**Cornhole League Rules**

**Registration**

* All teams must be signed up through Bristol Parks and Recreation to participate.
* Teams can have anywhere from 2-4 players. Only 2 players are allowed to participate each game (meaning if all 4 players show up, 2 could play one game, and the other 2 could play the other game). Teams cannot switch players mid-game.
* All players must sign a Bristol Parks and Recreation waiver in order to participate.
* No players under 21 are allowed on a team's roster.
* A player is only allowed to participate with a single team and cannot change teams once the season has started.

**Game Play**

* League follows American Cornhole Organization (ACO) rules (<https://americancornhole.com/aco-official-rules-for-the-sport-of-cornhole/>)
* Two people from each team must be selected to play each game.
* Each team will receive 4 bags per turn.
* Teammates face each other at opposite board sets that are paced out at approx. 27 feet apart. (1 person from each team at each board)  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 match. The pitcher must not go outside the designated pitcher’s box during the process of pitching.
* Players alternate tossing the bags towards the opposite board until all 8 bags have been thrown.
* The team which scored last will throw first on the next turn.
* The thrower must stand behind the front foot line on the board. If he/she crosses and throws, they lose that throw. Also, if someone tosses out of turn, they lose that throw.
* Bags which contact the ground first and roll or bounce onto the board do not count.
* 3 points are scored for a bag in the hole and 1 point is scored for a bag on the board.
* Score is calculated as difference in team totals per throw session.  For example, team A gets 1 bag in the hole and 2 bags on the board = 5 points. Team B gets 0 bags in the hole and 3 bags on the board = 3 points. The final score from the throw is team A with 2 point. (5 - 3 = 2) First team to 21 wins

**Court Layout**

* Cornhole Boards:  Boards are positioned 27’ from the front edge to front edge of the board.
* Cornhole Pitchers Boxes:  A designated pitchers box is a 4’ x 3’ area at each end of the court and on both sides of each board; (4) boxes in all.
* Cornhole Foul Lines: The front edge of the cornhole board is the foul line.

**Cornhole Scoring**

* Traditional 21:  The game is 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.
* *Woody:* Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and remains on the cornhole board playing surface at the conclusion of the frame. Each woody is 1pt.
* *Cornhole* – Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and passes through the cornhole board hole at anytime within the frame. Each cornhole is 3pts.
* 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. 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.
* *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.
* *Designated 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.

**Playoffs**

* **All** teams make the playoffs.
* Tie-breakers used: 1. Head-to-head record 2. Coin toss
* The final week of the session will be used as a playoff date. A 12-team double elimination bracket will be used, and teams will be seeded based off their regular season record.

**Sportsmanship**

* Sportsmanship is expected by players at all times.
* Treat league director(s) and other participants with respect.
* The league is BYOB -- players are expected to handle themselves responsibly.
* League director(s) have full discretion to eject a player from a game.
* Any player ejected from a game by a league director will have to sit the next game.
* Any player ejected twice in the same season will forfeit his/her right to play in the Bristol Cornhole League and a refund will not be given.

**Facility Usage**

* League participants are expected to keep facility clean and throw away all the garbage.
* All players must be out of the park when the ski lodge is locked up.