

AMERICAN CORNHOLE ORGANIZATION

PLAYERS' GUIDE



— OFFICIAL PROGRAM HANDBOOK —

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WHAT'S NEW FOR SEASON 22

Season 22 introduces several exciting updates designed to improve player opportunities and support long-term growth throughout the ACO.

◆ MEMBERSHIPS

- The ACO Membership structure has been simplified to **two levels**: ACO Starter Membership (FREE) and ACO World Membership.
- ACO World Membership continues to provide discounted Major entry fees, prize eligibility, bonus points, and additional benefits.
- Major prize money and prize jerseys are reserved exclusively for **ACO World Members**. Starter Members remain eligible to receive trophies and other placement-based recognition.

◆ ACO REGIONALS

- **NEW** **ACO World Blind Draw Quads** has been added as an official ACO Regional Division.
- Regional fee submission requirements have been updated to help ensure more accurate standings, reporting, and tournament administration throughout the season.

◆ ACO MAJORS

- **NEW** **World Womens Premier** and **World Womens Challenger** Divisions.
- **NEW** **World Seniors Premier** and **World Seniors Challenger** Divisions.
- Womens, Seniors & Juniors Challenger Divisions will now utilize the **ACO Level-Up** format.
- Tier Play has been redesigned into a single **ACO Level-Up** bracket format for more balanced competition.

◆ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION

- **NEW** **ACO World Blind Draw Doubles** and **Quads** now qualify through Standings Points, creating additional opportunities for participation at the ACO World Championships.

◆ STANDINGS & RECOGNITION

- **NEW** **ACO Diamond Club** — Top 20 in the ACO World Womens Standings.
- **NEW** **ACO Platinum Club** — Top 20 in the ACO World Seniors Standings.
- **NEW** **ACO Aces Club** — Top 20 in the ACO World Juniors Standings.
- Club members earn exclusive recognition and eligibility to purchase Club-specific apparel and jerseys.
- **NEW** **ACO World Blind Draw Quads Player of the Season** recognition added.

**GAME
ON!**

The ACO appreciates the feedback, ideas, and support provided by Directors, players, bag makers, sponsors, partners, and staff throughout the continued evolution of the game. We look forward to another exciting season of ACO competition.

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1.1 MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

There are two levels of ACO Membership for Season 22.

FREE — ACO Starter Membership

No cost to join · Pays full retail pricing on all tournament tickets at ACO Majors

\$60 — ACO World Membership

Discounted Major ticket pricing + full prize eligibility

ACO STARTER MEMBERSHIP — FREE

Eligible for all ACO Divisions at ACO Regionals and Majors, and for ACO Standings points.

IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING STARTER MEMBERSHIP

Starter Members are **not eligible** for prize money or prize jerseys at ACO Majors.

Starter Members **are eligible** to receive trophies and other placement-based recognition at ACO Majors.

Prize payouts, trophies, jerseys, and other awards for Starter Members at ACO Regionals are determined at the discretion of the individual ACO Director coordinating the event.

ACO WORLD MEMBERSHIP — \$60

Receives discounted tournament ticket pricing at ACO Majors and is eligible for:

All ACO Divisions at ACO Majors

ACO Standings points

Prize money at ACO Majors

Trophies at ACO Majors

Prize jerseys at ACO Majors

500 bonus Standings points awarded at signup (Singles Divisions only)

1.2 UPGRADING MEMBERSHIPS

Players may upgrade their Starter Membership to an ACO World Membership at any time during the season

Any Standings points earned as a Starter Member will carry over upon upgrading to an ACO World Membership

Bonus points are applied at the time of upgrade to an ACO World Membership

Membership upgrades can be completed directly through Scoreholio

HOW TO EARN ACO-PRO STATUS

Players may earn ACO-PRO status by meeting one of the following requirements:

Finish in the **Top 64** of World Singles at the ACO World Championships

Finish in the **Top 96** of the ACO World Singles Standings at the conclusion of the season

For players qualifying through either method, ACO-PRO status will take effect immediately following the conclusion of the ACO World Championships. ACO-PRO status earned at the conclusion of Worlds 21 will be valid for **Seasons 22 and 23**, taking effect **July 31, 2026** and remaining valid through **July 31, 2028**.

ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION

ACO-PRO REWARD

The **Top 80 players** in the final ACO World Singles Standings will receive a **FREE ACO-PRO Jersey**.

ACO-PRO PRIVILEGES

ACO-PRO players automatically bypass Pool Play and advance directly into the World Singles Championship Bracket at ACO Majors.

World Doubles teams of two ACO-PRO players automatically bypass Pool Play and advance directly into the World Doubles Championship Bracket at ACO Majors.

