



## 3rd ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by RiverHouse Bar & Grill

### OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

#### GAME PLAY

Partners shall stand at opposite boxes on the same side facing each other so there is no advantage given to one team.

Each team shall have 4 bags of one color.

All 8 bags will begin at one end.

A coin flip shall determine who has honors to go first in round one.

One of the partners on the team who has honors shall begin by throwing a bag at the opposite box.

A player may throw from anywhere within the pitching area behind the foot foul line.

Game continues by alternating throws between the two opponents until all 8 bags have been thrown ending the round.

If a bag hits the ground then bounces up onto the board, that bag shall be taken off the playing surface.

The next round starts when the other player on the team, which has honors, throws their first bag.

The game continues until one team reaches 21 or more points or the 20 minute time limit has been reached.

If no team has scored 21 points by the time limit, the team with the most points at the end of the round shall be declared the winner of the match.

#### FOULS

A foul occurs when any of the following happens.

A player's foot goes past the foot foul line, termed a foot foul.

A player goes out of turn.

The player who commits the foul loses the throw when the foul occurred and the bag shall be removed if it landed on the playing surface.

#### QUALIFICATION HEAT SCORING

The score will be calculated after all bags have been thrown for the round. No bags are to be moved until the score has been agreed upon and recorded by the scorekeeper.

Points shall be awarded as follows:

Three points for a bag that goes through the hole.

One point for a bag that is on the playing surface.

One point for a bag that is hanging into the hole.

One point for a bag that is hanging off the edge but not touching the ground.

Zero points for a bag that is on the playing surface, but also touching the ground.

Zero points for a bag that is hanging off the front edge and is resting on a bag that is on the ground, unless the bag on the ground can be removed without making the hanging bag fall to the ground, then one point is given.

Each team is given a score for the round as calculated above. The team with the most points for the round, adds the difference of the two scores to their game score.

The team who wins the round shall be given honors to throw first in the next round.

If both teams have the same round score then the game score stays the same and the honors stays with the team who had it the previous round.

If time should run out before either team reaches a score of 21, the team with the most points at the end of the round will be awarded a score of 21 with the opposing team receiving the score they had at the end of the last round completed.

The decision of the scorekeeper will be final in all debates over the scoring.

## 2007 SWISS WINE FESTIVAL

### **QUALIFYING FOR THE SUNDAY FINALS**

Winners of each qualification heat will be determined by adding the scores each team received in the 3 games played during the heat. The top 3 teams will receive t-shirts and advance to the Sunday's single-elimination finals.

In the case of a tie for the 3<sup>rd</sup> team, the 2 teams involved will have a sudden death pitch off. The pitch off will be completed by rounds giving each team member one toss until one team has scored more points than the other at the end of the round.

### **SUNDAY SINGLE-ELIMINATION FINALS**

Teams advancing to the Sunday finals will need to be at the playing area by 1:00 to sign in and draw a team number.

Your team number will determine when and who you play.

No time limit will be imposed on the games played on Sunday. Each game will be played to completion.

The same scoring rules will be imposed as was used for the qualification rounds with the exception of the time limit.

The bracket structure for Sunday will not be determined until after the number of teams involved is known. The maximum number of teams that will be playing on Sunday is 24.

Prize monies will be awarded as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place team - \$50.00 in festival bucks and a check for \$250.00.

2<sup>nd</sup> place team - \$50.00 in festival bucks and a check for \$100.00.

Both 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams - \$50.00 in festival bucks.