



Paperfest
Sunset Park, Kimberly
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CORNHOLE RULES

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Only players listed on the entry form, with paid entry fee, and a signed waiver will be allowed to play.
- Cornhole Board Placement: COMPETITIVE OPEN – 27’ Front to Front, BACKYARD FUN – 24’ Front to Front
- Cornhole Bags: Provided or Bring Your Own
- GAME PLAY consist of 2 teams of 2 players – partners shall stand at opposite cornhole boxes on the same side facing each other. WINNER is the first team to reach or go over 21 points (must win by 2+ points) or be up by at least 2 points at the end of the 25 minute time limit.
- POINTS – 3 points for a cornhole bag that goes through the hole.
 - 1 point for a cornhole bag on or hanging on the board surface.
 - 0 points for a cornhole bag that is on the ground.
- BACKYARD FUN DIVISION – pool play then single elimination tournament. Teams will be assigned to pools to play 2-5 games against teams in their group. Teams will be seeded in a single elimination bracket based off record. The single elimination bracket will be one game, this will continue to determine the winner.
- COMPETITIVE OPEN DIVISION – double elimination tournament. Teams will play in best of three format. If the first team wins two games to 21 or more, the match is over and that team advances. If both teams win a game, then a final round should be played to determine who wins the match. After each game, players must switch sides of the board (either from one side to the other or switch to the other board).
 - Loser’s Bracket Play will consist of teams playing one single game. Winner stays in the bracket while the losing team is eliminated from the tournament.

RULES

- Unless otherwise noted regular cornhole rules apply.
- A coin flip or a successful winning match of rock, paper, scissors will determine which team shall go first and be able to choose which side they will pitch from.
- THROWING - Players must stay behind the front edge of the cornhole board as they throw. Alternate throws between players until all 8 cornhole bags have been thrown.
- GROUND HITS - If a bag hits the ground first and then bounces onto the board – it must be removed. A simultaneous hit (board and ground) will count as 1 point if it remains on the board when board is lifted.
- SCORING - After all 8 bags are thrown, scoring is determined using cancellation scoring. The team with the highest round score adds the difference of the two scores to their game score. The team who wins the round is given honors to throw first in the next round. If both teams have the same round score, then the game score remains the same and honors stays with the team who had it the previous round.
 - Team A has 1 bag in the hole (3 points) and 1 bag on the board (1 point). Team B has 2 bags on the board (1 point each). Team A is awarded 2 points and has honors to throw first in the next round.
- FOULS (a foul result in removal of the bag from the board, if another bag was hit that bag shall be put returned to its previous position) - A cornhole players foot goes past the front of the board during a throw (foot foul), any bag that hits the ground and ends on the board, or a player that throws out of turn.
- Smoking is NOT allowed while participating. Foul Language is prohibited. Harassment of volunteers and officials is prohibited.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Tournament Director has the authority to alter rules and make decisions not covered in the rules as seen above. If the tournament director does alter the rules, the tournament director will advise the participants of those changes prior to the start of the event if possible. The tournament director has absolute authority over players, game officials and spectators, on and off the court at a tournament, where the maintenance of order is concerned, and may impose disciplinary measures as needed. The tournament director has the authority to make any necessary decisions regarding entries and seeding. The tournament director may change the format of the tournament if, in his opinion, conditions warrant it. The tournament director has the authority to settle any and all disputes. The tournament director is the sole authority who determines if weather conditions warrant a suspension or cancellation of play.
- Weather Policy – This is a rain or shine event. Play will continue through inclement weather as much as possible. If it is necessary to stop play, it will be postponed until conditions are suitable to resume play. The tournament director has the power to cancel any events for reason including but not limited to safety, weather, and playing conditions.