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17



# PLAYERS GUIDE

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# ACO MEMBERSHIP

## 1.1 ACO MEMBERSHIP

### ACO WORLDS

- All players are required to have an ACO Membership to play in World Divisions

### ACO MAJORS

- ACO Membership is not required for participation in any Division at ACO Majors, however, players will NOT be eligible to receive points or prizes/prize money unless they have a paid Membership PRIOR to the start of the tourney. Points will not be retroactively added after the tournament has passed.

### ACO REGIONALS

- The requirement for ACO Membership at ACO Regionals will be at the discretion of the Certified Official. Players will not be eligible to receive points unless they have a paid Membership prior to the start of the tourney.

### PRIZES/PAYOUTS

Prizes/payouts for non-Members are at the discretion of the CO, but extra guidelines are recommended. Some examples include:

- Additional entry fee for non-Members
- Payout non-Members a smaller percentage of the purse

## 1.2 ACO MEMBERSHIP COST

- Purchase at AmericanCornhole.com = \$50
- Purchase from an ACO Certified Official = \$set by CO

## 1.3 ACO MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### ACO MEMBERS:

- Allows participation in all Divisions and grants eligibility to earn points and prizes/prize money
  - » World Singles Division
  - » World Doubles Division
  - » World Seniors Division
  - » World Womens Division
  - » World Juniors Division
  - » World Womens Doubles Division  
*No longer offered at Majors. Regionals and Worlds only*
  - » World Seniors Doubles Division  
*No longer offered at Majors. Regionals and Worlds only*
  - » World Coed Division
  - » World Blind Draw Division
- Are added to all eligible online ACO Standings lists
- Are eligible to earn ACO World Standings points at ACO Regionals and ACO Majors
- Are eligible to earn prizes and/or money purses at ACO Regionals and ACO Majors when available
- Receive a welcome email with login credentials to access to the ACO Members Site which allows them to view their own Season stats and manage their player profile
- Are eligible to be invited to compete in the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 17
- Are CornyForty eligible
- Are TopGun Twenty eligible
- Are eligible to earn Player or Team of Season





# ACO MEMBERSHIP

## 1.4 HOW TO BECOME AN ACO-PRO PLAYER

- ACO-PRO status is only achievable through World Singles play.

### TO ACHIEVE ACO-PRO STATUS, A PLAYER NEEDS TO ACCOMPLISH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Finish in the Top 96 in World Singles at the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 17  
*Valid for the following two Seasons*
- Finish ACO Season 17 ranked in the top 80 of the ACO World Singles Standings  
*Takes effect as soon as the Standings are finalized for the Season (Approx. June 5th, 2022). Valid for Seasons 18 and 19*

### PLAYERS WHO ACHIEVE ACO-PRO STATUS ARE:

- Eligible for \$1,000 PRO bonus at all ACO Majors during ACO Season 17
- Eligible to purchase and/or win an ACO-PRO Jersey
- Eligible for ACO-PRO Only Invitational tournaments or events that may arise

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

Once a player achieves ACO-PRO status, they will retain the status for the following 2 Seasons.

Players who achieved ACO-PRO status at any time in the past may be subject to tournament or divisional restrictions.

## 1.5 ACO WORLD CHAMPION BENEFITS, SINGLES:

- Lifetime ACO-PRO status
- Lifetime ACO Membership
- Lifetime unlimited free entries to the ACO World Championships, ACO Majors, and Conference Championships

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WORLD SINGLES CHAMPIONS WHO HAVE EARNED THESE BENEFITS:

- » Gary Ferguson (TN), World Singles Champion – ACO Worlds 16
- » Matt Guy (KY), World Singles Champion – ACO Worlds I, II, III, IV, V, X, XI, 14, 15
- » Eric Zocklein (KY), World Singles Champion – ACO Worlds VI
- » Isidro Herrera (IL), World Singles Champion – ACO Worlds VII
- » Bret Guy (KY), World Singles Champion – ACO Worlds VIII
- » Jeff Reynolds (OH), World Singles Champion – ACO Worlds IX
- » Jamie Graham (NC), World Singles Champion – ACO Worlds XII
- » Ryan Windsor (IL), World Singles Champion – ACO Worlds 13

