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WELCOME TO THE 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

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.



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THE ACO OFFERS:

- ACO STANDINGS: Used to seed players for future tournaments, award prizes (Jersey, Player/Team of the Season, Corny Forty, Top Gun Twenty, etc.), designate ACO-PRO players, and earn spots in the ACO World Championships of Cornhole.
- · ACO REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS: Players participate in ACO Regionals to earn points towards their ACO World Standings. ACO Regionals are coordinated by ACO Certified Official Directors in their local areas.
- 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. ACO players may earn invitations based on World Standing, ACO-PRO status, or other credentials. All formats TBD.
- ACO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENTS: Players who reside within a state compete for purses. championship titles, and jerseys. ACO Official Directors 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



1.1 LEVELS OF ACO MEMBERSHIP

There are 2 levels of ACO Membership for players:

- » ACO Points Membership
- » ACO World Membership
- An ACO Points or World Membership is REQUIRED for all players to participate in all ACO World Divisions at ACO Regional tournaments, ACO Major Tournaments, ACO State Championship, 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 Director.
- All Certified Official Directors are REQUIRED to have a current season's ACO Worlds Player Membership (\$50).



	ACO WORLD MEMBER (\$50)	ACO POINTS MEMBER (\$20)
Eligible to participate in all ACO World Divisions at ACO Regionals and ACO Majors		/
Eligible to Earn ACO Standings Points in all ACO World Divisions	/	/
Awarded 500 Bonus Points in all Eligible ACO World Divisions		
Eligible to Win Prizes and/or Money Purses in all ACO World Divisions at ACO Regionals and ACO Majors	/	
Eligible to Earn Player/Team of the Season in all ACO World Divisions	/	
Corny Forty Eligible		
Top Gun Twenty Eligible		
Eligible to qualify for, and participate in, all ACO World Divisions at ACO Worlds 20		

ACO MEMBERSHIP



1.2 ACO POINTS MEMBERSHIP

ACO Points Membership Cost: \$20

- Minimum requirement for participation in any ACO World Divisions at ACO Regional, Major or State tournaments.
- Points Membership players are UNABLE to participate in World Divisions at the ACO World Championships.
- ACO Points Members must create a Scoreholio player profile with full first and last names, and players' emails must match what is on their ACO player profile in order to receive points.

ACO Points 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

NOTE: ACO Points Members will not be eligible for money/ prizes at ACO Regionals or ACO Majors unless they upgrade to an ACO World Membership PRIOR to the start of the tournament.

NOTE: ACO Points Members will not receive the ACO World Members' 500 Bonus points.

Upgrading from Points to World Membership

- A Points Member may upgrade to a World Membership at any time during the season for an additional \$50.
- The Standings points earned up to the time of upgrading will carry over to the World Membership.
- At the time of upgrading, the Member will be awarded their 500 bonus points (Singles Divisions only).
- If a player wishes to upgrade from a Points Membership to a Worlds Membership, they MUST use a link provided by a Certified Official Director or by the ACO. This link allows us to know this player needs to be upgraded in Scoreholio to award them their 500 bonus points.
- Upgrade links will be provided by emailing co@americancornhole.com.

1.3 ACO WORLD MEMBERSHIP

ACO World Membership: \$50

- Permits players to participate in all ACO Regional tournaments, ACO Major tournaments, ACO State Championship, and the ACO World Championships of Cornhole with all benefits.
- Only World Memberships are permitted to play in the World Divisions at the ACO World Championships.
- ACO World Members must create a Scoreholio player profile with full first and last names, and players' emails must match what is on their player profiles and Scoreholio in order to receive points.

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.
- Will be awarded 500 "Bonus Points" towards their ACO Standings in all eligible Divisions.

NOTE: Bonus points will only be awarded in Singles Divisions: Singles, Womens, Juniors, Seniors, Blind Draw.

- Are eligible to earn prizes and/or money purses at ACO Regionals and ACO Majors when available.
- Are eligible to be invited to compete in the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 20.
- · Are Corny Forty eligible.
- Are Top Gun Twenty eligible.
- · Are eligible to earn Player or Team of the Season.



