

2022 Titledown Cornhole League Official Rules

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The following rules and regulations in this handbook ensure the success, safety and efficiency of the Titledown Cornhole League. All participants agree to comply with the rules and procedures when registering for the league. Titledown Cornhole League rules and regulations strictly follow the rules put forth by the American Cornhole Organization.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. Teams
 - i. Titledown Cornhole League is a 16 team single elimination tournament. Team's rosters are comprised of two (2) members. Substitutes are allowed and do not need to be noted on the roster. However, once a game is started, you must finish it with the players who began.
- b. Fees
 - i. All teams will be charged a \$50 league fee, which includes two (2) beer tokens per person to be redeemed for 12-ounce pours during the tournament, sacks, and cornhole boards to play on. All fees must be paid before the first week of game play.
- c. Prizing
 - i. The winning team will be awarded a Titledown gift card of \$50. And the second place team will be award a Titledown gift card of \$25.
- d. Inclement Weather
 - i. League play will continue during light rain, shine, or wind. However, certain weather conditions (high winds, lightning, tornadoes, etc.) may necessitate either a delay or cancellation of games. Delays and cancellations will be posted on the Titledown social media pages. Emails will also be sent to all teams announcing a delay or cancellation of league play. Should games be cancelled due to the weather, the rain date will be used to make up the games.
- e. Schedule
 - i. Dates
 - 1. The Titledown Cornhole League will run once a month during the summer dates. Dates are June 30, July 28 and August 25. Each league will require new registration.
 - ii. Times
 - 1. Round one games will be played at 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The following rounds will follow. Round two games will be played at 6 p.m., Round 3 at 6:30 p.m. and the Championship game played at 7 p.m.
- f. Location
 - i. All games will be played on the Titledown Football Field, which is located west of the playground.
- g. Captain Role
 - i. Each team will designate an official team captain. The captain is responsible for relaying all information regarding the league to their teammate(s).
 - ii. The captain is the only player allowed to a discuss calls or issues with the Titledown staff.
 - iii. Captains are also responsible for choosing the official team name. Titledown and the League Commissioner reserve the right to decline a team name if deemed inappropriate.
- h. Food and Beverage
 - i. Two (2) tokens per person will be provided, at no additional cost, to each team. The tokens can be redeemed at the beverage portable next to the field for 12-ounce pours, water, or Gatorade. Additional beverages can be purchased at the portable. Food can be purchased inside 46 Below.
 - ii. No food or drinks, beside water, is permitted on the football field. **Food and drinks must be consumed around the perimeter of the field.**

- i. Equipment
 - i. Titledown will provide all equipment and oversee all matches.

B. COURT LAYOUT

- a. Boards are positioned 24' from the front edge to front edge of the board.
- b. The front edge of the cornhole board is the foul line.

C. SCORING

- a. The game shall be played to the predetermined number of twenty-one (21) points. The first player/team to reach (or exceed) that amount is the winner of the match. The best two (2) out of three (3) matches wins the game.
- b. Bag Terms
 - i. *Woody* refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and remains on the cornhole board playing surface (not touching the ground) at the conclusion of the frame.
 - 1. *Each woody is worth one (1) point.*
 - ii. *Cornhole* refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and passes through the cornhole board hole at any time within the frame.
 - 1. *Each Cornhole is worth three (3) points.*
 - iii. *Foul Bags* refers to any cornhole bag that has not been determined as a “woody” or “cornhole” or was designated a foul bag as the result of rules violation.
- c. Foul Bags
 - i. A bag pitched from a different pitcher’s box than their designated pitcher’s box.
 - ii. Any bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the playing surface.
 - iii. Any bag that comes to rest touching the ground and the board.
 - iv. Any bag which struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, person, etc.
- d. Cancellation Scoring
 - i. The approved method of scoring for the sport of cornhole is “cancellation” scoring. In cancellation scoring, the points of one player cancel out the points of their opponent. Using this method, only one player/team can score in each frame.
- e. Recording the Score
 - i. No cornhole bags shall be moved before the scoring is determined.
 - ii. Players are always encouraged to pay close attention to the score. Players are required to update their score at the conclusion of each frame.

D. GAME PLAY

- a. Doubles Play
 - i. Team games consist of two (2) teams of two (2) people. Partners shall stand at opposite cornhole boxes on the same side facing each other.
 - ii. Each team will stay in their designated lane for the whole game
 - iii. Each cornhole team shall have four (4) bags of one color and all eight (8) cornhole bags begin at one end.
 - iv. Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four (4) of his/her bags.

- v. Players at the footboard will take score and resume pitching back to the other cornhole board.
- b. Pitching Rotation and Lane Assignments
 - i. In doubles play, a token-toss is used to determine which player/team throws first and the lane assignments
 - 1. Choose the lane assignments
 - a. The token-toss winner chooses their lane and takes their positions in the Pitcher's boxes, then the opposing team chooses their own Pitcher's boxes to determine head-to-head matchups.
- c. Pitching Cornhole Bags
 - i. Players alternate pitching bags (one player at a time) until each player has pitched all four (4) of his/her bags.
 - ii. A player must pitch all four (4) cornhole bags from their designated cornhole pitchers' box.
 - iii. Players must deliver the bag with an under-hand release.
 - iv. When pitching a bag, players must release the bag before any part of the player's body touches the ground on or beyond the foul line.
- d. Pitching the Next Frame
 - i. The player/team who scored in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame. If neither player/team scores, the player/team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain first pitch in the next frame.
- e. Accidental Release
 - i. Any cornhole bag that leaves a player's hand once the final step (if taken) and final forward swing of the delivery process has started, shall count as a pitched bag.
 - ii. A cornhole bag that is accidentally dropped by a player before the final step (if taken) and final forward swing has started, shall not be considered a foul bag and may be picked up and pitched.

