



# Backyard Cornhole Tournament: Rules and Guidelines

This document outlines the rules and guidelines for our recreational backyard cornhole tournament, designed to be a fun and social event open to all members of our community. Our primary focus is on fostering a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere for participants of all skill levels.

## Tournament Format:

- The tournament will begin with a round-robin format followed by a single elimination format, allowing multiple opportunities for play.
- Teams will consist of two players.
- Team pairings for the initial rounds will be determined by random draw. Subsequent pairings will follow the tournament bracket.

## Gameplay Rules:

- **Equipment:** Standard cornhole boards (2' x 4') and bags (6" x 6", approximately 1 pound filled with corn kernels or resin) will be used.
- **Pitching Distance:** The front edge of each cornhole board shall be 27 feet apart. A shortened distance of 15 feet will be used for participants aged 12 or under.
- **Pitching Zones:** Each player will pitch/throw from behind the front edge of their designated cornhole board.
- **Alternating Turns:** Players from opposing teams will alternate pitching one bag at a time until all four bags have been thrown by each team.
- **Scoring:**
  - A bag that lands anywhere on the cornhole board and remains there at the end of the inning is worth **one (1) point**.
  - A bag that enters the hole at any time during the inning is worth **three (3) points**.
  - **Foul Bags:** The following result in a bag receiving **zero (0) points** and being removed from play immediately:
    - A bag that touches the ground before landing on the board.
    - A bag pitched when the player's foot is over the front edge of the pitching box.
    - A bag pitched out of turn.
- **Cancellation Scoring:** Points cancel each other out. For example, if Team A scores 5 points in an inning (one in the hole, two on the board) and Team B scores 3 points (one in the hole), Team A receives 2 points for that inning ( $5 - 3 = 2$ ).
- **First to 21:** The first team to reach or exceed 21 points at the end of an inning wins the game. A team does not need to win by two points.
- **Time Limit:** To ensure our tournament stays on schedule, games will be limited to 15 minutes. If no team has scored 21 points by the end of the 15 minutes, whichever team has the most points will be designated as the winner. In the event of a tie, 1 final round will be played with the team scoring the most points being designated as the winner.



### **Conduct and Sportsmanship:**

- We expect all participants to demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect towards their opponents and tournament organizers.
- Any disputes regarding scoring or rules should be brought to the attention of the designated tournament official for resolution. The official's decision will be final.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in disqualification from the tournament.

### **Additional Information:**

- The event will start at approximately 3pm, with check-in starting at 2:30pm.
- The tournament will take place near the stage of the Bicentennial Celebration on June 14.
- We encourage everyone to relax, have fun, and enjoy the spirit of friendly competition.

These rules are intended to ensure a smooth and enjoyable tournament for everyone. Please feel free to ask tournament organizers if you have any questions.