## 1.6 ACO WORLD CHAMPION BENEFITS, OTHER DIVISIONS:

- All past ACO World Champions (1st place at an ACO Worlds) will receive free entry to the Division in which they won at all ACO Majors throughout ACO Season 17
  - » World Doubles
  - » Coed
  - » Juniors (Free for all players this Season)
  - » Seniors
  - » Womens





# ACO TOURNAMENTS

## 2.1 ACO REGIONALS

- Events coordinated by ACO Certified Officials in their local market at a location and date of their choice in which players compete at a local level for World Standings points and prizes.
- Certified Officials can pick and choose which Regional Divisions they would like to coordinate in their areas based on the demand from players in that market.

### CERTIFIED OFFICIALS CAN CHOOSE FROM THESE DIVISIONS TO COORDINATE:

- World Singles – Open to all players
- World Doubles – Open to all players
- World Womens – Open to all female players
- World Seniors – Open to all players 55 years and older. A player can start the season if they are 54 yrs. old, if they turn 55 yrs. old by July 31st, 2022.
- World Juniors – Open to all players 17 years and younger. A player may compete throughout the season as a Junior if they are 17 as of 9/1/21, regardless of turning 18 during the season.
- World Womens Doubles Division – Open to all female players. Doubles play with teams consisting of two females
- World Seniors Doubles Division – Open to all Seniors players. Doubles play with teams consisting of two players, each 55 yrs or older
- World Coed Doubles Division – Open to all players. Doubles play with teams consisting of 1 male and 1 female
- World Blind Draw Doubles Division – Open to all players

## 2.2 ACO REGIONAL GENERAL RULES

- Players/teams may compete in as many monthly Regionals as they would like, in as many Divisions in which they qualify, either at the same location or different locations.

- A player or team's 8 best finishes of the Season will count toward their final point total. Once a player/team competes in their 9th Regional, their lowest score will be dropped from the list, and so on.

**DOUBLES NOTE:** A player may switch partners an unlimited number of times during the Season. A new World Doubles Standings spot will be created for each new team assembled. For example: The team of Chris Clark and Dale Tanner may be ranked 23rd, and the team of Chris Clark and April Clemons may be ranked 75th.

### MINIMUM PLAYERS

- In order for Regional points to count, the following participation minimums for each Division must be reached
  - » World Singles – Minimum of 7 players
  - » World Doubles – Minimum of 3 teams
  - » Womens Singles – Minimum of 2 players
  - » Seniors Singles – Minimum of 2 players
  - » Juniors Singles – Minimum of 2 players
  - » World Womens Doubles – Minimum of 2 teams
  - » World Seniors Doubles – Minimum of 2 teams
  - » World Coed Doubles – Minimum of 2 teams
  - » World Blind Draw Doubles – Minimum of 4 players

## 2.3 ACO REGIONAL POINTS SCALE

- ACO Regionals – All Divisions
  - » 1st Place = 25pts
  - » 2nd Place = 24 pts
  - » 3rd Place = 23 pts
  - » 4th Place = 22 pts
  - » 5th – 6th Place = 20 pts
  - » 7th – 8th Place = 18 pts
  - » 9th-12th Place = 16 pts
  - » 13th- 16th = 14 pts
  - » 17th and over = 12 pts



# ACO TOURNAMENTS

## 2.4 ACO REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Seeding – Regional Divisions will be seeded based on that Division's Standings. If no Standings are available for the first Regional of the Season, then the bracket will be randomly seeded
- Once the seeding has been determined, bracket play can begin. Double elimination bracket.
- A player can come from the loser's bracket and earn first place.

