

Garden City Parks & Recreation Cornhole League Rules & Regulations



I. Purpose of League Play

The purpose of the Garden City Adult Cornhole League, coordinated by the Garden City Parks & Recreation Department, is to combine the interest of men's, women's and co-ed cornhole, the spirit of the community in wholesome recreation, and clean sportsmanship.

II. General Information

- A. The league governing body will be the Garden City Parks & Recreation Department.
- B. The League Co-Directors will be Brad Chiasson & Mike Downey.
- C. Rules and regulations not contained in this manual will be governed by the American Cornhole Organization (ACO).
- D. The League Directors shall have complete charge of the league. Any and all situations not specifically covered by these rules shall be acted upon by the League Directors and all actions taken by the League Directors will be final.
- E. The League Directors reserve the right to change or amend any of the rules or regulations contained in the manual.
- F. Any questions concerning cornhole schedules, standings, game results, rosters, rule interpretations, or any other concerns not stated here but that have to do with Garden City Cornhole Program should be directed to: Garden City Parks & Recreation; Attention: Bard Chiasson. Contact him at (734) 793-1882 or bradc@gardencitymi.org

III. Garden City Parks & Recreation's Functions and Responsibilities

- A. Garden City Parks & Recreation Department shall be responsible for collecting all league fees.
- B. Responsible for the general organization of the Adult Cornhole League.
- C. Responsible for cornhole boards, player-supplied bags and other equipment.
- D. Schedule all staff required to run a game.
- E. Keep a record of all games played.
- F. Post results from games and team standings on gcicearena.com
- G. Provide necessary personnel to handle maintenance of facilities and other duties as needed.
- H. Handle and report any misconduct situations.
- I. Provide awards for each league.

IV. Players' Functions and Responsibilities

- A. Report to the games in a timely manner.
- B. Be responsible for the actions of the team.
- C. Keep up the speed of play.

D. Notify either League Director of a potential or planned forfeit of a game as soon as it is determined, so the Director can notify the opposing team.

E. Ensure all trash is discarded and cornhole “play” areas are clean.

V. Safety

Safety is everyone’s responsibility. Participants often do not take their own safety and the safety of others into consideration when having fun. It is our priority as public servants to be safety-conscious and to take precautions in order to help protect the players, spectators, and employees from injury. Please be observant and aware of unsafe situations or hazards, and correct them yourself or immediately notify the supervisor on duty.

VI. Alcohol, Tobacco and Vape-Use

League play will be held inside the Garden City Civic “Ice” Arena. Parks & Recreation rules allow those 21 years of age or older to bring/consume beer in the arena during league-time only. Pre and post league time beer consumption is not allowed! Smoking, chewing tobacco and vaping inside the arena is strictly prohibited. Players may do so outside the arena, as long as it doesn’t affect the flow of the cornhole league.

VII. Injury/Accident Reports

An accident/incident report must be completed for each injury or accident that occurs, particularly in the case of an injury on the premises. This report **MUST** be completed, regardless of how trivial an injury or accident may seem. It is necessary that individuals and witnesses involved cooperate with staff to provide critical information such as full names, phone numbers, addresses, and witness accounts of the injury/accident.

VIII. Incident Reports

An incident is any activity that is not an accident. This includes, but is not limited to thefts, misconducts, fighting, vandalism, etc. Please be observant and aware of the environment around you and activities that are inappropriate, illegal, or not consistent with the policies and procedures set forth, and immediately report such incidents to the field supervisor. An incident report **MUST** be completed.

IX. Definitions for League Play

A. Pitching: When the player is throwing the bag to the Cornhole board

B. Woody: Any bag that has been pitched and remains on the board at the conclusion of the frame

C. Cornhole: Any bag that has been pitched and passes through Cornhole board at any time of the frame

D. Pitcher’s Box: The area from back edge to front edge that the player must remain in while throwing

E. Foul: Any penalty against the player or team (Crossing the line or pitching out of turn)

F. Frame: When all four bags have been thrown by both players on a side

G. Inning: When all four bags have been thrown by both players from each team

X. How To Play

A. Setup/Starting - Boards are positioned 27 feet apart (front edge to front edge). - Pitcher's boxes will be set up on both sides of the board with each team member facing each other. - There will be four bags (differing colors) for each team to throw. - To determine who goes first, captains will play rock, paper, and scissors.

B. Scoring - Games are played best two of three matches. - Teams will play to 21 for all 3 matches, unless the 45-minute "curfew clock" expires, and the final score at that time will stand as-is. First team to reach or exceed 21 at the end of a frame is the winner. Cancellation scoring is in effect (Example: Red lands two woodies and blue lands one woody. Score= Red- 1 Blue- 0)

C. Ways To Score - 0 points for any bag that touches the ground - 1 point will be awarded for the following: Any bag that is on the board, Any bag that is hanging into the hole, Any bag that is hanging on the edge but not touching the ground.

3 points will be awarded for any bag that goes through the hole

D. Pitching Turns - Players will alternate pitching bags until all four bags have been thrown. - The team that scored most in the previous frame shall pitch first.

E. Fouls - Players must stay behind the front of the board while throwing. If a bag is thrown while the player is in front of it, the bag will not be counted towards scoring. - Pitching out of turn will result in a foul bag and will not be counted towards scoring. - No bags in scoring position should be touched until all bags have been pitched. **EXCEPTION: When a bag bounces on to the board, or if it misses the board entirely).**

F. Curfew Clock – Each match has a 45-minute time-limit. Teams must exercise a progressive "flow of play" and not stall during the match. Repeat offenders will be issued a game-suspension, or possibly more if the recurrences continue. If and when the curfew clock expires, the inning shall continue until completed with all bags thrown.

XI. Schedule

A. All game schedules, scores, and records will be posted on [website](#).

B. League play will include 8 weeks of games, with weeks 9 and 10 played as a seeded single-elimination tournament.

C. Prizes will be given out to the League & Playoff Champs.