Eligible for ACO-PRO Series events at select Majors, ACO-PRO-only Invitationals, and ACO-PRO jersey purchase and prize eligibility.

1.4 ACO WORLD SINGLES CHAMPION BENEFITS

Players who win the ACO World Singles Championship earn lifetime status including:

- Lifetime ACO-PRO Status
- Lifetime ACO Membership
- Lifetime free entry into all ACO Majors and ACO World Championships

PAST ACO WORLD SINGLES CHAMPIONS

CHAMPION	SEASON
Cannon Hatcher (LA)	Worlds 21
Sebastian Barger (AR)	Worlds 20
Isaac Hurt (VA)	Worlds 19
Jeremiah Ellis (OH)	Worlds 18
Craig Ervin (MO)	Worlds 17
Gary Ferguson (TN)	Worlds 16
Matt Guy (KY)	Worlds I, II, III, IV, V, X, XI, 14, 15
Ryan Windsor (IL)	Worlds 13
Jamie Graham (NC)	Worlds XII
Jeff Reynolds (OH)	Worlds IX
Bret Guy (KY)	Worlds VIII
Isidro Herrera (IL)	Worlds VII
Eric Zocklein (KY)	Worlds VI

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2.1 ACO TOURNAMENT TYPES

There are five primary types of ACO tournaments throughout the season:

ACO Regionals – Local points tournaments coordinated by ACO Directors and Governors

ACO Majors – Large-scale points tournaments hosted by ACO Corporate

ACO Invitationals – Specialty or invite-only tournaments

ACO State Championships – Official state-level championship events

ACO World Championships – The official season-ending championship event held each July

2.2 ACO REGIONALS

ACO Regionals are official local tournaments coordinated by approved ACO Directors and Governors that award ACO Standings points to players. Directors are responsible for selecting and managing tournament dates, start times, approved venues, and tournament formats.

ACO Regionals:

Award ACO Standings points

Generate player statistics through Scoreholio

May award prize money, trophies, and other prizes at the discretion of the Director

Must be run through Scoreholio with ScoreMagic

Must be scheduled at least **10 days in advance** through the ACO Director system

OFFICIAL REGIONAL FORMATS

FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
Straight-Up Format	Traditional double elimination bracket play with no handicapping. Games to 21 pts.
ACO Level-Up Format	Double elimination bracket play with Handicap-enabled competition using Scoreholio PPR-based adjustments. Games to 21 pts.

Both formats award the same ACO Standings points.

2.3 ACO LEVEL-UP SYSTEM

The ACO Level-Up System is designed to create more competitive games between players and teams of varying skill levels. The system utilizes Scoreholio PPR (Points Per Round) data to apply per-round handicap adjustments.

HOW ACO LEVEL-UP WORKS

NEW PLAYERS WITH NO PPR

Players can now be started with a PPR. If a player does not have an established PPR, they will be given a **7** to begin with.

REQUIRED ACO LEVEL-UP SETTINGS

Every ACO Level-Up event is run with the same official handicap settings:

PPR SOURCE 120-Day PPR	HANDICAP MAXIMUM 3 pts	WEIGHTING 85%
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HOW THE HANDICAP IS CALCULATED

- 1 The PPR difference between the two players is calculated.
- 2 Only **85%** of that difference counts toward the handicap.
- 3 The result is taken **down to the next whole number** — partial points are never awarded.
- 4 The lower-PPR player receives that many bonus points each round.

WORKED EXAMPLE

- 1 **THE TWO PPRS**
Player A **9.6** · Player B **7.5**
- 2 **DIFFERENCE**
 $9.6 - 7.5 = 2.1$
- 3 **TAKE 85% OF THE DIFFERENCE**
 $2.1 \times 0.85 = 1.785$
- 4 **GO DOWN TO THE NEXT WHOLE NUMBER**
 $1.785 \rightarrow$ **1 point**

Player B receives a **1-point handicap** each round. Even though the raw difference was above 2.0, the 85% weighting brings it below 2, and the handicap goes down to the next whole number.

IMPORTANT

Any players caught using fake accounts will be forfeited and removed from the event.

SCORING RULES

Players enter scores normally into Scoreholio

Scoreholio automatically applies handicap adjustments

A single round may not exceed 12 points, even with handicap adjustments

EXAMPLE

A 12-point round plus handicap still equals 12. The round becomes a wash.

2.4 **OFFICIAL ACO REGIONAL DIVISIONS**

The following are official ACO Regional Divisions. Each Division may be coordinated using either Straight-Up or ACO Level-Up format unless otherwise noted.

