



2025 Johnston Green Days Bags Tournament Rules

This is an all-weather event. We will play RAIN or SHINE unless severe weather conditions prevent play. Team captains will be notified via text if play is delayed or canceled due to severe weather.

Schedule & Timing

- Captain's Meeting will be held at **12:00pm on Sat, June 21, 2025**. All Team Captains are required to attend.
- Tournament will begin immediately following the Captain's Meeting.
- Each game will be a maximum of 25 minutes long, including an optional 5-minute warm-up period for games played in the first two rounds.
- Official clock will be kept by the Tournament Director or designee.
- Scheduled game time is forfeit time. Teams not present when their game is scheduled to begin will forfeit their match.

- Definitions:

- Round: Multiple games make up a round, Ex: Round 1 = Games #1-16
- Game: 2 teams complete multiple turns to play a game to 21 points
- Turn: 2 teams alternate throwing 8 total bags to complete a turn.
- The team ahead when time runs out will be the game winner. A game will not end mid-turn if time expires. If a turn is started and then time expires, finish the turn and use the score at the end of that turn to determine the game score and winner.
- If all games in a tournament round are completed before the end of the 25-minute time limit, we will start the next round as soon as possible.

Game Play

- The official size of the court will be 27 feet from board to board (front edge).
- Teams must use bags provided by the tournament.
- Minimum age for players: 16 years.
- Team partners line up DIRECTLY ACROSS from each other, standing next to the boards. A player may throw from anywhere BEHIND THE FRONT of the board they are throwing from. Teams alternate throwing bags.
- Teams will Rock, Paper, Scissors (best of 1) to determine which team will throw first to start the game. (Reminder: Rock beats Scissors, Scissors beats Paper, Paper beats Rock). The team that scores points on the previous turn will throw first on the next turn.
- Teams will switch sides when the leading team reaches 11 points. This switch only happens once per game. (Teams will not switch sides if the leading team throws past 21 points and returns to 11 points.)
 - Team partners will switch places with each other - not with players from the opposing team.
- Scoring
 - The score is counted after all 4 bags from each team have been thrown.
 - Points are awarded as follows:
 - *A bag in the hole: 3 points*
 - *A bag on the board: 1 point*
 - Each team counts their total points. The team with the highest score records the NET or DIFFERENCE between the team scores as their points for that round.
 - *Example: Team 1 scores 6 total points Team 2 scores 8 total points Team 2 wins the round and adds 2 points to their total score (8-6=2)*

- DIRTY BAG: A bag cannot hit the ground and then bounce or roll on the board. This is not considered a point - it is a dirty bag and should be removed from the board immediately.
 - *If a dirty bag knocks another bag in the hole or off the board, any bags moved by the dirty bag should be put back where they were (before the dirty bag was thrown) before play resumes.*
- To determine if a bag is ON/OFF the board, lift both corners of the FRONT of the board up. If the bag falls off, the point does not count. If the bag stays on, the point counts.
- Winning a Game
 - First team to 21 points wins.
 - Teams do NOT need to win by 2 points.
 - If you throw past 21, you go back down to 11.
 - If you throw past 21 and the opposing team has 0 points, the game is over.
 - At the end of each game, the winning team is responsible for reporting the win to the Tournament Director's Tent immediately.

Brackets & Seeding

- Tournament format is DOUBLE-ELIMINATION. All teams are guaranteed 2 games.
- Official bracket will be displayed and updated at the Tournament Director's Tent.
- Teams will be seeded randomly.

Player Substitutions

- Player substitutions are allowed, but cannot come from another team. Individuals are only allowed to play on one team.
- Substitutions are NOT allowed during a game. They must happen between games.
- Team Captains do NOT need to notify the Tournament Director when making substitutions of players included on their original roster.
- Team Captains must notify the Tournament Director if a player NOT included on the original roster is added to the team.

Awards

- Awards presentation will take place immediately after the championship game.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishing teams. Prize amounts will be determined by the total number of teams participating in the tournament.
- In addition to a cash prize, the first place team will receive a professional custom wrap to one bags board set (provided by the winning team) provided by Lashier Graphics & Signs.

Other / Clarifications

- Teams will receive a full refund if the tournament is canceled due to severe weather.
- Teams will not receive refunds for missing games.
- Disputes should be brought to the Tournament Director. All decisions by the Tournament Director will be final.
- Anyone causing trouble or having a negative impact on the tournament experience of others will be asked to leave, will forfeit their games, and will not receive a refund.
- If a team "busts" in the middle of turn – both teams should play out the turn until all 8 bags have been thrown.
- If a second championship game is required to determine the tournament winner, the second game will be played in a "race" to 21 format.
- The Tournament Director may alter game play as needed in response to weather conditions. (Examples: speed up game play, shorten distance between boards to fit under tent, etc.)