



## Cornhole



# COMPETITION MANUAL

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## **GUIDING BODIES**

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## **[CLICK HERE FOR GOVERNING BODY RULES](#)**

International rules will be followed unless specified in WPFG Guidelines

## **EVENTS**

UNISEX SINGLES 18+  
UNISEX DOUBLES 18+

Active-duty competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN THEIR COUNTRY OF EMPLOYMENT**. Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish including across country lines with other eligible competitors regardless of police or fire agency.

**Entry Deadline: 2/28/2027**

## **EQUIPMENT**

8 Bags per court – 4 each of two different colors. Each bag is made from two fabric squares with double stitched seaming. The bags should be made from a durable fabric. Each bag measures roughly 6” by 6” and weighs 15 to 16 ounces. Athletes may use their own ACO or ACL certified bags.

## **GENERAL SPORTS RULES for Cornhole**

### **SCHEDULING**

Day 1- Doubles Tournament  
Day 2- Singles Tournament

### **SCORING**



- Traditional 21: The game shall be played to the pre-determined number of twenty-one (21) points. The first player/team to reach (or exceed) that amount at the conclusion of a frame is the winner.
- Frame – A frame consists of a player pitching his/her four bags from one board to another. Players must pitch all four bags from the same side of the board in a frame.
- Woody – Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and remains on the cornhole board playing surface at the conclusion of the frame.
- Cornhole – Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and passes through the cornhole board hole at any time within the frame.
- Foul Bags – 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. Bags contacting the ground before reaching the playing surface and bags pitched when a player has crossed the foul line are Foul Bags. If a foul bag lands on the playing surface or comes to rest touching the ground and the board, it must be removed immediately.
- Cancellation Scoring: 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 frame.
  - Woody: Each woody is worth one (1) point
  - Cornhole: Each cornhole is worth three (3) points
  - Example: Red achieves one (1) woody and two (2) cornholes  
Blue achieves two (2) woodies and zero (0) cornholes  
7 points – 2 points = Red scores 5 points for that frame

#### Doubles Play:

- Team A competes against Team B – each team is comprised of two (2) people.
- Each team will stay in their designated lane for the whole game.
- Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four (4) of his/her bags.
- Players at the footboard will take score and resume pitching back to the other cornhole board.

### **BRACKETING**

Pool play of 4 person/team groupings followed by a Double Elimination Tournament. The top two in each pool will advance to the “A” Flight and the bottom two will advance to the “B” Flight. Medals will be awarded to both Flights.



## **AWARDING OF MEDALS TO ATHLETES**

During the medal presentation, only athletes are allowed to participate in this ceremony. Each athlete and **SHALL** present their Athlete's Credential. If the athlete does not wear their Athlete's Credential, they **SHALL NOT** receive a medal. This is a mandatory requirement to receive a medal.

Technical Support Personnel and children are not allowed on the podium with the teams during the medal presentation.

The sport coordinator SHALL have in their possession a copy of the CSE Report for verification of participation. This will determine and verify which event the athlete was entered into.