



ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT **ADULT BAGS LEAGUE RULES**



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The Elk Grove Park District will use the following House rules to govern the league. Please read these rules carefully. Rules may be added or deleted by the league coordinator at any time, but not without proper notification to the team captains.

EQUIPMENT

Elk Grove Park District will supply the bean bags and boards for the league play. Individuals can **NOT** use their own bags. ***Any team/player found using their own equipment may be subject to disciplinary action, which could include dismissal from the league.*** Teams can not agree to use non-house league bags!

PLAYER, ROSTER AND WAIVERS

- Rosters / Waivers are limited to 4 players per team. All players must be on and sign the waiver / roster before playing in a game. A final roster is due before your teams 3rd game of the season.
- Players are not permitted to play on more than one team.
- Roster changes can be approved at the discretion of the Athletic Coordinator for teams needing to add a player to their roster due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e. player moving, season ending injury etc...)
- Players must be 21 years old or older.

GAME RULES

- All games are self officiated.
- 2 players make up a team. A player can be substituted in at the beginning of a game. They can not be substituted in the middle of the game.
- Boards will be 27 feet apart from the front of one board to the other.
- 3 games (1 match) will be played each night. Each game will be counted as a win and/or a loss in the standings.
- The visiting team (as designated on the schedule) will throw first in games 1 & 3 and the home team will throw first in game 2.
- The visiting team will decide: (1) what set of bags to throw **OR** (2) what side(s) of the board they will throw from. The home team will get to choose the remaining option.
- Team partners will face each other from opposite boards (not diagonal from your partner).
- An inning is considered to be one team member throwing 4 bags.
- Forfeit time – If after 10 minutes after game time a team does not show, the game will be considered a forfeit.
- If a team shows up with 1 player, that person can play but only throw every other inning. If 1 player is there, teams may wait 5 minutes for their partner to show up, after 5 minutes the game is to begin.

SCORING

- Scoresheets will be provided and one team should be responsible for keeping and recording scores of each game. All scoresheets must be turned in at the conclusion of the match so scores can accurately be kept for standings. Scoresheets can be left in the League Binder.
- 1 point is rewarded for bags on the board. For a bag to count, it must not touch the ground or any other portion of the court prior to coming to rest on the board. If the bag touches the ground before coming to rest on the board, it is a foul and must be removed from the board prior to the continuation of play.
- 3 points are rewarded for bags that are thrown or knocked into the hole.
- Cancellation Scoring will be used. Bags in the hole and on the board cancel each other out. Only non-cancelled bags are counted in the score.
 - ★ **EXCEPTION:** If teams are not in the 3rd game by the 50 minute mark of their match, teams will move to speed scoring. Speed scoring is when every bag on the board and in the hole are counted. Speed scoring will not apply during the playoffs.
- A game shall be played until the 1st team reaches or exceeds 21 points at the completion of a turn. The winning team must win by 2 points or more.
- 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 complete the inning.

- After a score has been made, the team who last scored shall pitch first in the next inning. Teams will alternate throws once it has been determined who throws first for the following inning.

STANDINGS/TIEBREAKER PROCEDURES/AWARDS

Standings will be posted, on a weekly basis, at: <https://www.elkgrovecparks.org/Adults/Cornhole>

For end of season tournament purposes, the following tiebreaker procedures will be used:

1. Overall league record
2. Head to head
3. Head to Head point differential
4. Overall point differential
5. Total number of points scored
6. If a team has a forfeit
7. Coin Flip

Cash awards will be given to the top finishers of the league and end of season tournament (depending on the amount of teams).

RESCHEDULES/FORFEITS

If a team is unable to make their scheduled game, the captain should give the League Coordinator a minimum one (1) week notice, to avoid a forfeit.

If notification is given in less than one (1) week prior to scheduled game day/time, the League Coordinator will attempt to reschedule the game with the opposing team, if possible. Otherwise, the opposing team will be given the forfeit win. Forfeit scores will be recorded as 11-0 per game.

Captains will be given a one week notice if/when a game will be rescheduled.