



**WELLNESS &
HEALTH PROMOTION**
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
Cornhole (Bags) Rules

General

The *RecSports Participant Handbook* will govern all aspects of play not considered playing rules of the sport. Participants are expected to follow the Handbook rules of conduct as well as the sport-specific rules outlined below. The Handbook is available at und.edu/RecSports. Key Handbook items include:

- **Alcohol, Tobacco, and Illegal Drugs** – Handbook pg. 6
- **Registration & Payment** – Handbook pg. 7
- **Captain Responsibilities** – Handbook pg. 9
- **Team Name Requirements** – Handbook pg. 10
- **Playoff Requirements** – Handbook pg. 12
- **Default/Forfeit Instructions and Consequences** – Handbook pg. 14
- **Participant Eligibility/ID Requirements** – Handbook pg. 15
- **Adding Players to Roster/Participation Limits** – Handbook pg. 18
- **Appropriate Attire** – Handbook pg. 19
- **Team/Participant Conduct** – Handbook pg. 21

Schedules

Schedules for league play are posted online through IMLeagues.

Facility

All games will be played at the Wellness Center and can be played either inside or outside.

Questions

Please feel free to contact RecSports with any questions or concerns.

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Players, Rosters, and Substitutions

- Games are played 2v2.
- Teams can consist of 3 rostered players, but only 2 can play in any game.

Equipment/Court Set-Up

- Boards and bags will be supplied by the Wellness Center.
 - These will be the only acceptable equipment for competition. No personal boards/bags can be used, unless granted by the Coordinator of Campus Recreation.
- Boards will be set up approx. 27 ft. apart.
 - When taking place in the Wellness Center Main Gym or MAC, place the back legs on the side out-of-bounds lines for the volleyball courts.
- Each team will have one player beside each board.
- If teams cannot decide which side they will toss from, flip a coin to decide who chooses.

The Game

- Matches will be played best 2 out of 3.
- Every match is broken down into innings of play.
 - During an inning of play, each player must pitch all four of their bags.
- When throwing the bag, a player must not step over the foul line (the front of the board).
- The player or team who scored in the preceding inning pitches first in the next inning.
 - If neither player or team scores, the player or team who pitched first in the preceding inning shall retain first pitch.
- Players must pitch with an underhand release.
- Players must pitch all of their bags from their designated side of the board for the entirety of the game.

Scoring

- Bags (cornhole) uses cancellation scoring. The smallest score for that inning is subtracted from the highest score. That number of points is awarded to the player/team who scored the highest amount of points that inning.
 - Only one player/team can score in each inning.
- **Bag In-The-Count (Woody):** Any bag which comes to rest anywhere on top of the board. Each is worth one (1) point.
- **Bag In-The-Hole (Cornhole):** Any bag which is thrown through the hole or knocked through the hole by another bag. Each is worth three (3) points.
- **The first team to reach EXACTLY 21 points is the winner.**
 - **If a team's score exceeds 21 following a round, their score will be reduced to 13.**

Fouls Bag Rule Violations

- The following are rule violations that must be spotted and called by a player or assigned judge:
 - Any bag pitched when the player has made contact with or crossed over the foul line
 - 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
 - Any bag that struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.
 - Any bag removed from the board before scoring has been agreed upon for that bag
 - The offending team (who touches the bags) forfeits all remaining bags and tallies the score of just the bags thrown before the foul was reported.
 - The non-offending team tallies twelve (12) points as if they had thrown four Bag In-The-Holes (Cornholes) during the inning.
 - A bag that leaves a player's hand once the final forward swing of the delivery process 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 foul and may be picked up and pitched.
- **The penalty is to declare the bag a foul bag, which requires the bags to be removed from the court prior to resuming play.**

Miscellaneous

- **Games will be self-governed.**

- Scores will need to be reported via IMLeagues or emailed to the Coordinator of Campus Recreation within 24 hours of the match concluding.
 - Instructions on how to report scores can be found at www.und.edu/RecSports.