




UNIFIED CORNHOLE PLAYBOOK

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED
TO KNOW ABOUT:**

- **BOARDS**
 - **BAGS**
 - **SCORING**
 - **RULES OF PLAY**
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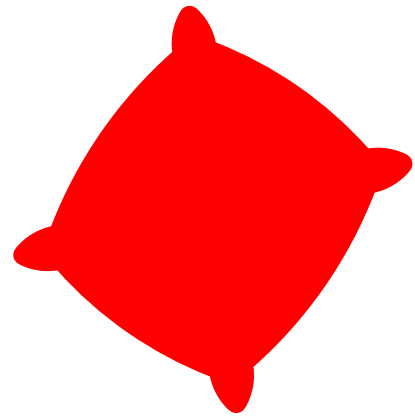




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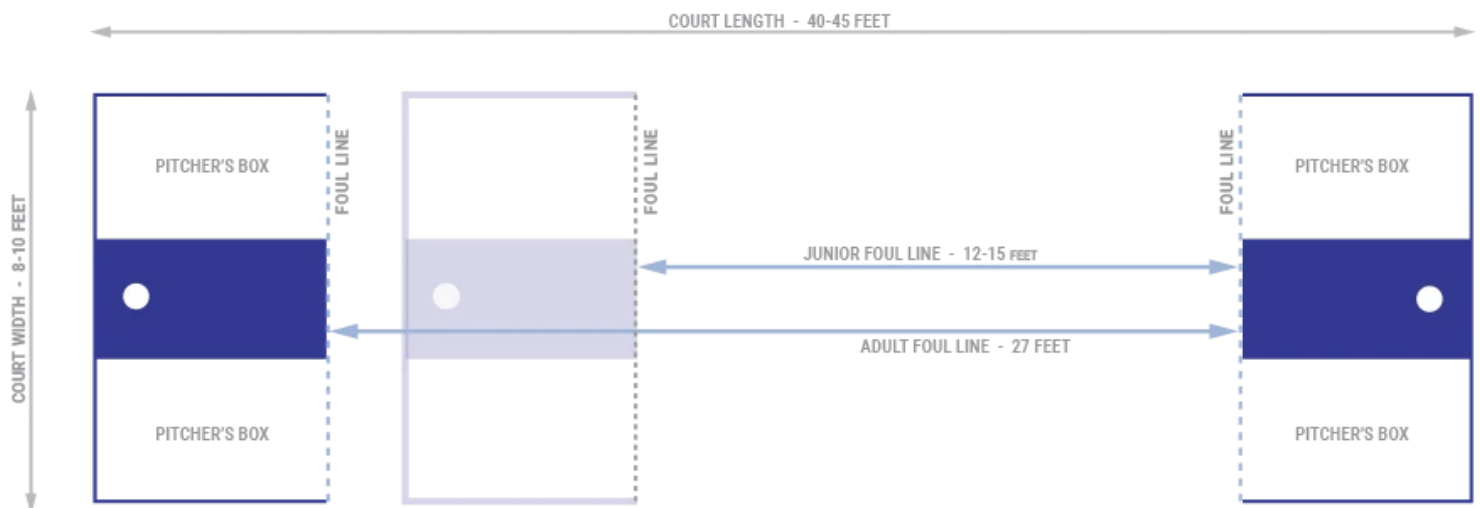
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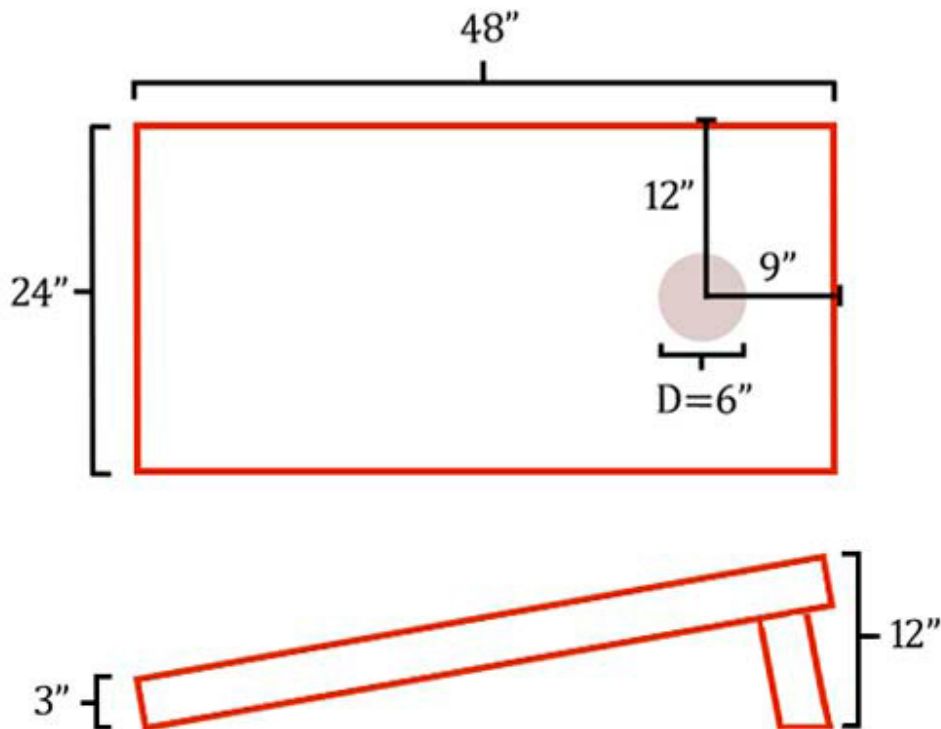
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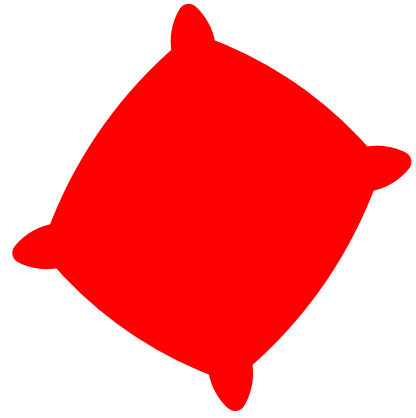
- **DIMENSIONS:** A cornhole court shall be a level rectangular area 8-10 feet wide and a minimum of 40 - 45 feet long. The court shall consist of two cornhole boards, designated pitcher's boxes, and foul lines.
- **PITCHER'S BOX:** The pitcher's box is the rectangle 4 feet by 3 feet at each end of the court, parallel with, and on both sides of the boards. Each player must remain in the pitchers box while pitching a cornhole bag.
- **FOUL LINES:** There are two sets of foul lines: adult-play and junior-play for children 12 and under or those with physical limitations. The adult foul lines shall be defined as an imaginary line 27 feet between the front of each board. The junior-play foul lines are defined as an imaginary line 12-15 feet between the front of each board. The foul line should be parallel to the front of the opposite board.



