

# Nampa Adult Co-ed Cornhole League



## Rules and Guidelines

The goal of the Nampa Recreation Department is to provide opportunities for physical exercise, socialization, and healthy competition for adults through sports programs. Please remember that regardless of the league or caliber of competition, the main goal of the program is to have fun and provide physical activity. Keep this in mind before you get mad at yourself, team members, referees or the other team.

### League Play/Schedule:

This league will have NO officials but will have a site supervisor. All players are required to make each call. **Honesty is expected by all players on all teams at all times.** If teams cannot determine what call to make, the play will not count and that rally be replayed.

All teams will play 7 games during the regular season with a single elimination tournament to follow. All your regular season games will be scheduled based on the amount of space available.

Teams will be responsible to notify the site supervisor the final score and which team won.

League standings will be updated weekly and are available on the Nampa Parks and Recreation website, [www.nampaparksandrecreation.org](http://www.nampaparksandrecreation.org) If a tie exists in the standings at the end of the regular season, head-to-head competition will be the first tie-breaker. If a tie still exists, a coin flip will be used. Exception:

All games will be played Thursday evenings at the Nampa Recreation Center Lawn between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Champions of each division will be awarded League T Shirts.

### Game Days & Times:

1. Teams must be ready to play at game time.
2. A team not having the minimum of 2 players at game time or any time during the game will forfeit the game.
3. In the event of inclement weather please call the **Rainout Phone by 4:00 PM** the day of your scheduled game at **250-5670**.

### Rules:

1. Boards are placed 27 feet from front edge to front edge.
2. Games are played to 21 or more points (no bust). Each team will play best-of-three or a 55-minute time limit.
3. If the final game has not finished and time has been reached the leading team will win said match.
4. **Woody:** Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and remains on the cornhole board playing surface at the conclusion of the frame. **Each woody is worth 1 point.**

5. **Cornhole:** Refers to any cornhole bag that has been pitched and passes through the cornhole board hole at anytime within the frame. **Each cornhole is worth 3 points.**
6. Cancellation Scoring: This is the approved method of scoring for cornhole. 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.
7. Both players/each team play one board at a time and stay in their designated lane for the whole game (right or left).
8. Teammates will take score and resume pitching back to their teammates board.
9. Players must deliver the bag with an underhanded release.
10. One foot must be completely within the pitcher's box at the time of releasing the bag.
11. A player may not touch the ground on or beyond the foul line before their bag has contacted the board at the opposite end of the cornhole court. If a player crosses the foul line prematurely, it will be considered a foot foul.
12. The player/team who scored in the preceding frame pitches 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.
13. If bags become piled inside the hole and may interfere or obstruct with the next pitch or if there is a question whether a cornhole bag would have naturally fallen through the hole, a player may request to rake the cornhole bags that have fallen inside the hole.
14. **Foul Bags:** A foul bag is any bag that meets any of the following criteria:
  - a. Any bag pitched without at least one foot completely inside the pitcher's box at the time of release.
  - b. Any bag that was thrown when the player foot fouls
  - c. Any bag not pitched within the 15 second time limit
  - d. A bag pitched from a different pitcher's box than their designated pitcher's box
  - e. Any bag that contacted the court of the ground before coming to rest on the playing surface
  - f. Any bag that comes to rest touching the ground and the board
  - g. Any bag which struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling etc.
  - h. 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
15. If any bags in scoring positions (woodies or cornholes) are touched by a player, whether intentionally or unintentionally, before all bags during the frame are pitched the frame is over.
  - a. The offending team (team who touches the bags) forfeits all remaining bags and tallies the score for the bags they have already pitched during the frame.
  - b. The non-offending team tallies 12 points as if they had thrown 4 cornholes during the frame. (these 12 points are NOT automatically added to the overall score. The 12 points are only used within this specific frame before cancellation, and therefore subject to cancellation from the offending team up to that point.
16. **Sweeping Bags:** If a foul bag lands on the playing surface or comes to rest touching the ground and the board, it must be removed immediately. If a player pitches a foul bag which affects any bags in play, their opponent has the option of returning all

cornhole bags to their original position on the playing surface or leaving all bags as they are.

17. **Sportsmanship:** Cornhole players (and spectators) may not indulge in any of the following actions:
  - a. Heckling
  - b. Using profanity or abusive language
  - c. Making obscene gestures
  - d. Making unwarranted physical contact with other players
  - e. Or any other type of unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - f. Players that exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct toward other players, spectators, or officials will be subject to expulsion from the league.

### **Player Eligibility:**

18. The minimum age for a player is 14 years old with a parent signature.
19. All players are eligible for roster moves. However, only two players moving from an upper division team CAN move to the same lower division team.
20. If a player plays in a game and is not on the team roster, and/or has not paid all applicable fees, the game will be forfeited.
21. Any player participating under a false name will result in an automatic suspension from the league.
22. Players may be asked to show I.D. by the game supervisor to verify eligibility.
23. The Nampa Recreation Department will have the final decision concerning player eligibility. A player must participate in at least two regular season games to be eligible for the end of the season tournament.

### **Other Information:**

24. Team Captains are responsible for the player's knowledge of rules and regulations of the league.
25. Team Captains are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans. **Children are the responsibility of their parents, not the game supervisor.** Your children **MUST** be closely supervised at all times during games by an adult **NOT PARTICIPATING** in the game. If there are problems, you will be asked to leave.
26. The City of Nampa does not provide accident insurance to cover individuals who may be injured while participating.
27. City of Nampa Parks and Recreation Department has the authority to institute new rules or alter current rules to ensure the continuity of the league. City interpretation of rules is final.

For any questions, comments, or concerns please contact the league coordinator Diego Estrada at [estrada@cityofnampa.us](mailto:estrada@cityofnampa.us) or at 208-468-5858.

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