ACO MEMBERSHIP



1.4 ACO-PRO STATUS

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 64 in World Singles at the ACO World Championships of Cornhole XX ("Worlds")
 - » Takes effect at the conclusion of the World Singles Division at ACO Worlds XX
 - » Valid for Seasons 21 and 22
- Finish ACO Season XX ranked in the top 96 of the ACO World Singles Standings
 - » Takes effect as soon as the Standings are finalized for the Season (approx. June 5th, 2025)
 - » Valid for Seasons 21 and 22

Players who achieve ACO-PRO status

- All ACO Season 19 PROs will advance into the World Singles Main Bracket at all ACO Majors during Season XX.
 - » ACO PROs will NOT participate in the World Singles Pool Play Brackets. ACO PROs will advance to the main bracket at ACO Majors only.
- All World Doubles teams in which BOTH members of the team are ACO-PROs will advance into the World Doubles Main Bracket at all ACO Majors during Season XX.
 - » Doubles teams with 2 ACO-PROs will NOT participate in the World Doubles Pool Play Brackets. Doubles teams with 2 ACO-PROs will advance to the main bracket at ACO Majors only.
- Players who begin ACO Season XX as ACO-PROs are eligible to participate in the ACO-PRO Series Division at select ACO Majors during ACO Season XX.
- Eligible to purchase and/or win an ACO-PRO Jersey.
- Eligible for ACO-PRO Only Invitational tournaments or events.

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

NOTE: 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 CHAMPION 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:

- » Isaac Hurt (VA), World Singles Champion ACO Worlds 19
- » Jeremiah Ellis (OH), World Singles Champion ACO Worlds 18
- » 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





2.1 TYPES OF ACO TOURNAMENTS

- ACO Regional tournaments
- ACO Major tournaments
- · ACO Invitational tournaments
- ACO State Championships of Cornhole
- · ACO World Championships of Cornhole

2.2 ACO REGIONALS

- Tournaments coordinated by ACO Certified Official Directors, Dealers, or Governors in their local market at a location and date of their choice.
- Players compete at a local level for Standings points and prizes.
- · Certified Official Directors can choose which Regional Divisions they would like to coordinate in their areas based on the demand from players in that market.

2.3 ACO REGIONAL DIVISIONS

Certified Officials can choose from these Divisions to coordinate:

Singles Open to all ACO Members

Doubles Open to all ACO Members

Womens Open to all female ACO Members (State recognized license/ID)

Seniors Open to all ACO Members 55 and older A player can start the season as a Senior if they are 54, if they will turn 55 during the Season (before 7/24/25)

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 9/1/24, even if turning 18 during the season.

Coed Doubles Open to all ACO Members Doubles play with a team of 1 male and 1 female

Womens Doubles Open to all ACO Members Doubles play with a team of 2 female players

Seniors Doubles Open to all ACO Members Doubles play with a team of 2 Seniors players Juniors Doubles Open to all ACO Members Doubles play with a team of 2 Juniors players

Blind Draw Doubles: Open to all ACO Members AND non-members

Singles Tier 2 Open to all non ACO-PRO players.

Singles Tier 3 Open to non ACO-PRO players with a PPR of 8.49 or less.

Singles Tier 4 Open to non ACO-PRO players with a PPR of 6.75 or less.

Singles Tier 5 Open to non ACO-PRO players with a PPR of 4.99 or less.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

NEW FOR SEASON XX

- » Players who enter their first ACO Regional without an ACO Season PPR may enter the ACO World Singles Division or Singles Tier 2 (If non-ACO-PRO) to establish PPR.
- » When coordinating an Singles Tier Division, Scoreholio will only allow players to register who meet the PPR level for that Division. Scoreholio instructional videos will be made available
- » ACO Certified Official Directors will have the ability to add Tier Divisions on the day of a previously scheduled Regional without prescheduling the Tier Division
- » Players/teams who participate in Tier Divisions at ACO Regionals will ONLY receive Standings points toward the Tier Division in which they participate.
- » ACO-PRO players are not eligible for Tiers 2 through 5, only World Singles/Doubles
- » Players/Teams will ONLY receive World Standings points by participating in a World Division.
- » Players may play "up" in Tiers, but not "down." They will only earn points for the Division in which they participate. (Regionals only)





Doubles Tier 2 Open to all players. (1 player must be non-ACO-PRO)

Doubles Tier 3 Open to teams with a PPR of 8.49 or less (1 player must be non-ACO-PRO)

Doubles Tier 4 Open to teams with a PPR of 6.75 or less (1 player must be non-ACO-PRO)

Doubles Tier 5 Open to teams with a PPR of 4.99 or less (1 player must be non-ACO-PRO)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- » Team PPRs are established by taking the two individual player PPRs and averaging them to create a team PPR.
- » Teams who enter their first ACO Regional without an ACO Season PPR may enter the ACO World Doubles Division or Double Tier 2 (1 non-ACO-PRO) to establish PPR.
- » When coordinating an Doubles Tier Division, Scoreholio will only allow players to register who meet the PPR level for that Division. Scoreholio instructional videos will be made available.
- » ACO Certified Official Directors will have the ability to add Tier Divisions on the day of a previously scheduled Regional without prescheduling the Tier Division
- » Teams may play "up" in Tiers, but not "down." They will only earn points for the Division in which they participate. (Regionals only)

World Adaptive Doubles Division

- · Doubles play with teams consisting of 2 players.
- All rules are the same as regular ACO tournament play, except for those listed below:
 - » Boards are positioned 24 feet apart (vs. 27 feet).
 - » All players must compete from a wheelchair.
 - » Players without a disability are welcome to compete but must also compete from a wheelchair (not a standard chair).
 - » Wheels (at the point of contact with the floor) must stay behind the fault line (front edge of the board).

