

CORNHOLE CANADA REGULATIONS

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1

- First day of Season
- Provincial/Territorial registration fees due
- Existing Leagues registration deadline*
- Elected Directors term begins on even numbered years

JULY

- Provincial/Territorial Championships

JULY 1

- Last day to register Players for the current season

JULY 31

- National Teams/Players registration fee due (if applicable)

AUGUST

- Annual General Meeting
- National Championships

AUGUST 31

- Last day for new Members to register
- Directors term ends on even numbered years
- Last day of Season

**New Leagues may register at anytime throughout the Season*

SECTION A - OVERVIEW

1. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of all Cornhole Canada Regulations, unless otherwise defined in a specific regulation, the following words, terms and expressions are defined as follows in alphabetical order:

- **Board** means the Board of Directors of Cornhole Canada;
- **Bylaws** means the Bylaws of Cornhole Canada, as amended, restated or in effect from time to time;
- **Canadian Cornhole Leagues (CCL)** means the organization that is designed to market and promote all leagues in Canada under the jurisdiction Cornhole Canada, will administer the Nationals and Provincial Championships along with Qualifying tournaments;
- **Categories** means the levels of play: Tier 1 (Elite), Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 (Social); the levels may be subdivided by ages where U refers to Under and O refers to Over: U15, U13, U11, U9, U7, U5, O50, O40, O30 and open;
- **Cornhole Canada Registry (CCR)** refers to the electronic registration system used by Cornhole Canada and its Members to place Registered Participants on their database with the information required in Section C.3;
- **Days** means Days inclusive of weekends and holidays;
- **Director** is an individual elected or appointed to serve on the Board;
- **Division** means the classes of play being operated within Cornhole Canada. These are as follows: Men, Women, Mixed Adult, Youth Boys, Youth Girls, Mixed Youth and further described in the Regulations (Section B);
- **Executive** means any Board position from a Member Province/Territory or a Cornhole Canada Board Member;
- **Game(s)** mean any sanctioned competition between two (2) or four (4) Players in singles, doubles or team play by a Member Province/Territory or Cornhole Canada;
- **League(s)** means an organization providing competition for Players that are in a Member Province/Territory and registers with Cornhole Canada;
- **Meeting** means Annual General Meeting;
- **Member** has the meaning described in Article VI of the Bylaws and, where appropriate, means the designated individual, delegate or representative

duly authorized to appear for and make decisions on behalf of such Member;

- **National Championships** refers to yearly Championships hosted by Cornhole Canada and Canadian Cornhole Leagues;
- **Player(s)** means the Registered Participants of an individual or Team in competition;
- **Playing Rules** means the rules that govern the game of Cornhole in Canada, as set out in the Official Rule Book of Cornhole Canada, as amended from time to time;
- **Policies** means Policies of Cornhole Canada;
- **Provincial/Territorial Championship** refers to yearly Championships hosted by Cornhole Canada and Canadian Cornhole Leagues;
- **Registered Participant** is a registered Player in any Member Province/Territory;
- **Season** means the Cornhole Season which commences on September 1 and ends on August 31 of the following year;
- **Secretary** means the administrator of Cornhole Canada; also a Member of the Board;
- **Team (s)** means the Registered Participants of a Team;
- **Tournament** is a schedule of non-League Games played among three (3) or more Players or Teams, which follows an interlocking schedule and leads to an eventual winner.

Terms defined in the Bylaws shall have the same meaning in these Regulations.

SECTION B - COMPETITION

1. DIVISIONS

Cornhole Canada is the governing body for the sport of cornhole in Canada. The conduct and Regulations of competition within the Members shall comply with Cornhole Canada Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies and shall be controlled and directed by the Members in various Divisions, including:

- Adult Men & Women: Players must be 16 years of age or older;
- Youth Boys & Girls: Players must be 15 years of age or younger;
- Mixed Teams follow the same age regulations;
- Each Division may have singles or doubles competition; and
- Each Division may have a team competition.

A Player's age is calculated as of September 1 of the current Season.

Teams may be comprised of men, women, boys and/or girls.

Notwithstanding the above, Members may allow youth boys and girls to register in the adults Divisions should:

- Youth Divisions not be available to play in; or
- Youth Player(s) is an exceptional Player.

Members may also allow Adult Women or Youth Girls to register in the Men's or Boy's Divisions should:

- Divisions not be available to play in; or
- Player(s) is an exceptional Player.

