



A GUIDE TO CORNHOLE

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'HOW TO PLAY'
VIDEOS AT

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SET-UP

Set up your board on a flat surface.

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DISTANCE



The distance you stand away from the board is really up to you. The official competition distance is 8.2 metres (27 ft) but a good social distance is 6 metres (20 ft).

We recommend being a little closer when you first start out or have younger or older players.

To work out your distance, just stride it out. A good stride is a metre but if you have short legs it's perhaps only half a metre.

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PLAYING



Each player has 4 of the same coloured bags.

You can have 2 players or 2 teams but there are only 2 players each round.

Use a line or a marker (real or imaginary) that the players stand behind.

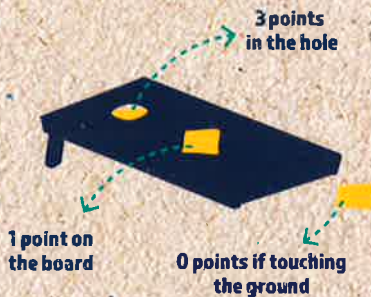
A foot over the line is a foot fault, that throw doesn't get points and the bag is removed from play.

Throws are alternate – one player throws one bag and then the next player throws one bag.

Once each player has thrown all four of their bags – that's a round and you record your score.

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SCORING



ADD UP EACH PLAYERS POINTS AT THE END OF EACH ROUND

- You get three points for a bag in the hole.
- You get one point for a bag on the board.
- If a bag touches the ground that is zero points.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Player A has 2 bags in the hole and 2 on the board = 8 points for Player A

Player B has 1 bag in the hole and 3 bags on the board = 6 points for Player B

The lower score gets taken off the higher score and the player with the higher score gets those points,

FOR EXAMPLE

Player A has 8 points and Player B has 6 points. $8 - 6 = 2$.

Player A gets 2 points for the round

Player A has 5 points and Player B has 9 points. $9 - 5 = 4$.

Player B gets 4 points for the round

The team who scores the highest points throws first in the next round.

If no points are scored, the team who went first in the previous round throws first again.

THE FIRST TEAM TO GET 21 POINTS WINS THE GAME.

USE YOUR
ABACUS TO
RECORD YOUR
SCORE.



SOME CORNHOLE TIPS AND TERMS

IT'S A HANGER!

THAT'S A BEAN BAG THAT IS HANGING OFF THE SIDE OF THE BOARD OR HALF WAY THROUGH THE HOLE. A HANGER IS 1 POINT.

IF YOU'RE IN A HURRY OR WANT A SHORTER GAME, YOU CAN PLAY TO WHATEVER SCORE YOU WANT.

AIR-MAIL!

THAT'S WHEN YOU GET THE BAG THROUGH THE HOLE WITHOUT IT SLIDING ON THE BOARD FIRST.

FIND YOUR OWN UNIQUE THROWING STYLE BUT WE CAN TELL YOU NOW, OVERARM DOESN'T WORK!

A FOUR BAGGER!

YOU GET ALL FOUR OF YOUR BAGS THROUGH THE HOLE. THIS IS RARE AND WORTH CELEBRATING.

Competition games and tournaments are often played with two boards – one at each end. If you want to get really serious and check out competition play, look up cornhole on YouTube and see how the professionals do it.

Most importantly, enjoy your time with family and friends. Relax, have fun and "Get outside and Play!"



CARING FOR YOUR **BACKYARD GAME**

We know you are going to get hours of fun from your Backyard Game but here are a few do's and don't's to make sure you have years of fun.



Don't leave your games out in the sun or the rain. Once you're done playing, put the game away in the box or carry case and keep it inside.



Our games are made to withstand some pretty rough play but they're not going to tolerate being stood or sat on.



There would be something wrong if your Backyard Game did not get a bit dirty and sustain a few scratches and dents. Aging happens to us all.



The wooden boards were intended to look rustic so you will find some imperfections in the wood. Each board has been lovingly hand-stamped so no two boards will look exactly the same.



The bean bags are also going to get dirty especially if you keep missing the board and hitting the lawn, mud or garden. Don't worry though. The bags are filled with recycled plastic corn shaped pallets. Not real corn. You can just handwash and dry them in the sun.

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