

Cornhole Rules

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Any rules not clearly stated will be governed by the [2013 American Corn Hole Official Rules](#).

ASSUMPTION OF RISK STATEMENT

All Intramural Sports participants are responsible for their own medical expenses. Any participant unsure of his/her physical condition should check with their physician or the University Clinic before participating in an Intramural Sports contest.

Teams are responsible for keeping their spectators under control. Misconduct of participants, coaches or spectators can result in an unsportsmanlike penalty, ejection or forfeiture of the game. Team Captains will be held responsible for spectator, team and sideline misconduct. Two ejections from any contest will result in an automatic forfeiture.

RULE 1: ELIGIBILITY

- 1. PARTICIPATION:** Participation is limited to currently enrolled, fee-paying University of Southern Mississippi students and faculty/staff members with Recreational Sports Memberships.
- 2. SOUTHERN MISS ID CARD:** A current Southern Miss ID must be presented to the Supervisor to participate at each Intramural Sports activity.
- 3. NUMBER OF TEAMS:** Players can compete for only one single sex team and one Co-Rec team, regardless of league classification (example: participants cannot play for a men's recreational team and a men's fraternity team).
- 4. SIGNED IN:** Once a participant has signed in for a team, he/she may not transfer to another team.

RULE 2: TEAM COMPOSITION

- 1. TEAMS:** Teams will consist of 2 players for doubles and 1 player for singles.
- 2. PARTICIPANTS:** Team representatives including players, coaches, spectators and other persons affiliated with the team are subject to these sport rules and all Intramural Sports policies.

RULE 3: DEFAULTS, FORFEITS AND PROTESTS

- 1. FORFEITS:** If a team fails to appear with the required minimum number of players, ready to play, at the scheduled location at the scheduled start of the game, a member of the Intramural Sports staff will declare the contest a forfeit. Teams that forfeit will receive a 'C' for sportsmanship and will be required to pay \$15 to the Recreational Sports Office. The captain of the forfeiting team will be suspended from play until that payment is made. Teams are only allowed one forfeit per sport per season. If a team forfeits twice, it will be removed from the league for the remainder of the season.
- 2. DEFAULTS:** If a team knows that they will be unable to play a scheduled game, the team captain must contact the Intramural Sports Office by 12:00 p.m. the day of the contest to declare a default. The defaulting team will receive a loss and a 'B' for sportsmanship but will not be charged the \$15 forfeit fee. Teams are allowed one default or forfeit per sport. Upon the second infraction that team will be dropped from the league.
- 3. PROTESTS:** Protests involving rule interpretations will be considered immediately following the incident in question. Play will be suspended until an Intramural Sports supervisor rules on the protest. If a team continues to play without calling the supervisor to the game site, then that team forfeits its right to a protest. Protests will not be honored after play has resumed. Judgment calls cannot be protested. If the protest is not approved, the protesting team is charged with a time out. If the protest is upheld, they delay shall count as an official's time out. Official's judgment calls cannot be protested.

RULE 4: PLAYING AREA AND EQUIPMENT

- 1. PLAYING AREA:** All matches will be played right outside the Intramural Sports fields.
- 2. BOARDS/BAGS:** The playing boards and bags will be provided by Intramural Sports.

***The Intramural Sports staff has the right to deem certain equipment unsafe or illegal.

RULE 5: LENGTH OF THE GAME AND TIMING

- 1. LENGTH OF THE GAME:** Each team/individual will participate in one match which consists of three games.

RULE 6: PLAYING THE GAME

- 1. START OF THE GAME:** Each set of opposing partners shall alternate tossing their 4 corn-hole bags toward the appropriate platform. The completion of 1 set of opposing partner's tosses, 4 tosses per player, is considered a frame.

2. **SCORING:** Scoring will be “traditional 21” format; the first team to 21 points following completion of a frame wins the match. A bag going through the hole earns 3 points. A bag that bounces on the ground and lands on the board is illegal. The bag will be removed from the board. A bag landing and remaining on the platform without touching the ground earns 1 point. At the end of each frame, the total points earned are tallied and the difference given to the player with the higher total for his team’s total game score.

EXAMPLE:	BLACK TEAM	GOLD TEAM
TOSS 1	3 points	1 point
TOSS 2	0 points	1 point
TOSS 3	1 point	3 points
TOSS 4	<u>0 points</u>	<u>0 points</u>
TOTAL	4 points	5 points

If a team scores during a frame, they will toss the next frame. Should the players have the same amount, neither team earns a point in that frame. The team that tossed first during the last frame will continue to toss first.

3. **OVER 21:** If a team scores over 21 points, this will be known as a “bust” and they will have to continue play with 13 points.

RULE 7: SPORTSMANSHIP

1. **RATING:** Each team will begin the contest with a 4 sportsmanship rating and shall be rated by the officials at the end of the contest. The authority of the officials’ ratings exists prior to, during, and following all contests to which that official is assigned, and extends to all persons on, at, or near the playing site. Sportsmanship ratings shall be marked on the score sheet prior to captain signing off on the score and sportsmanship rating.

- A. (4.0) – Excellent Sportsmanship:** Players cooperate fully with the intramural sports staff and opposing team members. If necessary, the captain converses calmly with officials about rule interpretations and calls.
- B. (3.0) - Good Sportsmanship:** Team members verbally complain about some decisions made by the intramural sports staff and/or show minor dissent which may or may not merit a conduct warning (unsportsmanlike penalty / technical foul / yellow cards / etc.). Teams that receive one conduct warning will receive no higher than a "B" rating.
- C. (2.0) - Mediocre Sportsmanship:** Team constantly comments to the intramural sports staff or the opposing team. The team captain exhibits little or no control over teammates or him/herself. Teams that receive one ejection or two conduct warnings (unsportsmanlike penalty / technical foul / yellow cards / etc.) will receive no higher than a “C” rating.
- D. (1.0) - Below Average Sportsmanship:** Team constantly comments to the intramural sports staff or the opposing team. The team captain exhibits little or no control over

teammates or him/herself. Teams that receive one ejection and one conduct warning or a combination of three conduct warnings (unsportsmanlike penalty / technical foul / yellow cards / etc.) will receive no higher than a "D" rating and the game will be forfeited.

F. (0) - 1 - Unacceptable Sportsmanship: Team is completely uncooperative. Captain has no control over teammates and/or him/herself. Any team that receives two ejections or four conduct warnings (unsportsmanlike penalty / technical foul / yellow cards / etc.) will receive a "F" rating and the game and season will be forfeited.

RULE 8: COREC CLARIFICATIONS

1. TEAM COMPOSITION: Each team will consist of 1 male and 1 female.