2.4 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 Ryan Labelle 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:

- » Singles Minimum of 7 players
- » Doubles Minimum of 3 teams
- » Womens Singles Minimum of 2 players
- » Seniors Singles Minimum of 2 players
- » Juniors Singles Minimum of 2 players
- » Womens Doubles Minimum of 2 teams
- » Seniors Doubles Minimum of 2 teams
- » Juniors Doubles Minimum of 2 teams» Coed Doubles Minimum of 2 teams
- » Blind Draw Doubles Minimum of 4 players
- » Singles Tiers 2-5 Minimum of 3 players.
- » Doubles Tiers 2-5 Minimum of 2 teams.

2.5 ACO REGIONAL POINTS SCALE

ACO Regionals (all Divisions):

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



2.6 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 1st.

Scoreholio

- The ACO partners with Scoreholio to provide tournament software.
- COs will be required to use Scoreholio to coordinate all ACO Regionals.
- All ACO Certified Official Directors will be required to implement Scoreholio Score Magic for all ACO World Divisions at ACO Regionals.

Players' Emails: Scoreholio & ACO Membership

- All players are required to use the same email in Scoreholio and for their ACO Membership. If the emails are different, you will need to let Whitney Garner know ASAP at co@americancornhole.com.
- When players' emails are not the same in Scoreholio and ACO, their points will not sync correctly.
- Players who DO NOT have a current Season XX World Membership or Points Membership will not be allowed to participate in any ACO event until a membership has been purchased. Proof of purchase must be shown to the Certified Official Director.
 - » Players can still participate in your Regionals even if they obtain a Worlds or Points Membership the day of the event. The player will need to show the Certified Official Director proof the membership was purchased.

Blind Draw Doubles Format

- · Each player must register individually.
- No walkers. There must be an even number of players. The 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.

2.7 ACO MAJORS

ACO Major Events

- 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.
- In ACO Worlds Singles and Doubles Divisions, 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.
- See the event calendar on CornholePlayers.com.



ACO Singles

- All ACO Season XX ACO-PROs will bypass pool play brackets and instead advance into the World Singles Main Bracket at all ACO Majors during Season XX.
- All Non-ACO-PRO players will participate in Single Pool Play brackets with top finishers advancing to the Singles Championship Bracket.

Singles Tiers

- After Championship bracket qualifiers are determined, players who don't advance to the Championship Bracket will be ranked by their PPR.
- These players/teams will then be divided into 4 equal groups based on PPR:
 - » Tier 2: Top 25% of PPRs
 - » Tier 3: Next 25% of PPRs
 - » Tier 4: Next 25% of PPRs
 - » Tier 5: Final 25% of PPRs
- Each Tier will then be entered into their respective single elimination Tier brackets and seeded according to PPR (Points Per Round).
- Based on finish, each player/team will earn points toward the Tier Standings in which they participated.

NOTE: Players may not play "up" in Tiers at ACO Majors. They must participate in the Tier which is assigned to them according to their PPR

ACO Doubles

NEW FOR SEASON XX

- All Doubles teams in which BOTH members of the team are ACO-PROs will NOT participate in the World Doubles Pool Play Brackets and will instead advance to the main bracket at ACO Majors only during Season XX.
- All teams that do not have two (2) ACO-PRO players will participate in Doubles Pool Play brackets with top finishers advancing to the Doubles Championship Bracket.

Doubles Tiers

 After Championship bracket qualifiers are determined, teams who don't advance to the Championship Bracket will be ranked by their PPR.

Doubles PPRs are determined by averaging the two singles players' individual PPRs to create their team PPR.

- These players/teams will then be divided into 4 equal groups based on PPR:
 - » Tier 2: Top 25% of PPRs
 - » Tier 3: Next 25% of PPRs
 - » Tier 4: Next 25% of PPRs
 - » Tier 5: Final 25% of PPRs
- Each Tier will then be entered into their respective single elimination Tier brackets and seeded according to PPR (Points Per Round).
- Based on finish, each player/team will earn points toward the Tier Standings in which they participated.

