



### **2023 USA Forces Cornhole Championships (June 30 – July 2, 2023 – Detroit, MI)**

The 2023 USA Forces Cornhole Championships featured many great games culminating in a great double's championship match on ESPN2! In the end the team of Bryan Cheney and Sergio Ramirez outlasted the team of Johnny Cox and Chris Fagen to take home the Championship!



We started out the weekend having all 36 of our USA Forces teams playing in “Rounders”. Rounders is an ACL format where teams play a set number of games. In this case each team played 6 games and each round they played another team with a similar record. For instance, after 2 rounds if the team was 2-0 then you likely played another 2-0 team. But if you were 0-2 then you played another 0-2 team. We used this format to not only give teams extra games, but used the results of this tournament to seed the main double elimination bracket. Here are the results from Rounders.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Record</b>
1	Johnny Cox / Chris Fagen	6-0
2	Rex Uhrig / Jeff Carroll	5-1
3	Jesse Henderson / Tom Covey	5-1
4	Larry Reffett / Hunter Walton	5-1
5	Sergio Ramirez / Bryan Cheney	4-2
6	Sammy Vasquez jr / Reyes Marquez	4-2
7	Alex MacDonald / Jamie Brown	4-2
8	bruce walter / Dale drenning	4-2
9	Tyler Tomberlin / David Stone	4-2
10	Gerald Guidry / Logan Dupont	4-2
11	Ryan Wiertzema / Rudy Fernandez	4-2
12	Khristine Schwartzkopf / Melissa Morrison	4-2
13	John Hudson / Ryan Schwartzkopf	4-2
14	Keith Kinnerson / Kevin Koppman	3-3
15	Ryan Dole / Kris Brooks	3-3
16	Jason Hayes / Jeffrey Newlun	3-3
17	Todd Johnson / Paul Hardie	3-3
18	Jeffrey Shaffer / Tyler Wiersteiner	3-3
19	David Curvin / Kris Socha	3-3
20	Wayne Irby / Phillip Sanchez	3-3
21	Nicholas Clough / Michael Jacoby	3-3
22	Kevin Reilly / Richard Vasquez	3-3
23	James Alves / Brian Tremblay	3-3
24	Bailey Lyons / Alex McGee	2-4
25	Miguel Cruz / Erik Verduzco	2-4
26	Shea Marsh / Jason Gilbert	2-4
27	Joshua Page / Daniel Amon	2-4
28	Jason Ball / Doug Messner	2-4
29	Anthony Keithley / Scott Grimmett	2-4
30	Quentin Robinson / Jason Place	2-4
31	Christopher Rueckert / Casey Keith	2-4
32	Seth Back / Kyle Williams	2-4
33	Kerry Poulos / Justin Klemm	1-5
34	Ky Wilbert / Shortz ScopicPro	1-5
35	william RYAN / Sarah Ryan	1-5
36	Doug Cox / Matthew Steurer	0-6

The tournament then continued with a standard double elimination format which was seeded based on how teams did during rounders. We played this tournament until there were just 8 teams left. The 8 teams left standing qualified to play on the ESPN2 broadcast in a single elimination, round limited format in order to give 16 players the opportunity to play on TV. The 8 teams that made it to the broadcast included:



Ryan Wiertzema / Rudy Fernandez



Alex MacDonald / Jamie Brown



Sammy Vasquez jr / Reyes Marquez



Larry Reffett / Hunter Walton





David Stone / Tyler Tomberlin



Johnny Cox / Chris Fagen



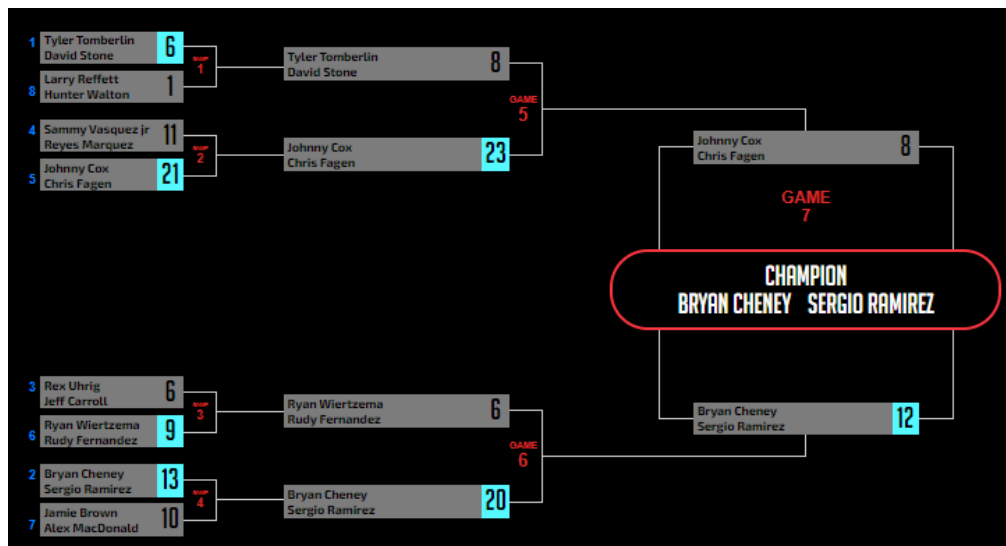
Rex Uhrig / Jeff Carroll



Sergio Ramirez / Bryan Cheney

[Link to the Doubles Bracket](#)

The final 8 then battled it out and their matches were shown on ESPN2 at 8pm on July 4<sup>th</sup>! The final 8 bracket played out as follows:



Congratulations to Bryan Cheney and Sergio Ramirez on their USA Forces Doubles Championship!





