

## 2019 ACF Washer Tournament Rules

- The tournament will be double elimination format with teams consisting of 2 players (the same 2 players throughout the tournament- no subbing players). There will be a winner's bracket and a loser's bracket. Once a team loses in the losers' bracket, the team is out of the tournament. Initial bracket positions will be randomly drawn the day of the tournament.
- First round matches and Championship match will be best 2 out of 3 alternating ends between games. All other matches are single games. Guaranteed 3 games per team. 3 games equal a match.
- Teams have 5 minutes to report to their respective game boards otherwise the team forfeits.
- The game will be played on a 3-holed washer board placed 10 ft apart. Washers are 2.5 inches in diameter. Teammates will stand at opposite boards with front of the board as the line. Absolutely NO STANDING on the boards!!!
- The closest hole is worth 1 point, the middle hole 3 points and the furthest hole 5 points.
- To start the game, the team on the top of the bracket throws first.
- A round consist of both teams throwing all 3 of their washers in a row. The team who netted more points in the previous round throws first in the next round.
- It is possible for the opposing team to knock in your washer with their washers. If the opposing team knocks your teams washer in, these washers will be scored just as if you threw in the washer.
- Games will be played to 21 points. Teams must reach 21 EXACTLY. Busting over 21 will set that team's score back to 15, and that team may throw any remaining washers for that round.
- In each round, opposing washers cancel each other out on a one-for-one basis per hole (this is call Covering), except if a team busts. Once a team busts, that team cannot be "unbusted" by the opposing teams covering. In addition, once a team busts, ALL holes will be open to score on by the opposing team, regardless if any washers are in the hole or not. The busted team's score can not be further decreased by covering.
- END OF GAME: When a team reaches 21, that team may hold on to any remaining washers while the opposing team throws, Courtesy Rule.
  - Once Team A reaches 21 any remaining Team A washers will not be used by Team B to cover or score.
  - EX. 1: At the start of a round the score is Team A – 18 and Team B – 11. Team A throws the first washer into the 3-hole scoring 21. Team A may hold on to their remaining 2 washers while Team B throws. Team B will then throw their washers attempting to cover the winning throw. If Team B covers the winning throw, Team B will cease throwing and allow Team A to resume throwing their remaining washers. The round will be played in this manner until all washers are thrown.

- EX 2: At the start of a round the score is Team A 18, and Team B 16. Team A throws their first washer into the 1-hole (score 19). Team A's second washer lands in the 5 hole (score 24). This is a bust, and Team A's score is set to 15. Team A may throw their last washer in this round. In addition, the 1 hole and the 5-hole will be "open" to score upon by Team B. This is the penalty for busting.
  - EX 3: At the start of a round the score is Team A 15, and Team B 17. Team A misses on the first 2 throws and then hits a 5-hole on the last throw (score 20). Team B's first throw lands in the 5 hole. This WOULD NOT create a bust for Team B because the throw simply covers Team A's washer. The score would be Team A 15 and Team B 17 and Team B would continue throwing their remaining washers.
- BOTH teams should **agree on the score** and **who will be throwing next** PRIOR to picking up any thrown washers. Please try to police your own games. Judges are available when both teams can not agree. Judges decisions are final.
  - There is NO skunk Rule.
  - Disruptive behavior, fighting, arguing with judges is grounds for disqualification. Please remember you are at an event supporting YOUTH!
  - After the game, one member from EACH team must report results to the judges table. Leave all washers together on the boards.
  - Thank you for supporting the youth of Angelina County by participating in this event!!! Good luck and happy pitching!

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