E. ROSTER AND SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. The roster must be comprised of two (2) players.
- b. Teams may not substitute players during a game. However, they may substitute a player in between or before the games should they require it.

F. FORFEITS

- c. Teams should be ready to play at least ten (10) minutes before game time. At game time, if one team is short of the required number of players, the captain of the team with the required number of players will have the following options:
 - i. Option 1: Accept forfeit at game time
 - ii. Option 2: Allow opposing team a grace period of 10 minutes from scheduled starting time to reach the minimum number of two (2) players. Grace period time will be deducted from the playing time period.
- d. In the event both teams cannot field the minimum required number of players at game time, there will be an automatic 10-minute grace period for both teams. If both teams have reached the minimum number of two (2) players within the 10-minute grace period, the game will begin immediately.

- i. If one team reaches the minimum of two (2) and the other has not, the team with two (2) may continue to grant time until the grace period is up or can accept the forfeit.
 - ii. If both teams do not get at least two (2) to begin the game once the grace period is up, the game will be declared a double forfeit.
- e. Only the team captain can notify the League Commissioner or Titledown representative if their team is willingly forfeiting their scheduled game.
- f. If a team forfeits three (3) times during the regular season, they will be dropped from the league.

G. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a. Ejections
 - i. Game officials can eject any player, coach, or fan for the following: profane language; unnecessary roughness; harassment of officials; unsportsmanlike conduct; destruction of public property; being under the influence of alcohol or drugs during a game.
 - ii. The team captain and player will be contacted regarding a player ejection/suspension.
 - iii. Any player ejected will be removed from the game immediately and will not be allowed to play in any games for the rest of the day. The league officials will determine the timeframe in which the ejected player needs to leave the premises. If the ejected player does not comply with the officials, the team may receive a forfeit and the player may face further game suspensions.
- b. Titledown is committed to providing an enjoyable and safe environment. Irresponsible conduct will not be tolerated at Titledown or in its parking lots and, in some cases, may result in arrest and/or ejection. The following will not be tolerated:
 - i. Smoking: Titledown is a smoke-free facility.
 - ii. Behavior that is unruly, disruptive, or illegal in nature.
 - iii. Intoxication or other signs of alcohol impairment that result in irresponsible behavior.
 - iv. Foul or abusive language or obscene gestures.
 - v. Interference with the purpose of Titledown.
 - vi. Failing to follow instructions of Titledown personnel.
 - vii. Verbal and physical harassment of other Titledown guests.
 - viii. Any other conduct deemed to be beyond the bounds of reason.

H. COVID-19 PROVISION

- a. Titledown is closely monitoring the impacts of COVID-19 as the situation continues to develop. At this time, the league will continue on all scheduled dates. For the safety of the league members, officials and staff during these uncertain times, the following rules, which are based off the recommendation of the CDC and state/federal government guidelines, will be enforced.
- b. Failure to comply with the following rules may result in ejection, forfeiture of the game or further sanctions.
- c. All league members must perform a symptom assessment before the Titledown Cornhole League. If answering yes to any of the following questions, league members will be denied access to the Titledown property.
 - i. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days or have reason to believe you have COVID-19?
 - ii. Do you have reason to believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

- iii. Have you been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- iv. Have you taken medication to reduce a fever in the past 48 hours?
- v. Are you currently experiencing, or have you experienced in the last 14 days, COVID-19 symptoms, including a cough, fever, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nasal congestion, shortness of breath, unexplained headache, body aches or pains, diarrhea, or other symptoms of illness; or have you otherwise felt unwell in the past 24 hours?
- vi. Have you been in close contact with someone in the past 14 days who you know is experiencing or has experienced symptoms, including anyone who has had a cough, fever, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nasal congestion, shortness of breath, unexplained headache, body aches or pains, diarrhea, or other symptoms of illness; or otherwise felt unwell?
- vii. Have you traveled internationally in the last 14 days?
- viii. Have you had close contact with anyone who has traveled internationally in the past 14 days?
- d. Please do not attend the Cornhole League if you are ill, showing signs of respiratory illness, have a fever above 100.4 F, cough, or trouble breathing.
- e. If you begin to show symptoms while at the Titledown Cornhole League, immediately contact the League Commissioner.
- f. Face coverings are required for all members when 6' of physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- g. Teams, fans and staff are asked to maintain social distance of 6 feet when possible.
- h. Always maintain proper personal hygiene; hand washing and sanitizing regularly. Hand sanitizing stations will be available on-site.
- i. Follow all rules and guidelines put forth by the Titledown Cornhole League staff