




## ACL Players Guide

### 2018 – 2019 Season

The **American Cornhole League (ACL)** encourages social and competitive play for all ages and all skill levels. The ACL software makes managing tournaments, leagues and custom events easy and provides the critical infrastructure for a statistical database for the sport. Becoming a player allows you to compete against people of your same skill level and always gives you an opportunity to see how you stack up against the best of the best. Please contact us with any feedback or questions.

**ANYONE CAN PLAY – ANYONE CAN WIN**

#### Membership Levels


- **Guest** – Someone that plays in an event but has not become an ACL Member. This player will show up in the standings, but will not earn the 1,000 point bonus for being an ACL member.
- **Player: \$25** – Players will show up in the standings, have access to statistics, \*earn a 1,000 point membership bonus and save money when entering most ACL Monthly Regional, Conference and National events.
- **Pro:** Players who have achieved the highest skill level in the sport and have accepted the terms laid out by the ACL to become an ACL Pro. 
- **Local Director: \$50** – Can set-up and run local points earning tournaments. Local Directors are also Players.
- **Regional Director** – Appointed by the ACL from the Local Director Pool. These Directors are given the exclusive right to run Monthly Regional Events within a set geographic radius.
- **Conference Director** – Appointed by the ACL from the Regional Director Pool. These Directors are in charge of scheduling conference events by working with other Regional Directors within their conference.

For more Director Information - [Contact Us](#)

\*Note that players MUST purchase their ACL membership on or before 12/31/2018 in order to receive the 1,000 bonus points. Anyone purchasing a membership after 12/31/2018 will not get the 1,000 bonus points, but will have their membership extended through 8/31/2020.

## ACL Divisions / Skill Levels

ACL Divisions are intended to group players of similar skill levels together for competitive and social play. It is important that players read, review and establish their Skill Level. This enables Guests and Players to know where they stand and compete against players of their similar skill level. Regional Directors may override a Skill Level if they feel a player is sandbagging. The current ACL Skill Rating Levels are:

- **ACL Pro** 
  - ACL Pro means that you have achieved the highest skill level in the sport and have accepted the terms laid out by the ACL to become an ACL Pro.
  - ACL Pro players must play in the Advanced division. (Dekaround Range: 91 – 120)
- **Advanced**
  - Anyone (other than Juniors) can play in the Advanced Division knowing that this is where the best of the best will compete. This division offers maximum points towards player rankings. There can certainly be top level players in the Advanced Skill Level who have not yet earned/accepted the ACL Pro Player Title.
  - This player can execute sliding the bag and airmailing the bag as needed. Player fully understands game strategy and likely plays and practices on a regular basis. (Dekaround Range: 91 – 120)
- **Competitive**
  - The Competitive Division is intended for players who are good, but not quite ready for the Advanced level. For areas that have a lot of depth at the top end of players, it makes sense for a Director to offer Advanced and Competitive Divisions for Local, Regional and Conference tournaments.
  - This player fully understands game strategy, but may struggle with consistency. At times this player looks like they can beat anyone, but then in a subsequent game or round can struggle. Player is at a high Competitive level and should work towards getting better by challenging Advanced level players. (Dekaround Range: 71 – 90)
- **Social**
  - The Social Division is for players that enjoy playing casually, but are competitive enough to beat the Tailgate level players. Players can enjoy the sport and events without having to play the cream of the crop.
  - This player has a feel for the distance needed to toss the bag, but can be erratic in getting the bag to consistently be in the middle of the board. This level of player is working on developing a consistent pitch. (Dekaround Range: 51 – 70)
- **Tailgate**
  - The Tailgating Division is intended for beginners and large events that have a lot of social players.
  - This player has limited experience with the game and usually has very little control over where the bag is going. (Dekaround Range: 0 – 50 points)

## ACL Pro

The American Cornhole League organizes and develops the sport for all ages and all skill levels. To become an ACL Pro means that you have achieved the highest skill level in the sport and are able to compete in guaranteed prize pool broadcast events. ACL Pros earn money by competing in ACL events and obtaining sponsors.

### How to Qualify to be an ACL Pro:




There are two ways to qualify to become an ACL Pro:

1. Finish in the Top 160 of the ACL Overall Standings for the current season. This guarantees you the option to become an ACL Pro for the following season.
2. Apply for ACL Pro status directly to the ACL. To apply you must have a letter of recommendation from an ACL Director and an ACL National Staff Member. If you are a player and director then you still must have another ACL Director recommend you along with an ACL National Staff Member. An ACL National Staff Member includes ACL National Directors, Board Members and Executives

To get more information on the ACL Pro opportunity, contact [info@iplaycornhole.com](mailto:info@iplaycornhole.com)

## Player Types

Players are responsible for updating their type in their Player Profile.