The event continued on Saturday with our Blind Draw event. We had 59 players sign-up for the double elimination tournament. Along with the tournament we allowed any players eliminated earlier in the tournament to enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Tournament for free.

The main Blind Draw tournament saw a double dip where Rex Uhrig and Jesse Henderson was able to take two from Doug Messner and Rudy Fernandez to win it.

### Blind Draw Champs



Rex Uhrig / Jesse Henderson

### Blind Draw Runner-Up



Doug Messner / Rudy Fernandez

### Blind Draw 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Kevin Reilly / Erik Verduzco

[Link to the Blind Draw Bracket](#)

[Link to the Second Chance Blind Draw Bracket](#)

Finally, our event wrapped up with a double elimination singles event on Sunday. There were a lot of great games and the last player standing was Chris Kingsbury out of Florida. Chris was able to go undefeated and took down Johnny Cox in the finals.

[Link to the Singles Bracket](#)



1<sup>st</sup> Place – Chris Kingsbury



2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Johnny Cox



3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Chris Fagen



The 2023 USA Forces Cornhole Championships paid out over 60% of the entry fees as shown below. We are shooting for a \$10,000 guaranteed total payout for the 2024 event. We are hoping to release details about the 2024 event by the end of September. TENTATIVE plans are to again link the event to ACL National #4 next season which means it will likely be around July 4<sup>th</sup> once again.

Additionally, the price for doubles next season will be increasing for teams who sign-up directly. HOWEVER, the plan is to run qualifying events throughout the year across the country (and perhaps world) where teams can enter at a lower entry fee and if they win can play in the USA Forces Doubles Championship for free. Keep an eye on <https://usa-cornhole.org/> for more information.

USA Forces Doubles				
Place / Finish	Prize	Per Player	Player 1	Player 2
1st Place	\$1,000	\$500	Bryan Cheney	Sergio Ramirez
2nd Place	\$650	\$325	Johnny Cox	Chris Fagen
t-3rd Place	\$400	\$200	Tyler Tomberlin	David Stone
t-3rd Place	\$400	\$200	Ryan Wiertzema	Rudy Fernandez
t-5th Place	\$200	\$100	Rex Uhrig	Jeff Carroll
t-5th Place	\$200	\$100	Larry Reffett	Hunter Walton
t-5th Place	\$200	\$100	Sammy Vasquez jr	Reyes Marquez
t-5th Place	\$200	\$100	Jamie Brown	Alex MacDonald
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,250</b>			

USA Forces Singles		
Place / Finish	Prize	Player
1st Place	\$500	Chris Kingsbury
2nd Place	\$350	Johnny Cox
3rd Place	\$250	Chris Fagen
4th Place	\$200	Ryan Wiertzema
t-5th Place	\$150	Erik Verduzco
t-5th Place	\$150	Kris Brooks
t-7th Place	\$100	Doug Messner
t-7th Place	\$100	Reyes Marquez
t-9th Place	\$70	Hunter Walton
t-9th Place	\$70	Jesse Henderson
t-9th Place	\$70	Alex McGee
t-9th Place	\$70	Seth Back
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,080</b>	

USA Forces Blind Draw				
Place / Finish	Prize	Per Player	Player 1	Player 2
1st Place	\$500	\$250	Rex Uhrig	Jesse Henderson
2nd Place	\$350	\$175	Doug Messner	Rudy Fernandez
3rd Place	\$200	\$100	Kevin Reilly	Erik Verduzco
4th Place	\$150	\$75	David Stone	Ryan Wiertzema
t-5th Place	\$100	\$50	Kris Brooks	Matthew Steurer
t-5th Place	\$100	\$50	Johnny Cox	Scott Grimmett
t-7th Place	\$50	\$25	Ryan Dole	Ghost Player
t-7th Place	\$50	\$25	Wayne Irby	Jeffrey Newlun
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>			

USA Forces Second Chance Blind Draw				
Place / Finish	Prize	Per Player	Player 1	Player 2
1st Place	\$80	\$40	Sergio Ramirez	bruce walter
2nd Place	\$40	\$20	Tyler Tomberlin	Keith Kinnerson
3rd Place	\$20	\$10	Quentin Robinson	Jeff Carroll
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140</b>	18 teams		

We look forward to seeing you at next year's event! We hope to have details released in the new few months so that players can plan well in advance for our 2024 event. Be sure to keep checking <https://usa-cornhole.org/> to find the upcoming qualifying events and more photos will be added as we receive them. Players will not have to qualify for next year's event, but teams buying directly into the 2024 Doubles Tournament will pay more if they do not win a qualifier.