DIVISION	ELIGIBILITY
World Singles	Open to all ACO Members.
World Doubles	Open to all ACO Members. Players may switch partners throughout the season.
World Womens	Open to ACO Members who identify as female, as indicated by government-issued identification.
World Seniors	Open to ACO Members who are 55 years of age or older as of July 31, 2027.
World Juniors	Open to ACO Members who are 17 years old or younger as of September 1, 2026.
World Coed Doubles	Open to all ACO Members. Teams must consist of one male and one female player.
World Blind Draw Doubles	Open to all ACO Members. 2-player teams are randomly assigned through Scoreholio.
World Blind Draw Quads NEW	Open to all ACO Members. 4-player teams are randomly assigned through Scoreholio.

2.5 ACO REGIONAL COMPETITION RULES

SCOREHOLIO SCORE MAGIC

All Directors must implement Scoreholio Score Magic for all official ACO World Divisions.

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION LIMITS

Players and teams may compete in as many Regionals and Divisions as they qualify for throughout the season.

BEST FINISH STANDINGS SYSTEM

A player or team's best eight (8) Regional finishes count toward final Standings totals

Beginning with the ninth Regional result, the player or team's lowest finish will automatically be dropped

DOUBLES PARTNERSHIP RULES

Players may switch partners at any time during the season

Each unique Doubles partnership creates a separate Standings entry

EXAMPLE

Chris Clark / Ryan Labelle = Ranked #23 · Chris Clark / Frank Geers = Ranked #75

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION FOR STANDINGS POINTS

DIVISION	MINIMUM
World Singles	7 players
World Doubles	3 teams
World Womens Singles	2 players
World Seniors Singles	2 players
World Juniors Singles	2 players
World Coed Doubles	2 teams
World Blind Draw Doubles	4 players
World Blind Draw Quads NEW	8 players

WORLD BLIND DRAW QUADS FORMAT

Teams consist of four players, with two players at each end of the boards. Each player throws two bags per frame, and teammates may throw in any order.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT & SEEDING

- All official ACO Regionals use double elimination brackets
- Players may advance through the elimination bracket and still win the tournament
- Tournament seeding is based on current Division Standings whenever available; if unavailable, brackets are randomly seeded
- Directors must use Scoreholio to seed and coordinate all official Regionals; results are submitted through Scoreholio

PLAYER EMAIL REQUIREMENT

Players must use the **same email address** for ACO Membership and Scoreholio. Failure to use matching emails may result in Standings points not being applied properly.

BLIND DRAW DOUBLES & QUADS RULES

- Players register individually
- "Walkers" are not permitted
- Blind Draw events must maintain an even number of players
- Teams are randomly assigned through Scoreholio
- Blind Draw events utilize double elimination brackets
- Standings points are awarded individually based on final team finish

2.6 ACO REGIONAL POINTS SCALE

REGIONAL FINISH → POINTS	
1st Place	25 pts
2nd Place	24 pts
3rd Place	23 pts
4th Place	22 pts
5th (tie)	20 pts
7th (tie)	18 pts
9th (tie)	16 pts
13th (tie)	14 pts
17th and below	12 pts

2.7 ACO MAJORS

ACO Majors are large-scale ACO points tournaments where players from all ACO Regions compete at a single location. ACO Majors are:

- Organized and hosted by ACO Corporate

- Standardized in format across all Major locations

- Designed to provide higher-level competition and larger points opportunities

MAJOR PARTICIPATION RULES

- Players and teams may attend as many ACO Majors as they choose throughout the season

- Only a player or team's best four (4) Major finishes count toward final ACO Standings

- Once a player or team competes in a fifth Major, their lowest Major finish will automatically be dropped

The full ACO Major schedule is available at AmericanCornhole.com.

2.8 ACO MAJOR DIVISIONS

The following Divisions are offered at all ACO Majors unless otherwise noted.

DIVISION	DETAILS
World Singles	Open to all ACO Members.
World Doubles	Open to all ACO Members.
World Womens Premier NEW	Open to all female ACO Members. Government-issued ID may be required. Current ACO-PRO players and Season 21 Top 20 Womens finishers MUST compete in this division.
World Womens Challenger NEW	Open to female ACO Members who do not meet Womens Premier criteria. ACO Level-Up format.
World Seniors Premier NEW	Open to ACO Members 55+ by July 31, 2027. Current ACO-PRO players and Season 21 Top 20 Seniors finishers MUST compete in this division.
World Seniors Challenger NEW	Open to Seniors ACO Members who do not meet Seniors Premier criteria. ACO Level-Up format.
World Juniors Premier	Open to Juniors players 17 or younger as of September 1, 2026. Current ACO-PRO and Season 21 Aces Club players MUST compete here.
World Juniors Challenger	Open to Juniors players who do not meet Juniors Premier criteria. ACO Level-Up format.
World Coed Doubles	Open to all ACO Members. One male and one female per team.
World Blind Draw Doubles	Open to all ACO Members. 2-player teams randomly assigned.
World Blind Draw Quads	Open to all ACO Members. 4-player teams randomly assigned.