NOTE: Teams may not play "up" in Tiers at ACO Majors. They must participate in the Tier which is assigned to them according to their team PPR



2.8 ACO MAJOR DIVISIONS

The following Divisions may be offered at ACO Majors:

Singles: Open to all ACO Members

- » Singles Tier 2 (Non-ACO-PRO)
- » Singles Tier 3 (Non-ACO-PRO)
- » Singles Tier 4 (Non-ACO-PRO)
- » Singles Tier 5 (Non-ACO-PRO)

Doubles: Open to all ACO Members

- » Doubles Tier 2 (1 player must be non-ACO-PRO)
- » Doubles Tier 3 (1 player must be non-ACO-PRO)
- » Doubles Tier 4 (1 player must be non-ACO-PRO)
- » Doubles Tier 5 (1 player must be non-ACO-PRO)

Womens: World Womens: Open to all female ACO Members (State recognized license/ID).

Seniors: Open to all ACO Members 55 years and older. A player can start the season if they are 54 years old if they turn 55 by 7/24/25.

Juniors: Open to all ACO Members 17 years and younger. A player may compete throughout the season as a Junior if they are 17 as of 9/1/24, regardless of turning 18 during the season.

Coed Doubles: Open to all ACO Members. Doubles play with teams consisting of 1 male and 1 female.

World Blind Draw Doubles Division: Open to all ACO Members AND Non-ACO Members.

Blind Draw Doubles: Open to all ACO Members.

Bag Master Quads: Open to all ACO Members, Quads play with teams consisting of 4 players. Complete format TBA.

Adaptive Doubles Division: Open to all ACO Members.
Tournaments at select locations. Check the events
calendar at CornholePlayers.com

2.9 SPLITTING BRACKETS AT ACO MAJORS

Splitting brackets will be necessary when the number of Players reaches a certain threshold.

Singles

- If 64 or fewer players advance to the Championship bracket (combination of ACO-PRO players who automatically advance and players who advance from pool play), it will remain in one bracket.
- If 65-128 players advance to the Championship bracket (combination of ACO-PRO players who automatically advance and players who advance from pool play), it will be split into two brackets.
- If 129-256 players advance to the Championship bracket (combination of ACO-PRO players who automatically advance and players who advance from pool play), it will be split into four brackets.

Doubles

- If 64 or fewer teams advance to the Championship bracket from pool play, it will remain in one bracket.
- If 65-128 teams advance to the Championship bracket from pool play, it will be split into two brackets.
- If 129-256 teams advance to the Championship bracket from pool play, it will be split into four brackets.

Womens, Seniors, Juniors, Coed Doubles, Quads

- If 64 or fewer total player/team entrants, it will remain in one bracket.
- If 65-128 total player/team entrants, it will be split into two brackets.
- If 129-256 total player/team entrants, it will be split into four brackets.

Blind Draw Doubles

- If 128 or fewer total player entrants, it will remain in 1 bracket.
- If 129-256 total player entrants, it will be split into 2 brackets.
- If 257-512 total player entrants, it will be split into 4 brackets.





- When splitting is necessary, each split bracket will play until
 they have reached the "Championship Bracket," meaning
 that each player/team that reaches that point will be moved
 into a new bracket combining the split brackets.
- The number of players advancing from each split bracket:
 - » Two-Bracket Split: The two split bracket Champions will be placed into the Overall Championship Match with their wins/losses carried over from their split brackets.
 - » Four Bracket Split Two players/teams from each split bracket will advance to the Championship Bracket
- The players who advance from each split bracket into the Championship Bracket will play each other until there is an "Overall Champion."
- The players who advance from each split bracket will be placed into the Championship Bracket with their wins/ losses carried over from their split brackets and placed into either the winners bracket or the elimination bracket accordingly.
- The Overall Championship Match will be a traditional double-dip.

2.10 ACO MAJOR POINTS SCALE - ALL DIVISIONS

One Bracket Points Scale - All Divisions:

- » 1st Place = 55 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 Place tie = 31 pts

Two Bracket Split Points Scale - All Divisions:

- » Overall Champion (Championship Bracket 1st) = 55 pts
- » Overall Runner-Up (Championship Bracket 2nd) = 54 pts
- » Overall 3rd (Championship Bracket 3rd) = 53 pts
- » Overall 4th (Championship Bracket 4th) = 52 pts
- » Overall Top 5 (Championship Bracket 5th-6th) = 51 pts
- » Overall Top 7 (Championship Bracket 7th-8th) = 50 pts
- » Split Bracket 5th TIE = 45 pts
- » Split Bracket 7th TIE = 43 pts
- » Split Bracket 9th TIE = 41 pts
- » Split Bracket 13th TIE = 39 pts
- » Split Bracket 17th TIE = 37 pts
- » Split Bracket 25th TIE = 35 pts
- » Split Bracket 33rd TIE = 33 pts
- » Split Bracket 49th TIE = 31 pts

