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# AMERICAN CORNHOLE (ACO)

## ABOUT THE ACO

Established in 2005, headquartered in Camp Dennison, Ohio. American Cornhole Organization (ACO) is the World Governing Body of the Sport of Cornhole, offering Official Cornhole Rules, certified products, tournament listings, and comprehensive information about cornhole events. [AmericanCornhole.com](http://AmericanCornhole.com)

## MISSION

Our mission as the official worldwide governing body of the sport of cornhole, since 2005, is to provide programs and services to set cornhole standards, ensure its integrity, preserve its future, and enhance the cornhole experience for players of all ages.

## THE ACO OFFERS:

- **ACO REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS** Players participate in ACO Regionals to earn points towards their ACO World Standings. ACO Regionals are coordinated by ACO Certified Officials in their local areas.  
  
ACO Standings are used to seed players for future tournaments, award prizes (Jersey, Player/Team of the Season, Cornyforty, TopGun Twenty, etc.), designate ACO-PRO players, and earn spots in the ACO World Championships of Cornhole.
- **ACO MAJOR TOURNAMENTS** Players participate in ACO Major tournaments against players from other Regions and earn points towards their ACO World Standings. ACO Majors are coordinated by ACO Corporate in 30+ locations per Season across the US.
- **ACO INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS** Invited players compete for cash, prizes, and prestige. ACO Invitationals are coordinated by ACO Corporate and may be added to the schedule during the Season. Players do not earn ACO World Standings points.
  - » Examples of Invitational Tournaments (ACO Season 17):
    - ACO Jeffersonville Pro Invitational  
Guaranteed \$7,500 purse
    - ACO Field of Dreams Go the Distance Festival  
Guaranteed \$25,000 purse

ACO players may earn invitations based on World Standing, ACO-PRO status, or other credentials. All formats TBD.
- **ACO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CORNHOLE**  
Players who reside within a State compete for purses and Championship titles and jerseys. ACO Officials may apply to be the coordinator for a State Championship. More details on this process TBA.
- **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

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## 1.1 LEVELS OF ACO MEMBERSHIP

There are two (2) levels of ACO player Membership:

- » ACO Social Membership
  - » ACO World Membership
- An ACO Membership is required for all players to participate in all ACO Regional tournaments, ACO Major Tournaments, and the ACO World Championships of Cornhole.
  - All players must obtain their Membership from AmericanCornhole.com or an ACO Affiliate link provided by their local ACO Certified Official
  - NEW FOR ACO SEASON 18 – Scoreholio will be the official bracket software for the ACO and will be used at all ACO tournaments. ALL players will be required created a Scoreholio player profile

### ACO Social Membership = FREE

- Permits players to participate in ACO Regional tournaments and ACO Major tournaments, but will not be eligible to earn ACO World Standings points or win cash/prizes
- NOTE: To be eligible to receive points or cash/prizes players must obtain a World Membership PRIOR to the start of the tourney. Points will not be retroactively added after the tournament has passed.
- ACO Social Members must create a Scoreholio player profile with full first and last names

### ACO World Membership = \$50

- Permits players to participate in all ACO Regional tournaments, ACO Major tournaments, and the ACO World Championships of Cornhole with all benefits
- ACO World Members must create a Scoreholio player profile with full first and last names

## 1.2 ACO WORLD MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 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

## 1.3 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 goals:**

- **Finish in the Top 96** in World Singles at the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 18
  - » Takes effect at the conclusion of the World Singles Division at ACO Worlds 18
  - » Valid for Seasons 19 and 20
- **Finish ACO Season 18 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, 2023)
  - » Valid for Seasons 19 and 20

## 1.4 PLAYERS WHO ACHIEVE ACO-PRO STATUS

Players who begin ACO Season 18 as ACO-PROs are:

- Eligible to participate in the ACO-PRO Series Division at select ACO Majors
- 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 an active 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 SINGLES CHAMPIONS BENEFITS

