1. Any at least part-time student is eligible to participate
2. AU faculty, staff and their spouses/children are eligible to play
3. Players may be added to rosters during the first week of the season, but not after that.
4. All players must be recorded on the game sheet before they are allowed to participate.

TEAMS:

1. Teams consist of two players on the field at one time
2. Ten minutes after game time is a forfeit time. If a team does not have their minimum 2 players a forfeit will be assessed.

EQUIPMENT:

1. The IM department will provide the cornhole boards and bags.
2. Teams may choose to wear the same color but is not required.

PLAY THE GAME:

1. Each team must have 2 players on the field to start the game. If a team does not have 2 players to start they must forfeit the game.
2. Teams may substitute players after the participating player has completed all four bag tosses.
3. Boards will be positioned 27 feet from the front of one board to the front of the other board.
4. Players must pitch from the pitcher's box behind the 27-foot foul lines.
5. One member of each team pitches from one cornhole box and the other member pitches from the other cornhole box.
6. Each player pitches 4 bags per turn, alternating with the player from the opposite team who is also at their box.
7. A player must pitch all four bags from the same side of the box during each turn. They may alternate to the other side of the box before their next turn.
8. The player who scored highest on their preceding turn shall pitch first on their next turn. If neither player scores, the player who pitched second (last) during their preceding turn, shall pitch first in their next turn.

The player/team who scored in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame. If neither player/team scores, the player/team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain first pitch in the next frame.

9. The opponent, while not pitching, shall stand behind the cornhole platform at least 2 feet to the rear of the player who is pitching.
10. The Cornhole match shall be played until the first team of players reaches 21 points exactly at the completion of a turn. If a team exceeds 21 points that team drops back to 13 points, and the game proceeds as normal.

11. The Cornhole match can never end in the middle of an inning. Thus, if a team that pitches first reaches 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.
12. 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.
13. Games will be played best 2 out of 3.

SCORING:

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 board 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 is worth **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. 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. A corn bag in-the-count is worth **one point**. 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.
4. Points Cancellation: Scoring only happens if you score more points than the other team in that inning. If you have 3 bags on, and the other team has 2, the team with 3 will receive one point for that inning.

FOULS:

Any bag pitched not in compliance with the rules shall result in the discard of that bag for that turn. Any bags knocked out of play by a foul bag shall be put back on the board.

1. Any corn bag pitched when the contestant has made contact with or crossed over the foul line before the corn bag is released.
2. 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.
3. A corn bag pitched from a different pitcher's box than the first corn bag.
4. Any corn bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the cornhole platform.
5. Any corn bag which struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.
6. 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.