## 2.5 BLIND DRAW DOUBLES FORMAT

- Each player must register individually
- No walkers. There must be an even number of players. Last person to register may be required to drop out
- Once all players have registered, doubles teams are randomly drawn. Randomly draw teams by allowing players to choose their own cards or chips, or use a randomizing software such as Brackelope.
- Place randomly seeded teams into a double elimination bracket. A team can come from the loser's bracket and earn first place.
- ACO Blind Draw Doubles points will be awarded to each individual player on the team based on their finish, and the Standings will consist of the individual players

## 2.6 ACO REGIONAL SCHEDULING

- The CO may choose to schedule Regionals anytime during the season in which they choose but there must be 1 week between scheduling the same Division in the same zip code.
- Examples:
  - » A CO may choose to coordinate all their Regionals over a 6-week period to complete their players' season
  - » A CO may choose to spread Regionals out over several months or the entire season
- A CO may schedule as many Regionals in a zip code during a season as they like if there is 1 week between scheduling the same Division.

## 2.7 SPLITTING REGIONALS

- On the day of a Regional, if there are 34 or more players/teams registered for any Division, the Certified Official has the option of splitting the Division into separate 17 player/team brackets and awarding separate Standings points to each, without prescheduling.
- For every additional 17 players/teams registered thereafter, the CO has the option of splitting again, and so on.
- Each split bracket must have a minimum of 17 players/teams to ensure that least 1 player/team in each bracket receive the lowest amount of points available.
- COs are not required to split and have the option of keeping all players in one big bracket

## 2.8 ACO MAJORS

- Events in which players from all Regions come together at one location to compete for points and prizes
- Coordinated by the ACO Corporate Team
- Playing format at each ACO Major will be standard from one location to the next throughout the Season. Players/teams will participate in pool play with the top finishers from each pool advancing to the Championship bracket.
- Players/teams may participate in as many Majors as they like during the Season
- Of the Majors held throughout the season, a player/team's (4) best finishes will count toward their Standings total. Once a player/team competes in their 5th ACO Major, their lowest score will be dropped from the list, and so on
- Check the event calendar on [AmericanCornhole.com](http://AmericanCornhole.com)



# ACO TOURNAMENTS

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## 2.9 ACO MAJORS POINT SCALE

### WORLD SINGLES AND WORLD DOUBLES

#### • Splitting Championship Brackets

» If 64 or less players/teams advance from pool play into the Championship bracket, it will remain in one bracket.

» If 65-128 players/teams advance from pool play into the Championship bracket, it will be split in two brackets.

» If 129-256 players/teams advance from pool play into the Championship bracket, it will be split into four brackets.

- When splitting is necessary, each bracket will play till its conclusion, then the Champion/s of each split bracket will play until there's an overall Champion

» 2 Brackets - The Champions of each split bracket will play one game for 1st place. The 2nd place finisher from each split bracket will play one game for 3rd place.

» 4 Brackets - The four split bracket Champions will be placed in a one-game single elimination bracket, seeded by overall tournament Standings. The winners of round 1 will play a one game for 1st place. The losers of round 1 will play a one game for 3rd place.

#### • New Max-out points:

» 4 Majors x 50 points = 200 available Major points

» 8 Regionals x 25 points = 200 Total available Regional points

» Majors + Regionals = 400 Total available Singles points (max-out)

- **Points Scale with no split** (64 or less players/teams advancing from Pool Play):

1st Place (1 player) = 50 pts

2nd Place (1 player) = 49 pts

3rd Place (1 player) = 48 pts

4th Place (1 player) = 47 pts

5th Place tie (2 players) = 45 pts

7th Place tie (2 players) = 43 pts

9th Place tie (4 players) = 41 pts

13th Place tie (4 players) = 39 pts

17th Place tie (8 players) = 37 pts

25th Place tie (8 players) = 35 pts

33rd Place tie (16 players) = 33 pts

49th and over (Up to 16 players) = 31 pts

- **Points Scale with 2 bracket split** (65 - 128 players/teams advancing from Pool Play):