The ACO World Singles Champion (King of Cornhole) receives:

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

*Congratulations to the World Singles Champions who have earned these benefits:*

- » Craig Ervin (MO), World Singles Champion ACO Worlds 17
- » 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
- » Ryan Windsor (IL), World Singles Champion ACO Worlds 13
- » Jamie Graham (NC), World Singles Champion ACO Worlds XII
- » Jeff Reynolds (OH), World Singles Champion ACO Worlds IX
- » Bret Guy (KY), World Singles Champion ACO Worlds VIII
- » Isidro Herrera (IL), World Singles Champion ACO Worlds VII
- » Eric Zocklein (KY), World Singles Champion ACO Worlds VI

## 1.6 ACO PROHIBITED CONDUCT

American Cornhole Organization may, in our sole and absolute discretion, immediately terminate a your membership privileges if we believe that you have engaged or are engaging in certain conduct, or have been alleged to have engaged in certain conduct, including, without limitation, conduct involving harassment, discrimination, violence, intimidation, criminal activity or moral turpitude of a nature which, in ACO's sole and absolute discretion, reflects or could reflect unfavorably upon the reputation of the ACO. Such a termination will be effective immediately and shall be without refund of any membership fees and/or ticket purchase fees. In the event of any such termination, American Cornhole Organization will use our best efforts to notify you, the member, of such termination. No terminated member may participate in any American Cornhole Organization events, nor shall any terminated member identify himself or herself as being a member of or being in any way affiliated with American Cornhole Organization.

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# ACO TOURNAMENTS

## 2.1 ACO REGIONALS

- Tournaments that are coordinated by ACO Certified Officials, Dealers, or Governors 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.

## 2.2 ACO REGIONAL DIVISIONS

**Certified Officials can choose from these Divisions to coordinate:**

- World Singles – Open to all ACO Members
- World Doubles – Open to all ACO Members
- World Womens – Open to all female ACO Members (State recognized license/ID)
- World Seniors – Open to all ACO Members 55 and older. *A player can start the season if they are 54 years, if they will turn 55 yrs. by 7/24/23.*
- World Juniors – Open to all ACO Members 17 and younger. *A player may compete throughout the season as a Junior if they are 17 as of 9/1/22, regardless of turning 18 during the season.*
- World Coed Doubles Division – Open to all ACO Members *Doubles play with teams consisting of 1 male and 1 female*
- World Womens Doubles – Open to all ACO Members *Doubles play with teams consisting of 2 female players*
- World Seniors Doubles – Open to all ACO Members *Doubles play with teams consisting of 2 Seniors players*
- World Juniors Doubles – Open to all ACO Members *Doubles play with teams consisting of 2 Juniors players*
- World Blind Draw Doubles – Open to all ACO Members

## 2.3 ACO REGIONAL GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 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. 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
  - » World Womens Singles – Minimum of 2 players
  - » World Seniors Singles – Minimum of 2 players
  - » World Juniors Singles – Minimum of 2 players
  - » World Womens Doubles – Minimum of 2 teams
  - » World Seniors Doubles – Minimum of 2 teams
  - » World Juniors Doubles – Minimum of 2 teams
  - » World Coed Doubles – Minimum of 2 teams
  - » World Blind Draw Doubles – Minimum of 4 players

## 2.4 ACO REGIONAL POINTS SCALE

### ACO Regionals – All Divisions

- » 1st Place = 25pts
- » 2nd Place = 24 pts
- » 3rd Place = 23 pts
- » 4th Place = 22 pts
- » 5th Place tie = 20 pts
- » 7th Place tie = 18 pts
- » 9th Place tie = 16 pts
- » 13th Place tie = 14 pts
- » 17th Place tie = 12 pts