- **Juniors** – 20 and under as of August 31st, 2019 
- **College** – Undergraduate College Students (Full Time or Part Time)
- **Adult** – 21 and over as of August 31st, 2019
- **Senior** – 55 and over as of August 31st, 2019

## ACL Events

ACL Events are created based on the following:

- **Area** – Local, Regional, Conference, National
- **Division** – Advanced, Competitive, Social, Tailgate
- **Special** – Pro Invitational and other special events
- **Charity** - Charity events integrated with the ACL

Directors may set up events specific to other criteria like Gender, Skill Level, and Player Type. Not all of these event types are currently supported by the ACL software but anything that impacts the Overall Competitive ACL Standings is supported.

## ACL Bags Policy

The ACL believes that players should be able to have a choice when it comes to bags. The ACL has set guidelines and created a list of Approved Bag Manufacturers. Players are required to use properly stamped bags from this list for Monthly Regional, Conference and National Tournaments. A Director may use a different Bag Policy or provide bags for Local Events. If a player does not have bags on the list we ask for the Director to provide that player with an approved set. <http://www.iplaycornhole.com/bagsmanufacturers>

## ACL Tournaments

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### LOCAL Tournaments (Unlimited):

- Local points tournaments can apply to ANY singles, BYOP doubles, blind draw doubles or crew tournament. If you are playing in a tournament that does not include ACL Points, ask your Director why?!? Local tournaments have a minimal fee for ACL directors. Points are awarded based on where a player/team finishes in the tournament.
- ACL Overall Points Standings will take a player's **Top 10 Local Tournament Finishes** and use them towards their Overall Points Rankings.

ACL Local Points Table			
Advanced		Social	
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	1 <sup>st</sup>	10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	26	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8
4 <sup>th</sup>	24	4 <sup>th</sup>	7
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	22	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	6
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	20	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	6
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	19	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	5
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	18	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	5
17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	17	17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	4
25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	16	25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	3
33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	15	33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	2
49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	14	49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	1

## MONTHLY REGIONAL Tournaments (11 max per region):

- A Regional Director may run one Monthly Regional Points Tournament for each Division (Advanced, Competitive, Social, Tailgate) by Tournament Type (Singles, BYOP, Blind Draw) and Player Type (Everyone, Junior, Senior, Women) per month.
- Each Regional Director must offer a minimum of two Divisions (Advanced and Social) and include two tournaments for each (one singles and one blind draw or bring your own partner doubles).
- The maximum number of Monthly Regional events a Regional Director can run is 11 (August 2018 – June 2019). The last day to run a June 2019 Monthly Regional will be Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>!
- Tournaments may be run on different days.
- In order for an Advanced Monthly Regional tournament to be worth Advanced points you **must** have 6 players (for singles) and 6 teams (for doubles). If you do not have 6 singles or 6 doubles then that tournament will be worth Competitive Monthly Regional points.
- Payouts are guaranteed to be a **minimum** of 50% of the entry fees. Payouts may vary based on Regional Director. Entry fees will typically range from \$10 to \$20 per tournament (members should get a discount - \$5 off is recommended).
- Players may play in more than one Monthly Regional Event in a Month, but only the top score will count as their Monthly Regional Score for that month. Scores are based on individual tournaments and not the combined event.
- ACL Standings will take the **Top 5 Monthly Regional Singles** scores to apply to Singles Rankings and **Top 5 Monthly Regional Singles + Top 5 Monthly Regional Doubles (Blind Draw or BYOP)** scores for Overall Points Rankings.

ACL Monthly Regional Points Table							
Advanced		Competitive		Social		Tailgate	
1 <sup>st</sup>	100	1 <sup>st</sup>	85	1 <sup>st</sup>	70	1 <sup>st</sup>	55
2 <sup>nd</sup>	99	2 <sup>nd</sup>	84	2 <sup>nd</sup>	69	2 <sup>nd</sup>	54
3 <sup>rd</sup>	98	3 <sup>rd</sup>	83	3 <sup>rd</sup>	68	3 <sup>rd</sup>	53
4 <sup>th</sup>	97	4 <sup>th</sup>	82	4 <sup>th</sup>	67	4 <sup>th</sup>	52
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	96	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	81	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	66	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	51
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	95	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	80	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	65	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	50
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	94	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	79	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	64	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	49
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	93	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	78	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	63	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	48
17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	92	17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	76	17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	62	17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	46
25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	90	25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	74	25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	60	25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	44
33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	88	33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	72	33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	58	33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	42
49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	86	49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	70	49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	56	49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	40

