

2019 READ AND FEED CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1 - EVENT STRUCTURE

1.1 - Single Elimination Tournament: The Read and Feed Cornhole Tournament is a Single Elimination Tournament in which the winner of a game moves on to the next round and the loser is eliminated, until one team becomes the tournament champion.

1.2 - Team Construction: Each team is comprised of two (2) people, making this a Doubles Tournament. Teams are seeded based on the time of registration for the event.

2 - LENGTH OF GAMES

2.1 - Time Limited 21: The game shall be played to twenty-one (21) points OR the designated End Time for that game, which will be fifteen (15) minutes following the announced start time for the game. The first player/team to reach or exceed 21 points at the conclusion of a frame is the winner. If no team reaches 21 points prior to the End Time, the team with the most points at the conclusion of the End Time Frame is the winner.

2.2 - End Time Frame: Each game will have a designated End Time in which the game is over. An Event Official will blow a whistle to make teams aware that the End Time has occurred. Teams will finish the current frame and consider the score to be the final result of the game. Should two teams be tied at the end of the End Time Frame, additional Sudden Death frames will be played until one team scores a point.

3 - CORNHOLE SCORING: BAG TERMS

3.1 - Woody: Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and remains on the cornhole board playing surface at the conclusion of the frame.

3.2 - Cornhole: Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and passes through the cornhole board hole at any time within the frame.

3.3 - Foul Bags: Refers to any cornhole bag that has not been determined as a “woody” or “cornhole”, or was designated a foul bag as the result of rules violation as listed below:

- Any bag pitched without at least one foot or appendage completely inside the pitcher’s box at the time of release.
- Any bag not pitched within the 15 second time limit.
- A bag pitched from a different pitcher’s box than their designated pitcher’s box.
- Any bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the playing surface.
- Any bag that comes to rest touching the ground and the board.
- Any bag which struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.

4 – SCORING RULES

4.1 - 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 frame.

4.2 - Woody: Each woody is worth one (1) point



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4.3 - Cornhole: Each cornhole is worth three (3) points

Example:

Red achieves one (1) woody and two (2) cornholes during the frame (7 total pts)

Blue achieves two (2) woodies and zero (0) cornholes during the frame (2 total pts)

7 points – 2 points = Red scores 5 points for that frame

4.4 - The frame will be scored 5 seconds after the last bag is pitched, comes to rest, and all bags on the playing surface have stopped moving. Any bag that moves in position after 5 seconds will be scored based on its previous position.

4.5 - If timing cannot be agreed on, the Certified Official will score or negate the frame.

5 - RECORDING THE SCORE

5.1 - No cornhole bags shall be moved before the scoring is determined. If this decision is in doubt, an Event Official shall be called to determine the scoring for the frame in question.

5.2 - Recording the Score: Players are always required to keep score. Players may call upon the Certified Official between frames if any discrepancy occurs regarding the correct score.

6 - DOUBLES PLAY RULES

6.1 - Each team will stay in their designated lane for the whole game.

6.2 - Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all (4) of his/her bags.

6.3 - Players at the footboard will take score and resume pitching back to the other cornhole board.

6.4 - Teams alternate selecting their preferences for the upcoming match, with the higher seeded team choosing first:

- Choose lane assignments
- Choose Bag Color
- Choose their opponent to pitch against (head-to-head)

7 - PITCHING CORNHOLE BAGS

7.1 - Players alternate pitching bags (one player at a time) until each player has pitched all (4) of his/her bags.

7.2 - A player must pitch all (4) cornhole bags from their designated cornhole pitchers box.

7.3 - Players must deliver the bag with an under-hand release.

7.4 - One foot or appendage must be completely within the pitchers box at the time of releasing the bag.

7.5 - When pitching a bag, players must release the bag before any part of the player's body touches the ground on or beyond the foul line



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7.6 - The player/team who scored in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame. If neither player/team scores, the player/team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain first pitch in the next frame.

7.7 - Any cornhole bag that leaves a player's hand once the final step (if taken) and final forward swing of the delivery process has started, shall count as a pitched bag.

7.8 - A cornhole bag that is accidentally dropped by a player before the final step (if taken) and final forward swing has started, shall not be considered a foul bag and may be picked up and pitched.

8 - PITCHING OUT OF TURN

8.1 - If a player pitches out of turn at any time during a frame, their pitch will be considered a Foul Bag and swept from the playing surface.

8.2 - If the out-of-turn bag affects any bags in play, their opponent has the option of returning all cornhole bags to their original position on the playing surface or leaving all bags as they are.

8.3 - If the error is not discovered until after two (2) cornhole bags have been pitched, the frame shall continue and be scored accordingly.

8.4 - If no agreement can be reached, an Event Official shall be called. The Event Official shall either determine the scoring or void the inning and order it to be repitched.

9 - IMPROPER BAG TOUCHING

9.1 - If any bags in scoring positions (woodies or cornholes) are touched by a player, whether intentionally or unintentionally, before all bags during the frame are pitched, the frame is over.

9.2 - The offending team (team who touches the bags) forfeits all remaining bags and tallies the score for the bags they have already thrown during the frame.

9.3 - The non-offending team tallies 3 points for all remaining bags in addition to the score for the bags they have already thrown that frame.

10 - PITCHING

10.1 - A player must pitch each cornhole bag within fifteen (15) seconds of their opponent's bag coming to rest.

11 - OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS

11.1 - A player can only straighten cornhole boards in between frames and with the approval of their opponent. A Certified Official may be called to determine re-placement if a discrepancy is in question.

11.2 - There are no timeouts permitted in this event due to time constraints.



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11.3 - If bags become piled inside the cornhole board hole and may interfere or obstruct with the next pitch or if there is question as to whether a cornhole bag would have naturally fallen through the hole, a player may request to “rake” the cornhole bags that have fallen inside the hole. To request a rake, the player must audibly ask.

11.4 - One or both players may walk to the other board and rake the bags from under the board (one player raking and one player watching.)

11.5 - A spectator may be called to rake the bags if both players agree.

11.6 - An Event official may be called to rake the bags if a discrepancy is in question.

11.7 - Anytime 4 cornhole bags have entered the hole or piled bags are visible in the hole a player may request a “rake”.

11.8 - If a bag is resting on a piled bag, and unavoidably falls into the hole as a result of raking, then it shall be counted as a “cornhole.”

12 - SWEEPING CORNHOLE BAGS

12.1 - If a foul bag lands on the playing surface or comes to rest touching the ground and the board, it must be removed immediately.

12.2 - If a player pitches a foul bag which affects any bags in play, their opponent has the option of returning all cornhole bags to their original position on the playing surface or leaving all bags as they are.

13 - TOURNAMENT AUTHORITY

13.1 - The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to this competition in the best interest of the event. The judgment of the Event Officials and Tournament Committee are final.