Four Bracket Split Points Scale - All Divisions:

- » Overall Champion (Championship Bracket 1st) = 55 pts
- » Overall Runner-Up (Championship Bracket 2nd) = 54 pts
- » Overall 3rd (Championship Bracket 3rd) = 53 pts
- » Overall 4th (Championship Bracket 4th) = 52 pts
- » Overall Top 5 (Championship Bracket 5th-6th) = 51 pts
- » Overall Top 7 (Championship Bracket 7th-8th) = 50 pts
- » Split Bracket 3rd = 48 pts
- » Split Bracket 4th = 47 pts
- » Split Bracket 5th TIE = 45 pts
- » Split Bracket 7th TIE = 43 pts
- » Split Bracket 9th TIE = 41 pts
- » Split Bracket 13th TIE = 39 pts
- » Split Bracket 17th TIE = 37 pts
- » Split Bracket 25th TIE = 35 pts» Split Bracket 33rd TIE = 33 pts
- » Split Bracket 49th TIE = 31 pts

2.11 ACO MAJOR SINGLES/DOUBLES TIER POINTS SCALES

- Players/teams in World Singles and/or World Doubles who do not advance from Pool Play into the Championship bracket will fall into Tier Bracket play based on their ACO Season Points Per Round (PPR).
- Players/teams who fall into Tiers at ACO Majors will receive points toward their ACO World Standings AND their individual Tier Standings.



ACO World Standings

- Players/teams who do not advance to the Championship Bracket will receive points toward their ACO World Standing AND points toward their respective Tier Standings.
- Player/teams will receive World Standings points based on their Tier play finish according to the scale below (All Tiers):
 - » 1st = 28 pts
 - » 2nd = 27 pts
 - » 3rd TIE = 26 pts
 - » 5th TIE = 25 pts
 - » 9th TIE = 24 pts
 - » 17th TIE = 23 pts
 - » 33rd TIE = 22 pts

ACO Tier Standings

- Players/teams who do not advance to the Championship Bracket will receive points toward their ACO World Standing AND points toward their respective Tier Standings.
- Players/teams who do not advance to the Championship Bracket will receive points toward their respective Tier Standings based on the scale below (All Tiers):
 - = 53 pts
 - » 2nd = 49 pts
 - » 3rd = 48 pts
 - \Rightarrow 4th = 47 pts
 - » 5th TIE = 45 pts
 - \Rightarrow 7th TIE = 43 pts
 - » 9th TIE = 41 pts
 - » 13th TIE = 39 pts
 - » 17th TIE = 37 pts
 - » 25th TIE = 35 pts
 - » 33rd TIE = 33 pts
 - » 49th TIE = 31 pts

NOTE: Players/teams who fall into Tiers at ACO Majors will also be competing for trophies and future ACO Major tickets within their respective Tiers.

2.12 ACO-PRO SERIES SKINS DIVISION

The ACO-PRO Series Division is exclusively offered to ACO-PRO players during ACO Season XX.

- The ACO-PRO Series will take place at 5-7 ACO Majors during ACO Season XX, approximately one every other month.
 - » Oct 4 & 5 ACO Spooky Nook Major, Hamilton, OH
 - » Jan 3 & 4 ACO Owensboro Major, KY
 - » April 4 & 5 ACO Shreveport Bossier Major, LA
 - » May 30 & 31 ACO Branson Major, MO
- All players recognized as ACO-PRO players will be invited to participate.
- All ACO-PRO players who would like to participate in an ACO-PRO Series must be registered 2 Sundays (11 days) prior to the event by 11:59 PM EST.

Jerseys

- Players who wear an ACO Season XX Pro Jersey (Red, Black, or Blue) throughout the event (Qualifier and Championship Bracket) will participate for FREE.
- Players who wear an ACO "Sponsor" Black Jersey throughout the event (Qualifier and Championship Bracket) will participate for FREE.
- Players/sponsors may purchase an ACO Sponsor Black Jersey through the ACO, which will provide space for up to four (4) sponsor logos of their choice (up to \$450).
- Players who would like to wear a non-ACO sponsored jersey of their choice will pay a \$200 entry fee.
- Players can wear any sponsor-collared jersey (needs to be the same style as the 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).

NOTE: Sponsored jerseys cannot have logos of other National cornhole brands.

