

## PARD Cornhole Baseball Rules

### **Principle of the Game**

1. Bean Bag Baseball is played on a board stand that has been modified with opening and bean bags. Bean bags will be made of cloth with finished measurements of 2 ½" x 4", and a thickness of 1".
2. Rules for the game are similar to the real baseball game. The person throwing the beanbags (batter) continues to play until he gets a hit or three strikes for an out.
3. An inning is over when each team has three outs.

### **Team Play**

1. 6-12 players are required for each team, depending on how many want to play. It is desirable to have 9 players. Keep teams even numbered for competition's sake. You may have a substitute to help one who cannot walk around the bases.
2. Each team chooses a name.
3. Player with the most Home Runs at the end of each quarter will receive a prize.

### **Players Distance**

From home plate to the rear of the game board, a distance of 21 feet is required: 17 feet from the front leg.

### **Positioning of the Players and the Stand**

1. The game board must be placed in such a way as to allow a chair to be placed behind it (2<sup>nd</sup> base), a chair to its right (1<sup>st</sup> base), and a chair to its left (3<sup>rd</sup> base). Make sure there is a reasonable separation between the chairs marking the bases and the chairs for the teams. Teams should sit between home base and first, and home base and third.
2. A line on the ground must clearly indicate where the thrower stands. If the thrower's toe touches the line, he/she is OUT.
3. Team chairs must be placed in such a way as to not obstruct the thrower's view.
4. It is important that each player retains the same chair, in the same team, for the entire game.

### **How to Score**

1. Each player is allowed to throw beanbags until he/she has a base hit, three strikes or throws an out.
2. When the player has thrown a beanbag into one of the holes, he/she then is to do what is written above the hole.
3. For instance, the beanbag enters the "single" hole; the player drops the remaining two beanbags and sits on the first base chair. He/she cannot leave his base until the next player

successfully throws a beanbag or the team gets 3 OUTS. **(Players must WALK from base to base. If he/she runs, he/she is OUT.)**

4. If the next player throws a beanbag into the “double” hole, the player at first walks around touching second base and continues to the third base chair. The person who has just thrown the beanbag walks to and touches first, walks to second base chair and sits down.
5. If the following player throws a beanbag into the “single” hole, they walk to first and sit down. The player on third base cannot go home to score; they must be forced home.
6. When all bases are loaded, and the next player throws into the “single” hole, all players advance one chair; the player on third gets to score. If the player had thrown in the “double” hole, two players would score. If the beanbag had been thrown into the “triple” hole, three players would have scored.
7. A home run advances all players on base to home plate, including the player throwing the beanbag.
8. Each bag thrown and not entering a hole is a strike. If the first or second bag enters the FOUL hole, it too is a strike.
9. A player is OUT when they have three strikes, or they throw a beanbag into the OUT hole.
10. If the third bag enters the FOUL hole, the player is allowed to throw beanbags until they have a base hit, a strike (thereby an out), or throws into the OUT hole.
11. The umpire will keep track of the OUTs and call the number out as they are made.
12. The inning ends when each team scores three OUTs. When a team has three OUTs, the player following the one who had the last OUT will start the next inning.
13. A flip of a coin determines which team will start. The winner has the option of starting first or letting the other team be first to play.
14. If a beanbag only halfway enters the hole, it does not count and must be removed.
15. Beanbags must be thrown underhand.
16. A game is complete after nine(9) innings.
17. For expediency purposes, 6 runs in any one inning by a team is the maximum. When a team has scored 6 runs in an inning, it is considered as if they have 3 outs.
18. It is preferable to have an umpire who is not a player. Their role is to watch the board to see which hole is entered, and that the players stay behind the line. The umpire also makes sure that base runners sit in the chairs or stand by and touch the chairs, touch the chair as they pass the bases and touch home plate. Failure to comply may cancel the run. The umpire will also call out strikes and OUTs.