



BASIC GAME PLAY

Settin' Up The Game

Find a suitable area with a flat surface, preferably not in the middle of a busy street. Set up the boards facing each other with 27' between the front edges. Games can be played with either 2 or 4 players. In a 2-player game, players will begin throwing from the same board, and walk directly across to begin their next turn. In a 4-player game, partners will be at opposite boards directly across from each other and remain there until the game is over. Each person/team has 4 matching bags for game play.

Playin' The Game

You can decide who goes first in many different ways; from the flip of a coin, the ugliest person, or even "rock, paper, scissors". Each player alternates throwing one bag at a time, making sure their feet do not cross the front edge of the board. If you cross the front edge of the board, it is a foul and it does not count. The bag must be removed from the playing area before proceeding. If a bag touches the ground before or after landing on the playing surface, it must be removed as well. Once all bags have been thrown, you add up the score and the player/team with the highest score that round will start the next round.

Scorin' The Game

Once all bags have been thrown, count up each bag that landed on the board as 1 point, and each bag that landed in the hole as 3 points. The other team does the same. You then take the lower score and subtract it from the higher score, and that number is the points that the higher scoring person/team received from that round. If the score from that round is the same number, then it is considered a "wash" and no points are scored. The same person/team throws first in the next round. The game is won by whichever person/team reaches 21 points first.

Scoring examples:

- **Team A gets 3 points, Team B gets 7 points. Team B scores 4 points for the round and throws first in the next round.**
- **Team A gets 5 points, Team B gets 2 points. Team A scores 3 points for the round and throws first the next round.**
- **Team A gets 4 points, Team B gets 4 points. It is a wash and no points will be scored that round. Whoever threw first in that round will throw first the next round.**

Hints and Tips

A full adult beverage is recommended at all times for those over 21. (Cheap beer works best!) If you are under 21, energy drinks or grape soda will suffice. For the kiddos, juice boxes are great!

Make sure your playing area is clear of obstacles, such as: dog poop, quick sand, or bear traps!

Make sure your boards are in a solid position. You don't want your boards moving during play as the bags hit them.

It is helpful to keep your bag flat while in the air, similar to a disc. A tumbling bag through the air lands much more inconsistently.

Learning to throw different ways can be beneficial. A low, fast throw could knock off your opponent's bag; while a higher, slow toss will land on the board with much less slide.

If there were a number 1 rule, it would probably be to have fun! Now get out there and CORNHOLE!