

Toss For Tots Cornhole Tournament Rules

COURT LAYOUT DIMENSIONS

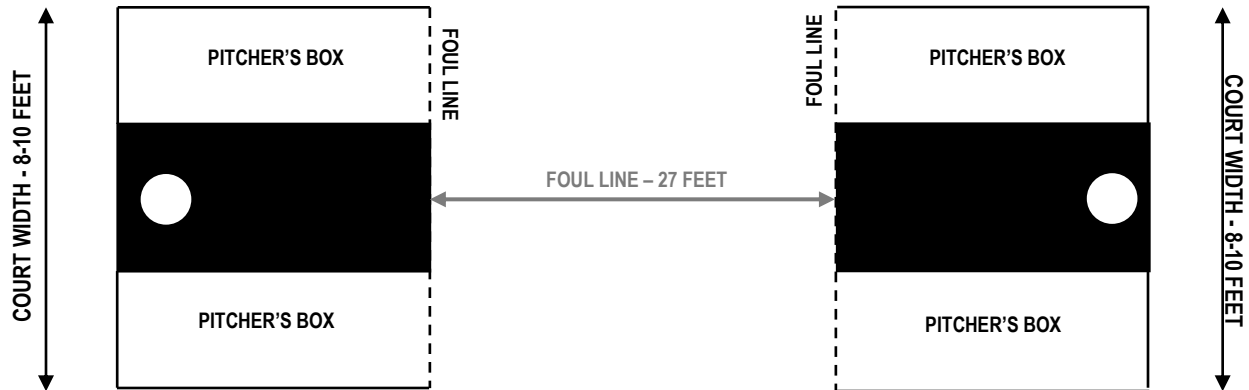
Cornhole court shall be a level rectangular area 8-10 feet wide and a minimum of 40-45 feet long. The court will consist of two cornhole boards, designated pitcher's boxes, and foul lines.

PITCHER'S BOX

The pitcher's box is rectangular, 4 feet by 3 feet at each end of the court, parallel with, and on both sides of the boards. Each player must remain in the pitcher's box while pitching a cornhole bag.

FOUL LINES

The foul line shall be defined as an imaginary line 27 feet between the fronts of each board. With regard to sets that meet ACA (American Cornhole Association) specifications, the foul line will be parallel to the front of the board



EQUIPMENT

MCRD will have a few sets of bags for use, although we will not have enough to supply for each game. **We ask that if you are participating, please bring your own bags to throw.** We will use the sets that MCRD has for those who do not have bags. MCRD will have each set of boards for the game to be played sponsored by WW Boards.

PLAY OF THE GAME

SINGLES OR DOUBLES PLAY

Every match is broken down into innings of play. During an inning of play, each player must pitch all of his or her bags. An inning is never completed until all players pitch all four of his/her bags.

Singles Play – Player A competes against player B.

1. Both players stay in their designated lane for the whole game.
2. Players start the game at headboard and will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four of his or her bags.
3. Players then walk to the end of their lane to the other court, score will be taken by MCRD staff, then resume pitching back to the other board.
4. The top of the inning is completed when the first player pitches all four bags; the bottom inning is completed when the remaining pitcher pitches all four bags.

Doubles Play – Team A competes against Team B; each team is comprised of two people.

1. Each team will stay in their designated lane for the entire game.
2. Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four of his or her bags. MCRD staff will take score, then players at the footboard will resume pitching back to the other board.
3. The top of an inning shall be completed when both players pitching at the headboard pitch all four bags; the bottom of the inning shall be completed when the remaining players pitching from the footboard pitch all four bags.

VALUE OF THE BAG

The approved method of scoring for the sport of cornhole is "cancellation" scoring. In cancellation scoring, the points of one player cancel out the points of their opponent. Using this method, only one player/team can score in each inning.

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Bag In-The-Count (Woody): Any bag which comes to rest anywhere on top of the board. Each is worth one (1) point.

Bag In-The-Hole (Cornhole): Any bag which is thrown through the hole or knocked in the hole by another bag. Each is worth three (3) points.

Foul Bags – Refers to any bag that has not been determined as Bag In-The-Count or Bag In-The-Hole or was designated as a foul bag as a result of rules violation.

PITCHING ROTATION DURING THE GAME

The player or team who scored in the preceding inning has honor pitching first in the next inning. If neither player nor team scores, the player or team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain first pitch in the next frame.

POSITION OF PLAYERS DURING PITCHING

1. The pitcher must be within the pitcher's box or behind the foul line at the time of release.
2. A player must pitch all four bags from their designated pitcher's box.
3. Players must pitch the bag with an under-hand release.

FOUL BAGS

1. The following are rule violations that must be spotted and called by a player or MCRD Scorekeeper. The penalty is to declare the bag a foul bag, which requires the bag to be removed from the court prior to resuming play.

A foul bag is defined as:

- (a) Any bag pitched when the player has (1) made contact with or crossed over the foul line, or (2) started or stepped completely outside pitcher's box before bag is released.

- (b) Any bag not delivered within the 20 second time limit.
 - (c) A bag pitched from a different pitcher's box than the first bag.
 - (d) Any bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the board.
 - (e) Any bag on the board that is also touching the ground.
 - (f) Any bag removed from the board before scoring has been agreed upon for that bag
 - i. The offending team (who touches the bags) forfeits all remaining bags and tallies the score of only the bags thrown before the foul was reported.
 - ii. The non-offending team will be tallied twelve (12) points as if they had thrown four Bag In-The-Hole (Cornholes) during the inning
2. A bag that leaves a player's hand once the final forward swing of the delivery process has started shall count as a pitched bag.
 3. A bag that is accidentally dropped by a player before the final forward swing has started shall not be considered foul and may be picked up and pitched.
 4. A bag hanging off the edge of the board has value unless it is touching the ground.

Protests – If a player desires to make a protest, the protest shall be made to the MCRD official at the time problem occurs. If the MCRD official is hung, problem shall be reported to the Tournament Director, who shall make the final ruling.

LENGTH OF THE GAME

Each game played shall be called at one of two determinations. Games shall be played 10 rounds (completion of 10 innings) OR shall be played to the predetermined number of twenty-one (21) points, whichever is reached first.



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