



# RULES & MANAGER HANDBOOK ADULT BEAN BAG TOSS LEAGUES

Website: [www.cityofapplevalley.org/beanbags](http://www.cityofapplevalley.org/beanbags)

Weather/Cancellation Line: (952)953-2399, option #1

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to the Apple Valley Adult Bean Bag League! We look forward to an excellent season. Attached you will find your league schedule, rules, and other pertinent league information.

Our hope is that you enjoy your experience participating in our leagues. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please feel free to contact me at any time during the season. Feedback from participants is extremely valuable and new ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Please contact the league director at [AVathletics@cityofapplevalley.org](mailto:AVathletics@cityofapplevalley.org) or (952-953-2316)

Any new or clarified rules will be highlighted in grey.

## ROSTERS & ELIGIBILITY

Roster forms are available on the Apple Valley softball webpage as well as the Johnny Cake Ridge Park (JCRP) softball office.

1. **Eligibility:** Teams may be composed of two men, two women or a combination of both. There are no special co-rec rules.
2. **Minimum age:** All participants must be at least 18 years old prior to participating.
3. **Players may play on multiple teams** in Apple Valley leagues, but may only be rostered on one team per night of play.
4. **Rosters:**
  - a. **Preliminary roster deadline:** Rosters should be submitted prior to the start of your first game. All players must fill out all information and sign the roster before playing.
  - b. **Adding players to roster is allowed** is allowed at any point prior to your last regular season game. Ask league staff for your original roster to make changes or additions.
  - c. **Rosters are frozen for playoffs** following the last regular season game; no players may be added. All players listed on the team roster are eligible to participate in the post-season tournaments, regardless of the number (if any) regular season games they played.

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## INCLEMENT WEATHER & THE WEATHER LINE

Call 952-953-2399, option #1 after 5:00 p.m. This is the official way games are canceled and will be updated immediately when a decision is made.

Weather conditions can change dramatically in a short period of time. If there is a safety concern, a team is never required to play a game, even if the weather line or staff have not cancelled a game. The determination on make-ups, forfeits, etc. can be made at a future time.

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## LATE ARRIVALS AND FORFEITS

1. **Player limit to play:** A team must have two players to start a game; no team shall start short.
  2. **Grace period:** A five-minute grace period is allowed only for first game. After 5 minutes if the 2nd team is not present the team on site is awarded the 1st game (1 pt.), after 15 minutes that team is awarded the match (3 pts.) Those ten minutes come off the game time.
  3. **Forfeits** are never a positive situation, but are even worse when a team fails to show up for a game and doesn't notify the other team and League Director within a reasonable amount of time.
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## ALCOHOL & SMOKING

1. **Alcoholic beverages permitted:** Glass bottles are strictly prohibited anywhere in the park. Any players or fans that have glass bottles in their possession will be asked to leave the park.
  2. **Impaired players** who becomes a safety risk to themselves or others will be asked to leave the game and/or park by the umpire or staff.
  3. **Smoking** is not allowed in the park.
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## THE GAME

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### LEAGUE FORMAT

1. **Match length:** A match will consist of three games to 21 or greater regardless of if one team wins or loses the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 games. If there are time constraints during the third game, & neither of the teams is to a minimum of 11 pts, a tie will be declared for game 3.
  2. **Time limit:** There will be a 50 minute time limit per match. If teams are in the middle of a game when the 50 minutes time limit expires, teams shall finish the round and the score will become official (if one team is to at least 11 pts.). Any games not started within that time will be considered a tie. Points earned: Win=1 point, Tie= 1/2 point, Loss=0 points. This is per game. So, the total points that one team could accumulate in one **match** is 3 pts.
  3. **Reporting scores:** The winning team should report scores **by emailing the league director at [AVathletics@cityofapplevalley.org](mailto:AVathletics@cityofapplevalley.org)** ~~to the onsite staff person~~. This should be done immediately following the completed matches so that the league standings can be kept up-to-date.
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### RULES

1. Two players per team (doubles). Team partners face each other from opposite boards.
2. Distance measured between Foot Foul Edges: 27 feet
3. Teams shall flip a coin or play rock-paper-scissors to determine who starts the game
4. Opponents alternate tosses until all eight bags are thrown
5. The round is then scored (See Scoring)
6. The last team to score on previous round tosses first
7. Toss again if any interference occurs
8. Opponents may call Foot Foul and the call must be honored
9. The losing team **may switch sides and/or ends if they prefer**. They will also toss 1<sup>st</sup> for next game. **The winning team's players must stay on the same end.**

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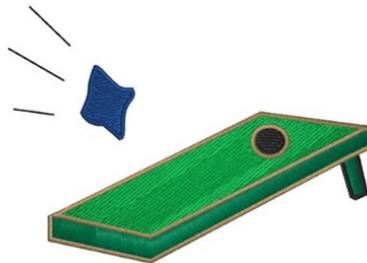
## SCORING

