



# Coed Corn-Hole Handbook

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- VISION STATEMENT:** Contribute to making Eau Claire a vibrant and healthy community.
- MISSION STATEMENT:** To provide exceptional park, recreation and forestry services that will enrich our citizens and visitors.
- CORE VALUES:**
- Accountability** - To maintain open relationships with the community.
  - Responsive** - To provide for the needs of others.
  - Ingenuity** - To be innovative and creative.
  - Professionalism** - To be qualified and prepared to work.
  - Honesty** - To be open and transparent.
  - Health** - To provide quality opportunities for physical fitness and activity.
  - Environmentalism** - To provide healthy spaces and places.
  - Security** - To enforce rules fairly and consistently.
  - Safety** - To minimize accidents.
  - Explorative** - To learn new ways to enhance services.
- ADULT SPORTS MOTTO:** Have fun...play hard...respect one another.

Eau Claire Parks, Recreation & Forestry  
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<http://www.eauclairewi.gov/departments/recreation-services>

## LEAGUE INFORMATION

1. **Structure:** Last year's standings will be taken into consideration when teams are placed into leagues. League divisions will be confirmed after the final registration deadline. Every attempt will be made to have divisions with six or eight teams depending on the availability of facilities. The final decision on league placement is the responsibility of the ECPRF Office.
2. **Contact:** Eau Claire parks, Recreation, and Forestry Adult Sports leagues are managed by:  
Julie Booth, Program Supervisor  
715-839-5032 ECPRF Office or 715-839-4771 Direct  
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3. **Fees and Registration:** All league fees must be paid by the prescribed deadline. Team Roster Forms will not be accepted at the playing site. Please turn in at the Parks and Recreation Office or in person, via email, or fax.
4. **Eligibility:** Each player must be at least 18 years of age in order to participate and must be listed on and sign his/her team's official roster. Falsifying any player information on the official team roster will result in the team's forfeiture of any game in which the player in question participated and that player will be ineligible for participation for the remainder of the season.
  - a. Players may only play in one team per division.
  - b. Players may play in more than one division, but may not play in two divisions that compete on the same night of the week.
  - c. Entire teams may play together in only one league per season
5. **Team Composition:** Each team will consist of 2 players.
6. **Default:** If a manager is aware that his/her team will not be able to play in a scheduled game, that manager should call the ECPRF Office and the opposing manager to notify them of such. This is a courtesy which may allow other scheduled games to be moved to an earlier time slot.
7. **Multiple Forfeits:** A team with three forfeits will be released from league play indefinitely. The remainder of their games will count as wins for their opponents.
8. **Roster Additions:** Teams may add new players to their official rosters through the first half of the season. New players may not participate in games until they are added to their teams' official rosters. If a player cannot continue participating due to injury, sickness, change in work conditions, or moving out of the area, that player's team may add another player to replace the leaving player at any point in the season.
9. **Changing Teams:** Players may change teams only once and only during the first half of the season. If a team disbands during the season, its players may join other teams, pending the approval of all managers within the divisions in which those players desire to participate.
10. **Leaving at Team:** Any player who has been available to play, and has not been allowed to take part in four consecutive games, is entitled to his/her release, requesting such from his/her manager. That player may then join another team, if he/she is released during the first half of the season.

## FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

1. **Game Site:** All games will be played at Horseshoe Park in Carson Park.
2. **Boards and Bags:** The playing boards and official ACA bags will be provided by ECPRF.

## **PLAYING THE GAME**

- 1. Governing Rules:** The rules, guidelines, and restrictions adopted by the American Cornhole Organization (ACO) will govern all play each season (except where otherwise noted). Where rules adopted by the ECPRF Office conflict with ACO rules, the ECPRF's rules will prevail.
- 2. Length of the Games:** Each team/individual will participate in one match which consists of three sets. A set consists of the best of three games. A match consists of the best of three sets!
- 3. Start of the game:** Each set of opposing partners shall alternate tossing their 4 corn hole bags toward the appropriate platform. The winner of the first warm-up set will be granted the right to toss first. The completion of 1 set of opposing partner's tosses, 4 tosses per player, is considered a frame.
- 4. Scoring:** Scoring will be "traditional 21 cancellation" format as noted in ACO rules; the first team to reach or exceed 21 points following completion of a frame wins the match. A bag going through the hole earns 3 points. A bag that bounces on the ground and lands on the board is foul. A foul bag will be removed from the board. A bag landing and remaining on the platform without touching the ground earns 1 point. At the end of each frame, the total points earned are tallied and the difference given to the player with the higher total for his team's total game score.
- 5. Tossing Order:** If a team scores during a frame, they will toss first for the next frame. Should the players have the same amount, neither team earns a point in that frame. The team that tossed first during the previous frame will toss first.