Exceptional Player status must be approved by the Board. A written request must be sent to the Secretary fifteen (15) Days before the start of a League.

2. CATEGORIES

A Member may subdivide a Division in both adult and youth based on competition level:

- Tier 1 (Elite);
- Tier 2;
- Tier 3;
- Tier 4; and
- Tier 5 (Social).

Each of these subdivisions shall be considered a Division.

A Member may also subdivide a Division in both adult and youth based on age:

- Under 15;
- Under 13;
- Under 11;
- Under 9;
- Under 7;
- Under 5;
- Over 50;
- Over 40;
- O30; and
- Open.

Each of these subdivisions shall be considered a Division.

3. PLAYING IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

A Team or Player is deemed to be under the jurisdiction of their Member Province/Territory.

A Team or Player may compete in another Member Province/Territory provided they have first received permission from the Board. Written permission must be sent to the Secretary at least thirty (30) Days before the League begins.

For Provincial/Territorial and National Tournament purposes a Team or Player registration shall in all cases be with the Member Province/Territory they reside in.

SECTION C - REGISTRATION

1. MEMBERS

Members shall have all their Leagues register directly with Cornhole Canada (administered by Canadian Cornhole Leagues) exclusively. Members shall have authority to impose a League fee.

Members shall submit an annual membership application, and if applicable, fees to Cornhole Canada (administered by Canadian Cornhole Leagues) on or before September 1st.

2. LEAGUES

Existing Leagues shall register with Cornhole Canada (administered by Canadian Cornhole Leagues) exclusively by September 1. New Leagues may register anytime throughout the year. Cornhole Canada and the administration of Canadian Cornhole Leagues shall have the authority to impose fees.

Cornhole Canada shall only accept one (1) league per city. Towns, townships, villages, etc. within the same city limits will not be accepted.

3. PLAYERS

Every Player participating in the Games provided by Cornhole Canada, Canadian Cornhole Leagues and its Members shall be a Registered Participant in their local League. Registrations for the Season shall commence on September 1. Players may register until July 1, 11:59pm of the given Season. Cornhole Canada and the administration of Canadian Cornhole Leagues shall have the authority to impose fees.

All Players shall register with Cornhole Canada within the CCR before they play. The Member Executive Director will not approve a Player until registration is fully completed in the CCR with all required information as described in Section C.5.

Every Player applying for the first time for registration shall provide proof of age satisfactory to Cornhole Canada and Canadian Cornhole Leagues.

Members shall have the discretion to create Regulations for the registration of

Players in Divisions.

4. QUALIFICATIONS

New Members may register with Cornhole Canada (administered by Canadian Cornhole Leagues) but must follow Section B of the Bylaws. Final decisions of acceptance will be made by the Board.

Cornhole Canada, Canadian Cornhole Leagues and its Members have the right to refuse any League and/or Player from registering for any reason that they deem inappropriate to the general welfare of Cornhole Canada. Their decision is final.

5. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

New Members and Leagues must file the appropriate paperwork to Cornhole Canada (administered by Canadian Cornhole Leagues) by the deadline set in these Regulations.

The specific mandatory fields of information required for Players to be part of all real time electronic submissions made to the CCR are:

- Last Name
- First Name
- Home Address
- Street number
- City/Town
- Province
- Postal Code
- Date of Birth
- Phone Number
- E-mail address
- Member Province/Territory
- League

Registration data gathered by Cornhole Canada and Canadian Cornhole Leagues must be kept in a protected and secure manner. The Members of Cornhole Canada shall retain a copy of all their Registered Participants. There will be no commercial use of the data by Cornhole Canada and Canadian Cornhole Leagues, unless expressly agreed to in writing by, and in partnership with, the Member(s).

SECTION D - TOURNAMENTS

1. REGISTRATION

No individual Player or Team registered with a Member shall compete in any Tournament unless that Tournament has been granted a sanction permit by the Member in whose geographic area that Tournament is to be conducted.

The official permit sanctioning a Tournament shall be on a form approved by Cornhole Canada and Canadian Cornhole Leagues. A Member shall have authority to impose a Tournament fee.

No sanctioned Tournament shall accept entries from any individual Player or Team which is not registered with a Cornhole Canada Member.

The host Member will verify the eligibility of all individual Players and Teams entered in the Tournament. Every individual Player or Team participating in any sanctioned Tournament must be registered within the CCR.

