



Schoharie Promotional Association's Rules

- The tournament will be played in accordance with ACO cornhole rules.
- Cornhole boards and tournament setups will be in accordance with ACO standards.
- Play will be a doubles match (two teams of two players). Play will be by double elimination (each team will play at least two matches).
- One member from each team pitches from the headboard and each team partner will pitch from the footboard. Each team will remain on their designated side for the whole match. Players will alternate throwing bags. A player may throw the bag from either the left or right side of the box in any one inning. The player shall pitch the entire game with the same arm using an under-hand release. The pitcher must be within the pitcher's box or behind the foul line at the time of release.
- The match consists of rounds -- each round will consist of two frames. The **top of the frame** is completed when both players pitching from the headboard pitch all four bags and the score has been recorded. The **bottom of the frame** is completed when the players pitching from the footboard pitch all four bags and the score has been recorded.
- A coin toss will determine which team will go first in the first frame. The player who scored in the preceding frame has honor pitching 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.
- The match will be completed when a team reaches or exceeds 21. A game cannot end mid-frame. All players must have a chance to toss their bags before the final score is tallied. In case of a tie, play continues until one team achieves a higher score at the end of the frame.

Scoring

Each frame will be scored according to cancellation scoring -- the points of one player cancel out the points of the opponent. Using this method, only one player will score in each frame. The low scoring player's points will be subtracted from the high scoring player's points. The remaining points for the frame will be awarded to the high scoring player.

Example

Player 1 achieves one (1) woody and two (2) cornholes during the inning (7 total pts)

Player 2 achieves two (2) woodies and zero (0) cornholes during the frame (2 total pts)

7 points – 2 points = Player 1 scores 5 points for that frame

- 3 Points -- Cornhole bag through the hole
- 1 Point -- Woody -- Bag on the playing surface, hanging in the hole or off the edge (but not touching the ground)
- 0 Points -- if bag is on the playing surface but also touching the ground or touching a bag that is on the ground
- 0 Points -- if bag hits the ground then bounces up onto the board (the bag shall be removed from the playing surface).
- Bags knocked in the hole by either team will count as a cornhole.
- Bags that land on the board but are knocked off will not score any points.

In the case of a scoring disagreement, the bags shall not be touched until a judge assesses the dispute.