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Definition

A game in which small bags filled with dried corn are tossed at a target consisting of an inclined wooden platform with a hole at one end.

Playing The Game

- Team A competes against Team B; each team is comprised of two people
- Both players stay in their designated lane for the whole game. Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four of his/her bags.
- Players at the footboard will take score and resume pitching back to the other board.
- The top of an inning is completed when both players pitching from the headboard pitch all four bags; the bottom of the inning is completed when the remaining players pitching from the footboard pitch all four bags.

Scoring

- The approved method of scoring for the sport of cornhole is “cancellation” scoring. In 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 inning.
- Bag-In-The-Count (Woody) - Any bag which comes to rest anywhere on top of the board. Each is worth one (1) point.
- Bag-In-The-Hole (Cornhole) - Any bag which is thrown through the hole or knocked through the hole by another bag. Each is worth three (3) points.
- Foul Bags – Refers to any bag that has not been determined as Bag In-The-Count or Bag In-The-Hole or was designated a foul bag as the result of rules violation.

Pitching Rotation During The Game

- The player who scored in the preceding inning has honor pitching first in the next inning. If neither pitcher scores, the player who pitched second (last) in the preceding inning has honors pitching first in the next inning.

Position Of Players During Pitching

- The pitcher must be within the pitcher’s box or behind the foul line at the time of release.
- A player must pitch all four bags from their designated pitcher’s box

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Foul Bags

- The following are rule violations that must be spotted and called by a player or assigned judge. The penalty is to declare the bag a foul bag, which requires the bags to be removed from the court prior to resuming play.

A foul bag is defined as:

- Any bag pitched when the player has (1) made contact with or crossed over the foul line, or (2) started or stepped completely outside the pitcher's box before the bag is released
- Any bag pitched from a different pitcher's box than the first bag
- Any bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the board.
- Any bag that struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.
- Any bag removed from the board before scoring has been agreed upon for that bag.
- A bag that leaves a player's hand once the final forward swing of the delivery process has started shall count as a pitched bag.
- A bag that is accidentally dropped by a player before the final forward swing has started shall not be considered foul and may be picked up and pitched. Protests – If a player desires to make a protest, the protest shall be made to the judge or official at the time the problem occurs. The judge shall make the final ruling on all protests.

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- The game shall be played to the predetermined number of twenty-one points. The first player/team to reach (or exceed) that amount at the conclusion of an inning is the winner.

Awards

Trophies and prize money will be awarded for the Executive division, the Employee Division, High Score (Individual Competition), Shotgun Tournament (Individual Competition), Best Costume/Spirit and Social Media. All monetary prizes will be donated to charities selected by the winners.

