

# Cornhole Rules 2025-2026

All players need to have registered their team using the registration link found in the Student News and Events email, the Stall Study, social media, and/or the campus bulletins. All players will be required to sign the Activity Consent and Release form BEFORE they may participate in their first game. All players must sign in prior to each game. No exceptions!

All rules will follow [American Cornhole Association \(ACA\) rules](#) except for those exceptions listed below.

## **1. Teams**

1. A team consists of two players. This may be any combination of MSU-WP current students, staff, AND/OR faculty.

## **2. The Game**

1. Cornhole boards are placed 27 feet apart from front edge to front edge.
2. Leagues will be played on official ACA boards, using official ACA bags.

## **3. General Rules**

1. A game begins with a round in which the winner of the coin toss chooses who pitches the first bag.
2. Teammates will stand at different boards with an opponent. Boards will be 27 feet apart
3. An inning is defined as a round of play where each team pitches all four of their bags.
4. Games will be played to 21; the winner will be the first team to reach 21 or more when all bags have been thrown in an inning. There is no bust.
5. Each team plays with 4 bags. Opponents at the same board alternate tosses. Round is scored after all 8 bags have been thrown. The last team to score positively receives "honors" meaning they are the first to throw in the next round.
6. If a team no-shows, they will be awarded a forfeit by a score of 21-0.

\*Rules derive from the American Cornhole Association (ACA)

## **4. Scoring**

1. A bag that lands and stays on the board is counted as 1 point.
2. A bag that lands or slides completely through the hole is counted as 3 points. The score at the end of each inning is the difference of the points scored by each team during that round. (See rules 4.5-4.6)

3. A team will receive 3 points for any bag pushed through the hole by an opponent's toss. Any bags that touch the ground or are tossed out of turn do not count. (NOTE: Includes hanger bags).
4. If a bag that was settled on the board is knocked off of the board, it does not count.
5. Cancellation Scoring: Only one team can score points per inning. The team with the higher score cancels out the points of the opposing team in that inning.
6. Points Calculation: The team with the higher score in an inning earns the difference in points. For instance, if Team A scores 5 points and Team B scores 2 points in an inning, Team A earns 3 points for that inning.

#### **5. Penalties/Fouls**

1. No player throwing a bag may step past the front of the board on their side. This is considered a foul and any points scored will not be counted.
2. If a foul is called, that bag is discarded and play resumes as normal for that inning.
3. Opponents may call fouls, and they must be honored. Players may not distract or deceive their opponents.