ACO Majors may also offer additional optional events and activities throughout the weekend, including Monster Blind Draws, Sit-and-Go Blind Draws, specialty tournaments, walk-up events, and promotional competitions. Additional activities may vary by Major location.

2.9 WORLD SINGLES & DOUBLES FORMAT AT MAJORS

World Singles and World Doubles are conducted as separate tournaments at ACO Majors. Players and teams who do not automatically bypass Pool Play are seeded into Pools according to their current ACO World Standings. Each Pool is conducted as a double elimination bracket. Players and teams who advance from Pool Play move on to the Championship Bracket; all others are placed into Tier Play.

CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET AUTO-QUALIFICATION

DIVISION	AUTO-QUALIFICATION RULE
World Singles	All ACO-PRO players bypass Pool Play and are automatically placed into the World Singles Championship Bracket.
World Doubles	Teams consisting of two ACO-PRO players bypass Pool Play and are automatically placed into the World Doubles Championship Bracket.

TIER PLAY FORMAT NEW FOR 522

Players and teams who do not advance from Pool Play into the Championship Bracket will be placed into Tier Play. A separate Tier Play bracket is conducted for World Singles and World Doubles. Tier Play utilizes the official ACO Level-Up format and is conducted as a single elimination tournament. Tier brackets will be seeded according to ACO World Standings. Tier Play competitors remain eligible for:

- ACO World Standings points
- Tier Standings points
- Tier trophies
- Tier prizes

WHEN SPLITTING IS REQUIRED

DIVISION	129-256 PLAYERS/TEAMS	257-512 PLAYERS/TEAMS
World Singles Championship Bracket	Two Brackets	Four Brackets
World Doubles Championship Bracket	Two Brackets	Four Brackets
Other Divisions (Womens, Seniors, Juniors, Coed, Quads)	Two Brackets	—
Blind Draw Doubles (256 or fewer = Single)	Two Brackets	Four Brackets

SPLIT PROCESS

Players/teams compete within their assigned bracket

Once each bracket reaches the Championship phase, players advance as follows:

- 2 Brackets:** Top 4 from each bracket advance to Final 8
- 4 Brackets:** Top 2 from each bracket advance to Final 8

Wins/losses carry over

Final 8 is seeded into the Winner's Bracket or Elimination Bracket accordingly

Championship concludes with a traditional double-dip final

NOTE

ACO reserves the right to split brackets at any time due to time or venue constraints. Standings points will be adjusted accordingly.

2.11

ACO MAJOR POINTS SCALES

SINGLE BRACKET — ALL WORLD & PREMIER DIVISIONS

1st	80
2nd	79
3rd	78
4th	77
5th (tie)	76
7th (tie)	75
9th (tie)	74
13th (tie)	72
17th (tie)	70
25th (tie)	68
33rd (tie)	66
49th (tie)	64
65th (tie)	62
97th (tie)	60

CHALLENGER POINTS SCALE	
1st	59
2nd	58
3rd	57
4th	56
5th (tie)	54
7th (tie)	52
9th (tie)	50
13th (tie)	48
17th (tie)	46
25th (tie)	44
33rd (tie)	42
49th (tie)	40
65th (tie)	38
97th (tie)	36

FINAL 8 BRACKET (WHEN SPLIT)	
1st	80
2nd	79
3rd	78
4th	77
5th (tie)	76
7th (tie)	75

2-BRACKET SPLIT — NON-FINAL 8	
5th (tie)	74
7th (tie)	72
9th (tie)	70
13th (tie)	68
17th (tie)	66
25th (tie)	64
33rd (tie)	62
49th (tie)	60
65th (tie)	58
97th (tie)	56

4-BRACKET SPLIT — NON-FINAL 8	
3rd	74
4th	72
5th (tie)	70
7th (tie)	68
9th (tie)	66
13th (tie)	64
17th (tie)	62
25th (tie)	60
33rd (tie)	58
49th (tie)	56
65th–128th	54

ACO TIERS — WORLD STANDINGS POINTS	
1st	53
2nd	52
3rd	51
4th	50
5th (tie)	49
9th (tie)	48
17th (tie)	47
33rd (tie)	46
65th (tie)	45

ACO TIERS — TIER STANDINGS POINTS	
1st	80
2nd	79
3rd	78
4th	77
5th (tie)	76
9th (tie)	75
17th (tie)	74
33rd (tie)	73
65th (tie)	72

Players/teams who do not advance to the Championship Bracket still earn World Standings points based on their final finish in Tier Play, plus separate points toward the ACO Tier Standings.