## **SCHEDULES AND STANDINGS**

- 1. Schedules:** Game schedules will be available one week prior to each session's starting match. Games are scheduled by the Recreation Aide. Schedules and team listings will be emailed to participants, published on our website, and made available onsite.
- 2. Standings:** All schedules, standings, and scores can be found at <http://www.eauclairewi.gov/departments/recreation-services/recreation/athletics/>. Updated information will be posted on the website weekly. Standings and scores will be published and distributed weekly.
- 3. Champions:** The season champions will be determined by results of each session of play: wins, losses, head-to-head, points allowed, and points scored. All other play-off scenarios that occur will be treated on a case-by-case basis by the league director. If time allows, an end of season draw playoff may be scheduled. This depends on weather and facility availability.
- 4. Weather Cancellations:** Call 715-839-2913 for information regarding weather cancellations. The weather hotline is a recorded message. Updates are made as necessary and only in the event of cancellation. It is every player's responsibility to call the weather hotline for cancellation information.
- 5. Postponed Games:** Games postponed due to inclement weather will be rescheduled by the ECPRF Office. The field supervisor assigned to each game field will be responsible for determining whether or not a game must be postponed due to inclement weather. Teams are expected to report as scheduled unless notified otherwise. Games in progress that are being impacted by inclement weather will be handled as follows:
  - Any game ended because of inclement weather after ½ of that match has passed will be a complete match.
  - If a game is postponed due to inclement weather, all games for that night will also be postponed.
- 6. EAU CLAIRE PARKS AND RECREATION LIGHTNING POLICY:** If a game cannot begin or is suspended due to lightning, the umpire must follow the prescribed criteria set by the Eau Claire City Council. (Note: These are the same criteria as recommended by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association). Criteria for suspension and resumption of an event, athletic games or contest, swimming at Fairfax Pool or any other activity being hosted by Eau Claire Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department:

- When thunder is heard, or lightning is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play, activity or event and take shelter immediately. This includes players, fans, patrons and ECPR employees.
- Thirty-minute rule. Once play, activity or event has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play, activity or event.
- Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin

## **GENERAL POLICIES**

- 1. Blood Rule:** A player who is bleeding or who has blood on his/her clothes should refrain from further participation in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered.
- 2. Code of Conduct:** Eau Claire Parks, Recreation and Forestry adult sports leagues are intended to be recreational activities. Reasonable and appropriate behavior and sportsmanship is expected at all times from participants and spectators. A violation of this code of conduct includes, but is not limited to:
  - Use of obscene language or gestures
  - Disorderly conduct
  - Theft
  - Public intoxication or use of drugs (in such a manner that he or she does not have complete control of his/her faculties and is inclined to hurt himself/herself or others)
  - Sexual misconduct
  - Indecency
  - Harassment
  - Failure to cooperate with staff
  - Possession of weapons of any kind
  - Non-compliance with established policies, rules, and regulations
  - Unlawful activity
  - Any other behavior deemed offensive or unacceptable

Note: Either the supervisor on duty or the official may terminate the game at any time due to conduct or actions of either team or its supporters such conduct or actions are detrimental to the game
- 3. Alcohol Policy:** Alcohol may not be brought into or consumed in or on the grounds of any UWEC or Eau Claire Area School District Facility. Any player appearing to be playing under the influence of alcohol or drugs in such a manner that he or she does not have complete control of his/her faculties and is inclined to hurt himself/herself or another player will be asked to leave.
- 4. Tobacco Policy:** All tobacco products are not permitted within the confines of the paying area.
- 5. Eligibility Protest:** If a manager suspects that the opposing team is utilizing players that are not included on that team's official roster, he/she may protest the participation by such players.
  - The manager should raise the protest before or during the game in question, by notifying the official and marking the player(s) in question on the official scorecard.
  - The ECPRF and official will attempt to resolve the protest as quickly as possible, ideally during the game in question. If the issue cannot be resolved on site at time of protest between managers, it will be resolved within one business day of the completion of that game by the ECPRF Office.
  - If a player is deemed illegal, the team utilizing such a player will forfeit any games in which that player participated.
  - Any such protest may be initiated only by a team manager.

***Thank you for choosing Eau Claire Parks, Recreation & Forestry's Corn-Hole League  
If there is anything we can do to improve your experience, please do not hesitate to contact us.***