NOTE: ACO Season XX World Membership is required for participation.





2.13 ACO-PRO SERIES SKINS OUALIFYING ROUND

 All registered ACO-PRO players will be assigned a start time between 9 AM and 12 PM on Friday to perform an ACO Frame Game.

NOTE: Players will still be eligible to participate in Womens, Juniors, Seniors, and/or Blind Draw.

- All ACO Frame Games will be scored by an ACO Official Director.
- The players with the best sixteen (16) ACO Frame Games will advance to the ACO-PRO Series Championship Skins Bracket on Friday afternoon/evening.

2.14 ACO-PRO SERIES SKINS CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

Call Out Format

- Round #1: The players with the top eight (8) Frame Games will "call out" their opponents from the bottom (8) players, with the highest-seeded player choosing first and so on.
- The "call-out" format will continue for the Quarter Finals and Semi Finals.

ACO Skins Format

- · Each game will be worth a total of 13 "Skins".
- Each Frame of a game is equal to one 1 Skin.
- A Player earns a Skin by outscoring their opponent during the given Frame. It doesn't matter if they are outscored by 10 points or 1 point, the result is winning 1 Skin.
- · Each Skin is worth a certain dollar value.
- If the Frame is a push, then that Skin carries over to the next Frame, and so on.
 - » Example: During Frame #1 of the game, Player 1 and Player 2 "push" the Frame by each throwing 8pts. The Skin from Frame #1 now carries over, making Frame #2 worth 2 Skins.

- Once a Player wins 7 Skins, the game is over, and that player is the declared the winner and advances to the next round of the bracket.
- All remaining Skins of the original 13 will be awarded to the winner.

Example:

- » A Skin is valued at \$25.
- » Player 1 wins the game by a score of 7 Skins to their opponent's 3 Skins.
- » The remaining 3 Skins will be added to the winner's total, equaling 10 Skins.
- » Player 1 will earn \$250 for the game, and Player 2 will earn \$75 for the game.
- All Skins will accumulate during the course of bracket play and each player will be paid according to the number of Skins earned during the entirety of the tournament. Each Skin is worth a certain dollar value.
- An ACO Official Director will score all games, keep track of Skins earned, and inform players of the value of upcoming Frames.

2.15 ACO-PRO SERIES STANDINGS

ACO-PRO Series Standings will be comprised of two elements:

- 1.) The player's total number of Skins earned during the course of the Season. Each Skin on the Standings will be represented by 12 points.
- 2.) The player's four (4) best ACO Frame Games. Each time a player improves on their ACO Frame Game, that score will be used in the Standings

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.





2.16 ACO INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

ACO Invitational Tournaments invite Players to 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 Standing Points
- ACO Players may earn invitations based on World Standing Points, ACO-PRO status, or other credentials

2.17 ACO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CORNHOLE

- Players who reside within a State compete for purses,
 Championship titles, and jerseys.
- State of residence determined by Driver's License or other government-issued ID.
- ACO Official Directors may apply to be the coordinator for a State Championship.
- The ACO will begin taking applications in November 2024.
- ACO State Championship tournaments can be scheduled from January 1st, 2025 to May 31st, 2025.
- Formats, requirements, and details on the application process will be announced by October 1st, 2024.

2.18 ACO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CORNHOLE QUALIFICATION

ACO Singles

 ACO Members who reach a minimum of 600 Standings Points in ANY of the ACO Singles Divisions listed below will qualify for World Singles participation at

ACO Worlds XX:

- » World Singles
- » Singles Tier 2
- » SinglesTier 3» Singles Tier 4
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- » Singles Tier 5

NOTE: All Singles players who do not qualify for the Cornyforty will be required to purchase an ACO World Singles ticket, and participate in the RPI (Ranked Players Invitational). Based on their performance in the RPI, players will then either advance to the ACO World Singles Championship bracket OR be placed into a Singles Tier based on their PPR. Complete format TBD.

- ACO Members must reach a minimum of 600 Standings Points in EACH of the following Divisions to qualifying for that Division at ACO Worlds XX:
 - » World Womens
 - » World Juniors
 - » World Seniors

World Big Blind Draw

 There is no Standings Points requirement, but a player must be in the top 128 of the ACO World Blind Draw Standings to participate



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 or Team's best 8 ACO Regional finishes (any locations)
 - » Player or Team's best 4 ACO Major finishes (any locations)
- Standings will be updated at the time of submission and approval by the ACO
- Regionals results must be entered/submitted before 12:00 PM EST on each Wednesday to be included in the upcoming weekend's Major seeding.
- Players or Teams finishing the Season ranked #1 in their respective Divisions will be named "ACO World Player/Team of the Season"
 - » Ties for 1st place will require a playoff at the ACO World Championships of Cornhole

