

2018 Bags Rules adapted from the University of Iowa

Ground Rules

1. A coin toss will precede the match, with the winner having the choice of picking which side of the board from which they would like to play. The winner also decides who will throw first.
2. The object is to score points by tossing the bean bags and landing them on the board or in the hole.
3. The game is won when a team scores 21 points. Teams do **NOT** need to score exactly 21 points in order to win. A team must win by 2 points.
4. All matches are best 2-out-of-3 games.
5. Boards will be placed 24 feet apart in a straight line.
6. A pitcher's box (4ft x 3ft) is at each end of the court and on both sides of each board. Players must throw the bag from behind the front edge of the board.
7. Each player's partner is positioned directly across from him/her in the opposite box at the other board. Each team will have one player throwing from the left pitcher's box and one player throwing from the right pitcher's box.
8. Each player is assigned a pitcher's box and will be required to throw from his/her box the entire game.
9. The thrower must not go outside the designated pitcher's box during the process of throwing. The opposing player is to stand just behind his/her own pitcher's box while his/her competitor is throwing.
10. A frame consists of players tossing their bags, alternating shots, until all 8 bags in the frame have been thrown.
11. The team who scored in the preceding frame shall throw first in the next frame. If neither team scores, the team who threw first in the preceding frame shall throw first in the next frame.
12. Cancellation scoring rules will apply, in which opposing teams' frame points cancel out one another. Only those points that do not cancel out apply to the total score. (Example: Team Black scores four points, and Team Gold scores three points. Team Black is awarded one point).
13. A bag that lands with half of body resting on the board will be counted as one point. It may not touch the ground before landing on the board. If it does, the bag must be removed from the playing surface before another bag is tossed and does not gain a point.

Game Time and Forfeits

1. Teams will be scheduled a time for their first matches of the tournament. Teams must be present within 10-minutes of the designated time to avoid a forfeit. The tournament will proceed as quickly as possible through the bracket. Teams still competing in the tournament must stay present at the game site to avoid a forfeit.