



Lake Country Cornhole Open Official Tournament Rules

These are the official rules used for the TLM Cornhole Open. There are many variations of rules when playing Cornhole, including the official rules as set forth by www.playcornhole.org. These rules are the ones used for this tournament and may or may not differ from other rules for similar contests.

These rules are non-negotiable and can be changed only by a tournament official. Anybody wishing to file a complaint with the wording or application of any of these rules may submit their complaint, in writing, to

Brandon Grady - Tournament Official
3660 Prairie Dr.
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Upon reviewing your complaint, you will be notified prior to next year's tournament to the degree of which the tournament official thinks you are a big whiner. Should you desire taunting prior to that, please discuss with your fellow tournament participants.

Article 1 - Teams

- Teams shall be signed up prior to 4:00 PM, the start of the tournament.
- There are no requirements for team selection. It is an open tournament.
- Teams may not change from the start through the end of the tournament.

Article 2 - Playing Courts and Equipment

- Matches will take place on one of the courts setup for the tournament. Match locations are assigned by a tournament official.
- Only the equipment resident at that court may be used. Personal equipment is not allowed.
- The courts may not be tampered with or modified unless by a tournament official.

Article 3 - Delivery

- Bags will be delivered from the pitcher's box, a box roughly 2 feet wide and ending at the front of the board.
- Bags can be delivered from either side of the board, but all bags for an inning must be delivered from the same side (for a single team).
- The team having scored the most points in the previous toss throws the first bag in the subsequent toss. Teams then alternate throwing until all 8 bags have been delivered.
- In the case of a tie, the team that delivered first in the prior toss will continue to deliver the first bag.
- To start a game, the team with the highest combined age will deliver the first bag.
- Each team is allowed one "practice" inning prior to each game.

Article 4 - Fouls

- The only possible foul is a foot fault and is called by the opposing team member on the same side as the offender.
- The first foul in a match is “forgiven.” Subsequent fouls will cause the bag to be removed from the playing surface or from the hole.
- Should a team have a member less than the age of 13, that member is allowed to stand up to 6 feet in front of the pitching box. This will not be marked.

Article 5 - Scoring

- A bag that has touched the ground at any point will be removed from the playing surface immediately. A bag that is marginal is the call of the opposing team member on the side of the playing surface. The bag may be touching grass, but not be resting on the ground.
- A bag on the playing surface is worth 1 point. A bag in the hole is worth 3 points.
- 1 point scores are scored separately from 3 point scores
- Scoring is done on a cancellation basis, meaning that the points of the lesser scorer are deducted from the points of the greater scorer. Both teams may score in the same inning.

Article 6 - Length of Game

- Games are played to 21 points.
- A game only ends after a complete inning.
- If a game is tied at or above 21 at the end of an inning, play continues until one team completes an inning with more points than the opposing team.
- A skunk has occurred when one team has reached 11 points prior to the other team scoring any points. This must be the case at the end of a full inning.

Article 7 - Tournament Format

- This is a double elimination tournament up until the championship round. Each team is guaranteed at least 2 matches before being eliminated.
- The championship round will be played between the winner of the “winner's” bracket and the winner of the “loser's” bracket.
- The first team to win two games in the championship round is considered the tournament champion.
- The winner of the “loser's” bracket will throw first in the first championship game.
- After the first game, the loser of the prior game will throw first in subsequent games.
- The championship round will be played on a new combination of equipment on center court. The new equipment will consist of a set of boards and bags that have not previously been matched in the tournament.