# ACO TOURNAMENTS

## 2.5 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
- **Scoreholio**
  - » COs will be required to use Scoreholio for ACO Regionals
- **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 by Scoreholio
  - » 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 SPLITTING ACO 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
- Each time a CO splits, they will be required to purchase an additional Regional tournament to add the points
- COs are not required to split and have the option of keeping all players in one big bracket

## 2.7 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 and/or Tiers.
- 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)

## 2.8 ACO MAJOR DIVISIONS

**These Divisions will be offered at all ACO Majors:**

- World Singles – Open to all ACO Members
- World Doubles – Open to all ACO Members
- World Womens – Open to all female ACO Members (*State recognized license/ID*)
- World Seniors – Open to all ACO Members 55 and older. *A player can start the season if they are 54 years, if they will turn 55 yrs. by 7/24/23.*
- World Juniors – Open to all ACO Members 17 and younger. *A player may compete throughout the season as a Junior if they are 17 as of 9/1/22, regardless of turning 18 during the season.*
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- World Seniors Doubles – Open to all ACO Members *Doubles play with teams consisting of 2 Seniors players*
- World Juniors Doubles – Open to all ACO Members *Doubles play with teams consisting of 2 Juniors players*
- World Blind Draw Doubles – Open to all ACO Members



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## 2.9 ACO-PRO SERIES DIVISION

The ACO-PRO Series Division will be a new points-earning Division exclusively offered to ACO-PRO players during ACO Season 18.

## 2.10 ACO-PRO SERIES OVERVIEW

- The ACO-PRO Series will take place at ten (10) ACO Majors during ACO Season 18. Approximately one (1) per month. See schedule at [AmericanCornhole.com/majors](http://AmericanCornhole.com/majors)
- All players recognized as ACO-PRO players will be invited to participate for FREE.
- Registered ACO-PRO players will participate in Round 1 from 9:00am to 12:00pm Friday of the ACO Major
  - » Note: Players will still be eligible to participate in Womens, Juniors, Seniors, and/or Blind Draw
- Round 1 will consist of players participating in ACO Frame Games scored by an ACO Official. (See below for complete ACO Frame Game description)
- The players with the best sixteen (16) ACO Frame Games will advance to the ACO-PRO Series Championship Bracket at 5:00pm on Friday.
  - » Round 1 of the Championship Bracket will be one (1) game single elimination.
  - » Quarter Finals, Semi Final, and Championship Finals will best 2 of 3 single elimination
- Select Quarters finals matches, both Semi Finals, and the Championship Finals will be streamed to Stadium or another top-level service.

## 2.11 ACO-PRO SERIES STANDINGS

- ACO-PRO Series Standings will be comprised of two (2) elements:
  - » The player's four (4) best ACO-PRO Series finishes in Championship Brackets according to the points scale below
    - Once a player advances into their fifth (5th) ACO-PRO Series Championship bracket, their lowest score will be dropped and so on*
  - » The player's best ACO Frame Game
- Each time a player improves on their ACO Frame Game, that score will be used in the Standings
- ACO-PRO Series Points Scale – For players who advance to an ACO-Pro Series Championship Bracket
  - » 1st Place = 50 pts
  - » 2nd Place = 40 pts
  - » Top 4 tie = 30 pts
  - » Top 8 tie = 20 pts
  - » Top 16 tie = 10 pts
- Note: All ACO-PRO players who participate in the ACO Frame Game will earn their Frame Game score towards their Standings regardless of advancing to the Championship Bracket or not.

