

## St. Peter's Family Festival Tournament Rules

- The game is played until one team reaches (or exceeds) 21 points. The winning team does not need to win by two or more points. No fall back to 13.
- This is a negation or cancellation format where opposing player's frame points cancel one another. Only those points that do not cancel out apply to the total overall score. Example: Team #1 scores 7 points in a frame and Team #2 scores 9 points in the same frame. The difference is 2 ( $9-7=2$ ). Team #2 scores 2 points in that frame.
- *CORNZILLA or Skunks* – Skunks do not apply to tournament play
- *Doubles Competition* - In doubles play, two players are partners against another team of two (one member of each team pitches from one board and the other member pitches from the other board).
- *Coin Toss* - The coin toss winner is granted the choice of first pitch and bag color.
- *Position Of Players* - In doubles play, each player's partner is directly across from them in the opposite box. 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 remain inside the designated pitcher's box during the process of pitching. The opposing player must stand behind their pitcher's box while competitor is tossing.

- *Delivery Of Bags* - Every match is broken down into frames of play. During each frame of play each player must pitch all four bags. In doubles play, the "headboard" players (players pitching first) alternate until they've pitched all 8 bags, completing a frame. Bags are not to be removed until both teams approve of scoring.
- Players can pitch with either hand; does not have to use the same hand throughout the game.
- *Pitching Rotation* - The player who scored in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame. If neither pitcher scores, the player who pitched first in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame.
- *Scoring Cornholes* – A bag-in-the-hole (or Cornhole or Holer) is a bag thrown through the hole in the board. A bag can be pushed into the hole by other bags from either player. *1 Cornhole = 3 points.*

o *Woody or Boarder* – A bag that is not in-the-hole but lands with any portion resting on the board. It may not touch the ground before landing on the board. If it does, it's called a "DIRTY" and must be removed from the playing surface before another bag is tossed. A bag hanging on the board surface but touching the ground as well is also a "DIRTY" and has no point value and should be removed from playing surface before play continues. *1 Woody or Boarder = 1 point.*

o *Stanker or Foul Bag* – A bag, which is not a Cornhole or Woody, or which was delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules of the game. It has no point value, scores as a “DEAD BAGGER” and is to be removed from the board surface before any more bags are pitched. Bags knocked into foul territory by a foul bag should be returned as closely as possible to their original position. This also applies to bags that are knocked into the hole by a foul bag. *1 Stanker or Foul Bag = 0 points.*

o A player’s bag shall be called a “STANKER” if the player removes it before the agreed upon scoring of that bag. A judge shall be called if a decision cannot be reached. The judge shall determine the scoring for the frame.

• *Violations* – The following rule violations, if spotted and called by a player or assigned judge, will result in the foul bag being declared a “STANKER” and removed from the court:

o Any bag pitched when the player has made contact with or crossed over the foul line before the bag is released.

o Any bag pitched when the player has started or stepped completely outside the pitcher’s box before releasing the corn bag.

o A bag pitched from a different pitcher’s box than the first bag.

o Any bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the board surface.

o Any bag that strikes a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.

o 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 “STANKER” and may be picked up and pitched.

• *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.

• *Appropriate Conduct On The Courts* – Cornhole thrives on good sportsmanship. Members shall make no disturbing noises or movements that would distract the opponent or players on adjacent courts.

o First offense: warning from the judge or tournament official.

o Second offense: forfeiture of the game being played.

o Further offenses: forfeiture of all games played in that event.

o OFF THE COURTS – Any member who indulges in heckling, unfair rooting, or any other form of unsportsmanlike conduct toward any other player or tournament official, shall be subject to expulsion from the tournament and the tournament site. This covers any inappropriate behavior (including profane or abusive language) in, or around, the court area.