

Each player must present their own, valid LAKER ID Card before each contest to be eligible to participate.

- a) Any player caught attempting to use another person's ID Card will be ejected and ineligible for participation in any Intramural Sports for a minimum of four-months from the date that they meet with the Assistant Director for Intramural Sports.
- b) Students, faculty and staff who have paid their Recreation & Wellness fees and have a valid LAKER ID are eligible to participate.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Students, faculty, and staff who are eligible for entrance into the Student Activity Center: Fitness Center are eligible to participate. Intramural Sports are **FREE** for all participants.

All Intramural Sports participants are responsible for their own medical expenses. Any student unsure of their physical condition should check with their family physician or the Student Health Care Center before participating in Intramural Sports.

Game time is forfeit time, however the team that is present shall choose to accept the 10 minute grace period before games are forfeited.

The officiating will be done by officials who are in absolute control of the game. Teams are responsible for keeping their spectators under control. Misconduct of spectators, players or coaches can result in assessment of a technical foul, ejection or forfeiture of the game. Spectators must also remain in the area designated by the officials. The official shall have the power to make decisions on any matters or questions not specifically covered in the rules.

I. Players & Equipment

- 1.1** Each participant must present a current GSU student or faculty/staff ID card in order to be eligible to participate.
- 1.2** Each team shall consist of two players (2) players (2 males or 2 females or 1 male/1 female). Each team must have a minimum of two (2) players in order to begin a match.
- 1.3** All necessary equipment, including cornhole boards and bags, will be provided for each match.
- 1.4** Shoes: Tennis shoes are the recommended footwear. No black-soled shoes that may mark the floor are permitted. Sandals, flip flops, street shoes, boots, or loafers are not permitted. No player will be allowed to participate in bare feet.

II. Playing Area

- 2.1** The court is a rectangular area consisting of two boards, four designated pitcher's boxes, and foul lines. Cornhole boards will be placed at a distance of 24 feet from the front edges of each board.
- 2.2** A pitcher's box measuring 4 feet long by 3 feet wide is designated at each end of the court and on both sides of each board. Each player must remain in the pitcher's box while pitching bags.
- 2.3** The front edge of each cornhole board is the foul line.

III. Match Format & Scoring

- 3.1** Each match will consist of the best 2 out of 3 games. The first team scoring or exceeding twenty-one (21) points will be declared the winner of each game.
- 3.2** Game time is forfeit time. A team must have the minimum number of players to start a game. If there are an insufficient number of players, the opposing captain has the option of taking the win or waiting for the minimum number of players to show. In the event that he/she decides to wait, that decision is irreversible and the game clock will begin at the scheduled game time. If a team chooses to wait, it will be required to wait until the opposing team has the minimum number of players present or a maximum of 15 minutes. Play will start as soon as the opposing team has the minimum number of players (2) present.
- 3.3** Each match will have a time limit of 30 minutes. If the match is not complete when time expires, the winner will be determined as follows:
 - 3.3.1** The team that is ahead when the match time expires will be the winner of any game in progress.

- 3.3.2** The team that is ahead in games won will be the winner of the match. If teams are tied in the number of games won (1-1), then a third game will be played to eleven (11) points (first to 11, do not have to win by
- 3.4** The winner of a coin toss at the beginning of the match will either choose which team pitches first or a side of the board from which to play. The loser of the toss shall have the remaining option. The team not pitching first in the first game shall pitch to start the second game. In the event of a third game of the match, a second coin toss will determine the choice of first pitch or side.
- 3.5** Each game is divided into frames of play. A frame consists of one player from each team pitching four bags.
- 3.6** Scoring: Traditional 21 scoring will be used for each game. This is cancellation scoring in which opposing players' frame points cancel one another out. Only points that do not cancel out count toward the frame score.
- 3.6.1** The winning team does not need to win by two (2) or more points.
- 3.6.2** If a game is tied at 21 or more at the end of a frame, play continues until one team achieves a higher score at the end of a frame and wins the game.
- 3.6.3** A game may not end in the middle of a frame. If a team pitches first or exceeds 21 points, the game cannot end until the second team pitches all of its bags and the frame is completed.

