

The 2009

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Cornhole Challenge



Official Rules

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The tournament shall begin with 3 rounds of play for all teams. Teams will be randomly placed in groups of 4 teams and will compete against each team within the group. Teams will then be seeded in a single elimination tournament based on records with total point differential as a tiebreaker. Best of 3 will begin in the tournament semi-finals.

The Cornhole Boards:

1. Shall be placed on a flat surface 27 feet apart (front to front).
2. The cornhole board surface shall be 2' x 4'.

The Cornhole Bags:

1. There shall be 8 bags, 4 bags of each color, consisting of 2 teams.
2. Each bag shall be 6 inches by 6 inches and have 1 pound of corn inserted into each cornhole bag. Players are allowed and encouraged to bring and use their own bags.

Cornhole Game Play:

1. Two teams of two people, termed partners, shall play. Partners shall stand at opposite cornhole boxes on the same side, from the perspective of a third person, and face each other, so there is no advantage given to one team.
2. Each cornhole team shall have 4 bags of one color.

3. All 8 cornhole bags begin at one end.
4. A coin flip shall determine which cornhole team has honors in all rounds.
5. One of the partners on the team who has honors shall begin play by throwing a cornhole bag at the opposite cornhole box.
6. A cornhole player may throw from anywhere behind the front of the cornhole box they are throwing from.
7. Game continues by alternating throws between the two opponent players until all 8 cornhole bags have been thrown.
8. If a cornhole bag hits the ground then bounces up onto the board, that bag shall be taken off the playing surface.
9. The cornhole game continues until one team reaches 21 or more points.
10. Each player may elect to throw 4 practice bags before each game begins.

Fouls:

1. A foul occurs when any of the following happens.
2. A cornhole players foot goes past the foot foul line, termed a foot foul.
3. A player goes out of turn.
4. The player who caused the foul loses the throw when the foul occurred and the bag shall be removed if it landed on the playing surface.

Scoring:

1. The score shall be taken after all cornhole bags have been thrown for a round.
2. Points shall be given as follows.
 - A. 3 points for a cornhole bag that goes through the hole.
 - B. 1 point for a cornhole bag that is on the playing surface.
 - C. 1 point for a cornhole bag that is hanging into the hole.
 - D. 1 point for a cornhole bag that is hanging off the edge but not touching the ground.
 - E. 0 points for a cornhole bag that is on the playing surface, but also touching the ground.
 - F. 0 points for a cornhole bag that is hanging off the front edge and is resting on a cornhole bag that is on the ground (unless the cornhole bag on the ground can be removed without making the hanging bag fall to the ground, then one point is given).
3. The cornhole team with the highest round score adds the difference of the two scores to their game score.
4. The cornhole team who wins the round is given honors to throw first in the next round.
5. If both cornhole teams have the same round score then the game score stays the same and honors stays with the team who had it the previous round.