

# 2023 Family Promise of Grayson County Pitching Pillows Corn Hole Tournament

## Information and Rules

**Team Entry Fee:** \$40.00 (\$20 per person) if you sign-up online by September 13. You may sign-up on the day of the event

**Tournament Type:** Double Elimination - Teams are matched-up in a bracket format and any team that loses two games is eliminated. The winning teams continue to play until a winner is crowned.

**Prize Awards:** This is a benefit tournament. That means that 25% of the team entry fees will be awarded to the winning team. The remainder of the entry fees will go to Family Promise of Grayson County. Minimum prize for the winning team will be \$200 (\$100/person).

**Team Fundraising:** As a fundraising tournament, we want to encourage teams to help raise funds beyond the entry fee to help support the mission of Family Promise. A team will be awarded an extra pillow (in addition to the standard 4 pillows) to be used during the tournament for every \$500 raised (beyond the entry fee) for Family Promise.

### Rules of Play

Before you enter, what you need to know...

1. This is a doubles (two players per team), double elimination tournament.
2. Sign-in/Registration begins at 9 am on Saturday, September 16 - The tournament starts at 10 am. You will receive an email with the time of your first game. You should check in at least 10 min before your game time or you will forfeit the game. Between 9 am and 10 am, players can practice if they wish.
3. All boards and bags will be provided and set up for you.
4. The tournament is held outside, rain or shine, in the designated areas of the parking lot at Covenant Presbyterian Church (322 W. Pecan St, Sherman).
5. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. The first offense: A warning will be issued from a tournament official. The second offense: Forfeiture of the game being played. The third offense: Forfeiture of all tournament games.

### Cornhole Boards & Bags

1. Boards will be placed ~27 feet apart (front to front).
2. The board surface will be 2'x4' with a 6" hole, centered 9" from the back and 12" from either side.
3. The bags are standard cornhole bags (6"x6" and 14-16 oz). You must use the bags provided.
4. There will be 8 bags per lane, 4 bags of one color and 4 of another, unless a team has earned additional bags.

### Point System

You will play a Traditional 21 Point Game with a coin toss held before the first frame of the game. The winner of the coin toss chooses who pitches against whom or which side of the board to play from. The winner also decides who pitches first. Points will be awarded as follows:

1. 3 points for a bag that goes through the hole whether it be thrown through, slide in or pushed in by another bag.
2. 1 point for a bag that lands and stays on the playing surface.
3. 1 point for a bag that is hanging into the hole but does not fall completely through.
4. 1 point for a bag that is hanging off the edge of the playing surface but is NOT touching the ground.
5. 0 points for a bag that is on the playing surface but is ALSO touching the ground.
6. 0 points for a bag that lands on the playing surface after touching the ground first (this bag must be removed before another bag is thrown).
7. 0 points for a bag that is hanging off the edge of the playing surface and is resting on another bag that is on the ground. If you can remove the bag on the ground without the one on the board falling – then a point is given.

### **Scoring System**

1. Game scoring will be held on an honor system. If an agreement cannot be made between players, DO NOT MOVE ANYTHING, there will be a tournament official available to make the final decision. If a bag or board is moved before an official is able to make a decision, those points will be forfeited. Do not argue with tournament officials, it's annoying and you will be asked to leave the tournament. Take the official ruling with a grain of salt and remember - it's just a game!
2. Each game will be played until one team reaches or exceeds 21 points or 20 min elapses. The winning team does NOT need to win by two or more points. If there is a 21 tie and 20 min has not elapsed – additional frames will be played until one team has more points at the end of a frame.
3. If neither team has reached the 21-point mark within 20 min, the team that is leading wins the game. If both teams are tied at the end of 20 min, one team member from each team will throw a bag and the closest to the hole wins; if both bags go in the hole, the team members will repeat this process until a winner emerges.
4. This is a cancellation format where opposing players' frame points cancel one another out. Only those points that do not cancel out apply to the total overall score. For example: Red team scores 7 points and Blue team scores 9 points in the same frame. The difference is 2 (9-7=2). Blue Team scores 2 points in that frame.

### **Game Play**

1. The partners shall stand at opposite Cornhole boards on the same side.
2. Each team will have 4 bags of one color unless a team has earned additional bags.
3. All bags will begin at one end (the decision will be made by the winner of the coin toss).
4. A player may throw the bag in any manner they choose (overhand, underhand, hook shot etc.); however, it MUST be from behind the front of the board they are throwing from. If a player crosses the front of the board they are throwing from, it is considered a foul. In such cases, 0 points will be awarded and the bag must be removed from play before another is thrown. The pitching area in which a bag must be thrown is a 4'x3' area. (This is between the front and the back of the board and 3' to the side.) Note: Special consideration will be given to any small children that are playing.
5. A player has 15 seconds to throw a bag or it is considered a foul.
6. Alternating throws between the two opponents are made until all bags have been thrown. If one team has more bags than the other team, the additional bags will be thrown last.
7. Points at the end of each frame will be determined via cancellation scoring. Thus, the points of one player will cancel the points of the opponent in each frame. Thus, only one team will earn points at the end of each frame.
8. The team who wins the frame throws first in the next frame. If both teams have the same frame score, then the game score stays the same and first throw stays with the team who had it in the previous round.

### **Cornhole Fouls**

1. A Cornhole player's foot goes past the foot foul line (front of the board).
2. A player goes out of turn. The throw the foul occurs on is voided and the bag must be removed from the playing area before another can be thrown.
3. A player does not throw their bag within 15 sec.

**Every effort shall be made to keep the Cornhole board-playing surface in perfect playing condition. Players are responsible for making sure the court is in good condition prior to starting the match. During a match, players are not allowed to alter the boards or court in any manner without the consent of the opponent.**

### **The Most Important Rule**

**HAVE FUN! THIS IS FOR CHARITY!!!!**