1st Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 1st in playoff) = 50 pts

2nd Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 2nd in playoff) = 49 pts

3rd Place (1 player, 2nd in split Bracket, 3rd in playoff) = 48 pts

4th Place (1 player, 2nd in split Bracket, 4th in playoff) = 47 pts

Tie 5th Place (2 players, 3rd Place in split bracket) = 45 pts

Tie 7th Place (2 players, 4th Place in split bracket) = 43 pts

Tie 9th Place (4 players, 5th Place tie in split bracket) = 41 pts

Tie 13th Place (4 players, 7th Place tie in split bracket) = 39 pts

Tie 17th Place (8 players, 9th Place tie in split bracket) = 37 pts

Tie 25th Place (8 players, 13th Place tie in split bracket) = 35 pts

Tie 33rd Place (16 players, 17th Place tie in split bracket) = 33 pts

Tie 49th Place (16 players, 25th Place tie in split bracket) = 31 pts

- **Points Scale with 4 bracket split** (129 - 256 players/teams advancing from Pool Play)

1st Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 1st in playoff) = 50 pts

2nd Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 2nd in playoff) = 49 pts

3rd Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 3rd in playoff) = 48 pts

4th Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 4th in playoff) = 47 pts

Tie 5th Place (4 players, 2nd Place in split bracket) = 45 pts

Tie 9th Place (4 players, 3rd Place in split bracket) = 43 pts

Tie 13th Place (4 players, 4th Place tie in split bracket) = 41 pts

Tie 17th Place (8 players, 5th Place tie in split bracket) = 39 pts

Tie 25th Place (8 players, 7th Place tie in split bracket) = 37 pts

Tie 33rd Place (16 players, 9th Place tie in split bracket) = 35 pts

Tie 49th Place (16 players, 13th Place tie in split bracket) = 33 pts

Tie 65th Place and over (17th Place and over in split bracket) = 31 pts

- Every player/team who does not advance from Pool Play will receive points based on their finish in the Pool according to the Regional Scale above
- Players who do not advance to the Championship bracket in Singles and/or Doubles will have an extra opportunity to earn points by dropping into Single elimination Tier tournaments based on finish in pool play.

#### • Tier 2 Points • Tier 3 Points

1st = 28 points

2nd = 27 points

3rd = 26 points

5th = 25 points

9th = 24 points

17th = 23 points

33rd = 22 points

1st = 21 points

2nd = 20 points

3rd = 19 points

5th and over = 18 points



# ACO TOURNAMENTS

## WORLD WOMENS, WORLD SENIORS, WORLD JUNIORS, WORLD COED, AND WORLD BLIND DRAW

### • Splitting Brackets

- » If 64 or less players/teams register, it will remain in one bracket.
- » If 65-128 players/teams register, it will be split into two brackets.
- » If 129-256 players/teams register, it will be split into four brackets.

- When splitting is necessary, each bracket will play till its conclusion, then the Champion/s of each split bracket will play until there's an overall Champion

» 2 Brackets - The split bracket Champions play 1 game for 1st place. The 2nd place finisher from each split bracket will play one game for 3rd place.

» 4 Brackets - The four split bracket Champions will be placed in a one-game single elimination bracket, seeded by overall tournament Standings. The winners of round 1 will play a one game for 1st place. The losers of round 1 will play a one game for 3rd place.

### • New Max-out points:

- » 4 Majors x 35 points = 140 available Major points
- » 8 Regionals x 25 points = 200 Total available Regional points
- » Majors + Regionals = 400 Total available Singles points (max-out)

- **Points Scale with no split** (64 or less players/teams registered):

1st Place (1 player) = 35 pts  
 2nd Place (1 player) = 34 pts  
 3rd Place (1 player) = 33 pts  
 4th Place (1 player) = 32 pts  
 5th Place tie (2 players) = 30 pts  
 7th Place tie (2 players) = 28 pts  
 9th Place tie (4 players) = 26 pts  
 13th Place tie (4 players) = 24 pts  
 17th Place tie (8 players) = 22 pts  
 25th Place tie (8 players) = 20 pts  
 33rd Place tie (16 players) = 18 pts  
 49th and over (Up to 16 players) = 16 pts