## CONFERENCE Tournaments (3 max per conference):

Conferences are intended to provide players an opportunity to compete against players from different regions that are within a limited driving distance. **The Top 16 players in each conference will represent their Conference and compete for the WCO (World Cornhole Organization) World Cup at the 2019 ACL Championship event!**


ACL Conferences are formed at the discretion of the ACL.

- Each conference will hold 3 conference events throughout the 2018/2019 season. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final conference event will be the Conference Championships held in June 2019.
- Conference Events **MUST** be scheduled as follows:
  - **Conference Event #1** to be held sometime between September 2018 and the end of December 2018
  - **Conference Event #2** to be held after the completion of National #1 (est. Late Jan 2019) and before National #2 (est. late Mar 2019 / early April 2019)
  - **Conference Event #3** (Conference Championship) to be held after the completion of National #3 (est. May 2019) and before National #4 (est. early July 2019)
- The 2-Day Conference events will follow the ACL National format which includes, Crew Cup, Advanced Singles, BYOP, Blind Draw and Social Singles, BYOP and/or Blind Draw. Plus Seniors, Juniors and Women's if time allows.
- Payouts are guaranteed to be a **minimum** of 50% of the entry fees. Payouts may vary based on Director. Suggested entry fees will be \$50 for the Advanced Division and \$30 for the Social Division (Members get a \$10 Discount). Entry includes Singles and Blind Draw (or Doubles).
- **Players may only play in their assigned Conference events.**
- **Juniors are NOT allowed to play in Conference events except in the Juniors division and Crew Cup event.**
- ACL Standings will take the **Top 2 Conference Singles** scores to apply to Singles Rankings and **Top 2 Conference Singles + Top 2 Conference Doubles (BYOP or Blind Draw)** scores for Overall Points Rankings.

### ACL Conference Points Table

Advanced		Competitive		Social		Tailgate	
1 <sup>st</sup>	200	1 <sup>st</sup>	150	1 <sup>st</sup>	70	1 <sup>st</sup>	55
2 <sup>nd</sup>	196	2 <sup>nd</sup>	146	2 <sup>nd</sup>	69	2 <sup>nd</sup>	54
3 <sup>rd</sup>	192	3 <sup>rd</sup>	142	3 <sup>rd</sup>	68	3 <sup>rd</sup>	53
4 <sup>th</sup>	188	4 <sup>th</sup>	138	4 <sup>th</sup>	67	4 <sup>th</sup>	52
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	184	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	134	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	66	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	51
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	180	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	130	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	65	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	50
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	176	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	126	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	64	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	49
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	172	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	122	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	63	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	48
17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	168	17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	118	17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	62	17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	46
25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	164	25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	114	25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	60	25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	44
33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	160	33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	110	33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	58	33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	42
49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	156	49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	106	49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	56	49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	40

## NATIONAL Tournaments (4 Total):

- Each National will offer **\$25,000 in GUARANTEED Payouts** along with **Live Broadcasts!**
- There will be 4 National Tournaments during the season. These events will be spread out in different parts of the country. Estimated National dates are late January, late March/Early April, May and early July 2019.
- Nationals are likely to be **3-Day** events and will likely include:
  - Pro Level:** BYOP Doubles (only ACL Pro's may participate) 
  - Advanced Level:** Singles, Blind Draw, BYOP Doubles, Crew Cup (anyone can participate)
  - Competitive Level:** Singles, BYOP Doubles
  - Social Level:** Singles, BYOP Doubles
  - Women's, Senior and Junior** events
  - Sit N Go Blind Draws and possibly other special events may be added
- Expected entry fees will be as follows:

	Singles		Doubles (per team)		Blind Draw	
	Members	Non-Members	Members	Non-Members	Members	Non-Members
<b>Advanced</b>	\$100	\$120	\$100	\$140	\$20	\$40
<b>Competitive</b>	\$40	\$60	\$60	\$100	n/a	n/a
<b>Social</b>	\$20	\$40	\$40	\$80	n/a	n/a



- Divisions with more than 64 players/teams or divisions which are expected to be on the ESPN broadcast will be split into multiple brackets with the winning player/team of each bracket facing off in a single elimination final bracket.
- ACL Standings will take the **Top 1 National Singles** score to apply to Singles Rankings and **Top 1 National Singles + Top 1 National Doubles (BYOP or Blind Draw)** score for Overall Points Rankings.