3.2 ACO STANDINGS DIVISIONS

The following ACO Divisions each have their own ACO Standings:

- ACO-PRO Series
- ACO Singles
- ACO Singles Tiers
 - » Singles Tier 2
 - » Singles Tier 3
 - » Singles Tier 4
 - » Singles Tier 5

ACO Doubles

NEW FOR SEASON XX

NEW FOR SEASON XX

ACO Doubles Tiers

- » Doubles Tier 2
- » Doubles Tier 3
- » Doubles Tier 4
- » Doubles Tier 5
- · ACO Coed Doubles
- ACO Womens
- ACO Seniors
- ACO Juniors
- ACO Blind Draw
- ACO Bag Masters Quads
- ACO Adaptive Doubles Division

3.3 CORNYFORTY / TOPGUN TWENTY

The CornyForty refers to the top 40 Players in the ACO World Singles Standings.

- Players earning a position in CornyForty at the conclusion of the 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 Player of the Season"

The TopGun Twenty refers to the top 20 teams in the ACO World Doubles Standings.

- Each member of a Team earning a position in TopGun Twenty at the conclusion of the 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 Team of the Season"



ACO STANDINGS



3.4 STANDINGS TIEBREAKERS

- There will be a Standings list on AmericanCornhole.com for each Division
- For Players or Teams who are tied in Standings points with other Players / Teams in any Division, the following tiebreakers will be used:
 - » 1st tiebreaker: PPR (Points Per Round)
 - » 2nd tiebreaker: DPR (Differential Points per Round)
 - » 3rd tiebreaker: Random Draw

3.5 PLAYERS/TEAMS OF THE SEASON PLAYOFFS

 Players or Teams who reach the maximum number of ACO Standings Points in a Division at the conclusion of ACO Season XX will be invited to participate in the ACO Player of the Season or Team of the Season Playoffs for their respective Divisions at the ACO World Championships of Cornhole.

Guidelines:

 Eligible Playoff Players/Teams will be determined by their overall points total. This will NOT include the 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 PPR.
- Players/teams with 3 or more players/teams in their playoff will be placed in a double elimination bracket and seeded by final PPR. One game in the winners bracket, one game in the consolation bracket. The final match will be a traditional double-dip.

Awards:

- The winner(s) of each playoff will be named "ACO Player of the Season" or "ACO Team of the Season" for their respective Division.
- The winners will be awarded a custom Player of the Season or Team of the Season Jersey.
- The winners will be the #1 overall seeds in the Championship brackets at the ACO World Championships of Cornhole for their respective Divisions.

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

ACO STATE AMBASSADORS



The ACO is proud and excited to announce ACO State Ambassadors for Season XX.

- ACO State Ambassadors will serve as the primary contact and supporter for ACO Certified Official Directors within their states.
- Ambassadors will play a crucial role in supporting and benefiting ACO Official Directors by providing leadership and initiating positive changes.
- Ambassadors will serve as a voice for their state's COs and players, addressing areas of improvement, concerns, and ideas directly with ACO Corporate.

4.1 ACO STATE AMBASSADORS FOR ACO SEASON XX

Mid Atlantic

DE, MD, PA, VA, WV

- Kentucky: Russell Tabers
- · Indiana: Scott Melby
- Michigan: Lee Sterzik
- · Ohio: Jessie Hempy

South Atlantic

GA, FL, NC, SC

- · Georgia: Margaret Barrett
- · North Carolina: Chris Clark
- · South Carolina: Ryan Labelle

Midwest

IA, IL, MO, NE, WI

- · Iowa: Mitchel Miller
- Illinois: Brian Jones, Mia Ray
- · Missouri: Ashley Ervin
- · Wisconsin: Eric Custer

Big South

AL, AR, LA, MS, TN

- Alabama: Troy Catlin
- · Arkansas: Phil Wynne
- Mississippi: David Vaughan

Mountain West

AZ, CO, MN, NV, UT

· Nevada: Michael Mann

Old West

KS, OK, TX

- · Kansas: Magnum Dampier
- Texas: Jonathan Szarzynski

Pacific Northwest

AK, ID, OR, WA

· Oregon: Andrea Smith

West Coast

CA, HI

- · California South: William Howell
- · California North: Tim Burnett

Great North

MN, MT, ND, SD, WY

· Whitney Garner/Amber Fretwell

North Atlantic

CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT

· Whitney Garner/Amber Fretwell

EQUIPMENT & RULES



5.1 RULES FOR ACO EVENTS

ACO Rules MUST be followed during all ACO Events.
Please refer to our complete ACO Rules Guide:
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

Bags for ACO Regionals and ACO Majors

 Only ACO Stamped bags manufactured by ACO Season XX Bag Partners can be used in any ACO Divisions.

