



# The Season of Backyard Competitions

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It's officially summer! And that means we will all be cramming in as many graduation parties, backyard barbeques, and family get-togethers as possible into a few short weeks. Undoubtedly at these gatherings the grills will be smoking and the drinks will be on ice. But what else completes the perfect summertime party? That's right, you need one or more of the classic backyard games. And the odds are when you have these games set up, some friend or relative is going to take the competition too seriously and claim themselves as "Best in the World". Well, when that happens, share with them these links so that he or she can justify their bold claim.

**Cornhole** has probably become the most popular and visible backyard game with its strong television and web streaming presence over the last few years. There are actually two national organizations that promote a multi-state circuit and national/world championships. Check out the American Cornhole Organization ([americancornhole.com](http://americancornhole.com)) or the American Cornhole League ([iplayacl.com](http://iplayacl.com)) for more details on leagues and tournaments.

**Spikeball**, or Roundnet, has gained a strong following on college campuses and beaches across the country. They have a full regional and national tour schedule. Visit [spikeball.com](http://spikeball.com) for tour information.

**Kan Jam** has grown rapidly in backyard popularity over recent years. Now, they offer a national championship. It will be in late August in Buffalo, so you still have time to make it! Go to [kanjam.com](http://kanjam.com) for more info.

Like Cornhole, **Kickball** has blown up over the last few years with many leagues and one-day charity tournaments popping up around the nation. There are a few large national-level tournaments, but the World Kickball Association stakes claim to be the sport's authority and governing body: [kickball.com](http://kickball.com).

**Wiffleball** has gotten a lot of social media buzz recently due to the amazing pitches that can be thrown to embarrass batters, but this championship has been around for a long time. The 46th World Championship will be held this August in Crown Point, IN: [worldwiffleball.org](http://worldwiffleball.org).

Even though it originated in Sweden, **Kubb** has a strong following in the U.S., and particularly in Wisconsin. The U.S. National Championship is annually held in Eau Claire in July: [kubb.world](http://kubb.world).

The **National Horseshoe Pitchers Association** annually hosts a massive world tournament for two weeks in July. This year, they will be in Sandy, UT: [horseshoepitching.com](http://horseshoepitching.com)

What did I miss? Let me know if you want to work together and create a national championship for ladder toss, washer toss, Giant Jenga, Beersbee, or whatever backyard game you dominate in this summer!