

Sport-Specific Protocol: Corn Toss

Status: Return to Competition
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Special Olympics



This document is specific to the sport of corn toss and is supplemental to the general *Return to Activities Protocol*. It is imperative that corn toss programs adhere to any protocol outlined below or in the general *Return to Activities Protocol*. If your facility has rules in place that are stricter than those provided by Special Olympics, those local rules are to be used.

BEFORE PARTICIPANT ARRIVAL

- Ensure venue is disinfected, especially restrooms and high traffic areas.
- Place courts a minimum of 12 feet apart, laterally from side of platform to side of platform, to allow proper social distancing.
- Designate a space for each player to set their gear that is at least 9 feet from another player's space.
- Distribute scorecards and pencils to each court to reduce congestion in corn toss operations area. The person distributing scorecards and pencils should utilize proper PPE and sanitation measures.
- Collect *COVID-19 Code of Conduct* from all attendees (players, screeners, county management, family, etc.).

PARTICIPANT CHECK-IN

- Check-in area must be setup so that social distancing can be maintained.
- If possible, check-in area should be setup outside to reduce bottlenecks and close-quarter interactions.
- *Athlete Medical Forms* must be checked as usual.
- Check that each participant has a *COVID-19 Code of Conduct* on-site.
- Must follow the "Onsite Screening Protocol for COVID-19" as outlined in the *Return to Activities Protocol*.
- Collect *COVID-19 Code of Conduct* from all attendees (players, screeners, county management, family, etc.).

BEFORE PRACTICE OR COMPETITION

- Meals are strongly discouraged. If a meal will be served, boxed or bagged meals are required. Food preparation and packaging must be done by the caterer. Food must be distributed by a caterer-provided person. Napkins and utensils must be provided by the caterer and distributed individually to each participant. No buffets or banquet style meals are permitted. Concession stands run by the facility are allowed to serve.
- Make regular announcements to reinforce the importance of PPE, hygiene, and social distancing.
- Grouping up should be discouraged as much as possible.

DURING GAMEPLAY

- Masks are required at all times.
- You may distribute water provided:
 - The person distributing the water is utilizing PPE and proper sanitation procedures.
 - The water is in a sealed container.
 - One person is handling the water and players are not permitted to reach into the water reservoir.
 - Community water coolers should not be utilized.
- Players must sanitize their hands AT THE COURT prior to the match beginning.
- It is highly recommended that players sanitize their hands regularly throughout the match.

- Players should sanitize their hands immediately after the match concludes.
- Platforms must be sanitized between each match.
- It is highly recommended to use a sprayable disinfectant on corn toss bags between matches.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times.
- Courts must be a minimum of 12 feet apart, laterally from side of platform to side of platform.
- No high fives, handshakes, or other direct contact.
- When not throwing, players should step back from the platform to allow proper social distancing with the throwing player. It is recommended that a spot be marked on the ground to show players where to stand while not throwing.

AFTER PRACTICE OR COMPETITION

- Players should be encouraged to leave the practice area at the conclusion of practice. Use of restrooms as needed is acceptable.
- Social distancing must be maintained while waiting for rides.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- Social distancing guidelines will be followed at all times if inclement weather forces activities inside.
- If social distancing cannot be maintained indoors, and there is a chance of inclement weather, corn toss activities will be cancelled.

PENALTIES

- Programs that do not adhere to these protocols will be suspended from hosting corn toss events for 1 year.
- Corn toss players who do not adhere to these protocols may face punishment up to and including suspension from Special Olympics activities.
- Additional punishment may be given to County Management as warranted, on a case by case basis, according to the *Return to Activities Protocol*.