

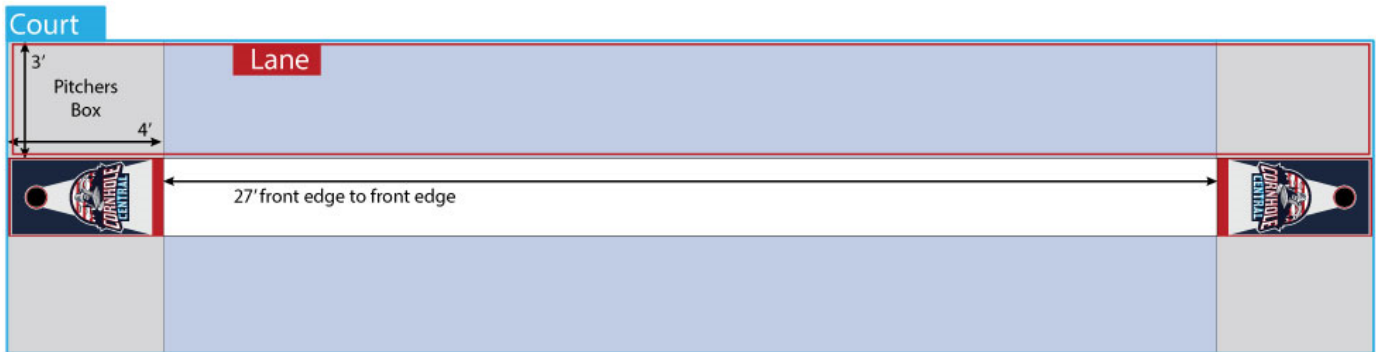


These rules reflect and simplify the almost identical rules and regulations of all the major governing bodies of cornhole. To learn more visit www.CornholeCentral.com

The Official Rules of Cornhole

Equipment and Setup

- **Boards:** Each board should be 24"x48" with a 6" hole. Front edge should be 3" off the ground, back edge 12".
- **Bags:** Each player or team needs 4 matching bags, each 6" x 6" and weighing 1 pound.
- **Court:** Boards should be 27 feet apart, from front edge to front edge. Each side of the court is called a lane. Players must throw their bags with one foot in the "pitcher's box" that runs the length of the boards extends 3 feet. Technically, it's legal to step past the front of the board as long as your foot doesn't land until after you release the bag. Very controversial, do not recommend!



Game Play

- The game is played as a series of "Frames" in which each player throws four bags, in alternating order.
- **Each player/team throws from the same lane for the whole game.** That means in a singles game each player walks to the other end without crossing the center line, and in doubles games the two members of each team are facing each other, not looking across the court.
- **Who throws first?** At the beginning of a game you can flip a coin or bag to see who goes first. In a bracket, higher seed should go first. Once the game is underway, whichever player or team scored *most recently* throws first in the following frame.

Scoring

- **A bag on the board is 1 point, a bag in the hole is worth 3.** Bags that get pushed off the board or into the hole, by either player, still count as they sit at the end of the frame. If a bag contacts the ground at any time (e.g. lands short and rolls on to it) it is "dead" and should be removed.
- **Cornhole uses "net" scoring.** Whoever earns more points in each frame gets the *difference* between their score and their opponents. For example, if Alex puts 3 bags in the hole for 9 and Becky puts 2 in and 1 on for 7, Alex scores 2 points. If both players get the same number of points, it's called a "push" and nobody gets any points.
- **Games are to 21 points.** Points are tallied after each frame. If one team has 21 or more points...they win! Note that there's no such thing as a "skunk" or "busting" in the official rules.