- **Points Scale with 2 bracket split** (65 - 128 players/teams registered):

1st Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 1st in playoff) = 35 pts  
 2nd Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 2nd in playoff) = 34 pts  
 3rd Place (1 player, 2nd in split Bracket, 3rd in playoff) = 33 pts  
 4th Place (1 player, 2nd in split Bracket, 4th in playoff) = 32 pts  
 Tie 5th Place (2 players, 3rd Place in split bracket) = 30 pts  
 Tie 7th Place (2 players, 4th Place in split bracket) = 28 pts  
 Tie 9th Place (4 players, 5th Place tie in split bracket) = 26 pts  
 Tie 13th Place (4 players, 7th Place tie in split bracket) = 24 pts  
 Tie 17th Place (8 players, 9th Place tie in split bracket) = 22 pts  
 Tie 25th Place (8 players, 13th Place tie in split bracket) = 20 pts  
 Tie 33rd Place (16 players, 17th Place tie in split bracket) = 18 pts  
 Tie 49th Place (16 players, 25th Place tie in split bracket) = 16 pts

- **Points Scale with 4 bracket split** (129 - 256 players/teams registered)

1st Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 1st in playoff) = 35 pts  
 2nd Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 2nd in playoff) = 34 pts  
 3rd Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 3rd in playoff) = 33 pts  
 4th Place (1 player, 1st in split Bracket, 4th in playoff) = 32 pts  
 Tie 5th Place (4 players, 2nd Place in split bracket) = 30 pts  
 Tie 9th Place (4 players, 3rd Place in split bracket) = 28 pts  
 Tie 13th Place (4 players, 4th Place tie in split bracket) = 26 pts  
 Tie 17th Place (8 players, 5th Place tie in split bracket) = 24 pts  
 Tie 25th Place (8 players, 7th Place tie in split bracket) = 22 pts  
 Tie 33rd Place (16 players, 9th Place tie in split bracket) = 20 pts  
 Tie 49th Place (16 players, 13th Place tie in split bracket) = 18 pts  
 Tie 65th Place and over (17th Place and over in split bracket) = 16 pts

## 2.10 ACO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CORNHOLE

The ACO World Championships of Cornhole is the annual ACO Season ending tournament held in July which crowns the best cornhole players in the World, on ACO World Cornhole Day, the last Saturday in July every year.

- ACO Membership is required for all World Divisions
- Qualifying details and ticket pricing TBA





# ACO STANDINGS

**NEW**  
FOR SEASON 17

**NEW for ACO Season 17:** All Standings will be updated once a week, Tuesdays at 12:00PM EST, with all results from the previous week.

Regionals results entered/submitted after 10:00AM EST on each Tuesday will not be including in the coming weekend's Major seeding.

## 3.1 ACO WORLD SINGLES STANDINGS

- The ACO World Singles Standings is the list of ACO Members who have earned points competing in the World Singles (one-on-one play) Division. The list is arranged with players who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.
- The World Singles Standings Points are used to:
  - » Position players to win cash and prizes
  - » Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
  - » Seed players at various ACO Events
  - » Identify the CornyForty
  - » Earn a spot for a World Championships ticket
  - » Identify ACO-PRO players
- ACO World Singles Standings consists of:
  - » A player's 8 best Regional scores (any location)
  - » A player's 4 best Major finishes (any location)

## 3.2 CORNYFORTY

- The CornyForty refers to top 40 players in ACO World Singles Standings. Players earning a position in CornyForty at the conclusion of the points season win a free Golden Ticket to the ACO World Championships. The CornyForty will be seeded 1-40 in the World Singles Bracket.
- The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO World Singles Standings will be named "ACO World Singles / Player of the Season"

## 3.3 ACO WORLD DOUBLES STANDINGS

- The ACO World Doubles Standings is the list of the teams (2 player per team) who have earned points competing

in the World Doubles Division. The list is arranged with teams who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.

