

# Cornhole Rules Summary

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## Equipment

- All equipment will be provided by Recreational Facilities.

## Competition Format

- Single elimination tournament
- 4-participant maximum from each collegian
- Games are self-officiated.
- The winner of each game is responsible for reporting their game result to the collegian sports manager on duty at the event site.

## Court Layout:

- Dimensions: 10'W x 45'L.
- Pitcher's Box is the rectangle 3'x4' at the end of the court, parallel and on both sides of the Corn Hole platforms. Each contestant must remain in the pitcher's box while pitching the corn bag.
- All contestants shall pitch from the pitcher's box behind the 30' foul lines.
- During a match, a contestant shall not be allowed to alter the Corn Hole court in any manner without the consent of the Collegian Sports Supervisor.



## General Rules

- Both contestants pitch from the same corn hole platform.
- Every match is broken down into innings of play. There is no minimum or maximum amount of innings.
  - During each inning, each contestant must pitch all four corn bags.

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## **Scoring**

- **Cancellation Scoring:** the points of one player cancel out the points of their opponent. Using this method, only one player can score in each inning.
- **Points Scale**
  - In-The-Hole = 3 points
  - In-The-Count = 1 point
- **In-The-Hole:** a corn bag which is thrown through the hole in the corn hole platform or otherwise comes to rest inside the corn hole platform.
- **In-The-Count:** a corn bag that is not in-the-hole but lands with any portion of the corn bag resting on the corn hole platform is in-the-count. A corn bag in-the-count has a value of 1 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 corn hole platform.
  - If a corn bag touches the ground before coming to rest on the corn hole platform, it is a foul and must be removed from the corn hole platform prior to the continuation of play.
- **Foul Bags:** Refers to any bag that has not been determined as Bag In-The-Count or Bag In-The Hole or was designated a foul bag as the result of rules violation.
  - 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 corn hole surface prior to the continuation of play.

## **Pitch**

- The pitcher must be within the pitcher's box or behind the foul line at the time of release.
- Each contestant alternates pitching their corn bags until all four bags have been pitched completing the inning.
- A player must pitch all four bags from their designated pitcher's box.
  - A contestant may deliver the corn bag from either the left or right pitcher's box; however, in any one inning, all corn bags must be delivered from the same pitcher's box.
  - A contestant must pitch the entire tournament with the same hand or arm.
- Players must pitch the bag with an underhand release.
- Each contestant has 20 seconds to deliver the corn bag. The time will start when the contestant steps onto the pitcher's box with the intention of pitching.

## **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.

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## **Delivery**

- The pitcher must maintain constant contact with the designated pitcher's box during the entire address and release of the corn bag. The opponent, while not pitching, shall stand behind the corn hole platform at least 2 feet to the rear of the contestant who is pitching.

## **Foul Corn Bags**

- Any corn bag pitched when the contestant has made contact with or crossed over the foul line before the corn bag is released.
- Any corn bag not delivered within the 20 second time limit.
- A corn bag pitched from a different pitcher's box than the first corn bag.
- Any corn bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the corn hole platform.
- 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 corn bags shall be called foul if the contestant removes any corn bag before the scoring of that corn bag has been agreed upon. A Collegian Sports Manager shall be called if a decision cannot be reached. The Collegian Sports Manager shall determine the scoring for the inning.

## **Length of Game**

- The match shall be played until a contestant reaches (or exceeds) **21 points** at the completion of an inning. The winning team does not need to win by 2 or more points.
- The innings must be completed prior to completing a match. Thus, if a team that pitches first reaches or exceeds 21 points, the game cannot end until the opponent is allowed to pitch all of their corn bags and the inning is complete.
- If a 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.
- **Skunks:** a player scores 7 or more points at the end of an inning before their opponents score any points. In this case, the game is a **skunk** and the player that scores 7 or more points wins the match.

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