

Central Bean Bag Toss Rules

Game Play

- 2 or 4 players (singles or doubles)
- Distance measured front to front of the boxes
- 18 feet for social play-20 feet for tournament play
- In doubles, team partners face each other from opposite boards
- In singles, both players will throw from the same board
- Each team plays with 4 bags
- Opponents alternate tosses until all 8 bags are thrown
- The round is then scored (see scoring below)
- The last team to score on previous round tosses first
- Toss again if any interference occurs
- Opponents may call Foot Foul and the call must be honored
- A coin flip or rock/paper/scissors determines which team has honors in round one
- In singles or doubles, the losing team has choice of sides for next game

Etiquette

- Requires respect for your opponent
- While an opponent is tossing refrain from talking and step back out of his/her view
- Only one person should retrieve bags when the round is completed

Scoring

- Winner is the first team to score 21 points or more
- 3 points for each bag in the hole
- 1 point for each bag on the board
- Score is the difference in the team total

*For example:

After 1 round of 8 bags played,

#1 team with 1 bag in the hole=3 points

#2 team with 2 bags on the board=2 points

Score for the 1st round for #1 team =1 point

Score for the 1st round for #2 team=0 points

- Bags pushed in by an opponent's toss count for 3 points
- The game is over if the score reaches 11-0 (skunk)
- If a bag ever touches the ground or is tossed out of turn, it does not count

Follow these easy steps to calculate the score:

1. Take away or remove the “offsetting or canceling” bags from the board. The net “board” bag or bags are positioned at the bottom of the board.
2. Retrieve the hole bags, and discard offsetting/canceling bags to the side. The “net” 3 point bags are positioned over the hole.
3. The team net round score is calculated by subtracting or adding the points from the board bags and the hole bags.

The Stance

- Whether a player chooses to stand alongside the board with feet firmly planted or elects to stride as he/she tosses the bag, the player’s toes must not pass the front edge of the board (foot fault)

The Toss

- Keep wrist straight but not stiff
- Keep eyes on the target
- Follow through smoothly, aligning arm with the target
- Ideal arc is approximately 8 to 9 feet with a 45 degree approach angle
- Lower trajectories are desirable in windy conditions or to push in other bags

The Lingo

- **Ace**-a bag tossed onto the board (1 point)
- **Corn hole/Baggo**-a bag in the hole (3 points)
- **Blocker**-an *Ace* positioned in front of the hole to prevent *Sliders*
- **Back Door**-a *Baggo* tossed over the *Blocker* bag.
- **Hanger**- An *Ace* on the lip of the hole ready to drop
- **Honors**- The team that scored last tosses first or has “*Honors*” in the next round
- **Foot Foul**- Stepping past the front edge of the board while tossing
- **Grounder**- A bag on or touching the ground (0 points)
- **Mary Ellen**- A tossed bag that falls short of the board
- **No Blood**- A scoreless round
- **Shooter**- the person tossing
- **Slam**- Player make 4 *Baggo*’s in one round
- **Push**- A *Blocker* pushed in the hole for a *Baggo*
- **Slider**- A *Baggo* that slides in the hole
- **Swish**- A *Baggo* that goes straight into the hole
- **Skunk**- An 11-0 game or “*Zip*” game