

**2023
OPEN ENTRY
BOOK**

CORNHOLE



INDIANA
STATE FAIR

Cornhole Tournament

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Terms & Conditions

- Dates and Time of Competition:** The 2023 Indiana State Fair Cornhole Tournament will be held on **July 29, 2023 at 1 pm EST in Purdue Extension Building Auditorium** on the Indiana State Fairgrounds. See below for the schedule. The event is free to public for viewing with paid Fair admission.
- The Indiana State Fair Cornhole Tournament is open to players from any state.
- This double elimination tournament is open to the first 54 two-player teams to register with an additional 10 teams able to register in person only from 9 a.m. to noon on the day of the event. These in-person registrations will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a maximum of 64 teams.
- Bring your own partner.
- Teams will be seeded by a random selection with byes given if there is an uneven number of teams participating.
- Games will be played to 21 and both teams **must confirm** the final score to a ScoreBox21 team member.
- The Indiana State Fair Cornhole Tournament will follow the ACA rules & guidelines below:

OFFICIAL SANCTIONED RULES



THE COURT LAYOUT

DIMENSIONS

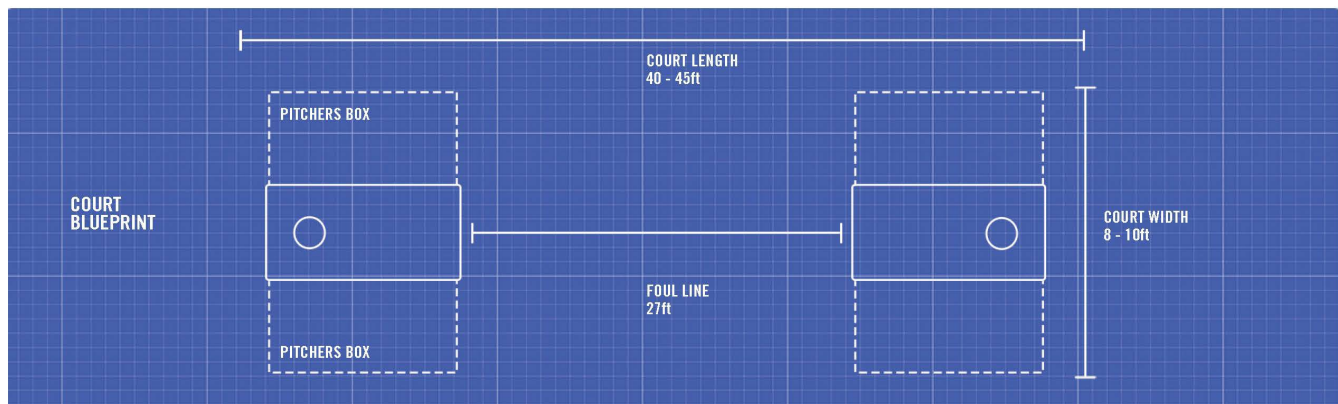
A cornhole court shall be a level rectangular area 8-10 feet wide and a minimum of 40-45 feet long. The court should consist of two cornhole boards, designated pitcher's boxes, and foul lines.

PITCHER'S BOX

The pitcher's box is the rectangle 4 feet by 3 feet at each end of the court, parallel with, and on both sides of the boards. Each player must remain in the pitcher's box while pitching a cornhole bag.

FOUL LINES

There are two sets of foul lines: (1) open adult-play and (2) junior-play (12 and under). The open adult-play foul lines shall be defined as an imaginary line 27 feet between the front of each board. The junior-play foul lines shall be defined as an imaginary line 12-15 feet between the front of each board. With regard to sets that meet ACA specifications, the foul line will be parallel to the front of the board.



THE GEAR

STANDARDS FOR CORNHOLE BOARDS AND BAGS

The ACA has adopted the following equipment specifications and standards:

1. Each board shall be a 47.5 to 48 inch by 23.5 to 24 inch rectangle made of plywood that is at least a 0.5 inch thick. ACA sanctioned cornhole tournaments should only be played with wooden boards, as there is significant variance in play between wooden, plastic, and other surfaces.
2. The hole in the board shall be 6 inches in diameter. Its center shall be 9 inches from the top and 12 inches from each side of the board edges.
3. The front of the board shall be 3-4 inches from bottom to top.
4. The back of the board shall be approximately 12 inches from ground to the highest point of the deck.
5. The board finish shall be sanded to a very smooth texture, and there shall not be any blemishes in the wood surface that might disrupt or distort play.
6. The board can be painted with a semi-gloss exterior latex paint resulting in a surface that allows bags to slide, but is not so slippery that it allows the bags to slide back down the board.

7. The cornhole bags shall be made from two fabric squares 6.25" x 6.25" with a 0.25" stitched seam on all four sides. Bags should be made from durable fabric. Each bag shall be filled with approximately 2 cups of feed corn and finished bags should be roughly 6" x 6" and weigh 14-16 ounces. We will allow the use of plastic pellets (All Weather Cornhole Bags) in lieu of feed corn.



PLAY OF THE GAME

DOUBLES PLAY

Every match is broken down into innings of play. During an inning of play, each player must pitch all four of his/her bags. An inning is never completed until all players pitch all four of his/her bags.

Doubles Play - Team A competes against Team B; each team is comprised of two people.

1. Each team will stay in their designated lane for the whole game.
2. Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four of his/her bags.
3. Players at the footboard will take score and resume pitching back to the other board.
4. 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.



