



## **Cornhole Tournament Rules (ACO Rules)**

### **Length of Games:**

Traditional 21: The first team to reach (or exceed) 21 points at the conclusion of a frame is the winner.

### **Cancellation Scoring:**

The points of one player cancel out the points of their opponent. Using this method, only one layer/team can score in each frame.

### **Woody: 1 Point**

Refers to any cornhole bag that remains on the cornhole board playing surface at the conclusion of the frame. (Includes hanging into the hole, hanging off the board but not touching the ground)

### **Cornhole: 3 Points**

Refers to any cornhole bag that passes through the cornhole board hole at any time within the frame.

### **Foul Bags: 0 Points, Remove the Bag Before Continuing**

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:

- Any bag that contacted the ground before coming to rest on the playing surface.
- Any bag that comes to rest touching the ground and the board.
- If a player pitches a foul bag which affects any bags in play, their opponent has the option of returning all bags to their original position on the playing surface or leaving all bags as they are.

*Scoring Example: Red achieves one (1) woody and two (2) cornholes during the frame (7 total pts)*

*Blue achieves two (2) woodies and zero (0) cornholes during the frame (2 total pts)*

*7 points – 2 points = Red scores 5 points for that frame*

**\*No cornhole bags shall be moved before the scoring is determined. If this decision is in doubt, a judge shall be called to determine the scoring for the frame in question.\***

### **Pitching:**

- Lowest seed starts the 1st round of games (refer to the bracket)
- Players alternate pitching bags (one player at a time) until each player has pitched all (4) of his/her bags.
- A player must pitch all (4) cornhole bags from their designated cornhole pitchers box.
- Players must deliver the bag with an under-hand release.
- Pitching Rotation: 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.

