

# 7th ANNUAL MADDY NELSON MEMORIAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT RULES & GUIDELINES

**Event Date:** Saturday, September 9, 2023

**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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 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**
- Double elimination blind draw tournament
- Best of 3 games (play 3<sup>rd</sup> game only if necessary)
- **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 contestants are partners against another team of two contestants
- One member of each team pitches from one cornhole platform and the other members pitch from the other cornhole platform
- Coin flip determines which team will throw first
- Opponents will switch ends of play each match, unless both teams agree to stay
- In-The-Hole is any bag thrown through the hole in the platform, or is knocked in by another bag, and has a value of 3 points
- In-The-Count is any bag that lands with any portion resting on the platform and has a value of 1 point. The bag must 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 and must be removed from the platform prior to the continuation of play.
- Any bags that do not stay on the board when lifted DO NOT count and must be removed before continuation of play
- Out-Of-The-Count is any bag that comes to rest anywhere except In-The-Hole or In-The-Count and has no scoring value. If a bag is declared foul, it must be removed from the surface prior to continuation of play
- The first side of contestants alternate pitching bags until they have thrown all four bags, then the remaining contestants (pitching from the other platform) continue to alternate in the same manner until all four bags are delivered and the inning is complete.
- The contestant who scored in the proceeding inning will pitch first in the next inning
- It is a foul to step in front of the board when throwing and may cause for disqualification of the throw
- Any bag which strikes an object not in play is a foul and will not be scored

- 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
- If a contestant desires to make a protest on a rule the tournament official will determine the outcome

### **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, meaning 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 or the other 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 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 round