VALUE OF THE BAG

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 or team who scored in the preceding inning has honor pitching first in the next inning. If neither player or team scores, the player or team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain first pitch in the next frame.

POSITION OF PLAYERS DURING PITCHING

1. The pitcher must be within the pitcher’s box or behind the foul line at the time of release.
2. A player must pitch all four bags from their designated pitcher’s box.
3. Players must pitch the bag with an under-hand release.

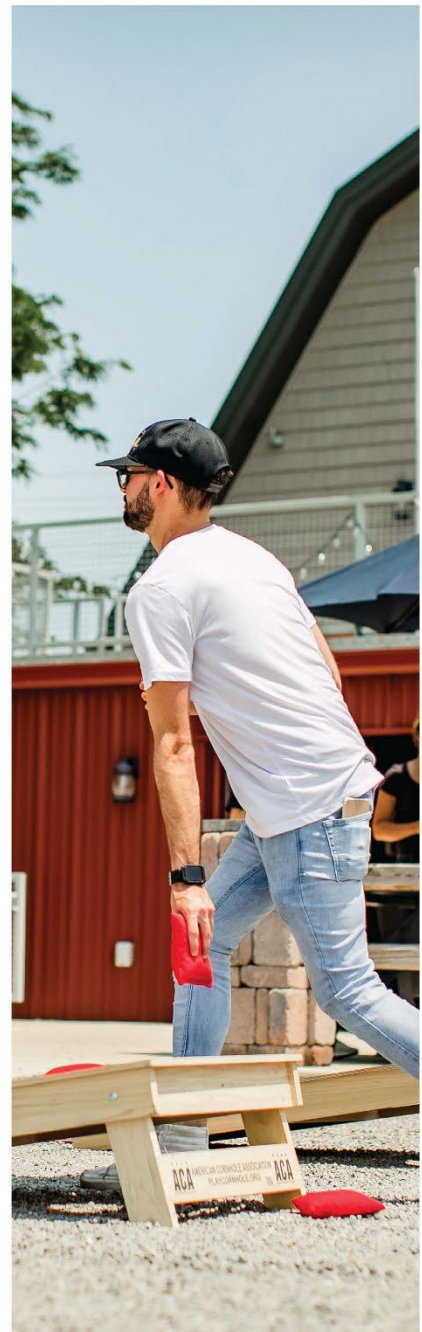


FOUL BAGS

1. 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:

- (a) 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
 - (b) Any bag not delivered within the 20-second time limit
 - (c) A bag pitched from a different pitcher’s box than the first bag
 - (d) Any bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the board
 - (e) Any bag that struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.
 - (f) Any bag on the board that is also touching the ground
 - (g) Any bag removed from the board before scoring has been agreed upon for that bag
 - (i).The offending team (who touches the bags) forfeits all remaining bags and tallies the score of just the bags thrown before the foul was reported
 - (ii).The non-offending team tallies twelve (12) points as if they had thrown four Bag In-The-Holes (Cornholes) during the inning
2. 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.
 3. 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.
 4. A bag hanging off the edge of the board has value unless it is touching the ground.
- 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.



LENGTH OF THE GAME

TRADITIONAL 21

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.

These are the official Cornhole rules and regulations of the American Cornhole Association (ACA). These rules and regulations have been developed and ratified by a majority of ACA members or ACA-sanctioned play. The Cornhole rules are not a mandate, but rather a guideline to promote consistent and standard Cornhole (also called Corn Hole and Bean Bag Toss) play.

VISIT WWW.PLAYCORNHOLE.ORG FOR MORE GEAR AND INFO

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Entry Information

1. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions.
2. **Online Entry** - To enter into the Indiana State Fair, please go to <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/competitive-events> and enter online follow the prompts.
3. Each exhibitor is required to pay an entry fee at the time of entry. An exhibitor will not be considered entered into the Indiana State Fair until payment is made in full. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card. Entries will not be accepted over the phone.
4. **Entry Deadlines and Fees** - see below.

**Enter between
May 1, 2023 - July 29, 2023**
- Entry Fee: Team - \$100

1. If you preregister each team will receive two (2) Fair admissions [\$28 value] and two (2) one-day parking vouchers [\$20 value], regardless of the number of events entered.
2. If you have not registered for the tournament before the day of the event, signups are available at the event (if spots are still available), but you will have to pay general admission to the fair, parking, and the \$100 registration fee.
3. *When submitting a registration fee, each participant irrevocably grants to the Indiana State Fair and Revelry Games LLC (dba ScoreBox21) the right to use their appearance in the Indiana State Fair Cornhole Tournament in photographs or videos for any type of promotional or advertising purpose, including publications, newsletters, news releases, publicity materials, television broadcasts or online content. Participants understand that the images may be edited and release the Indiana State Fair and Revelry Games LLC, its agents, officers, licensees and assigns from and against any and all claims that they may have for invasion of privacy, defamation or any other cause of action arising out of their appearance in these photographs or video.*
4. Entry questions? Call 317-927-7521 and talk to Andrew Stinson.

Order of Events

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| 1. Contestant Check-In | 6. 3 rd place Matchup |
| 2. Round of 64 | 7. Championship Matchup |
| 3. Round of 32 | 8. Awards Ceremony |
| 4. Round of 16 | |
| 5. Semifinal Rounds | |

Awards: Cornhole Tournament

Description	Awards	Premiums
1 st Place	1 st Place Plaque	\$2,000
2 nd Place	2 nd Place Plaque	\$1,500
3 rd Place	3 rd Place Plaque	\$500