1. A game is won by the first team to score 21 points or more, a score of 11 **or more** when the other team has zero (SKUNK), or in the case of the match time limit expiring, whichever team is ahead, (a team must be to at least 11 pts for it to be an official game if time expires.) Games can end in a tie.
2. Three points for each bag in the hole.
3. One point for each bag on the board.
4. Score is the difference in the team totals. For example, after 1 round of 8 bags is played:
  - a. Team #1 has 1 bag in the hole and 2 bags on the board.  $3+2=5$  points
  - b. Team #2 has 2 bags on the board.  $1+1=2$  points
  - c. So after that round it would Team #1 leading 3-0 ( $5-2+3$  points). The next round, Team #1 would go first because they were the last team to score.
5. Bags pushed in by an opponent's toss count as normal scoring.
6. If the bag is on the board it counts. The bag can be rolled on, bounced on, or thrown directly onto the board. Lift the board for questionable calls.

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## STANDINGS & AWARDS

1. **Final regular-season league standings** determine playoff seeds and are based on:
  - a. Points earned.
  - b. Tie breakers for final standings, in order used: fewest forfeits during the regular season, head-to-head competition; a coin flip.
2. **League awards:** Regular-season determines seeds for the playoffs. Regular season 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams & playoff champions will receive an award.
3. **Playoffs:** Playoffs will begin the week following the last regular-season games and will be completed in one or two evenings, depending on schedule availability. Players must have played in at least three regular – season matches to be eligible for playoffs. The higher regular-season seed will start each match-up. More details on the playoff format will be communicated at a later time. Based on league play the top 6 teams will play in the upper division play-offs & the bottom 6 teams will play in the lower division play-offs. Both play-off champions will receive a team gift card. **The Apple Valley League Director reserves the right to change or add rules at any time to maintain a fair & enjoyable league for all.**



## LEAGUE PLACEMENT

When the numbers of teams call for it, a league may be split into a gold (upper) and silver (lower) division.

As a general rule, where applicable, league winners will move up a league and the last place teams will move down a league. The League Director can make exceptions at their discretion including moving multiple teams up/down or leaving teams in the same league based on a wide variety of reasons and situations. While input from teams is encouraged and taken into consideration, refunds will not be issued to teams who disagree with the division in which they are ultimately placed.

**Please note that the Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to add or change rules at any time for the betterment of all, and make rule exceptions when special circumstances exist.**

## COVID-19 BEAN BAGS PROCEDURES

6/8/2020

Apple Valley Parks & Recreation strives to make your experience as safe and fun as possible.

Please take a few moments to read through our new procedures as noted below. If you are participating in multiple programs, keep in mind that procedures may evolve based on current recommendations. The procedures outlined below cover the current Bean Bags League.

**Please discuss these procedures with teammates enrolled.** If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact our office at 952-953-2316.

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### EQUIPMENT AND SANITIZATION

- **Bags:** Participants are encouraged to bring their own bags due to COVID-19. Participants utilizing their own bags may have bags that are a different weight/material etc. That is fine this year; let's just get out and play. Please refrain from touching other people's bags.
- **Boards:** Boards will be set up boards 15-20 feet away from other team's boards. Participants are required to sanitize the board before and after each match.
- **Masks:** Recommended for outdoor programs, required for indoor programs. For some people, wearing a mask is not medically advised; reasonable ADA accommodations will be made on a case by case basis.
- **Hand sanitation:** Participants must sanitize hands upon arrival and departure at a minimum. Hand sanitizer must be provided by the participant. Restrooms are currently not open due to COVID-19, portable restrooms are available at the park. Please refrain from touching your face throughout the evening.

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### SOCIAL DISTANCING

- **Group sizes** will be kept to Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines. Teams may use substitutes week by week as necessary, but only two people may be on-site for the games each evening. Our goal is to ensure that our programs don't cause large groups to congregate so that we can continue offering similar programs in the upcoming months.
- **Ample space:** Please stay 6-10 feet away from other participants. Once you toss a bag, step back 6-10 feet behind the board to allow for social distancing while the other team tosses. When you retrieve your bags please take turns and stand back 6-10 feet while the other team retrieves all four of their bags. It is also important that social distancing take place before and after matches to ensure we can continue to provide opportunities for people to recreate in our leagues and programs.

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### ILLNESS

A participant is required to stay home if they are [exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19](#) or if they have exposure to others with COVID-19 symptoms/illness in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to other participants and instructors. The Parks & Recreation department will follow [Minnesota Department of Health \(MDH\) guidelines regarding how long to stay home if you're sick](#). If you have tested positive for COVID-19 and have participated in Parks & Recreation program, we would appreciate it if you contact our office as soon as possible.

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### LEAGUE PROCEDURE ADAPTATIONS

- See "EQUIPMENT AND SANITIZATION"
- Teams will be required to email game results to [AVathletics@cityofapplevalley.org](mailto:AVathletics@cityofapplevalley.org) rather than reporting scores to a staff person or using paper and pencil.