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Bags League Rules – Fall 2022

How to play: Begin the game with a coin flip or play “rock, paper, scissors” between the two captains. The winner determines the end from which play will start and gets the first throw. Players may not cross the foul line, which is located at the front of the board. All players must throw from behind this line.

How many people on a team? A minimum of 2 players per team must be present to play each week. We recommend signing up a team with 3-4 players per team to make sure enough people show up each week. You can always sub people in each night too! Substitutions can happen as often as after a frame. If a player arrives during play, they may only join their team after a frame.

How does Bags work? A game consists of frames. Each team rotates throwing their bags until all bags are thrown to the other side, at which point, the frame is complete. Each frame consists of calculating the difference of all the bags on the boards and in the hole at the end of the frame per team. The net points are kept track of from each frame. Example: Team A scores 8 points in frame 1 and Team B scores 2 points in frame 1. This would mean that Team A would receive 6 points for that frame and would also be the team to throw first in the next frame. The team scoring the most points in the previous frame starts the next frame. The object is to be the first team to reach 21 points by either throwing the bag onto the board (1 point) or in the hole (3 points). Each game will consist of a best of 3 matches. Board will be placed approximately 27 feet (front to front) from each other. This distance is marked on the playing surface by the Park and Recreation Department. Game sets of boards and bags will be provided. Each court consists of 2 boards and 8 bags.

Can I bring and use my own bags? Yes, all approved ACL/ACO bags are permitted. Greendale Park and Recreation Department does provide ACO slide/stick bags for your use. Inside material of bags brought and used by players may be anything that does not damage or create residue on the board (fill, such as natural corn-filled bags, not allowed as leaves a residue). A bag that damages a board or is found to gradually leave a residue or marks on the board in any way as caused by the material of the bag will not be allowed to be used for gameplay.

How long is a game? A regulation match lasts 45 minutes from the designated start time or until one team reaches 21 points in each game. You do not need to hit 21 exactly and can go over 21. We will play best out of three games against your scheduled opponent each night.

What area can I stand in during gameplay? You can stand anywhere to the left or right of the board, as long as you stay on that side for the entire match. You can stand all the way up to the front of the board. Teammates will stand on opposite ends and on the same side.

What happens if a bag is knocked off the board? It is a fouled bag. Points are added up at the end of the frame. It is considered as a shot that misses the board. All points are tallied at the end of the round, not as they are thrown.

How do I know when I play? The schedule for each week is posted on the schedule page at: gpr.greendale.k12.wi.us/bags

Standings: Best of 3 series will determine record for the night (1-0 or 0-1). Time permitting, we will play a 3rd game, even if one team has won the first 2 matches. Time limit may end a game early. The score at the time of the time limit reached will determine the game outcome. **Tie-Breaker** (in order) – 1. Head-to-head. 2. 1-frame playoff on the last night.

League Winner/Prizes: After divisional round robin regular season, a one-night, single game, double-elimination playoff bracket will determine League Champion. League Champion will receive a \$100 Panther Pub gift card. Panther Pub gift cards of \$75 to 2nd Place, and \$50 to 3rd Place. We thank the Panther Pub for their donation of the Prize gift cards for the league!

What happens if the other team doesn't show up? A team has 5 minutes past the designated start time to show up. If they do show up late, but within the allotted 5 minutes, teams will not receive extra time to play and you must complete your game in the remaining time. If they do not show up, the result is a forfeit. The team that shows up will win with a score of 21-0 three times. If a team "no-shows" twice in one season, they will forfeit their registration and forfeit the rest of the season.

Violations that can result in a bag being removed from the board/hole: 1) If a player crosses the foul line before the bag is released. 2) If a bag hits the ground before getting to the board (fouled bag). 3) If a bag strikes an object such as a tree limb, etc.

What if there is a scoring issue/dispute? All questions and issues will be handled by the league manager at the time of the issue/dispute. The league manager will make the final ruling on all protests. Please remember, we are all out here to have fun! At the end of the day, it is just bags with friends!

Weather: In the likelihood of inclement weather, please monitor your email leading up to game time. If inclement weather causes games to be cancelled, we will make our best effort to make-up games. In the event we cannot make-up games, the existing score will be considered final.

Have Fun! Like all recreational sports, everyone in the league comes out for a good time, so please exercise good sportsmanship and watch social distancing.

Facility Rule: No team or player is allowed to carry in their own beverages. This action puts the Panther Pub liquor license into jeopardy, which in turn puts our use of their space into jeopardy. The Panther Pub has graciously provided the prize money and space for the league, this is because the players in the league support the Pub through the purchase of food and beverages. We want to be able to continue this partnership and are just asking you to be respectful of their business. There should be no food, beverage, coolers brought to the Bags League. Additionally, please be sure not to take fermented/alcoholic beverages beyond the Panther Pub's property line, this is a violation of Village Ordinance and could result in citation. Thank you so much for your attention (and reminding your players) of this issue.

Let's toss!

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