

## Rules for Masters Games Cornhole Event

There are quite strict international rules for the sport of Cornhole and while we are following these as much as possible, we have made some adaptations to enable a tournament to be run over a few hours and to fit in as many people as possible.

### Boards and bags

Our Boards and bags are regulation size in every way and while the sport is usually played with a board at each end of the court with a pitchers box at either side we do not have enough boards for this to happen, so we will be creating a pitchers box at one end and throw to a single board.

### Pitchers Box

Each player must remain in the pitcher's box while pitching a cornhole bag.

### Foul lines

Each player must remain behind the foul line at the time of release. The adult foul lines are 8.2m from the front of the board. We believe this is quite a long way for new players, so we have reduced the distance to 7.5m and 7m for disabled players.

### Rules of Game Play (based on our adaptation of only 1 board per game)

- All members of a team must pitch four bags.
- Players must pitch the bag with an under-hand release.
- There is a 20 second time limit for each throw.
- A bag that leaves a player's hand once the forward swing of the delivery process has started is counted as a pitched bag. Before that, a dropped bag can be replayed.

Singles Play - Player A competes against Player B.

- Both players play from the designated pitcher's box for the whole game.
- Players will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four of his/her bags.
- Players then walk to the end of their court, agree on the score, pick up bags and return to the pitcher's box to play again.

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

- Each team will play from the designated pitcher's box for the whole game.
- The first two players in the pitcher's box will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four of his/her bags. Their teammates will be at the board end to remove illegal throws etc.
- Players at the board will agree on the score, pick up the bags and will then change places with the two who have just thrown.

### Scoring the game

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

e.g. Team A gets 6 points; Team B get 9 points; Team B would score 3 points. Points are given as follows:

3-points            Bag in-the-hole (Cornhole) – any bag which is thrown through the hole or knocked through the hole by another bag.

1-point            Bag in-the-count (Woody) – any bag which comes to rest anywhere on top of the board.

0-points           Foul Bags and Foul Throws (see below)

The team who scored in the preceding innings, pitches first in the next inning. If neither team scores, the team who pitched first in the previous innings shall retain first pitch.

Games are normally played to 21 points, but due to time restrictions we will be playing to 13 or 20 minutes per game whichever comes first. A horn will signal the start and stop of time. When the final hooter goes the teams will finish the innings (i.e. all players playing all bags). If the score is tied, each player will play one bag until one person scores a point, starting with whichever team won the last innings.

### Foul Bags

- ❖ Any bag that is on the ground, on the board but touching the ground, or on the board but touching another bag on the ground is a foul bag, unless in the latter case the bag remains on the board once the resting bag is removed, then it would no longer be a foul bag.
- ❖ Any bag that touches the ground or a previously defined object such as a tree limb, ceiling etc before coming to rest on the board.
- ❖ Any bag removed from the board before scoring has been agreed upon for that bag is a foul bag. There are severe penalties for this. Normally it is 12 points to the opposition, but we will go with a 2-point win to the opposing team

### Foul Throw

- ❖ Any player who steps out of the pitcher's box before the bag is released
- ❖ Any player who steps on, or over the foul line before the bag is released
- ❖ Any player who takes more than 20 seconds to throw the bag
- ❖ A bag that is accidentally dropped by a player before the forward swing has started shall not be considered foul and may be picked up and pitched

Protests – If a player desires to make a protest, the protest shall be made to the designated official at the time the problem occurs. The judge shall make the final ruling on all protests.