

8th Annual Maddy Nelson Memorial Cornhole Tournament Rules & Guidelines

Event Date: Saturday, September 7, 2024

Location: Isanti County Fairgrounds – 3101 MN-95, Cambridge, MN

Sign-in/Warm-ups: 8:00 am **Start time:** 9:00 am

Fees & Awards

- \$75 registration fee per 2-person team
- Registration Deadline: September 5th, 2024
- 64 team maximum
- Must pay in full to secure a spot
- **50% payout in prizes of tournament entry fees**

General

- Teams will consist of 2 players
- Teams can be any combination of male and female players
- **Rules apply to all players, regardless of age**
- Bags will be provided; no outside bags will be allowed
- Double elimination blind draw tournament
- **Teams are EXPECTED to be ready for their match within 5 minutes of being announced. Disqualification for late arrival to your match will be at the tournament official's discretion.**

Game Play

- In doubles play, two players are partners against another team of two players.
- Coin flip can determine which team will throw first.
- One member of each team pitches from one cornhole platform and the other members pitch from the opposite cornhole platform.
- Each team will stay in their designated lane for the whole match.
- Players line up directly across from their playing teammate in the same lane.
- Players must pitch their bags in an underhand release.
- Players must be behind the foul line (front of board) at the time of release.
- In the event that a player is utilizing a follow through step after the release of the bag over the foul line, the player must keep one foot behind the foul line.
- Players alternate turns tossing their cornhole bags toward the opposite board.
- After each team has pitched four bags, players take score, and resume pitching to the opposite board.
- The team who scored in the previous inning will pitch first in the next inning. If neither team scores, the team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain the first pitch in the next frame.
- Any bag that leaves a contestant's hand once the delivery process has started is counted as a pitched bag and may not be re-tossed.
- Opponents will switch ends of play each match, unless both teams agree to stay.
- Any bag which strikes an object not in play is a foul and will not be scored.
- Bags can NOT touch the ground prior to coming to rest on the platform. If a bag does touch the ground before coming to rest on the platform, it is a foul throw.
- If a bag is declared a foul, it must be removed from the platform surface prior to the continuation of play.
- Any bags that do not stay on the board when lifted DO NOT count and must be removed.
- If a contestant desires to make a protest on a rule, the tournament official will determine the outcome.
- In the event of a delay or pause in play due to weather, play will resume from the point of interruption.

Game Length

- Must play best of 3 matches (3rd match is played only if necessary).
- Each match is played until the first team reaches (or exceeds) 21 points at the completion of an inning. The winning team does NOT need to win by two or more points.
- A match can never end in the middle of an inning. If a team pitches first and reaches or exceeds 21 points, the game cannot end until the other side is allowed to pitch all of their bags and the inning is complete.
- If a match is tied at 21 or more at the end of an inning, play continues until one team achieves a higher score at the end of an inning and wins the match.

Scoring

- Each bag that lands on the board = 1 point (bags knocked off the board by another bag do NOT count)
- Each bag that lands in the hole = 3 points (can be thrown or knocked in by another bag)
- Total points for each team are calculated using only those points that were not canceled out
 - **Example**
 - Team 1 throws 1 bag in the hole and 3 bags on the box for a total of 6 points
 - Team 2 throws 1 bag in the hole and 2 bags on the box for a total of 5 points
 - Team 1 will receive 1 point for that inning