BOARDS

- Boards are made of a hardwood plywood playing surface measuring 48" inches long, 24" wide and 1/2" thick.
- Each hole is 6" inches diameter, centered 9" from the top of the board and 12" from each side edge.
- The front of the board is 3" to 4" from the ground to the top of the playing surface.
- The back of the board is 12" from the ground to the top of the playing surface.
- The board can be painted with a semi-gloss exterior latex paint that allows bags to slide, but is not so slippery that it allows the bags to slide back down the board.





SCORING

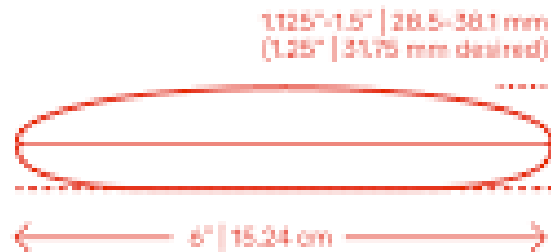
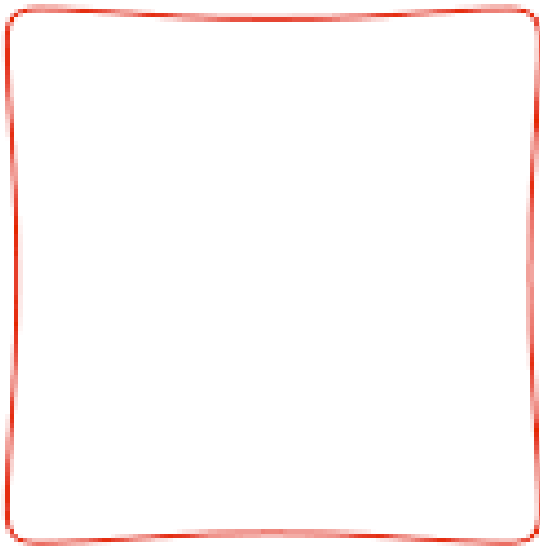
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PLAY



BAGS

- Each bag is filled with 2 cups of feed corn or plastic pellets (All Weather Cornhole Bags).
- Each bag weighs between 14 oz. and 16 oz.
- When flat, each bag should be roughly 6 square inches.
- Bags must be one primary color.



SCORING

- Games are played to 21 points. The first team to reach, or exceed, that amount at the conclusion of an inning is the winner. An inning concludes after all four bags are thrown by each player.
- Teams can play one game to determine a winner or play best two out of three games.
- **Woody:** Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and remains on the cornhole board playing surface at the conclusion of the frame. Each woody is 1 point.
- **Cornhole:** Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and passes through the cornhole board hole at anytime within the frame. Each cornhole is 3 points.
- **Foul Bags:**
 - A bag that comes to rest touching the ground and the board does not count as a point. Remove this bag immediately from the board.
 - A bag that contacts the ground before coming to rest on the board does not count as a point. Remove this bag immediately from the board.
 - A bag that is thrown when a player's foot touches the ground on or beyond the foul line before their bag contacts the board at the opposite end of the cornhole court does not count. Remove this bag immediately from the board.

SCORING

- **Cancellation Scoring:** The points of one team cancel out the points of their opponent. Using this method, only one team can score in each frame.
 - Red achieves one woody (1 points) and two cornholes (6 points) during the frame. 7 total points.
 - Blue achieves two woodies (2 points) and zero cornholes during the frame. 2 total points.
 - $7 \text{ points red} - 2 \text{ points blue} = 5 \text{ points scored for red}$