2.12 ACO-PRO SERIES SKINS DIVISION

NEW NEW FOR SEASON 22 — BACK TO THE OG: ACO PRO 450S ON CENTER COURT

During the ACO-PRO Series Frame Game Qualifier, players may compete with the ACO Bag Maker bags of their choice.

Once players advance to ACO-PRO Series Center Court Championship play, all competitors will play with ACO PRO 450 bags:

BLUE PRO 450s — Higher Seed

RED PRO 450s — Lower Seed

JERSEY POLICY & ENTRY FEES

Players have several jersey and entry options for the ACO-PRO Series in Season 22.

FREE ENTRY — OFFICIAL ACO JERSEYS

Players receive FREE entry into ACO-PRO Series events when competing in any of the following:

- An official ACO Season 22 PRO Jersey
- An official ACO World Singles Champion Jersey
- An ACO Bag Maker Jersey
- The ACO Custom PRO Jersey

\$200 ACO BAG MAKER JERSEY — FREE ENTRY FOR THE SEASON

ACO Bag Makers have the opportunity to sponsor a player's official ACO-PRO Series Bag Maker Jersey for a one-time \$200 fee. The jersey includes:

- Prominent Bag Maker logo placement on the front
- Secondary Bag Maker logo placement on the back
- Player's name on their individual jersey
- FREE ACO-PRO Series entry for that player for the season while wearing the jersey

The \$200 ACO-PRO Series Bag Maker Jersey program is available exclusively through participating ACO Bag Makers.

\$250 PER EVENT — PLAYER'S CHOICE OF APPAREL

Players may choose to compete in apparel of their choice by paying a \$250 entry fee for each ACO-PRO Series event.

- Apparel does not have to follow the official ACO-PRO Series jersey design
- Apparel may not display logos or branding from other national cornhole organizations or brands not affiliated with the ACO

\$650 CUSTOM ACO-PRO JERSEY — FREE ENTRY FOR THE SEASON

Players may purchase a Custom ACO-PRO Jersey for \$650, which may feature up to four (4) approved sponsor logos

All sponsor logos are subject to ACO approval

Once purchased, the player receives FREE entry into all remaining ACO-PRO Series events for the season while wearing the approved jersey

IMPORTANT — PLAYERS MUST WEAR THEIR OWN JERSEY

All players competing in the ACO-PRO Series must wear their own jersey or apparel. Players will not be permitted to compete while wearing a jersey personalized for another player, regardless of which entry option is being used.

Any official ACO jersey used to qualify for FREE entry must be the jersey issued to and personalized for the player wearing it.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

An active ACO Season 22 World Membership is required to participate.

2.13 ACO-PRO SERIES — QUALIFYING ROUND

All registered ACO-PRO players will complete an ACO Frame Game to qualify for the ACO-PRO Series Skins Bracket.

Frame Games will be officiated by an ACO Director

The top players based on Frame Game scores will advance to the ACO-PRO Series Skins Bracket

Players may still participate in other scheduled ACO Divisions, including Womens, Juniors, Seniors, and Blind Draw

2.14 ACO-PRO SERIES — SKINS BRACKET

"CALL-OUT" FORMAT

ROUND 1

The top qualifiers from the Frame Game will each "call out" their opponent from the bottom qualifying players. The highest seed picks first, followed by the next highest seed, and so on. This format continues through the Quarterfinals and Semifinals.

SKINS GAME FORMAT

Each match consists of 13 total Skins (1 Skin per Frame).

A player wins a Skin by outscoring their opponent in a single Frame, regardless of the margin

Pushes (ties) carry the Skin to the next Frame — e.g. if Frame 1 is a push, Frame 2 is worth 2 Skins

The first player to win 7 Skins wins the match; remaining Skins are automatically awarded to the winner

EXAMPLE — SKINS WORTH \$25 EACH

If Player 1 wins 7-3: Player 1 earns 10 Skins = **\$250** · Player 2 earns 3 Skins = **\$75**

Player 1 reached 7 Skins to win the match, so the 3 unplayed Skins remaining from the 13 total are automatically awarded to them — 7 won plus 3 remaining equals 10.

All games will be scored by an ACO Director, who will track Skins and announce Frame values throughout the bracket.

2.15 ACO-PRO SERIES STANDINGS

ACO-PRO Series Standings are based on two performance metrics.

TOTAL SKINS EARNED

Each Skin counts as 1 point toward the ACO-PRO Series Standings.