IV. Rules of Play

- 4.1** A substitute player may enter at the beginning of any game. A substitute may not enter during any game in progress.
- 4.2** Position of Players: Each player's partner is positioned directly across from him/her in the opposite box at the other board. Each team has one player throwing from the left pitcher's box and one player throwing from the right pitcher's box. Each player is assigned a pitcher's box and will be required to pitch from that box the entire game.
- 4.2.1** The pitcher may not step outside the designated pitcher's box while pitching.
- 4.2.2** The opposing player is to stand just behind his/her own pitcher's box while an opponent is tossing.
- 4.3** Delivery of Bags: Opposing players (one from each team) alternate pitching until all 8 bags have been tossed and the frame is completed. Teammates should then call out the score before removing the bags. The remaining two opposing players will then pitch in the same manner to complete the next frame.
- 4.4** Pitching: Each player must deliver the bag within 15 seconds of stepping into the pitcher's box with the intention of pitching. A bag that leaves a player's hand once the final forward swing of the toss has started shall count as a pitched bag. A bag that is accidentally dropped by a player before the final forward swing has started shall not be counted and may be picked up and pitched.
- 4.4.1** The team which scored in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame.
- 4.4.2** If neither team scores in a frame, the team which pitched first in the preceding frame shall pitch first in the next frame.
- 4.5** Scoring Designations
- 4.5.1** Cornholes (3 points) – A bag-in-the-hole is a bag thrown through the hole in the board. A bag can be pushed in by other bags from either player.
- 4.5.2** Woody or Boarder (1 point) – A woody is a bag that is not in-the-hole but lands with any portion resting on the board. It may not touch the ground before landing on the board.
- i.** A "dirty" bag which touches the ground before landing on the board has no point value and must be removed from the board before play continues.
- ii.** A "dirty" bag hanging on the board surface but touching the ground has no point value and must be removed from the board before play continues.
- 4.5.3** Foul Bag or Stanker (0 points) – A foul bag is a bag which is not a cornhole or woody or a bag which was delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules of the game. If it lands on the board, it is to be removed from the board surface before any more bags are pitched. Bags knocked into foul territory by a foul bag should be returned as closely as possible to their original position. This also applies to bags that are knocked into the hole by a foul bag.
- i.** The following rule violations result in a foul bag:
- 1.** A bag pitched when the player has made contact with or crossed over the foul line before the bag is
- 2.** A bag pitched when the player has started or stepped completely outside the pitcher's box before
- 3.** A bag not delivered within the 15-second time limit.
- 4.** A bag pitched from a different pitcher's box than the first bag.

- 5. A bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the board surface.
 - 6. A bag that strikes an obstruction such as an indoor court ceiling, etc.
- 4.6** If a team desires to make a protest, a player must immediately make the protest to the Intramural Supervisor at the time the call or ruling in question occurs. The supervisor shall make the final ruling on all protests.

V. Team Conduct

- 5.1** The Intramural Supervisor shall have the authority to warn, penalize, or disqualify any player(s), substitute, or coach for violations of sportsmanship including, but not limited to, the following:
- 5.1.1** Disrespectfully addressing a staff member.
 - 5.1.2** Questioning the officials/supervisor's judgment or decisions.
 - 5.1.3** Use of disconcerting acts or words when an opponent is about to pitch.
 - 5.1.4** Showing disgust with official's/supervisor's decisions.
 - 5.1.5** Using profane or insulting language or gestures toward a staff member or other player.
 - 5.1.6** Baiting players of the opposing team.
 - 5.1.7** Disrupting the game so that it may not be continued in an orderly fashion.