## 2.12 ACO-PRO SERIES GUIDELINES

- Registration: All ACO-PRO players who would like to participate in an ACO-PRO Series must be registered 2 Sundays two weeks prior to the event by 11:59pm EST
- Jerseys
  - » Players who agree to wear an ACO Season 18 Pro Jersey (Red, Black, or Blue) throughout the event (Qualifier and Championship Bracket) will participate for FREE
  - » Players who would like to wear a sponsored jersey of their choice will pay \$100 entry fee

Sponsored jerseys cannot have logos of other National cornhole brands

Players may wear any sponsor collared jersey (needs to be same style as ACO pro jersey but can be printed with any sponsor logos – must have a 4" ACO Shield logo ONLY on the right sleeve – MUST be approved)





# ACO TOURNAMENTS

## 2.13 MAJORS - 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 Champions of each split bracket will play until there's an overall Champion
  - » Split bracket Champions will be placed into a double elimination Championship bracket, with their wins/loses carrying over from their split brackets to accurately place them in the winner's bracket or consolation bracket.
  - » The Championship bracket will not award additional points to the split bracket champions. All split bracket champions will receive 50 points and will play in the Championship bracket for money/cash, trophies, and the Championship Purple Jersey

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## 2.14 ACO MAJOR POINTS SCALE - ALL DIVISIONS

**Players from each split bracket will receive points according to the scale below:**

- » 1st Place = 50 pts
- » 2nd Place = 49 pts
- » 3rd Place = 48 pts
- » 4th Place = 47 pts
- » 5th Place tie = 45 pts
- » 7th Place tie = 43 pts
- » 9th Place tie = 41 pts
- » 13th Place tie = 39 pts
- » 17th Place tie = 37 pts
- » 25th Place tie = 35 pts
- » 33rd Place tie = 33 pts
- » 49th - 64th tie = 31 pts

### Tier Scale (Singles and Doubles)

- Tier 2
  - » 1st Place = 28 pts
  - » 2nd Place = 27 pts
  - » 3rd Place tie = 26 pts
  - » 5th Place tie = 25 pts
  - » 9th Place tie = 24 pts
  - » 17th Place tie = 23 pts
  - » 33rd Place tie = 22 pts
- Tier 2
  - » 1st Place = 21 pts
  - » 2nd Place = 20 pts
  - » 3rd Place tie = 19 pts
  - » 5th and over = 18 pts



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## 2.15 ACO INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- Invited players compete for cash, prizes, and prestige
- ACO Invitationals are coordinated by ACO Corporate and may be added to the schedule during the Season
- Players do not earn ACO World Standings points
- ACO players may earn invitations based on World Standing, ACO-PRO status, or other credentials
- All formats TBD.
- Examples of ACO Season 17 Invitational tournaments:
  - » ACO Jeffersonville Pro Invitational  
Guaranteed \$7,500
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Guaranteed \$25,000

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## 2.16 ACO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CORNHOLE

- Players who reside within a State compete for purses and Championship titles and jerseys
- State of residence determined by Driver's License or other government issued ID
- ACO Officials may apply to be the coordinator for a State Championship
  - » The ACO will begin taking applications in November 2022
  - » ACO State Championship tournaments will be able to be scheduled from January 1st, 2023 to May 31st, 2023
  - » Formats, requirements, and details on the application process will be announced by October 1st, 2022

## 2.17 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 requirements for each Worlds Divisions is a minimum of 30 points, except for Womens Doubles, Senior Doubles, and Junior Doubles
- Ticket pricing TBA



# ACO STANDINGS

## 3.1 ACO STANDINGS OVERVIEW

ACO Standings are used to seed players for future tournaments, award prizes designate ACO-PRO players, and earn spots in the ACO World Championships of Cornhole

- ACO Standings consist of:
  - » Player/Team's ACO Regional Points
  - » Player/Team's ACO Major Points
- Standings will be updated at the time of submission and approval by the ACO
- Regionals results must be entered before 10AM EST on each Tuesday to be included in the coming weekend's Major seeding.
- Standings from all ACO Divisions can be sorted by:
  - » ACO World Standings (overall)
  - » ACO Conference Standings
  - » ACO State Standings
  - » ACO Group Standings (entered by an ACO CO group)

## 3.2 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
  - » Earning a spot for a World Championships ticket
  - » Identifies ACO-PRO players
- ACO World Singles Standings consists of:
  1. A player's 8 best Regional finishes (any locations)
  2. A player's 4 best Major finishes (any locations)