SCORE BOARDS



DOUBLES PLAY

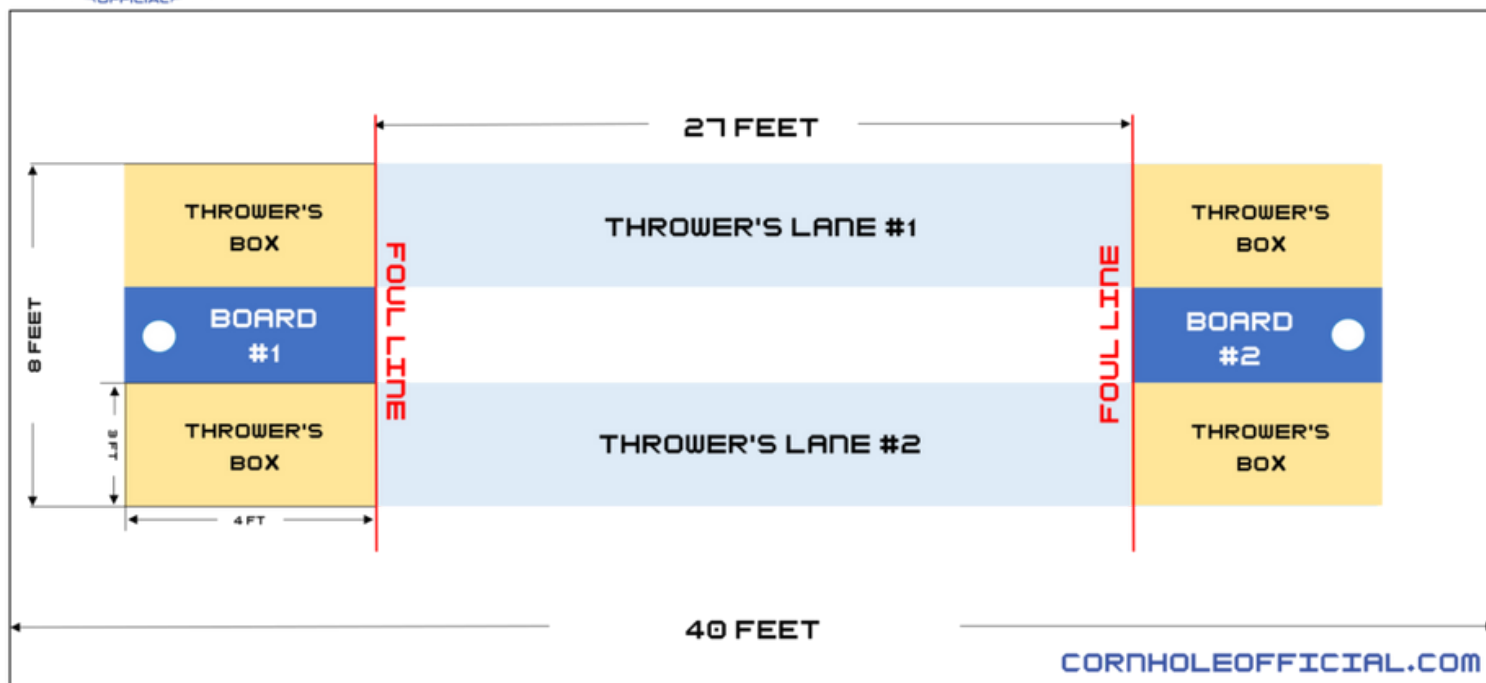
- Each team will stay in their designated lane for the entire game.
 - Team members stand across from each other at opposite boards.
 - There is one player from each team standing on opposite sides of the same board.
- Players must deliver the bag with an underhand release. (Players with physical limitations may use an overhanded release if unable to pitch the bag underhand.)
- Feet must stay behind the foul line at the front edge of the board at the time of release.
- Players must be within the pitcher's box at the time of release.
- A coin toss determines which team pitches first to start the game.
- Players at the headboard alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four of his/her bags.
- Players at the footboard will take score and resume pitching bags back to the headboard.
- The top of an inning is completed when both players pitching from the headboard pitch all four bags; the bottom of the inning is completed when the remaining players from the footboard pitch all four bags.

PLAY CONT'D

- The team that scored in the preceding inning pitches first in the next inning. If neither team scores, the team who pitched first in the preceding inning shall retain first pitch in the next inning.
- If bags become piled inside the hole and may interfere or obstruct the next pitch or if there is a question as to whether a cornhole bag would have naturally fallen through the hole, a player may request to rake the cornhole bags that have fallen inside the hole and remove the bags from under the board.



OFFICIAL CORNHOLE COURT DIMENSIONS



TOURNAMENTS

- The modified distance for junior players or players with physical limitations is 15 feet.
- Players with physical limitations may throw the bag overhand instead of underhand.
- Players must pitch the bags within a 20-second time limit.
- A scoreboard is used to track the score of each team.
- One or two students not playing should be designated as the scorekeeper.
- One student not playing should be designated as the and timer.
- Teams must consist of a minimum of one athlete and one partner.
- Teams may allow up to three partners per team if agreed upon by all schools competing in the tournament.
 - Teams consisting of one athlete and one partner:
 - Each player throws two beanbags per inning.
 - Teams consisting of one athlete and two partners:
 - The athlete throws two beanbags per inning and each partner throws one.
- Each team is allowed two timeouts per game. Timeouts are one minute long. A player may only call a timeout when it is their turn to pitch the bags.