TOP ACO FRAME GAME

A player's best Frame Game score during the season will count toward the ACO-PRO Series Standings

Each time a player improves their Frame Game score, the new high score will replace their lower score

NOTE

All participating ACO-PRO players will have their Frame Game score count toward the standings, regardless of whether they qualify for the Skins Bracket.

2.16 ACO INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

ACO Invitational Tournaments are specialty events where invited players compete for cash, prizes, and prestige.

Coordinated by the ACO Corporate Team and may be added to the schedule during the season

No ACO World Standings points are awarded at Invitationals

Some events may be open to all players, while others may be invite-only

INVITATIONS & ELIGIBILITY

Invitations or eligibility may be based on ACO World Standings, ACO-PRO status, active ACO Membership, or special achievements or credentials determined by the ACO.

2.17 ACO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CORNHOLE

ACO State Championships provide players the opportunity to compete for cash purses, State Championship titles, and custom ACO State Champion jerseys.

Participation is limited to players who reside within the state hosting the event

State of residence is determined by a valid driver's license or other government-issued identification

ACO Directors may apply to host and coordinate their State Championship

Approved State Championships may be held during approved weekends during the month of June 2027

ACO SINGLES QUALIFICATION

To qualify for World Singles participation at the ACO World Championships, ACO Members must earn a minimum of **600 Standings Points** in either of the following ACO Singles Divisions: World Singles or Singles Tier.

Players who do not qualify for the Corny Forty must purchase a World Singles ticket and will be entered into the RPI (Ranked Players Invitational). Based on RPI performance, players will either advance to the World Singles Championship Bracket or be placed into a Tier Bracket. Final format details will be announced prior to the event.

OTHER SINGLES DIVISIONS QUALIFICATION

ACO Members must earn **600 Standings Points** in each specific Division to qualify for that Division at the ACO Worlds:

World Womens · World Juniors · World Seniors
World Blind Draw Doubles · World Blind Draw Quads

ACO DOUBLES QUALIFICATION

To qualify for the following Doubles Divisions, each individual player must earn at least **100 Standings Points** in that specific Division: World Doubles and World Coed Doubles.

Players are not required to earn 100 points with a single partner. Each player must individually earn 100 points with any partner(s) throughout the season in that Division. A player may team up at Worlds with another player they did not previously play with, as long as both players have reached 100 points individually. Standings Points accumulate across partners. All participants must have a valid ACO Season 22 World Membership.

HIGHLIGHT

Standings Points from **multiple partners combine** to reach a player's 100-point minimum.

OTHER DOUBLES DIVISIONS

No points requirement to qualify for Womens Doubles, Juniors Doubles, or Seniors Doubles. Teams in these Divisions may consist of any two eligible ACO Members from the same category.

QUALIFICATION EXEMPTIONS

ACO Worlds qualification exemptions may be granted to international players, Monster Cornhole Qualifiers, and individuals or teams specifically designated by the ACO. This may include, but is not limited to, promotional contest winners, sponsor selections, special invitees, and other individuals or teams approved by ACO Corporate.

ACO STANDINGS



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3.1 ACO STANDINGS OVERVIEW

ACO Standings are used to:

Seed players for future tournaments

Award prizes (Jerseys, Player/Team of the Season, Corny Forty, Top Gun Twenty, Clubs, etc.)

Designate ACO-PRO players

Earn spots in the ACO World Championships of Cornhole

ACO STANDINGS CONSIST OF

REGIONAL FINISHES

Best 8

A player/team's best eight ACO Regional finishes (any locations)

MAJOR FINISHES

Best 4

A player/team's best four ACO Major finishes (any locations)

STANDINGS UPDATES

Standings will be updated at the time of submission and approval by the ACO

Regional results must be entered/submitted before **12:00 PM EST each Wednesday** to be included in the coming weekend's Major seeding

END OF SEASON STANDINGS

Players/teams finishing the season ranked #1 in their respective Divisions will be named **ACO World Player/Team of the Season**. Ties for 1st place with maximum points will require a playoff at the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 22. The following Divisions qualify for Player/Team of the Season jerseys:

ACO World Singles

ACO Singles Tier

ACO World Doubles

ACO Doubles Tier

ACO World Coed Doubles

ACO World Womens

ACO World Seniors

ACO World Juniors

ACO World Blind Draw Doubles (Individual)

ACO World Blind Draw Quads (Individual)

3.2 ALL ACO STANDINGS DIVISIONS

ACO-PRO Series

ACO World Singles

ACO Singles Tier

ACO World Doubles

ACO Doubles Tier

ACO World Coed Doubles

ACO World Womens

ACO World Seniors

ACO World Juniors

ACO World Blind Draw Doubles (Individual)

ACO World Blind Draw Quads (Individual)

3.3 CORNY FORTY, TOP GUN TWENTY & ACO CLUBS

CORNY FORTY

The Top 40 players in the ACO World Singles Standings at season's end earn a Golden Ticket to the ACO World Championships, are seeded #1–40 in the World Singles Championship Bracket, and bypass the RPI. The player ranked #1 is named **ACO World Singles Player of the Season**.

