

# LOUDON PARKS AND RECREATION

## CORNHOLE LEAGUE RULES

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### Playing Area

- Two Cornhole platforms should be placed on a flat surface, with the front edges 27 feet apart.
- The pitching areas are located on either side of the box, with the foul line being the line parallel to the front edge of the platform.
- A player may toss from anywhere behind the front of the platform from which they are throwing, but all turns should be taken from the same side of the platform as the first toss.

### Playing Equipment

- The Cornhole platform's playing surface is 24" x 48".
- The front end should be 4" off of the ground. The rear of the platform should be 12" high.
- The hole in the cornhole platform should be a 6" hole, centered 9" from the back and 12" from either side.
- The bags should be made from duck canvas, and may be any color that is easy to see during Cornhole play. Each bag is filled with approximately 2 cups of feed corn. Finished bags should be a minimum of 6" X 6" square and weigh between 14 and 16 ounces.
- The game should be played with 8 bags. Each team will have 4 bags, all of the same color, usually a color easily distinguishable from the other team's bags.

### Scoring

- 3 points** - a bag that goes through the hole completely.
- 1 point** - a bag remains on the playing surface, a bag that is hanging into the hole, but does not fall completely through, a bag that is hanging off the edge of the platform, but does not touch the ground.
- 0 points** - a bag that hits the ground before coming to rest on the platform, a bag that is on the playing surface, but is also touching the ground or another bag that lies on the ground, a bag that is hanging off the front edge and is resting on a cornhole bag that is on the ground.
- A bag that bounces on to the board should be removed before the next player tosses.
- Scoring is done by cancellation. The difference of both teams' scores is the score given to the highest scoring team. If both teams score the same amount, no team will receive any points.

### Game Play

- In Cornhole doubles play partners shall stand at opposite cornhole boards on the same side. In singles play both players will throw from the same board.
- Each team will have 4 bags of one color; all 8 cornhole bags begin at one end.
- Home team/player on the schedule has choice of side & first throw. (*Home team / player is listed second on the schedule.*)
- The first team will then begin by throwing a cornhole bag at the opposite platform.
- Teams take alternate throws until all 8 cornhole bags have been thrown. Teams then count the points scored during the round.
- After scoring, the teams on the opposite end will then take their turns in the same manner. The team scoring the most points in the previous round will throw first to start the turn.
- Play continues until either team reaches 21 points or higher.

Each match will consist of 3 games; the first player to win 2 games wins the match. 35 minute TIME LIMIT, at the end of the 35 minutes the player leading in game points wins the match, if teams / players are tied in game points, then one last throw down will determine the winner. Home team/player on the schedule has choice of side & first throw. Players must switch sides & bags after each game, the winner of the previous game has first throw, in Doubles play losers walk. You must write your scores down on the official score sheet after each match.

### **Game Time is Forfeit Time:**

If you are late by less than 10 minutes you will only have to forfeit 1 out of the 3 games. If you are 11 or more minutes late the entire match will be forfeited. In the event of a double forfeit, no points will be awarded to either player. Games cannot be rescheduled to benefit a player's personal schedule. Games may be played ahead of schedule as long as both players/teams agree, but games can not be played late, NO Make-ups.

# **RULES OF CONDUCT FOR CITY OF LOUDON PARKS AND RECREATION SPORTS AND EVENTS**

The City of Loudon Parks and Recreation Department feels that due to increasing violence in youth sports that rules, regulations, and guidelines need to be set for any and all of our sports, events, or activities. WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Loudon believe it is necessary and appropriate to provide for a code of conduct for participants and spectators of events and programs conducted by the Loudon Recreation Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Loudon, Tennessee as follows:

## **Section 1. General**

The following basic rules shall be followed, having been established in the best interest of users and recreational services facilities. Any additional rules posted at recreation facilities or directed by staff shall be enforced. Individuals not cooperating with established policies will be asked to leave and may be barred from further participation.

## **Section 2. Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Ejection Policy**

(A) If a participant or spectator in a recreation program or facility is ejected from any facility (indoor or outdoor), program, contest, or activity, he/she is immediately ineligible for further access or competition in any recreation program or facility until he/she appears before the Recreation Advisory Commission for the program in which unsportsmanlike conduct and/or ejection occurred.

(B) It is the participant's responsibility to schedule an appointment with the Recreation Director or his designee to review his/her behavior and subsequent eligibility in any recreation program or facility. Participants and spectators suspensions are effective upon notification by the Recreation Director or his designee. Suspension remains in force during the review process and the Recreation Directors decision is final.

(C) Any participant or spectator who commits, incites, or aids others in committing any of the following acts of unsportsmanlike conduct or misconduct shall be subject to the following disciplinary procedures:

(1) When a participant or spectator hits, strikes, or pushes a recreation employee, recreation representative, coach, umpire, or referee (league official) - he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation services and facilities. Participants or spectators may petition the Recreation Advisory Commission for reinstatement after a minimum of one calendar year.

(2) Threatening behavior (verbal or physical) toward a recreation employee, recreation representative, or coach - he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation programs and facilities. After a minimum of two months, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement.

(3) Threatening behavior (verbal or physical) toward another participant or spectator - he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation programs or facilities. After a minimum of one month, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement.

(4) Verbally abusing a recreation employee or coach, participant, user, or spectator - he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation programs or facilities. After a minimum of one month, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement.

(5) Actions which could potentially cause equipment or facility damage - he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension. After a minimum of one week, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement. The City may take additional legal action to recover the costs of damages to facilities and equipment.

(6) Participants and spectators are expected to be cooperative and honest when asked for identification and assistance in identifying individuals who may be involved in incidents. Failure to do so may result in suspension from the use of facilities or programs.

(7) Personal conduct situations that are not covered by the previous rulings will be dealt with in an appropriate manner by the Recreation Director or his designee responsible for the program in which the unsportsmanlike conduct and/or ejection occurred.

### **Section 3. Other Penalties**

Violation of the City's ejection policy shall be declared a public nuisance. Any participant or spectator who violates the terms and conditions of the ejection policy shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine for each offense.