- The World Doubles Standings Points earned are used to:
  - » Position teams to win cash and prizes
  - » Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
  - » Seed teams at various ACO Events
  - » Identify the TopGun Twenty
- ACO World Doubles Standings consists of:
  - » A team's 6 best Regional scores (any location)
  - » A team's 3 best Major finishes (any location)

## 3.4 TOPGUN TWENTY

- The TopGun Twenty refers to top 20 teams in ACO World Doubles Standings. Each member of a team earning a position in TopGun Twenty at the conclusion of the points season win free a free Golden Ticket to the ACO World Championships. The TopGun Twenty will be seeded 1-20 in the World Doubles Bracket.
- The team finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO World Doubles Standings will be named "ACO World Doubles / Team of the Season"

## 3.5 ACO WORLD WOMENS STANDINGS

- The ACO World Womens Standings is the list of ACO Members who have earned points competing in the Womens Singles (one-on-one play) Division. The list is arranged with players who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.
- The World Womens Standings Points are used to:
  - » Position players to win cash and prizes
  - » Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
  - » Seed players at various ACO Events
- ACO World Womens Standings consists of:
  - » A team's 8 best Regional scores (any location)
  - » A team's 4 best Major finishes (any location)
- The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Womens Standings will be named "ACO World Womens / Player of the Season"



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### 3.6 ACO WORLD SENIORS STANDINGS

- The ACO World Seniors Standings is the list of ACO Members who have earned points competing in the Seniors Singles (one-on-one play) Division. The list is arranged with players who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.
- The World Seniors Standings Points are used to:
  - » Position players to win cash and prizes
  - » Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
  - » Seed players at various ACO Events
- ACO World Seniors Standings consists of:
  - » A player's 8 best Regional scores (any location)
  - » A player's 4 best Major finishes (any location)
- The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Seniors Standings will be named "ACO World Seniors/ Player of the Season"

### 3.7 ACO WORLD JUNIORS STANDINGS

- The ACO World Juniors Standings is the list of ACO Members who have earned points competing in the Juniors Singles (one-on-one play) Division. The list is arranged with players who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.
- The World Juniors Standings Points are used to:
  - » Position players to win cash and prizes
  - » Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
  - » Seed players at various ACO Events
- ACO World Juniors Standings consists of:
  - » A player's 8 best Regional scores (any location)
  - » A player's 4 best Major finishes (any location)
- The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Juniors Standings will be named "ACO World Juniors / Player of the Season"

### 3.8 ACO WOMENS DOUBLES STANDINGS

- The ACO Womens Doubles Standings is the list of the teams (2 player per Team, 2 females per team) who have earned points competing in the Womens Doubles Division. The list is arranged with teams who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.
- The Womens Doubles Standings Points are used to:
  - » Position teams to win cash and prizes
  - » Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
  - » Seed players at various ACO Events
- ACO World Womens Doubles Standings consists of:
  - » A team's 8 best Regional scores (any location)
- The team finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Womens Doubles will be named "ACO Womens Doubles Team of the Season"

### 3.9 ACO SENIORS DOUBLES STANDINGS

- The ACO Seniors Doubles Standings is the list of the teams (2 player per Team, 2 Seniors per team) who have earned points competing in the Seniors Doubles Division. The list is arranged with teams who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.
- The Seniors Doubles Standings Points are used to:
  - » Position teams to win cash and prizes
  - » Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
  - » Seed players at various ACO Events
- ACO World Seniors Doubles Standings consists of:
  - » A team's 8 best Regional scores (any location)
- The team finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Seniors Doubles will be named "ACO Seniors Doubles Team of the Season"



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### 3.10 ACO COED DOUBLES STANDINGS

