

## Rules of the Game

American Cornhole Association

[www.playcornhole.org](http://www.playcornhole.org)

- ✓ Team on the top line will throw first.

### 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 complete 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 or Jay Haselwander on any rule interpretation.**

## Leah's Ladies MS Bean Bag Toss Tournament Policy

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The following information is for any person desiring to participate in the Leah's Ladies MS Bean Bag Toss tournament and must be aware of prior to entering and/or participating. It is the responsibility of each participant to know the rules and policies. This bean bag toss tournament was started to raise money for the MS Society as a fun and friendly competition.

### **Tournament Format**

The tournament consists of a preliminary Group Play bracket and a Championship bracket.

*Group Play:* The tournament starts with Group Play. Group play is a double elimination bracket with 8 teams. Teams compete until there are two teams remaining. Groups are selected at random and each match is a single game. The bracket provided at each set of boards is labelled to indicate both the order of the games (Game 1, Game 2, etc.) and the position on the bracket teams will be placed depending on the outcome of a game. Example: Loser of game 1 writes their name next to "L1" on the bottom part of the bracket. The Group Winner and Group Runner-up from each group advance to the Championship bracket.

### *Championship Bracket*

Matches are best 2 out of 3 games. Once a team loses a match, they are eliminated (The two teams who lose in the semifinal will play for 3rd place).

### **Tournament Eligibility**

Must register prior to the registration deadline to be eligible to play in the tournament. Switching partners once play has started is prohibited. Starting the tournament with a different partner than registered with is allowed. Players must be 18 or older.

### **Conditions of Competition**

The tournament will take place rain or shine.

### **Conduct Policy**

Treat all players, volunteers and The Vines property with respect. Being disrespectful can be terms for disqualification and you may be asked to leave the property. Drinking of alcohol allowed for those 21 years and older.

### **Equipment**

All players must use the provided equipment: boards and bags. If you use other equipment than provided you will be disqualified.

### **Scoring**

Teams score on their own, following the scoring from the American Cornhole Association. Please see the separate Rules of the Game document with complete scoring rules.

### **Pace of Play**

Keep the pace of play moving to help with the flow of the tournament.

### **Cancellation**

Please do your best to cancel 72 hours before tournament day. All money is donated to the MS Society, so refunds will not be issued.