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Cornhole Rules

The Game

1. The game shall be played between two teams of no more than Team consists of two participants. Matches will be best two out of three sets (set is to 21 points). Substitutions are only allowed at the end of a set. Matches will be limited to 30 minutes. The team that is leading after 30 minutes from the opening throw will be declared the winner. The supervisor on duty will be responsible for timing matches and resolving any conflicts.
2. Two contestants are partners against another team of two contestants. In doubles play, one member of each team pitches from one cornhole platform and the other members pitch from the other cornhole platform. Participants must remain at their end of the court throughout the entire set. Teams will switch ends after each set. In co-ed leagues, there must be one male thrower and one female thrower. Males must share one end of the court and females must share the other end of the court.

Value Of The Corn Bag

1. Corn Bag In-The-Hole - A corn bag in-the-hole (or Hole-In) is a corn bag which is thrown through the hole in the cornhole platform or otherwise comes to rest inside the cornhole platform. A corn bag in-the-hole has a value of **three points**.
2. Corn Bag In-The-Count - A corn bag that is not in-the-hole but lands with any portion of the corn bag resting on top of the cornhole platform is in-the-count. A corn bag in-the-count has a **value of one 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 cornhole platform. If a corn bag

touches the ground before coming to rest on the cornhole platform, it is a foul and must be removed from the cornhole platform prior to the continuation of play.

3. Corn Bag Out-Of-The-Count - A corn bag which comes to rest anywhere except in-the-count or in-the-hole is out-of-the-count and has no scoring value. 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 cornhole surface prior to the continuation of play.

Delivery Of Corn Bags

1. In doubles play, the first side of contestants alternate pitching corn bags until they have thrown all four corn bags, then the remaining contestants (pitching from the other cornhole platform) continue to alternate in the same manner until all four corn bags are delivered.
2. A contestant may deliver the corn bag from either the left or right pitchers box (see above) but, in any one inning, all corn bags must be delivered from the same pitcher's box.
3. Each individual contestant shall deliver the corn bag within 20 seconds. The time shall start when the contestant steps onto the pitcher's box with the intention of pitching.
4. Pitching Rotation During The Game 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.

Cancellation Scoring

1. The points of both contestants are calculated for hole-ins and in-the-count corn bags.
2. The points of the lowest scoring contestant for hole-in corn bags are subtracted from the points of the highest scoring contestant for hole-in corn bags. The result is the hole-in score for the highest scoring contestant. The hole-in score for the lowest scoring contestant is zero.
3. The points of the lowest scoring contestant for in-the-count corn bags are subtracted from the points of the highest scoring contestant for in-the-

count corn bags. The result is the in-the-count score for the highest scoring contestant. The in-the-count score for the lowest scoring contestant is zero.

4. The hole-in score for each contestant is added to the in-the-count score for each contestant to derive the recorded score for the inning.
5. In this manner hole-in and in-the-count corn bags from each contestant or team of contestants are cancelled out and only non cancelled corn bags are counted in the score

Length Of the Game

1. Point Limits: The Cornhole / Corn Toss match shall be played until the first team of contestants reaches (or exceeds) 21 points at the completion of an inning. The winning team does not need to win by two or more points. If both teams exceed 21 points at the end of an inning, the team with the most points is the winner.
2. The Inning Must Be finished: The Cornhole / Corn Toss match can never end in the middle of an inning. Thus, if a team that pitches first reaches or exceeds 21 points, the game can not end until the other side is allowed to pitch all of their corn bags and the inning is completed.
3. Ties At The End Of An Inning: If the Cornhole / Corn Toss 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