



# ADULT CORNHOLE RULES

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**It is the goal of our department to provide programs that encourage sportsmanship, respect and fun!**

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## **TEAM ROSTERS/PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. All players must be 18 years or older, out of High School.
2. Players may be added only after the approval of the Recreation Coordinator at a cost of \$10.00 per player. The player must sign the official roster prior to the first game played in.
3. No player is eligible to play on more than one (1) team per night. If discovered, through protest, all games played may be forfeited and player will be subject to suspension for the remainder of the season.
4. In order to play in the playoffs, a player must have played in at least two regular season games.
5. Players should have a legal picture ID in their possession at each game. City of Napa staff and officials reserve the right to conduct random ID checks.

## **GAME TIME**

1. Games will start promptly at 6:00pm. Teams not on the court by:
  - a. 6:00 will forfeit the first game
  - b. 6:30 will forfeit the second game
  - c. 7:00 will forfeit the third game
  - d. 7:30 will forfeit the fourth game
2. Forfeits count as a loss and 10 points will be subtracted from the team total.
3. The Match will begin with a coin toss to see who starts. Each subsequent game will begin with the winning team throwing first.

## **GENERAL PLAYING RULES**

1. Equipment
  - a. Boards –
    - i. The two platforms shall be approximately 24" x 48" with a 6" diameter hole centered 9" from the top of the board and centered 12" from each side edge.
    - ii. The front of the board is 3" to 4" from the ground to the top of the playing surface.
    - iii. The back of the board is 12" from the ground to the top of the
  - b. Bags – 8 Official bags will be used during gameplay (No outside bags may be used)
  - c. Court Layout –
    - i. The Boards will be positioned 27' from front edge to front edge.
    - ii. The Pitchers Boxes shall be a 4' x 3' area at each end of the court and on both sides of each board; (4) boxes in all.
    - iii. The Foul Lines will be the front edge of the cornhole board.
2. Scoring – Each game will be played until one team reaches/exceeds 21 points at the conclusion of a frame.
  - a. Frame – A frame consists of a player pitching his/her four bags from one board to another. Players must pitch all four bags from the same side of the board in a frame.
  - b. Woody – Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and remains on the cornhole board playing surface at the conclusion of a frame.
  - c. Cornhole – Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and passes through the cornhole board at any time within the frame.
    - i. Foul Bags – Refers to any cornhole bag that has not been determined as a "woody" or "cornhole" or was designated a foul bag as the result of rules violation. Bags contacting the ground before reaching the playing surface and bags pitched when a player has crossed the foul line are Foul Bags. If a foul bag lands on the playing surface or comes to rest touching the ground and the board, it must be removed immediately.
  - d. Cancellation 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 frame.
  - e. Woody's are worth one (1) point & Cornhole's are worth three (3) points.

### 3. Play of the Cornhole Game

- a. Doubles Play:
  - i. Team A competes against Team B – Each Team is comprised of two (2) people.
  - ii. Each team will stay in their designated late for the whole game.
  - iii. Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all (4) of his/her bags.
  - iv. Players at the footboard will take score and resume pitching back to the other cornhole board.
- b. Pitching:
  - i. Players alternate pitching bags (one player at a time) until each player has pitched all (4) of his/her bags.
  - ii. A player must pitch all (4) cornhole bags from their designated cornhole pitchers' box.
  - iii. One foot must stay completely in the pitcher's box at all times while pitching bags.
  - iv. Players must not cross the foul line with their feet before the bag has landed.
- c. Pitching the next frame:
  - i. The player/team who scored in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame. If neither player/team scores, the player team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain first pitch in the next frame.
- d. Raking Cornhole Bags – If the bags become piled inside the cornhole board and a possibility of them interfering with other bags exists or if there is question whether a cornhole bag would have naturally fallen through the hole, a player may request to "rake" the bags that have fallen inside the hole.

### 4. Standings

- a. Standings will be based on total accumulated points for the season.
  - i. 10 points for a win
  - ii. 2 extra points for a win by more than 10 points
  - iii. 5 extra points for a shutout
  - iv. 5 extra points for a 4-game sweep
- b. All ties will be broken by looking at who won the head to head matchup

### 5. Playoffs

- a. Playoffs will happen the last week and will consist of a format as stated in the welcome email for the season.

## **PROTESTS**

1. A formal protest must be in writing and filed at the Napa Parks and Recreation Department office within 24 hours after the completion of the game in question. Judgement calls cannot be protested.
2. The manager of the protesting team must notify Napa Parks & Recreation Services immediately of their intent to protest the game.
3. A \$50.00 protest fee must accompany each protest. In the case the protest is upheld, the fee shall be returned to the protesting team.

## **Verbal Harassment**

Players will not be allowed to verbally harass opposing players, officials, staff, or spectators. Harassment includes profanity, objectionable comments, questioning calls, arguing, threats, or otherwise rude behavior.