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

All sanctioned Tournaments will be played only under official Cornhole Canada Playing Rules. Should there be any variance from such rules, such variances shall be submitted at the time the application is made for a sanctioned permit.

3. SUSPENSIONS

Where a suspension has been imposed, a copy of the official Game report with all necessary supporting evidence and any recommendation regarding the suspension, shall be forwarded to Cornhole Canada.

4. WITHDRAWAL OF SANCTIONING

Any permit sanctioning a Tournament by Cornhole Canada (administered by Canadian Cornhole Leagues) may be withdrawn if it is found that Cornhole Canada or Member Regulations pertaining to such Tournaments are not followed. Subsequent permits may be withheld from any Member that has been found to have conducted a sanctioned Tournament which did not conform to the applicable Cornhole Canada or Member Regulations.

5. CANADIAN CORNHOLE LEAGUES (CCL)

All Cornhole Canada tournaments, including to but not limited to, the Nationals and Provincial/Territorial Championships and Qualifying Tournaments, are administered by Canadian Cornhole Leagues. The Events Director will work closely with the CCL.

SECTION E - PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Regulations in this Section E apply specifically to Provincial/Territorial and National Championships and supersede any provisions to the contrary elsewhere in these Regulations.

1. HOW TO QUALIFY

Each Member shall qualify League Champions from their Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer Leagues to their Provincial/Territorial Championships. Members may invite non Champions to replace any Championship Team that cannot attend. A Member shall have authority to impose a Tournament fee.

Provinces/Territories may send local Tournament Champions to their Championships but must be approved by Cornhole Canada and Canadian Cornhole Leagues.

All Member Provincial/Territorial Champions shall qualify for the National Championships. Members may invite their Provincial/Territorial finalist to replace any Championship Team that cannot attend. Cornhole Canada and the administration of Canadian Cornhole Leagues shall have the authority to impose a Tournament fee.

2. ELIGIBILITY

All Championship Players and/or Teams must be registered with Cornhole Canada within the CCR to compete. Any Player mistakenly missed off the CCR may not compete.

Players and Teams shall only compete in one level of play (Pro, Competitive, Advanced, Recreational or Social) however based on age Players or Teams may play in multiple Divisions.

3. DIVISIONS

Each Member Province/Territory shall, in its discretion, conduct annual competitions to declare their Provincial/Territorial Champions for single, doubles and teams.

Cornhole Canada and the administration of Canadian Cornhole Leagues shall, in its discretion, conduct annual Inter-Member competitions to declare National Champions for singles, doubles and teams.

Please see Section B for Divisions and Categories.

Provincial/Territorial Championships shall take place in the month of July and the National Championships shall take place in the month of August.

4. DATES AND LOCATION

The dates and location of the Championships shall be declared twelve (12) months before the event.

Member Province/Territory Boards shall determine dates and locations for their Championships.

Cornhole Canada and Canadian Cornhole Leagues will determine dates and locations for their Championship at the Annual General Meeting.

5. BIDS TO HOST

Bids to host the National Championship will be accepted by the Board thirty (30) Days before the Annual General Meeting.

6. PENALTIES/SUSPENSIONS

Any Player or Team registered in a Division for their Provincial/Territorial Championships shall give seven (7) Days notice should they not be able to attend. Players or Teams that fail to give proper notice will receive a one (1) year suspension from Provincial/Territorial and National Championships play.

Any Player or Team registered in a Division for the National Championships shall give Cornhole Canada and Canadian Cornhole Leagues thirty (30) Days notice should they not be able to attend. Players or Teams that fail to give proper notice will receive a one (1) year suspension from Provincial/Territorial and National Championships play.

7. PROTESTS

Protests, and all evidence in support thereof, must be in writing, signed by the

signing officers of the protesting Player or Team, and presented to the Cornhole Canada Events Director within thirty (30) minutes of the conclusion of the Game for which the protest is being made and must be accompanied by a deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Shall the Player or Team win the appeal, two hundred dollars (\$200) will be reimbursed.

The Events Director shall deliver a copy of the protest to the protested Player or Team, without any undue delay.

The protested Player or Team shall be allowed thirty (30) minutes to file a defence and evidence in writing to the Events Director.

The Events Director and two (2) Members/Registered Participants, chosen by the Events Director, shall have full power to rule on the protest. The decision of these individuals shall be final.

