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# Cornhole

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**DATES:** July 25-26, 2020

**SITE:** Springfield Community Center, Spring Field, NE

**TIME:**

**Saturday, July 25**

**Women's Singles:** Check in 11:30 am. Competition starts at 12 pm.

**Open Singles:** Check in 12:30 pm. Competition starts at 1 pm.

**Open Doubles:** Check in at 2:30 pm. Competition starts at 3 pm.

**\*Doubles Competition will start after Singles have concluded.**

**Sunday, July 26**

**Juniors:** Check in 11:30 am. Competition starts at 12 pm.

**Tailgate Singles:** Check in 12:30 pm. Competition starts at 1 pm.

**Tailgate Doubles:** Check in 2:30 pm. Competition starts at 3 pm.

**COMPETITION FORMAT:** The tournament will be organized and officiated by I-80 Cornhole and Nebraska Sports Council.

All events will follow ACL (American Cornhole League) Rules. Brackets in each division will be double elimination. Winners bracket matches will consist of best 2 of 3 games. Losers Bracket will be single games. I-80 Cornhole/NSC reserves the right to change the tournament format based on entry numbers, space/time restrictions, or other circumstances.

### Pre-Game

Boards must measure two feet wide and four feet long. The hole must be 6 inches in diameter centered 9" from the top of the board. Boards shall have a finished coat that features a smooth texture. 2 boards should be located exactly 27 feet apart, from front of one board to front of another. In Juniors play, boards will be located 24 feet apart.

The foul line is designated as the front end of the board, which is also marked by the front edge of a player's pitcher's box.

Teammates must stand in the same lane at opposite boards throughout the whole game and may not switch ends. Each player will throw four bags each inning. Players will alternate throwing bags until all bags have been thrown. Scoring **MUST** be agreed upon by players **BEFORE** any bag is moved. Any discrepancies in rules or scoring must be discussed with an official before play continues.

Each game begins with a coin toss. One player or team flips a coin and the other player or team calls their choice of "heads" or "tails". In singles play, the winner of the coin toss will choose which lane he or she will pitch in for the entirety of the game.

In doubles play, the winner of the coin toss will *either* choose (not both):

1. The lane and location of each player of that team which will be permanent for the entirety of the game.
2. The player matchup for each board.

In doubles play, the loser of the coin toss will get to decide the outcome of the other option in the previous bullet not selected by the winning coin toss team. In all divisions, the winner of the coin toss will choose which team or player will throw the first bag of the game.

\*Unless unanimously decided otherwise by all players on a court, it is customary to complete a "down and back" practice round before beginning a game.

### Scoring

Scoring is always completed at the end of a round, not during. A bag lying on top of the board at the end of a round is valued at 1 point. Bags "hanging" in the hole are valued at 1 point. A bag through the hole at the end of a round is valued at 3 points. A bag that neither went through the hole nor is lying on top of the board at the end of the round is valued at 0 points. Bags that are lying on top of the front edge of the board but are touching the ground are valued at 0 points. Bags that touched the ground or any other surface before touching the board or going into the hole are valued at 0 points and must be removed from the board by an official. If this bag causes other bags on the board to move, the final resting places of the bags in play will

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count. All scoring for a round features cancellation. For example, Player A pitches 3 bags in the hole and 1 bag on the board for a total of 10 points. Player B pitches 2 bags in the hole and 2 bags on the board for a total of 8 points. Player A will then earn 2 points (10-8=2) towards his or her overall score (or team's score for doubles play). In some instances, the bags in the hole will stack on top of each other until they reach the threshold of the hole. In this instance, a player may ask a spectator to "sweep" the bags from under the hole. If a player throws a bag and it "hangs" in the hole but is touching a bag in the hole, an official must come and, if possible, "sweep" the bags in the hole without disturbing or touching the hanging bag. If an official is not present, an unbiased spectator must complete the sweep. If the hanging bag does not fall into the hole after a correct "sweep", the bag is valued at 1 point. If the hanging bag unavoidably falls into the hole after a correct "sweep" the bag is valued at 3 points. Players must wait 3 seconds after a bag comes to a stop on the board before the players may pick up a bag at the end of the round. If a bag is slick enough that it begins to slide down the board, players must wait for that bag to come to a complete stop before proceeding with a round.

Play continues until a score of at least 21 points is achieved by one team at the end of the round. A player or team does NOT have to win by a minimum of two points. A player or team is not penalized for scoring over 21 points.

### **Bags**

Players may provide their own bags or use the bags provided by I-80 Cornhole. Regardless of division, bags used in play must be approved. Bags must measure 6 inches wide and 6 inches long. Bags must weigh between 15.5 and 16.25 ounces. Bags may not be filled with any material other than plastic resin. Bags with holes where plastic resin can leak will not be allowed. Bags are not required to, but usually feature two different materials on each side. All bags in a set of four must have the same design and color for each corresponding side on all four bags. A Player may not switch bags during a game (but can after a single game in a series) unless a bag is unintentionally damaged and leaking or if a bag mid-game has been unintentionally altered such that it affects the play of game differently for one player in comparison to the other. In the event of a damaged bag all 4 bags in that set must be swapped out at the end of the round for a new set of 4 bags

**AWARDS:** Custom Cornhusker State Games gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division.

## **EVENTS**

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Code</b>
Open/Competitive Singles	1
Open/Competitive Doubles	2
Tailgater/Recreational Singles	3
Tailgater/Recreational Doubles	4
Junior Singles	5

\*Age determined as of July 25, 2020

\*Juniors are 19 & Under

\*Must be 19 & Over to play Open/Tailgater Singles

\*If you need a partner, please contact sport director.

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## **ATHLETE PACKETS & TEAM BOXES**

Due to COVID-19, all athlete packets will be shipped. A shipping fee of \$5 (Individuals) or \$15 (Teams) will be added upon checkout. Packets include athlete shirt and one free Arby's sandwich certificate per person. Athletes will receive their packet prior to competition.

## REGISTRATION FEES & DEADLINES

For pricing and dates, please check the Cornhole web page.

**MULTI-EVENT DISCOUNT NOTE:** If registering for multiple events, all entries must occur in the same transaction to receive the multi-event discount.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION NOTE:** If registering for a team event, the participant must still select “Myself” or “Another Participant” (NOT “Team”) on the first step of the registration process. The participant will be asked to list their partners name. Entering their names DOES NOT register them for the event. All team members must register themselves, or the participant can register all of the team members by selecting “Another Participant” on the first step of the registration process.

**ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:** Competition in the 2020 Cornhusker State Games; White cotton athlete shirt (micro-fiber or soft cotton lightweight tri-blend upgrade available); Sponsor gifts and coupons.

**PAPER ENTRY FORMS:** Paper entry forms will be accepted with a \$5 processing fee. Registering online at [CornhuskerStateGames.com](http://CornhuskerStateGames.com) saves time, money and trees.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

**Sport Specific Questions:** Contact Cornhole Director David Case at [new14dave@yahoo.com](mailto:new14dave@yahoo.com).

**Online Registration/Website Questions:** Contact the Cornhusker State Games office at 402-471-2544 or [info@nebraskasportscouncil.com](mailto:info@nebraskasportscouncil.com).