

# WILLOUGHBY

## CORNHOLE LEAGUE

### RULES AND LEAGUE INFORMATION

**Team Size & Rosters:**

1. 2 player minimum per team.
2. 4 player maximum per team.
3. Minimum of 2 players per team needed to start and/or continue a game (from the team's league roster)
4. Willoughby Parks and Recreation has no roster requirements for male:female ratios, residency, or age.

**Games:**

1. One (1) game per week for each team.
  - a. Each game is best of 3 matches. The match shall be played until the winning team reaches 21 points. The winning team does not need to win by 2 or more points.
2. Each game is not to exceed 40 minutes from the scheduled start time.
3. Winning team must write the final scores in the binder that will be on a picnic table.

**Setup:**

1. Two boxes will be set up facing each other with 27' from front edge to front edge.
2. The front of the box constitutes the foot "foul line."

**Game Play:**

1. Two teams of 2-4 players shall play.
  - a. Teams will form pairs amongst their players.
  - b. One match can have only 2 players from each team. If an injury or illness occurs while playing, a member of the roster can be substituted.
  - c. Partners will stand at opposite boxes on the same side (from the perspective of a third person) and face each other, so there is no advantage given to one team.
  - d. Each team will have 4 bags of one color (provided by Parks & Recreation).
  - e. All 8 bags begin at one end.
  - f. The team listed second on the schedule has honors in round one and will throw first.
  - g. One of the partners on the team with honors shall begin play by throwing, underhand, a bag at the opposite box.
  - h. A player may throw, underhand, from anywhere behind the foot foul line which is the front of the board.
  - i. Match continues by alternating, underhand, throws between the two opponent players until all 8 bags have been thrown.
  - j. If a bag hits the ground, then bounces up onto the board, that bag will be taken off the playing surface.

- k. The next frame starts when the other player on the team, which has honors, throws their first bag.
- l. A five-minute warning will be given, and at the end of regulation time the teams playing will be allowed to finish the last round.

**Fouls:**

A foul occurs when any of the following happens:

1. A player steps a foot past the foul line when throwing, termed a foot foul.
2. A player goes out of turn. The player who caused the foul will have their bag removed if it landed on the playing surface.

**Forfeit:**

1. A team will be dropped from the league after their second forfeit (no refunds). Games scheduled for dropped teams shall stand as played, and the remainder of the games shall count as wins for the opposing teams.
2. A team needs 2 individuals to play. If there are not 2 individuals ready to play after a 5-minute grace period, that game will count as a forfeit.
3. A team that is suspended from the league may also be suspended for the following season; this will be at the discretion of Willoughby Parks and Recreation.

**Scoring:**

The score shall be taken after all bags have been thrown for a frame. Each team will add the score from each frame and round together to come with an over-all match score.

1. Subtracting scoring
  - a. Team A gets 3 on the board and Team B has 1 on the board. The score for that frame will be 2 points to Team A.
  - b. If team A and Team B both have 2 points on the board, neither team will receive a point.
2. The contestant who scored in the previous frame shall pitch first in the current frame. They have the honors.
3. After each match, teams will switch sides/boards.
4. Points shall be given as follows:
  - a. Three points for a bag that goes through the hole.
  - b. One point for a bag that is on the playing surface.
  - c. One point for a bag that is hanging into the hole.
  - d. One point for a bag that is hanging off the edge, but not touching the ground.
  - e. Zero points for a bag that is touching the ground, even if it is partially on the playing surface.
    - i. Unless the bag is hanging off the front edge and resting on a ground bag where the ground bag can be removed without making the hanging bag fall to the ground, then one point is given.
5. If bags become piled inside the corn hole board hole and may interfere or obstruct with the next pitch, or if there is question whether a corn hole bag would have naturally fallen through the hole, a player may request to "rake" the corn hole bags that have fallen inside the hole.
6. Each team is given a frame score according to the point system
  - a. The team who wins the frame is awarded with the first throw in the next frame. In case of a tie, the game score stays the same and the first throw goes to the team who had it the previous frame.
  - b. The winner of the match is the team who reaches 21 first or has the most points at the 40-minute time limit.

- c. Scores may not exceed 21 points; if your team goes over 21 points, your score automatically returns to 15 points; this will happen once in a match. Once a team goes down to 15, the first team to 21 wins.....yes, you can go over 21 if needed.
- 7. The third game will be played to 15
- 8. In the event of a tie, the game ends in a tie.
  - a. The exception is playoffs as an extra round(s) shall be played to break the tie. The winner must only win by one point.
- 9. There is no referee. Players are responsible for calling infractions of the rules as appropriate to the division on play.
  - a. Teams are here to have FUN!
  - b. Matches are played in the spirit of competitiveness and fair play. Sportsmanship is the key goal. The enjoyment of the game and the quality of the league depends on every player's cooperation.
  - c. Due to the time restrictions, there are NO time-outs during a match.

**Rain:**

In case of rain, the Parks & Recreation Dept. will call the games at 3:00 pm; make up games will be added to the week of September 23 and the tournament will be moved to September 30. If we have multiple rain outs, we will select another evening for play at the golf course.

*Unsportsmanlike behavior could result in the ejection of your team from the league permanently.*