A decision on the protest must be rendered within two (2) hours of receiving all the documents.

SECTION F - DISCIPLINE

1. GAME RELATED DISCIPLINE

Except as otherwise described herein, a Member or its designate shall have the authority to impose disciplinary sanctions pertaining to any Game played within the Member's Province/Territory.

Discipline for National events rest on the authority of the Events Director and Cornhole Canada.

2. INELIGIBLE/SUSPENDED PLAYERS

A Member, Events Director or their designate, as applicable, may take disciplinary action against:

- Any Player or Team found to be in violation of any Cornhole Canada registration regulation; or
- Any individual found guilty of having falsified or forged any document that would make that individual eligible to play.

Any Player, Team, Member or Board found guilty by Cornhole Canada of:

- Falsifying or forging a birth certificate;
- Falsifying or forging Cornhole Canada registration information;
- Playing under an assumed name; or
- Having had knowledge that any of the above has occurred;

Shall be automatically suspended from playing cornhole, being a Member or being a Board Member for a period of two (2) years from the date of suspension.

3. PLAYED GAMES

Any Player or Team found guilty of having used any suspended Player in any League, Playoff, Exhibition, or Tournament Game, shall lose any points earned in any Game in which the ineligible Player participated, and the opposing Team in any such Game shall be credited with a 21-0 victory.

If a Player or Team plays an ineligible Player in any playoff Game(s), the Player or Team shall be removed from the Season's competition and the opposing Team shall be considered the winner.

4. TOURNAMENTS

If a Player or Team plays any ineligible Player in any Tournament Game(s) the Player or Team shall be suspended, and at the discretion of the Member or Events Director:

- the Team may be allowed to continue in competition, and all Games won by the Team in Games in which the ineligible Player participated, shall be awarded as 21-0 victories to the Team(s) that competed against it; or
- the Team may be removed from all further competition and, at the Member's discretion; or
- all Games in which the Team participated prior to being removed shall be awarded as 21-0 victories to the Team(s) that competed against it; or
- the results of all Games in which the Team participated prior to being removed shall be nullified.

5. GENERAL

Any Cornhole Canada Registered Participant who is under suspension, by a Member or by Cornhole Canada, is suspended from any and all involvement in Cornhole Canada and Canadian Cornhole Leagues sanctioned Games and Tournaments. Cornhole Canada or a Member may increase suspensions up to and including all Cornhole Canada activities for the duration of that suspension. Any such suspension shall be recognized and enforced by all Members.

All suspensions in excess of one (1) month shall be recorded on the Registered Participant's CCR profile.

Cornhole Canada or a Member has the authority to adjust the length of any suspension that it deems excessive or inadequate.

SECTION G - FEES

1. MEMBERS

Member Provinces/Territories shall pay registration fees to Cornhole Canada (administered by Canadian Cornhole Leagues) by September 1. Fees may change from time to time. The Member fee is:

- NIL

2. LEAGUES

Member Leagues shall pay registration fees to Cornhole Canada (administered by Canadian Cornhole Leagues) by September 1. Fees may change from time to time. The Member fee is:

- NIL

3. TOURNAMENTS

Players and/or Teams attending the National Championships shall pay a registration fee to Cornhole Canada (administered by Canadian Cornhole Leagues) by July 31. Fees are paid for the operation of the Tournament and may change from time to time. The Tournament fees is:

- TBD

4. INSURANCE

Members shall participate in the Cornhole Canada insurance program. All Players registered in the CCR database shall be paid directly to Cornhole Canada (administered by Canadian Cornhole Leagues) before they begin play. The insurance fee is:

- \$10/Player

5. RULEBOOKS/GOVERNANCE

Members who require hard copies of Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies shall purchase documents from Cornhole Canada. Each document can be purchased from the Secretary for the following fee:

- \$30 for Bylaws;
- \$30 for Regulations;
- \$20 for Playing Rules; and
- \$10 for Policies.

6. SUSPENSIONS

Players or Teams who receive a suspension shall pay the following fines:

- \$200/incident for harassment including abusive language, obscene gestures, profanity, unsportsmanlike conduct and any item not listed here that is detrimental to the sport;
- \$100/incident for any Players playing illegally; and
- \$50/incident for any Players using illegal equipment.

7. APPEALS/PROTESTS

Players or Teams who wish to appeal or protest a decision shall pay the following fee:

- \$500/appeal
- \$500/protest