

# Rules of the Game

American Cornhole Association

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- ✓ A flip of the coin will determine which team goes first
- ✓ First team to throw will start in designated start position

## Points

**Bag in-the-hole:** 3pts - bag thrown or otherwise moved completely through the platform hole.

**Bag in-the-count:** 1pt - bag that lands with any portion of the corn bag resting on the cornhole platform. It must not touch the ground or any portion of the court prior to coming to rest on platform. If this happens, bag is foul and must be removed from play before the next bag is thrown.

- ✓ Play continues with these points until a team has 21 or more points

## Scoring

Cancellation scoring: corn bags in-the-hole and corn bags in-the-count cancel each other out. Only non cancelled corn bags are counted in the score for the inning.

**Bags in-the-hole:** Any non-cancelled bags will count as 3 points

**Bags in-the-count:** Any non-cancelled bags will count as 1 point

- ✓ Bags on-the-count may be knocked off the platform or in-the-hole by an opponent or by the contestants other corn bags. Where the corn bag ultimately lands determines the points.

*Example of scoring: Team A throws 2 bags in-the-hole and 1 in-the-count*

*Team B throws 1 bag in-the-hole and 2 in-the-count*

*Team A would get 3 points for the non-cancelled bag in-the-hole*

*Team B would get 1 point for the non-cancelled bag in-the-count*

## Innings

Each cornhole match is broken down into innings of play. Top of the inning and bottom.

**Top:** when both contestants pitching from the first platform (which is marked) pitch all 4 bags

**Bottom:** when remaining contestants from second platform pitch all 4 bags

- ✓ The winner of the inning will pitch first (in marked spot) in the next inning

## Length of Game

- Each match will be played until the first team reaches (or exceeds) **21** after completed inning.
- The winning team does not have to win by 2 points.
- If tied at 21 (or more) must play another inning to win.
- Match can never end during the middle of an inning. If first pitching team reaches 21 points, game is not over until the other side (or second players) are allowed to pitch all of their corn bags and the inning is completed

**Please see Nicole Haselwander, Tara Breunig or Jay Haselwander on any rule interpretation.**