

ADVANCE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Official Rules

2023 Allegheny Toyota Autumn Leaf Festival™

Event Details:

- Date of event is Saturday, September 30, 2023.
- Registration will be at 4:00 PM. Participants must be registered by 4:45 PM to play; late arrivals will not be permitted to play.
- Event starts at 5:00 PM
- Location is on Main Street in Clarion with a rain/alternate location of Clarion Mall.
- There will be no practicing prior to the event or between matches. Practicing will result in immediate dismissal from the tournament.

Starting the Match: Winner of the Coin Toss will determine:

- Which team will toss first, or
- What lane each team will throw from.
 - a. Please note that both members of each team will throw from the same side of the boards the entire match (not diagonal).

Scorekeeping:

- Scorekeeping will be done by the teams as they play. A score keeper board will be located at each set of boards for teams to use in scoring.
- Scoring will be done on the honor system with both teams agreeing to the scores. Remember this is a family fun event so we are asking everyone to remain honest and practice good sportsmanship throughout the competition.

Pitching:

- Both members must be present at their boards within 5 minutes of the announcement or will be disqualified.
- Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all (4) of his/her bags.
- Players at the footboard will take score and resume pitching back to the other Cornhole board.
- Players must pitch all four (4) Cornhole bags from their designated corn hole pitchers box.
- Players must deliver the bag with an under-hand release.
- One foot must be completely within the pitcher's box at the time of releasing the bag.
- Players must not touch or cross the foul line with their feet before the bag has landed.

- The player/team who scored in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame. If neither player/team scores, the player/team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain first pitch in the next frame.

Scoring Designations & Values:

- **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. If both teams exceed 21, the higher score wins.
- **Woody (1 Point)**: Refers to any Cornhole bag that has been pitched and remains on the Cornhole board playing surface at the conclusion of the frame.
- **Cornhole (3 Points)** – Refers to any Cornhole bag that has been pitched and passes through the Cornhole board hole at any time within the frame.
- **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 (0 Points)** – 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.

End of the Game:

- At the conclusion of each match, one member of each team should report the final score and winner to the officials.