## National Points Table *\*Note - ACL Pro Doubles will use the same chart as Advanced*

ACL National Points Table							
Advanced		Competitive		Social		Tailgate	
1 <sup>st</sup>	400	1 <sup>st</sup>	300	1 <sup>st</sup>	140	1 <sup>st</sup>	110
2 <sup>nd</sup>	392	2 <sup>nd</sup>	292	2 <sup>nd</sup>	138	2 <sup>nd</sup>	108
3 <sup>rd</sup>	384	3 <sup>rd</sup>	284	3 <sup>rd</sup>	136	3 <sup>rd</sup>	106
4 <sup>th</sup>	376	4 <sup>th</sup>	276	4 <sup>th</sup>	134	4 <sup>th</sup>	104
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	368	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	268	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	132	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	102
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	360	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	260	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	130	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	100
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	352	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	252	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	128	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	98
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	344	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	244	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	126	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	96
17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	336	17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	236	17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	124	17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	92
25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	328	25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	228	25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	120	25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	88
33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	320	33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	220	33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	116	33 <sup>rd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	84
49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	312	49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	212	49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	112	49 <sup>th</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	80

With multiple brackets at ACL National events, bonus points will be earned in the Advanced division with the Overall Winner earning **10 Bonus Points** and the Overall Runner-Up earning **5 Bonus Points**

## ACL Standings

- ACL will have four separate standings which include, **Pro Standings**, **Junior Standings**, **Singles Standings** and **Overall Standings**. ACL Standings can be sorted by Pro, Junior, Overall, Singles, Conference or State. Women's, Seniors and Junior standings may also be added during the upcoming season.
- **Pro Points Standings** are kept **by team** based on the following: 
  - Top 3 National Pro Doubles Points + Pro Doubles finish at the ACL Championships
  - Pro Standings are based on Pro Teams. If an ACL Pro plays with more than 1 ACL Pro player at National events, that player will show up in the Pro Standings more than once.
- **Junior Points Standings** are kept by individual based on the following: 
  - Top 5 Regional Singles Points + Top 2 Conference **Junior** Singles Points + Top 1 National **Junior** Singles Points.
- **Overall Points Standings** are Based on a Combination of:
  - Top 10 Regional Points (Best 5 Singles Events, Best 5 Doubles Events) + Top 4 Conference Points (Best 2 Singles Events, Best 2 Doubles Events) + Top 2 National Points (Best 1 Singles Event, Best 1 Doubles Event) + Top 10 Local Tournament Points (Any Local Tournament).
  - Overall Points are used for seeding and to determine Pro eligibility. Top players in Advanced, Women's, Seniors and Junior overall standings will earn a **special award** which recognizes their achievement.
- **Singles Points Standings** is a Combination of:
  - Top 5 Regional Singles Points + Top 2 Conference Singles Points + Top 1 National Singles Points. Singles Points are used for ACL Conference Standings and the WCO World Cup.
- Players can also check the Player Detail tab to see how their standings are generated from individual tournaments.
- Ties for seeding will be randomly broken. Ties for Top 16 Conference inclusion will be broken by best Conference singles finish, then 2<sup>nd</sup> best Conference singles finish, then best National singles finish, then 3<sup>rd</sup> best Conference singles finish, then Overall Standings, then coin toss.



## The Chase to 4,020!

The **ACL Overall Points Standings** will be the primary focus for 2019. ACL Overall Standings 2019 will be based on: Top 10 Local Tournament Finishes, Top 5 Monthly Regional Singles, Top 5 Monthly Regional Doubles (BYOP or Blind Draw), Top 2 Conference Singles, Top 2 Conference Doubles (BYOP or Blind Draw), Top 1 National Singles, Top 1 National Doubles (BYOP or Blind Draw).

There will be **50 Bonus Points** available for those players that attend all three Conference Events and **50 Bonus Points** for those players that attend all four National Events. These bonus points are applied to a player's OVERALL points. There are **1,000 Bonus Points** for Active ACL Members who purchase their membership on or before 12/31/2018.

