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Meetings and Events

Weekly League

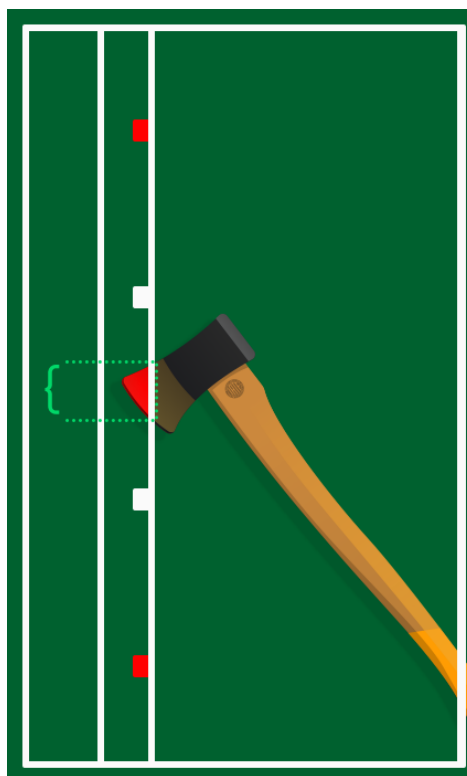
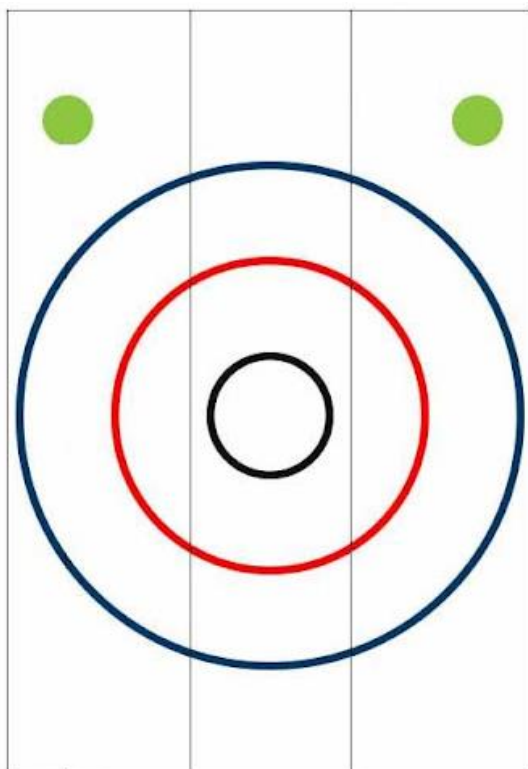
How League Works:

There are 2 full leagues each semester on both Monday and Tuesday nights. The league is broken up into 4 weeks. Each week members will play 5 matches per week (unless they are making up matches from another week) culminating in a 20-match season. There is a finals tournament after each league has concluded as well. Members can be as competitive as they wish. It *can* be treated as only a social event for fun, members can try to win as many matches as possible, or players can ignore wins/loses and just try to earn their highest average score. There is no expectation of members beyond safety in regard to our league. Officers, The Cut coaches, and more experienced members are always available to help struggling members.

How Matches Work:

Aggie Blades now follows the International Axe Throwing Federation (IATF) match-play and rules. All regular season matches consist of three rounds per match. Each round consists of 5 throws per player. Players must win 2 of 3 rounds to win the match. During the regular season, all 3 rounds are played even if a player has won the first two. Players switch sides between each round. If players are tied after 3 rounds, the winner will be decided by a big axe showdown. More details can be found on the IATF's website here: [\(1.2\) Match Format & Scorekeeping - IATF \(internationalaxethrowingfederation.com\)](https://internationalaxethrowingfederation.com)

IATF Scoring and Rules:



The bullseye (center black circle) is worth 5 points, the red circle is worth 3 points, and the blue circle is worth 1 point. The clutch (green dot) in the upper corner is worth 7 points. Clutches are only available on throw 5 of each round. Players must also make intention of throwing at a clutch known before throwing for points to count.

All scoring (except clutches) is based on the location of the majority of the blade penetrating the surface of the target board. This is exemplified by the graphic above on the right. The dotted green lines show the scored area. Clutches only require a player's blade to be in contact with the green circle at the surface.

Players are responsible for calling their own scores. Players should also confirm opponents score to discourage any potential for cheating. If there is a disagreement for a score, a third party can be called in to make a final decision.