### 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 ACO World Singles Standings is 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 players 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:
  1. A team's 8 best Regional finishes (any locations)
  2. A team's 4 best Major finishes (any locations)

### 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 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"

## 3.4 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:
  1. A player's 8 best Regional finishes (any locations)
  2. A player's 4 best Major finishes (any locations)
- 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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## 3.5 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:
  1. A player's 8 best Regional finishes (any locations)
  2. A player's 4 best Major finishes (any locations)
- The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Seniors Standings will be named "ACO World Seniors / Player of the Season"

## 3.6 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:
  1. A player's 8 best Regional finishes (any locations)
  2. A player's 4 best Major finishes (any locations)
- The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Juniors Standings will be named "ACO World Juniors / Player of the Season"

## 3.7 ACO WORLD WOMENS DOUBLES STANDINGS

The ACO Womens Doubles Standings is the list of the teams (2 female players 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:
  1. A team's 8 Regional finishes (any locations)
- The team finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Womens Doubles will be named "ACO Womens Doubles / Team of the Season"

## 3.8 ACO WORLD SENIORS DOUBLES STANDINGS

The ACO Seniors Doubles Standings is the list of the teams (2 Senior players 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:
  1. A team's 8 Regional finishes (any locations)
- 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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## 3.9 ACO WORLD JUNIORS DOUBLES STANDINGS

The ACO Juniors Doubles Standings is the list of the teams (2 Juniors players per team) who have earned points competing in the Juniors Doubles Division. The list is arranged with teams who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.

- The Juniors 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 Juniors Doubles Standings consists of:
  1. A team's 8 Regional finishes (any locations)
- The team finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Juniors Doubles will be named "ACO Juniors Doubles / Team of the Season"

## 3.10 ACO COED DOUBLES STANDINGS

The ACO Coed Doubles Standings is the list of the teams (1 male and 1 female per team) 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:
  1. A team's 8 Regional finishes (any locations)
  2. A team's 4 best Major finishes (any locations)
- 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:
  1. A player's 8 best Regional finishes (any locations)
  2. A player's 4 best Major finishes (any locations)
- 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, Blind Draw Doubles, and Switcholio 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:
  1. A player/team's 8 best Regional scores (from Regionals within the Conference only)
  2. A player/team's 4 best Major finishes (from Majors within the Conference only)

**NOTE:** Players who do not reside within a Conference are permitted to participate in any Regionals and/or Majors within the Conference, 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.



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## 3.13 ACO STATE STANDINGS

The ACO State Standings are the lists of ACO Members who have earned points competing in points earning events within a given State.

World Singles, World Doubles, World Womens, World Seniors, World Juniors, Coed, Blind Draw Doubles, and Switcholio 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 State Standings consists of:
  1. A player/team's 8 best Regional scores (from Regionals within the State only)
  2. A player/team's 4 best Major finishes (from Majors within the State only)
  3. The player/team's finish at the ACO State Championship

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

## 3.14 ACO GROUP STANDINGS

The ACO State Standings are the lists of ACO Members who have earned points competing in points earning events within a given State. The ACO Group Standings are the lists of ACO Members who have earned points competing in points earning events within an individual ACO Official Group (Example – Shenandoah Valley Cornhole). World Singles, World Doubles, World Womens, World Seniors, World Juniors, Coed, Blind Draw Doubles, and Switcholio 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 Group Standings consists of:
  1. A player/team's 8 best Regional scores (from Regionals within the Group only)
  2. Individual ACO Official Groups may choose to hold their own Championship tournaments

## 3.15 STANDINGS TIREEAKERS

**NEW  
FOR SEASON 18**

Tiebreakers for Standings in all Divisions:

- 1st tiebreaker: DPR (Differential Points per Round)
- 2nd tiebreaker: PPR (Point Per Round)
- 3rd tiebreaker: Random Draw