TOP GUN TWENTY

The Top 20 teams in the ACO World Doubles Standings at season's end each earn a Golden Ticket to the ACO World Championships, are seeded #1–20 in the World Doubles Championship Bracket, and bypass the RPI. The team ranked #1 is named **ACO World Doubles Team of the Season**.

NEW RECOGNITION CLUBS FOR SEASON 22

NEW

TOP 20

DIAMOND CLUB

The Top 20 players in the ACO World **Womens** Standings earn Diamond Club status for the following season and may purchase exclusive Diamond Club apparel and jerseys.

#1 → ACO WORLD WOMENS PLAYER OF THE SEASON

NEW

TOP 20

PLATINUM CLUB

The Top 20 players in the ACO World **Seniors** Standings earn Platinum Club status for the following season and may purchase exclusive Platinum Club apparel and jerseys.

#1 → ACO WORLD SENIORS PLAYER OF THE SEASON

NEW

TOP 20

ACES CLUB

The Top 20 players in the ACO World **Juniors** Standings earn Aces Club status for the following season and may purchase exclusive Aces Club apparel and jerseys.

#1 → ACO WORLD JUNIORS PLAYER OF THE SEASON

ELITE

GOLDEN TICKET

Corny Forty & Top Gun Twenty members earn a Golden Ticket to the ACO World Championships — direct championship-bracket seeding with no RPI required.

3.4 BLIND DRAW DOUBLES & QUADS STANDINGS

ACO World Blind Draw Doubles and Quads are unique Divisions because they are played as team events while maintaining individual player Standings.

WORLD BLIND DRAW DOUBLES

Teams of two randomly assigned players. Standings Points are awarded to each individual player based on their team's finish – to the player, not the team – and ranked by individual player.

WORLD BLIND DRAW QUADS

Teams of four randomly assigned players. Standings Points are awarded to each individual player based on their team's finish – to the player, not the team – and ranked by individual player.

Because teammates are randomly assigned, players accumulate Standings Points throughout the season while competing with different teammates at different events. The player finishing the season ranked #1 in either Division is named **ACO World Blind Draw Doubles Player of the Season** or **ACO World Blind Draw Quads Player of the Season**.

3.5 STANDINGS TIEBREAKERS

Tiebreakers will be used for players/teams tied in Standings Points within any Division, applied in the following order:

FIRST

DPR

Differential Points Per Round

SECOND

PPR

Points Per Round

THIRD

Random

Random Draw

3.6 **PLAYER/TEAM OF THE SEASON PLAYOFFS**

Players or teams who achieve the maximum possible Standings Points in any Division will be invited to the Player/Team of the Season Playoffs at the ACO World Championships.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Qualification is based solely on maximum points achievable

Major and Regional wins do not apply

Standard tiebreakers do not apply

PLAYOFF FORMAT

QUALIFIERS	FORMAT
Two Players/Teams	Best 2-of-3 match, seeded by final DPR
Three or More	Double elimination bracket, seeded by final DPR; finals utilize a double-dip format

AWARDS

Winners are named ACO Player/Team of the Season for their Division and earn the #1 overall seed in the Championship Bracket for that Division at ACO Worlds. All other playoff participants are seeded based on final playoff finish and DPR.

NOTE

A playoff will only occur if two or more players/teams achieve the maximum possible Standings Points within a Division. If no players/teams achieve the maximum, Player/Team of the Season is determined using the standard Standings tiebreakers.

ACO EQUIPMENT



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4.1 ACO APPROVED BOARDS

BOARD SPECIFICATIONS

SPECIFICATION	REQUIREMENT
Playing surface	Hardwood plywood, 47.5–48" long × 23.5–24" wide
Minimum thickness	5/8" with cross-section backing, or 3/4" with or without cross-section backing
Minimum weight	25 lbs per board
Hole diameter	6", centered 9" from the top and 12" from each side edge
Front height	3"–4" from ground to surface
Back height	12" from ground to surface
Surface finish	Smooth, finished, painted or varnished with high-gloss latex paint or varnish

4.2 ACO APPROVED BAGS

The following bags may be used at all official ACO Regionals and Majors:

Only ACO Stamped bags manufactured by official ACO Season 22 Bag Makers are permitted

Season 19, Season 20, and Season 21 stamped bags may continue to be used provided the manufacturer remains an official ACO Bag Maker for Season 22

For a complete list of approved bags, visit www.americancornhole.com.