- The ACO Coed Doubles Standings is the list of the teams (2 player per Team, 1 male and 1 female) who have earned points competing in the Coed Division. The list is arranged with teams who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.
- The Coed Standings Points are used to:
  - » Position players to win cash and prizes
  - » Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
  - » Seed players at various ACO Events
- ACO World Coed Standings consists of:
  - » A team's 8 best Regional scores (any location)
  - » A team's 4 best Major finishes (any location)
- The team finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Coed Doubles will be named "ACO Coed Doubles / Team of the Season"

### 3.11 ACO BLIND DRAW STANDINGS

- The ACO Blind Draw Doubles Standings is the list of individual players who have earned points competing in the Blind Draw Division. The list is arranged with players who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.
- The Blind Draw Standings Points are used to:
  - » Position players to win cash and prizes
  - » Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
- ACO World Blind Draw Standings consists of:
  - » A player's 8 best Regional scores (any location)
  - » A player's 4 best Major finishes (any location)
- The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Blind Draw Standings will be named "ACO Blind Draw Player of the Season"

### 3.12 ACO CONFERENCE STANDINGS

- The ACO Conference Standings are the lists of ACO Members who have earned points competing in points earning events within a given Conference. World Singles, World Doubles, World Womens, World Seniors, World Juniors, Coed, and Blind Draw Doubles will all have their own individual Standings lists. The lists are arranged with players/teams who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.
- An ACO Conference Standings consists of:
  - » A player/team's 8 best Regional scores (from Regionals within the Conference only)
  - » A player/team's 4 best Major finishes (from Majors within the Conference only)
  - » The player/team's finish at the ACO Conference Championship

**NOTE:** Players who do not reside within a Conference are permitted to participate in any Regionals and/or Majors. However, those points earned will only be applied to their World Standings and will not apply to that Conference's Standings. Players who do not reside within the Conference will not be listed on the Conference Standings, they will only be listed on the Conference Standings in which they reside.

### 3.13 TIEBREAKERS

- There will be a separate Standings list on AmericanCornhole.com for each Division
- Tiebreakers for all Standings lists will be as follows:
  - » 1 - Most major points earned
  - » 2 - Best finish in a major
  - » 3 - 2nd best finish in a major
  - » 4 - 3rd Best finish in a Major
  - » 5 - Best finish in a Regional
  - » 6 - 2nd Best finish in a Regional
  - » 7 - 3rd Best finish in a Regional
  - » 8 - 4th Best finish in a Regional
  - » 9 - 5th Best finish in a Regional
  - » 10 - 6th Best finish in a Regional
  - » 11 - 7th Best finish in a Regional
  - » 11 - Random
- If there is a tie for 1st place in any Division, there will be a playoff at the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 16 for Player/Team of the Season and Divisional seeding.





## EQUIPMENT & RULES

### 4.1 RULES FOR ACO EVENTS

- ACO Rules MUST be followed during all ACO Events. Please refer to our complete ACO Rules Guide, refer to [AmericanCornhole.com/rules](http://AmericanCornhole.com/rules)

### 4.2 ACO APPROVED EQUIPMENT

- Not limited to ACO branded equipment – it need only comply with the following criteria to be ACO Approved Equipment Specs

#### BOARDS

- Hardwood plywood playing surface of 47.5" to 48" x 23.5" to 24" rectangle.
- The playing surface has a minimum thickness of 5/8" with cross-section backing, or 3/4" with or without cross-section backing.

- Each hole is 6" diameter, centered 9" from the top of the board and 12" from each side edge.
- The front of the board is 3" to 4" from the ground to the top of the playing surface.
- The back of the board is 12" from the ground to the top of the playing surface.
- The playing surface should be finished - sanded to a smooth texture. There should be little to no blemishes in the wood surface that may disrupt or distort play.
- The playing surface can be painted with a high gloss latex paint or varnish. The surface should allow bags to slide when thrown, but not be so slippery that the bags slide back down the platform.

#### BAGS

- Visit [americancornhole.com](http://americancornhole.com) for a complete list of ACO Approved Bags and guidelines

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