



Mount Juliet Noon Rotary Cornhole Tournament Rules

Teams - Each team will consist of two players. The same two players must remain as a team through the entire tournament (no substitutions)

Tournament Format – This is a double elimination tournament. Each match will be one game to 21. The winners will advance in the bracket. On a team's first loss they will be placed in the loser's bracket. On a team's second loss they are eliminated from the tournament. The winner's bracket champion and the loser's bracket champion will face off to determine the Tournament Champion. The loser's bracket Champion will be required to beat winners bracket Champion in two games before losing once in order to win the tournament. The winner's bracket champion need only win once before losing twice.

Game Length - Each game is played until one team reaches (or exceeds) 21 points at the completion of a frame. The winning team does not need to win by two or more points. Games cannot end in the middle of a frame. Thus, if a team reaches or exceeds 21 points, the game is not over until the other team is allowed to pitch any remaining bags to complete the frame. Games will have a 30 minute time limit. Whichever team is ahead at the 30 minute mark will be declared winner. If game is tied, then first team to earn points in a frame will be declared the winner. The time limit will not be in effect for finals matches.

Opening Coin Flip – If both teams agree, the coin toss may be skipped. However, if either team requests a coin toss then the coin toss winner will be given the choice of picking who pitches against whom or which side of the board to play from. The coin toss winner also decides who pitches first.

Position Of Players – Each player's partner is directly across from them in the opposite box at the other board. So each team has one player throwing from the left pitcher's box and one throwing from the right. Each player is assigned a pitcher's box and will be required to pitch from their box the entire game. The pitcher must not go outside the designated pitcher's box during the process of pitching.

Frame – Each game is broken up into frames. A frame is completed when each team has pitched all four bags (alternating between teams) from one end to the other.

Pitching Rotation – The team who scored in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame. If neither pitcher scores, the team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame.

Scoring - This is a negation or cancellation format where opposing players' frame points cancel one another out. Only those points that do not cancel out apply to the total overall score. Example: Red team scores 7 points in a frame and Blue team scores 9 points in the same frame. The difference is 2 ($9-7=2$). Blue team scores 2 points in that frame.

A bag-in-the-hole is worth 3 points. A bag can be pushed in by other bags from either player.

A bag that is not in-the-hole but lands with any portion resting on the board is worth 1 point.

A *foul bag* is a bag which was delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules of the game and must be removed before tossing another bag. A bag that is on the board but is also touching the ground must also be removed from the playing surface before another bag is tossed. Bags knocked off of the board or into the hole by a foul bag should be returned as closely as possible to their original position.

The following rule violations, if spotted and called by a player or assigned judge, will result in the foul bag being declared and removed from the court:

- Any bag pitched when the player has made contact with or crossed over the foul line before the bag is released.
- Any bag pitched when the player has started or stepped completely outside the pitcher's box before releasing the corn bag.
- Any bag not delivered within the 15 second time limit.
- A bag pitched from a different pitcher's box than the first bag.
- Any bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the board surface.
- Any bag which struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.

Any bag that leaves a player's hand once the final forward swing of the toss has started shall count as a pitched bag. A bag that is accidentally dropped by a player before the final forward swing has started shall not be considered a foul bag and may be picked up and pitched. Scoring should be agreed upon before removing any bags. If a decision cannot be reached an official judge should be called and the judge shall determine the scoring for the frame.

Protests – If a player desires to make a protest, the protest shall be made to the judge or tournament official at the time the problem occurs. The tournament judge shall make the final ruling on all protests.

Forfeits – Announcements will be made and every effort will be made to locate teams scheduled to play, however teams that cannot be located or do not appear on the court at their match times will be subject to forfeiting match.

Decision of officials will be final.