4.3 ACO BAG SPECIFICATIONS

SPECIFICATION	REQUIREMENT
Fill Material	Plastic resin/beads (non-degrading)
Weight	15.75 oz – 16.25 oz (447g – 461g)
Thickness (Flat) – Maximum	1.5" (3.8 cm)
Thickness (Flat) – Minimum	1.125" (3.19 cm)
Width (Flat) – Minimum (side-to-side)	5.75" (14.60 cm)
Width (Flat) – Maximum (side-to-side)	6.25" (15.88 cm)
Width (Flat) – Maximum (corner-to-corner)	8.25" (21 cm)
Manufacturer ID	Clearly visible manufacturer name/logo and series name required
Corner rounding	Allowed up to 0.5 inches maximum on a 6" × 6" bag

4.4 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR ACO REGIONALS

ACO Directors must use the following equipment for all official ACO Regional tournaments:

ACO Approved Boards

A Scoreholio-compatible device for managing tournament brackets and scoring

Players may bring and use their own ACO Stamped Bags from approved ACO Bag Makers

CONDUCT



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5.1 **SERVICE ANIMAL GUIDELINES**

SERVICE ANIMALS ALLOWED

Service animals (specifically trained dogs) are permitted at all ACO events in areas open to the public.

DEFINITION

A service animal is a dog trained to perform specific tasks for an individual with a disability. Tasks may include:

- Guiding individuals who are blind
- Alerting individuals who are deaf
- Pulling a wheelchair
- Assisting during anxiety attacks

Emotional support animals do not qualify under ADA regulations.

CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

Service animals must remain under control at all times. They must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered. If these devices interfere with the animal's work, voice or signal control is acceptable.

REMOVAL OF SERVICE ANIMALS

A service animal may be removed if it is out of control or it is not housebroken. The handler may still remain at the event even if the animal is removed.

NO EXTRA CHARGES

There are no additional fees for service animals

Any damage caused by the animal will be subject to standard damage fees

5.2 ACO MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

The American Cornhole Organization expects all ACO Members to uphold the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship.

ETHICAL COMMITMENT

ACO Members must act in the spirit of the game and promote fairness and respect at all times. Cheating, manipulation, or any behavior that compromises the integrity of play will not be tolerated. Allegations supported by conclusive evidence may result in probation, suspension, or termination. Each case will be reviewed individually, and no refunds will be issued for fees or tickets if violations occur.

ACO MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- I will respect fellow players, spectators, and families.
- I will uphold the standards and values of the ACO at every event I attend.
- I will compete in the best interest of the game and the ACO.
- I will promote fairness, inclusion, and good sportsmanship.
- I will follow and support all ACO policies and procedures.
- I will act with honor, integrity, and loyalty to the ACO brand.
- I will represent the ACO and my sponsors with professionalism and respect.
- I will know the rules and compete within them at all times.
- I will maintain ethical behavior in all public communications, including social media.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By competing as an ACO Member, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. I understand that violations may result in suspension or termination under ACO policies.

5.3 PROHIBITED CONDUCT

The American Cornhole Organization may terminate any ACO Membership privileges at its sole discretion if an individual engages in or is alleged to have engaged in:

- Harassment
- Discrimination
- Intimidation
- Violence
- Criminal activity
- Conduct involving moral turpitude
- Any behavior deemed damaging to the ACO's reputation

TERMINATION DETAILS

Termination is immediate and without refund of any membership or ticket fees

ACO will make reasonable efforts to notify affected individuals

Terminated individuals may not participate in any future ACO events or represent themselves as affiliated with the ACO in any way

5.4 GENERAL COMPLIANCE CLAUSE

Any failure to comply with ACO rules, policies, or procedures — whether outlined in this Guide or communicated separately by the ACO — may result in probation, suspension, or termination of ACO Membership, at the sole discretion of the ACO. This applies regardless of intent, timing, or precedent.

5.5 DIRECTOR AUTHORITY TO RESTRICT ACCESS

ACO Directors operate as independently owned and managed organizations and are solely responsible for their relationships with venues, sponsors, partners, and insurance providers. As such, Directors reserve the right to deny participation in any ACO Regional tournament under their coordination to any individual who, in their reasonable judgment, has caused a disruption at a past event or is likely to cause a disruption at a future event. This right may be exercised at the discretion of the Director in order to preserve the integrity, safety, and success of the event and its partnerships.



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