



**Port Washington
Recreation Department**

Summer 2021 Corn Hole League Rules

General Information

A. Entry Fees

- All entry fees must be submitted to the Recreation office prior to the first night of games
- There is no refund or credit for dropped players

B. Eligibility

- League play is open to adults 21 and older

C. Rosters

- Player limit is 4 per team, however only 2 players can play per night (2 primary players and up to 2 substitute players)
- **A final roster with all listed players' names, addresses, telephone numbers and signatures must be completed and submitted to the Recreation Department prior to the first week of games (June 9, 2021)**
- Any individual who participates prior to signing an official roster form shall be declared ineligible

D. League Standings

- League standings will be updated weekly
- League standings will determine playoff games

E. Playoffs

- A single elimination tournament will be played to determine the winner of the league
- There will be two weeks of playoff games at the end of the season (Aug 4, and Aug 11, weather dependent)

F. Forfeits

- Forfeits will be called ten minutes after the scheduled game time for the first game.
- Once a forfeit is called, the entire match is forfeited, unless the team has contacted the Rec department prior to the start time of the game.

G. Awards

- T-shirts and a prize package provided by Inventor's Brewpub will be awarded to the league winners after the season has ended.

H. Protests

- No protests will be allowed, the rules concerning scores will be followed at all times.

Playing Rules and Regulations

A. Time

- Games will begin between 6:00 – 6:05 PM, if a team is not present by 6:15 PM the game will be called as a forfeit
- Each team is allowed a 5 minute break between games if they would like to take a moment between each game, however excessive breaks between games will not be allowed

B. Player Eligibility

- Players must be 21 and older
- If player eligibility is in question the challenge must be made prior to the start of the game
- If it is decided that a player is ineligible to play, the game will be considered a forfeit

C. Game Play

- Games will be played with 2 people per team.
- Boards will be placed 27 ft apart from front end to front end
- Each team will play one match per night, matches will consist of 3 games
- The team that is the first to reach 21 points will win the game
- A coinflip will be conducted by both teams prior to the first game to determine which team has the option of choosing whether they throw first or second
- Partners will face each other from opposite boards, so one member of each team should be on either side of the play area.
- Play will start on one end of the play area with all 8 bags
 - i. Each team will play with 4 bags of the same color throughout the match
- Opponents alternate throws until all 8 bags are in play
- Players may not step past the board when throwing and must stay in their designated pitching box
- After all 8 bags are thrown the round will be scored
- The team members on the other end will then throw, the highest scoring team will throw first
- The game will continue in the same way until one team scores 21 or more points

D. Scoring

- A bag thrown in the hole (bag in hole or a cornhole) is worth 3 points
- A bag thrown on the board (bag in count or a woody) is worth 1 point
- A bag that comes to rest anywhere but in-hole or in-count, or a bag that hits the ground prior to the board (out of count) is worth 0 points

- Cancellation scoring will be utilized, meaning each team adds their total points and the lower score is subtracted from the higher score to determine the final score for that half of the inning. **For Example:** The half inning is complete and all 8 bags are in play, Team 1 has one bag in-hole and 1 bag in-count and two bags out, Team 2 has 2 bags in-count and 2 bags out, Team 1 has a total of 4 points and Team 2 has a total of 2 points after subtracting the lower score from the higher score, the final score is Team One – 2 points, Team Two – 0 points.
- The game will be played until a team reaches or exceeds 21 points and must win by 2 or more points
- The game cannot end in the middle of an inning, even if a team reaches 21 points, the other team still gets a chance to throw their bags
- A bag that is knocked off the board by the another bag will then be considered out of count
- A bag that is knocked into the hole by the another bag with then be considered in-hole
- **Raking** – If bags become piled inside of the cornhole board and may interfere with or obstruct the next throw, or there is a question of whether or not a bag might have fallen naturally through the hole had the obstruction not been present, a player may request a “rake” of the bags that have fallen inside the hole. **During raking, all efforts should be made to leave bags on the board undisturbed.** Bags that may be hanging on the rim of the hole should be prevented from falling in the hole unnaturally. If a bag is resting on a piled bag, and unavoidably falls into the hole as a result of the raking, then it should be counted as “in-hole”.

E. Foul Bags

- A bag thrown in non-compliance with the rules of the game will be considered a foul bag and scored as out-of-count and removed from the area of play. Additionally, any bags knocked off the board or in the hole by a foul bag must be returned to their original scoring position.
- The following rule violations may be called by a contestant and result in a foul bag:
 - i. A player stepped past the foul line (front of the board) before the bag was released.
 - ii. A bag was thrown from a different pitching box than the first bag thrown by that player.
 - iii. A team’s bags will be called foul if a player removes any bag before scoring of that bag has been agreed upon. If the teams are in disagreement over the scoring of the bag and a decision cannot be reached, the league supervisor will determine the scoring for the inning.