

Bean Bag League Rules

Determining Side and Order of Rotation

The ref will flip a coin before the match, the winner and their partner can then choose which side of the board they would like to throw from, on their respective sides. The winner will also throw first to start game

The team that lost the coin flip can choose which side they would like to throw from for the 2nd game and will also throw first.

Delivery of Bags

The first side of players alternate pitching bags until they have thrown all four bags, then the remaining players (pitching from the other bags platform) continue to alternate in the same manner until all four bags are delivered and the inning completed.

All throws must be underhand

Toss Rotation

The player who scored in the preceding inning shall throw first in the next inning. If neither player scores, the player who pitched first in the preceding inning shall throw first in the next inning.

Scoring

Cancellation Scoring - In cancellation scoring, bags in-the-hole and bags on-the-board thrown by opponents during an inning or half of an inning in doubles play cancel each other out. Only non-cancelled bags are counted in the score for the inning at the end of the inning. Therefore, only one team can score each inning.

- 1) Bags in-the-hole count as 3 points (Completely through)
- 2) Bags on-the-board count as 1 point

Example: Red achieves one (1) on-the-board and two (2) in-the-hole. Blue achieves two (2) on-the-board and zero (0) in-the-hole. 7 points – 2 points = Red scores 5 points for that inning

A bags match will be played to 21. The team must land exactly on 21. If a team goes over 21 they will go back to 15. The team that went over will throw first in the next inning.

Time Limit

Each night a team will play 2 matches consisting of 2 games to 21. Each match must be completed within a half hour. If not completed in the time frame, the ref will blow a whistle and the players throwing will finish their turn. The other set of players will also get a chance to throw. After the last bag is tossed whoever has the most points will be declared the winner even if they did not get to 21, without going over 21.

Fouls

If a player crosses the front of the board with their foot, a penalty will be called and their bag will be removed if it landed on the board or in the hole



A player will be called for a foul if they remove any bag before the scoring of that bag has been agreed upon. A ref shall be called if a decision cannot be reached. The ref shall determine the scoring for the inning.

Substitute

Substitute players are allowed. Teams are responsible for finding substitute players. Subs may enter the game between matches or games, but not between innings.

Other

- 1) Opponents are allowed to strike bags off “the board” or into “in-the-hole” in order to help their own team
- 2) If a volleyball interferes with game play, it is considered a hazard of play and bags will be left where they lie. Redo’s will not be allowed
- 3) It is the ref’s decision to determine whether a bag is considered on or off the board
- 4) A bag that rolls or bounces onto the board is considered a legal toss
- 5) You must have two players. Less than two players will be considered a forfeit.
- 6) Always play it as it lies

Ref Fees

There is a \$2.00 ref fee for each night per team

Forfeits

The forfeiting team will be responsible for both their own and their opponents’ ref fees for the week that they are absent. The forfeiting team will owe a forfeit fee of \$8 the following week as a result. If a team forfeits a total of 3 teams in a season, they will be removed from the bags league.

Four In The Hole

If an individual scores four bean bags through the hole in one inning, they will be awarded one free aluminum bottle of their choice, sponsored by *Superior Beverage*. This offer is limited to one aluminum bottle per night for an individual. If the same individual scores another four bean bags through the hole in one inning in the same night, they may award their teammate with one free aluminum bottle. Limit of 2 total aluminum bottles per team each night.

Definition:

Match: a single game played to 21

Game: is made up two matches

Innings: is the time when bags from one side are being thrown to the other side. An inning is never completed until all contestants pitch all four corn bags

*All rules are up to the discretion of the active ref and league coordinator.

For more league questions and details, email info@skylinelanes.com or call 218-727-8555.