### A perfect score for 2018-2019 will be:

- Local Tournaments:  $10 \times 30 = 300$
- Regional Tournaments:  $10 \times 100 = 1,000$
- Conference Tournaments:  $4 \times 200 = 800$
- National Tournaments:  $2 \times 400 = 800$
- National Tournament Bonus Points:  $2 \times 10 = 20$
- Membership Bonus = 1,000
- National Bonus (play in all National Events) = 50
- Conference Bonus (play in all Conference Events) = 50

**MAXIMUM ACL OVERALL POINTS = 4,020**

## The Value of ACL Points

### ACL Pro Points

Only includes ACL Pro teams and will be used as follows:

1 – As part of the criteria on who gets invited to the **\$25,000 ACL Pro Invitational** as well as other potential ACL Pro only events throughout the season.

2 – ACL Pro Standings will have a **\$25,000 Prize Pool** associated with it and the amount each team earns will be based on ACL Pro Doubles Points.

3 – To determine the **ACL Team of the Year**.



### ACL Junior Points

Only includes ACL Junior Eligible Players:

1 – To determine who gets invited to the **\$2,500 Junior Conference Cup Event** as well as other potential ACL Junior only events throughout the season.

2 – Additional Junior only guaranteed scholarship prizes may be added during the season.

\*Juniors standings may not be available until the start of 2019.



## ACL Overall Points

Will include everyone (including Pro's, but excluding Juniors) and will be used as follows:

1 – Seeding for doubles events at all ACL Championship and National events. Regional and Conference events MAY also use points for seeding (TBD by each director). Note that blind draw and crew cup events are not seeded.

2 – Top 160 players in the Overall Standings at the end of the 2018-2019 season will be able to buy directly into Round 2 Advanced Singles and Round 2 Blind Draw at the 2019 ACL Championships. Everyone else will have to pay to enter Round 1 and try to qualify for Round 2 at the 2019 ACL Championships.

3 – Top 160 players in the Overall Standings are eligible to become an ACL Pro for the 2019-2020 season.

## ACL Singles Points

Will include everyone (including Pro's, but excluding Juniors) and will be used as follows:

1 - To determine the top 16 players in each conference. The top 16 players in each conference will be invited to represent their conference at the **\$25,000 WCO World Cup** event at the 2019 ACL Championships. Players will play for **Free** in this event and get a **Free** shirt/jersey!

2 – To Determine the top 8 Women and top 8 Seniors in each Conference. These players will represent their Conferences at the 2019 ACL Championships and play for **Free** in the **Women's Conference Cup** and **Senior Conference Cup** events. Note that if a player finishes in the top 16 in their conference and attends the 2019 ACL Championships, they must play in the WCO World Cup Event.


3 – Seeding for singles events at all ACL Championship and National events. Regional and Conference events MAY also use points for seeding (TBD by each director)

**IMPORTANT** – while earning ACL points is great, players will earn discounted entry fees for the \$100,000 ACL Championships just by playing in ACL events throughout the season. The more ACL Regional/Conference/National events you participate in, the less money you will have to pay at the Championships to play in several of the events! More details on this are below.

# The \$100,000 ACL Championships!

The **2019 ACL Championships** is a multi-day event that will be held in August 2019 (location TBD, minimum 5 day event). **OVER \$100,000** will be paid out with live broadcasts being held for many of the events.

## 2019 ACL Championship Guaranteed Prize Pool Events Include

- \$10,000 ACL Pro Doubles Championship + \$25,000 ACL Pro Points Standings 
- \$25,000 WCO World Cup
- \$20,000 ACL Advanced Singles Championship
- \$20,000 ACL Advanced Doubles Championship
- \$10,000 Advanced Blind Draw
- \$2,500 Women's Conference Cup
- \$2,500 Senior Conference Cup
- \$2,500 Junior Conference Cup
- \$2,500 Women's Doubles
- \$2,500 Senior Doubles
- \$1,500 Women's Singles
- \$1,500 Senior Singles
- \$1,000 Competitive Doubles
- \$1,000 ACL Director Blind Draw



## ACL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Other Events Will Likely Include:

- Advanced Crew Cup
- Social Crew Cup
- Mixed Doubles
- 70+ Senior Singles
- Junior Singles
- Junior Doubles
- Competitive Singles
- Competitive Blind Draw
- Social Singles
- Social Doubles
- Several Big Blind Draws

Seeding for all Championship tournaments (with the exception of Blind Draws and Crew Cup), will be based on ACL Standings. Junior prizes are awarded in scholarship money.