### ACO Player/Team of the Season

- Open to all players/teams who tie for 1st place for the greatest number of points in their respective Division.
- NEW for Season 18 – Eligible Playoff Players/Teams will be determined by their overall points total. This will NOT include number of Major or Regional wins, or tiebreakers. Total points only.
- Format:
  - » Players/teams with (2) players/teams in their playoff will play a best 2 of 3 match, seeded by final DPR.
  - » Players/teams with 3 or more players/teams in their playoff will be placed in a double elimination bracket and seeded by final DPR. 1 game in the winners bracket, 1 game in the consolation bracket. The final match will be the traditional double dip.
- Awards:
  - » The winner/s of each playoff will be named "ACO Player/Team of the Season" for their respective Division
  - » The winners will be awarded custom Player/Team of the Season Jerseys
  - » The winners will be the #1 overall seeds in the Championship brackets for their respective Divisions

**NOTE:** All other playoff players will be seeded in the Championship brackets according to their finish in the playoff

### IMPORTANT:

- Player/teams must confirm their participation by July 1st, 2023



# ACO CONFERENCES

## 4.1 ABOUT ACO CONFERENCES

ACO Conferences and ACO Conference Standings provide an opportunity for players to compete in a complete “Series” and qualify for the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 18 without ever traveling outside of their Conference

- The U.S. is split into 11 ACO Conferences
- An ACO Conference Commissioner will oversee all Certified Officials within the Conference
- There are Conference Standings lists on AmericanCornhole.com for each Division in each Conference
- Each Conference will have a Conference Championship tournament, exclusively for players who reside within the Conference, in which players will have the opportunity to earn points towards their Conference Standings and win Conference titles. These points will not be applied to World Standings.

## 4.2 GOALS OF ACO CONFERENCES

- To allow players more localized opportunities to compete in a ranked series
- To allow players a more localized opportunity to earn prizes and titles
- To allow players a more localized opportunity to earn a spot into the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 18
  - » Top players from each Conference will bypass pool play at the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 18



# EQUIPMENT AND RULES

## 5.1 RULES FOR ACO EVENTS

**ACO Rules MUST be followed during all ACO Events.**

**Please refer to our complete ACO Rules Guide:**

[www.americancornhole.com/rules](http://www.americancornhole.com/rules)

## 5.2 ACO APPROVED 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 Board in a set should weigh no less than 25 lbs.
- 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.

## 5.3 ACO APPROVED BAGS

- ACO Regionals
  - » Players may bring their own ACO Approved bags (See specs below)
  - » Bags are not required to be listed Approved on the ACO website
  - » Non-listed bags may be approved on the day of a Regional by the ACO Official if they meet the specs below
  - » No restriction on bag stamps
- ACO Majors
  - » Only ACO stamped bags or non-stamped bags are to be used in all Divisions at ACO Majors. Stamps from other cornhole organizations may be "blacked-out" using a marker or other method
- ACO-PRO Series Division
  - » Only ACO Stamped bags by ACO bag partners can be used in the ACO-PRO Series Division
  - » See a complete list of bags [AmericanCornhole.com](http://AmericanCornhole.com)

## 5.4 ACO APPROVED BAG SPECS

- Each bag is filled with plastic resin/beads which will not breakdown
- Each bag weighs between 15.75 ounces (447g) and 16.25 ounces (461g)
- When flat, each bag not to exceed a thickness of 1.5 inches (3.8cm)
- When flat, each bag to have a minimum thickness of 1.125 inch (3.18cm)
- When flat, each bag to be a minimum of 5.75 inches (14.60cm) across at its narrowest point (side to side)
- When flat, each bag not to exceed 8.25 inches (21cm) across at its widest point (corner to corner)
- Each bag must have clearly printed manufacturer logo/name and series name
- Bags must be one primary color
- Bags may have rounded corners but cannot be rounded more than 0.5" from the corner on a 6" x 6" bag



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