

Gamestock XIX Cornhole Tournament Rules

2026 Tournament Rules

Tournament Format

- **Style:** Single-elimination bracket.
- **Teams:** 16 total (32 players).
- **Opening Round:** All 16 teams play in the Round of 16 (8 matches). Winners advance; losers are eliminated.
- **Progression:** Round of 16 (8 matches) -> Quarterfinals (4) -> Semifinals (2) -> Championship (1). No byes; 15 matches total.

Team Eligibility

- Both team members must be present at their scheduled time, unless previously communicated with the organizers.
- Players may participate on only one team throughout the tournament.
- Eliminated team members may not join or be substituted on another team for any reason.

Gameplay Rules

Scoring

- Bag in the hole = 3 points.
- Bag on the board = 1 point.
- Cancellation scoring applies; points offset each round.
- The first team to 15 points wins.
- If neither team reaches 15 within 15 minutes, the higher score wins when time is called.
- If a team scores above 15, its score resets to 11 points.
- Bags that touch the ground or bounce onto the board must be removed.

Turns

- Each team throws 4 bags per round.
- Players must throw from behind the front edge of the board.
- If time is called mid-turn, the players currently throwing finish their tosses.

Sudden Death

- If the score is tied when time is called:
 - Each player throws one bag from the same board.
 - The same scoring rules apply.
 - The team with the higher combined score advances.
 - Repeat if the score is still tied.
- If the score is still tied after 3 Sudden Death rounds, the winner is determined by coin flip.

The coin-flip rule does not apply to the semifinals or championship round.

Time Management

The 15-minute match cap does not apply to the championship round.

- Matches are capped at 15 minutes.
- Allow 5 minutes for turnover between scheduled waves.
- With 3 boards in use, the posted bracket schedules the championship for 4:40 PM. Plan for about 2 hours total; delays or tiebreakers may extend the finish.
- Games begin promptly at their assigned time.
- No warm-ups once the tournament starts.
- Teams must be ready when called. Delays may result in a forfeit.

Sportsmanship

- Respect opponents, boards, and officials.
- Tournament officials' decisions are final.
- This is a company event. Play competitively, keep it lighthearted, and remember that skill levels will vary.

Housekeeping Notes

- **Start Time:** The first round begins at 3:00 PM sharp. Please arrive on time. Late arrivals may be disqualified.
- **Breaks:** Use time between matches for restrooms and refreshments. Please stay ready for your next scheduled game.
- **Stay Ready:** Teams should remain near their assigned boards to keep the event on schedule.
- **Respect the Flow:** Move on and off the boards quickly so the tournament stays on its posted schedule.