More info can be found here: [\(1.3\) Standard Scoring - IATF \(internationalaxethrowingfederation.com\)](https://www.internationalaxethrowingfederation.com/1.3-Standard-Scoring-IATF)

League Finals:

League Finals refers to the tournament at the end of the league season (5th week). It will be only for members of the league to compete in. It is generally a fun end to a season. This can also be taken as seriously or laid-back as members want. An award will be given to the winner(s) of league finals each semester.

Fundraising Tournaments:

We plan to host a fundraising tournaments this semester, “The Aggie Axe-A-Thon”. More details for these are on the Aggie Blades website ([Tournaments \(aggieblades.com\)](https://aggieblades.com)). At the moment, this is the only planned fundraiser we have. Members will be asked to volunteer to help work the tournament if they are not competing in it as well. Tournaments will take several hours, please plan accordingly. Plans may change depending on how many teams we have sign up. More in-depth details to come.

*** Members are allowed to compete in our fundraising tournaments. ***

Semi-Formal / Awards Ceremony:

We are hosting a semi-formal for members at the semester’s end. This will be hosted at The Cut. There will be an awards ceremony for major accomplishments throughout the semester. We will also hold a team-based challenge for members to compete for an award.

Expectations of Members

Safety

Safety Guidelines:

In general, axe throwing is a safe sport, and the rules are rather simple. The most important thing to remember is **COMMON SENSE** will eliminate most risks. This means don't try to twirl axes, throw at other people, stand in front of targets, etc. Also, make sure both people throwing in an arena have thrown before going to retrieve your axe. Do not attempt any trick shots (unless otherwise told by Cut Crew). Finally, and most importantly, listen to The Cut staff and Aggie Blades officers! If they tell you to do something or not do something in regard to throwing, then it is both for your safety and for your own personal improvement.

Accident Protocols:

In the event of an accident, there are two main protocols to be followed. If the incident is not serious (not requiring professional medical treatment), we will just make a note of the accident and use the first aid kit on-site. For a serious incident, an officer, Cut Crew member, and/or other member with a vehicle at The Cut will be available to drive the injured party to the emergency room. An accident report will be filled out and the President will reach out to the emergency contact on file.

Attendance:

Attendance in league is optional; however, members must complete 20 games in order to compete in the League Finals Tournament. Matches can be made up, but habitually missing league makes it harder to schedule makeups. Members must help with at least one fundraiser tournament. If there are any concerns with meeting the aforementioned requirements, then contact either the President or Vice President to formulate a solution.

Other Information

Contact Information:

If there are any questions or concerns, you can reach out to the executive board by sending a chat from our website or emailing aggieblades@gmail.com. You can also talk to the officers in person each week at league.

President (Adam): milleradam469@gmail.com or (814) 577-1687

Vice President (Chance): cbrewster2001@tamu.edu or (830) 708-4077

Treasurer (Grant): grantbaker@tamu.edu or (817) 897-0257

Secretary (Noah): (409) 365-6558

Reporting Issues or Complaints:

Any issues or complaints can be sent to the executive board by emailing aggieblades@gmail.com or sending a message through the website. We will be in touch within 72 hours. If you wish to reach out to an officer directly about a concern the contact information is listed above.

Aggie Blades' Website:

Our website will act as the central hub for our organization. Our calendar is up to date on the website. All pertinent information is posted there. There is also an FAQ page if you have questions. If they aren't answered there, you can also send a chat from the button in the bottom right of the webpage. There are also pages on our site for College Nights, how people can donate to the organization, a photo gallery of each semester, and much more. Members are encouraged to explore the website and familiarize themselves with it.

Social Media:

Aggie Blades has an Instagram account @aggieblades. Members are encouraged to follow our page. Also, if you post photos from events, we appreciate being tagged, as well as @thecutaxethrowing.

Newsletter:

We will be sending out monthly newsletters each month. These will also be posted on our website. Each newsletter will include a list of upcoming events, updates, pertinent information, members' birthdays for that month, etc.

State of The Blade:

Each week that we have league, there will be a blog post on our website recapping what all happened at league each night. Members are encouraged to read it to learn more about their fellow Blade members and how everyone is doing in their leagues.

Flare:

Aggie Blades uses the Flare mobile app to conduct check-in at events, send out quick announcements, share photos from events, and message others in the org / reach out to officers. All members will need to download the app and make an account if they haven't already done so.