



City of Hastings
Parks & Recreation Department
Bags League Rules & Regulations

LEAGUE DIRECTOR & INFORMATION

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2. General league information including schedules, standings, and tournament brackets is available on our website at www.hastingsmn.gov/athletics

FORMAT & SCORING

All games are self-officiated and all players should know the rules.

1. Doubles Play
 - a. Teams can roster a minimum of 2 and maximum of 5 players
 - b. A player is only allowed to be rostered on 1 team in the same league
 - c. Players may be added to your roster at any point during the regular season but cannot be added for the tournament
2. Matches & Scoring
 - a. A game is won by:
 - i. The first team to score 21 points or more after the completion of a round
 - ii. Whichever team is ahead when the time limit has expired
 - b. Regular season matches will consist of 3 games
 - i. Regular season matches have a hard time limit of 45 minutes, whatever the score is of the current game at the end of 45 minutes is final, ties are permitted
 - c. Tournament matches will consist of the best 2 out of 3 games
 - i. Tournament matches have no time limit
3. Determining First Pitch
 - a. Rock-paper-scissors will be used to determine which team pitches first
4. Pitching Bags
 - a. Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all 4 bags
 - b. Players must pitch the bag with an underhand release
 - c. A bag that leaves a player's hand once the final forward swing has started shall count as a pitched bag
 - d. A bag that is accidentally dropped by a player before the final forward swing has started shall not be counted as a pitch
5. Pitching Rotation
 - a. The team who scored in the preceding round will pitch first
 - b. If no team scored, the team who pitched first in the preceding round will pitch first again
6. Points

- a. A bag in the hole is worth 3 points
- b. A bag on the board is worth 1 point
- c. A bag hanging on the edge of the board counts, lift the board for questionable calls

7. Foul Bags

- a. Any bag that is declared foul for the following reasons must be removed from the court or board before resuming play
 - i. Any bag pitched when the player has touched or crossed over the foul line before the bag is released
 - ii. Any bag not delivered within 20 seconds of a players turn
 - iii. Any bag that contacted the ground before coming to rest on the board
 - iv. Any bag that struck a previously defined object like a tree limb, wire, etc. before coming to rest on the board
 - v. Any bag removed from the board before scoring has been agreed upon for that bag

8. Scoring

- a. Players at the footboard will take score and then resume pitching back to the other board
- b. The cancellation method of scoring will be used, the points of one player cancels out the points of the their opponent resulting in only one team scoring or no team scoring at the end of a round

9. Court Layout

- a. The distance between the front edge of the boards is 27' this will be indicated by a painted white line
- b. The painted lines will also serve as foul lines

10. Equipment

- a. Boards and bean bags will be provided and stored inside the warming house
- b. Teams may choose to use their own bean bags

11. Forfeits

- a. **Forfeiting is frowned upon due to roster issues/shortages. Please find subs if you plan to be gone.**
- b. **A team needs to contact the league director and opposing team manager(s) ASAP if they need to forfeit a match**
- c. A team must have 2 players to start and finish each game to avoid a forfeit
- d. A grace period of 5 minutes will be granted for each game of the match, after 5 minutes the first game will be forfeited and so on and so forth

WEATHER CANCELLATION

1. Communication

- a. Email – managers will be emailed
- b. Nixle – a text message will be sent out to anyone who signs up for notifications by texting the keyword BAGSLEAGUE to 888777
- c. Weather Line – 651-480-2392

2. Matches that are cancelled will be rescheduled at the end of the season prior to the start of the tournament as dates are available.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & DOGS

1. City Ordinance allows the consumption of alcohol during park hours in any city-owned or operated park.
2. City Ordinance prohibits vaporizing or smoking nicotine, tobacco, or cannabis products in any city-owned or operated park or park building.
3. City Ordinance requires that dogs must be on a leash at any park or outdoor recreation facility