NOTE: Older models of ACO stamped bags (from ACO Season 18) may be used if the bag manufacturer is still an ACO Bag Partner for ACO Season 19.

 See a complete list of bags at: AmericanCornhole.com/bags

5.4 ACO APPROVED BAG SPECS

- Each bag is filled with plastic resin/beads which will not break down.
- Each bag weighs between 15.75 ounces (447g) and 16.25 ounces (461g).
- When flat, each bag must not exceed a thickness of 1.5 inches (3.8cm).
- When flat, each bag must have a minimum thickness of 1.125 inches (3.19cm).
- When flat, each bag must be a minimum of 5.75 inches (14.60cm) across at its narrowest point (side to side).
- When flat, each bag must not exceed 8.25 inches (21cm) across at its widest point (corner to corner).
- Each bag must have a 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 inches from the corner on a 6" x 6" bag.

5.5 EQUIPMENT FOR ACO REGIONALS

For ACO Regionals:

- · ACO Approved Boards.
- Players may bring their own ACO Stamped Bags by Official Director ACO Bag Partners.
- · Device to coordinate Scoreholio.





6.1 SERVICE ANIMAL GUIDELINES

Service Animals Allowed

 Service animals, specifically trained dogs, are allowed at all events in areas where the public is permitted.

Definition

 A service animal is a dog trained to perform specific tasks for someone with a disability, such as guiding, alerting, pulling a wheelchair, or calming a person during an anxiety attack. Service animals are not pets, and emotional support dogs do not qualify under the ADA.

Control Requirements

 Service animals must always be under control. They should be on a harness, leash, or tether unless these interfere with their work. In that case, voice or signal control is acceptable.

Removal of Service Animals

 A service animal may be asked to leave if it is out of control or not housebroken. The handler can still access the event without the animal.

No Extra Charges

 There are no additional fees for service animals. However, if any damage occurs, the standard fees for damages will apply.

6.2 ACO CERTIFIED OFFICIAL DIRECTOR CODE OF CONDUCT

In the American Cornhole Organization, adherence to the principles of honesty and integrity is paramount.

- ACO Certified Official Directors and players are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship and always strive to act in the best spirit of the game.
- Cheating has no place in cornhole, and any actions that compromise the fairness and integrity of the game are unacceptable.
- Any matters where conclusive evidence of misconduct has been brought forward will be handled appropriately with possible probation, suspension, or termination. All submissions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and no refunds for fees, tickets, or other will be awarded.
- This commitment to ethical behavior and mutual respect ensures that competition within the ACO remains a true test of skill, character, and camaraderie.

ACO Certified Official Code of Conduct Agreement

- I will respect the players, Official Directors, spectators, and families.
- I agree to implement a quality cornhole program that encourages high standards of integrity for all participants and supports ACO standards.
- I agree to make the appropriate decisions that will be in the best interest of all participants and ACO.
- I agree to endorse the principle of due process that protects the rights of all participants.
- I agree to organize, direct, and promote cornhole events that are a direct reflection of American Cornhole Organization's values, policies, and procedures.
- I agree to work with the American Cornhole Organization (ACO) to establish, implement, and support all policies.
- I agree to fulfill my duties to the best of my abilities with honor, respect, integrity, and loyalty.
- I agree to advocate the values of the American Cornhole Organization (ACO) and represent the players, ACO staff, and the public in the highest regards.

CONDUCT



- Certified Official Directors shall master both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm, and controlled manner.
- Certified Official Directors shall work with each other and their State Ambassadors in a constructive and cooperative manner.
- Official Directors shall maintain an ethical approach while participating in forums, chat rooms and all forms of social media.

Acknowledgement

The Certified Official Director acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the terms of this Code of Conduct. He/she agrees to conduct him/herself according to the terms of this Code of Conduct. He/she further understands and agrees that if he/she violates the terms within this Code of Conduct, he/she may be suspended or terminated as a result of the penalties imposed for violating this agreement under American Cornhole Organization LLC. policies.

5.3 AMERICAN CORNHOLE ORGANIZATION PROHIBITED CONDUCT

American Cornhole Organization may, in our sole and absolute discretion, immediately terminate a your ACO Certified Official Director and/or ACO 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 American Cornhole Organization's sole and absolute discretion, reflects or could reflect unfavorably upon the reputation of American Cornhole Organization. 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, the 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 the American Cornhole Organization.

GAME ON!