*Events are subject to change.*

## Qualifying for the \$30,000 Main Event at the 2019 ACL Championships!

The \$20,000 Advanced Singles and \$10,000 Advanced Blind Draw together make up the main event at the 2019 ACL Championships. These events have a maximum of 256 players and is considered "Round 2 of Advanced Singles" which is the final round. If you qualify for Round 2 of Advanced Singles you are automatically in the \$10,000 Advanced Blind Draw. If you fail to make Round 2 you are automatically placed into Competitive Singles and Competitive Blind Draw. Therefore, each player that enters the main event is guaranteed a MINIMUM of 4 games.

Here's how to qualify for Advanced Singles Round 2 (and the Advanced Blind Draw) at the 2019 ACL Championships.

1. **160 Spots** - The easiest way to qualify for these two events at the ACL Championships is to **finish in the top 160 of the Overall points standings**. Players who finish in the top 160 will have first shot at purchasing an entry into Round 2.
2. **32 Spots** are reserved for sponsor bids.
3. **64 Spots** - Will be available to players playing in Advanced Singles Round 1. Round 1 is open to any ACL Member (excluding Juniors). There will only be one Round 1 double elimination qualifying event. If you advance to Round 2 you advance for **BOTH** the \$20K Singles and \$10K Blind Draw. If you don't advance to round 2 you are then entered into the Competitive division.

Cost of Advanced Singles is based on how many ACL Tournaments (Regional, Conference and National) you participated in during the 2018-2019 Season.

# of ACL Tournaments	Advanced Singles Price
40+	\$50
30-39	\$100
20-29	\$150
10-19	\$200
0-9	\$400

\*Note that if you play Singles, Blind Draw and BYOP Doubles at an ACL event that counts as 3 tournaments towards your total. Local ACL tournaments do NOT count towards your total.

**Example:** You participate in Singles, Blind Draw and BYOP Doubles at 8 ACL Monthly Regional events (24 tournaments), 2 Conference Events (6 tournaments) and 2 National Events (6 tournaments). Your total number of ACL Tournaments is 24 + 6 + 6 or 36 tournaments. Your Advanced Singles / Blind Draw entry will cost you \$100.



# WCO World Cup Events



The World Cornhole Organization (WCO) World Cup is a team competition. It features the Main Event, WCO World Cup, and multiple Divisions (Women, Seniors, Juniors).

## Qualifying for the \$25,000 WCO World Cup Event

This event is ONLY open to players who finish in the top 16 of their Conference Standings based on **ACL Singles Points**. If any of the top 16 players do not attend the event, the spot will be passed down to the next highest ranked player in the conference.

For those that qualify for this event it will be **FREE** and each player given a Conference Shirt/Jersey to wear during this event at the 2019 ACL Championships!

The format for this event is that each team of 16 players is split into 4 singles players, 4 doubles teams and 1 crew team (4 players). They play 9 games against another World Cup team and the team that wins at least 5 of the 9 games wins the match.

## Qualifying for the \$2,500 Women's Conference Cup Event

This event is only open to the top 8 ranked Women within each conference (based on ACL Singles Points). For those that qualify for this event it will be **FREE**. Note that if a player finishes in the top 16 in their conference they must play in the WCO World Cup Event and the spot in the Women's Conference Cup will be passed down to the next highest finishing female player.

The format for this event is that each team of 8 players is split into 2 singles players and 3 doubles teams. They play 5 games against another Women's Conference team and the team that wins at least 3 of the 5 games wins the match.

## Qualifying for the \$2,500 Senior Conference Cup Event

This event is only open to the top 8 ranked Seniors within each conference (based on ACL Singles Points). For those that qualify for this event it will be **FREE**. Note that if a player finishes in the top 16 in their conference they must play in the WCO World Cup Event and the spot in the Senior Conference Cup will be passed down to the next highest finishing Senior player.

The format for this event is that each team of 8 players is split into 2 singles players and 3 doubles teams. They play 5 games against another Senior Conference team and the team that wins at least 3 of the 5 games wins the match.

## Qualifying for the \$2,500 Junior Conference Cup Event

This event is only open to the top 5 ranked Juniors within each conference (based on ACL Junior Points). For those that qualify for this event it will be **FREE**.

The format for this event is that each team of 5 players is split into 1 singles player and 2 doubles teams. They play 3 games against another Junior Conference team and the team that wins at least 2 of the 3 games wins the match.

PLAYERS AND GUESTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN ACL EVENTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE ACL CODE OF CONDUCT AND CODE OF ETHICS. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE FORFEITURE OF PRIZE MONEY, REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP AND BAN FROM FUTURE PARTICIPATION.

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