

## **BAG TOSS RULES**

### **The Game**

- Each match is best two out of three games.
- Four players divided into teams of two are required to play the game. Members of the same team (partners) stand at opposite ends.
- Each game is broken down into innings of play. An inning of play consists of two players pitching all four of their bags.
- The first side of contestants shall alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four bags. The scores are then tallied for the inning and the team that scored more points shall pitch first in the next inning. If neither pitcher scores, the team whose member pitched second (last) in the preceding inning shall pitch first in the next inning.
- Games shall be played until the first team of contestants reaches (or exceeds) 21 points at the completion of an inning. The winning team does not need to win by two or more points.
- The game can never end in the middle of an inning. Thus, if a team that pitches first reaches or exceeds 21 points, the game can not end until the other side is allowed to pitch all of their bags and the inning is completed.
- If both teams exceed 21 points in the same inning, the team with the highest score at the conclusion of the inning wins the game.
- If the game is tied at 21 or more at the end of an inning, play continues until one team achieves a higher score at the end of an inning and wins the match.

### **Scoring**

- Bag In-The-Hole (3 points) – A bag in-the-hole is a bag which is thrown through the hole in the platform or otherwise comes to rest inside the platform. Bags may also be legally knocked in by another player's throw.
- Bag In-The-Count (1 point) – A bag that is not in-the-hole but lands with any portion of the bag resting on the platform is in-the-count. For a bag to be in-the-count, it must not touch the ground or any other portion of the court prior to coming to rest on the platform. If a bag touches the ground before coming to rest on the platform, it is a foul and must be removed from the platform prior to the continuation of play.
- Bag Out-Of-The-Count (0 points) – A bag which comes to rest anywhere except in-the-count or in-the-hole is out-of-the-count and has no scoring value. A bag which is declared to be a foul is considered to be out-of-the-count (no matter where it comes to rest) and must be removed from the surface prior to the continuation of play.
- Cancellation Scoring – In cancellation scoring, bags in-the-hole and bags in-the-count pitched by opponents during an inning cancel each other out. Only non cancelled bags are counted in the score for the inning. Bags in-the-hole may only cancel out other bags in-the-hole and bags in-the-count may only cancel out other bags in-the-count.

### **Other Rules**

- Throwers must stand next to or behind their own platform to perform a legal throw.
- Bags already in-the-count that have been knocked out-of-the-count by an illegally thrown bag should be returned to the scoring area. Additionally, bags that are in-the-count, but are knocked into the hole by an illegally thrown bag must be returned to their original scoring position.