

# 2011 ACO Pro Tour



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## Membership Overview

- All memberships & renewals will be \$20
- Earn ACO-PRO Card by playing Pro tournaments
- Member reaching 204+ World Ranking Points will be upgraded to ACO-PRO status for that season and the following
  - Member maintains ACO-PRO status by achieving 204+ World Ranking Points each season
  - Member loses ACO-PRO status by achieving less than 204+ World Ranking Points
- Once a player attains ACO-PRO Status, that player will no longer be able to participate in ACO Social Tournaments
- Non-members cashing at tournaments will have one-time \$20 deduction from payment for automatic membership and will be assigned appropriate Ranking Points
- ACO-PRO eligible to acquire pro jersey
- ACO-PRO Shirt not required at all tournaments, but will be encouraged
- ACO will require ACO or non-branded apparel be worn during championship matches of televised events
- Memberships are valid for calendar year
- Members must present card at tournaments

ACO Membership		
Benefits	ACO	ACO PRO
How do I get my card? (Member earns ACO-PRO card)	Buy	Earn
Membership Number	X	X
Membership Card	X	X
Online Newsletter	X	X
Online Player Profile	X	X
Product Discounts	5%	10%
Social/Recreational Rankings	X	
SocialSixty Opportunity	X	
World Rankings	X	X
CornyForty Opportunity	X	X
Eligible to Earn Cash Payouts	X	X
Eligible to Acquire Pro Jersey		X
Exclusive Invites to Pro Events		X
<b>Annual Investment</b>	<b>\$20</b>	

## ACO-PRO Terminology

<b>World Rankings:</b>	Combination of Skills Challenge Rating and Earned Tournament Points Determines Ranking
<b>Skills Challenge Rating:</b>	Skills Challenge used for Setting Base Rank and also referred to as “SCR”
<b>CornyForty:</b>	Refers to the Top 40 in the World Rankings
<b>Signature Series:</b>	Open and Invitational Money Tournaments
<b>Masters Series:</b>	World Ranking Points Earning Tournaments
<b>KOC Qualifier:</b>	Tournament to win Golden Ticket
<b>Golden Ticket:</b>	Earned, Purchased or Acquired Entry into King of Cornhole
<b>King of Cornhole:</b>	Tournament crowning World Champion
<b>QOC Qualifier:</b>	Tournament to win Diamond Ticket
<b>Diamond Ticket:</b>	Earned, Purchased or Acquired Entry into Queen of Cornhole
<b>Queen of Cornhole:</b>	Tournament crowning Women's World Champion
<b>HolePlay:</b>	Round Robin play

## World Ranking Points (WRP) Program

- **Points earned two ways**
  - Skills Challenge Rating (SCR)
  - Masters Tournaments
  
- **World Rankings Location**
  - [www.kingofcornhole.com](http://www.kingofcornhole.com)
  
- **Players**
  - Rankings will be used for tournament seeding
  - Only ACO Members will have points posted in Social and World Rankings
  - Memberships purchased day of event allows player points to be posted on Rankings
  - Player finishing end-of-points season ranked #1 will be named “ACO-PRO Player of the Year”
  - Last eligible date for taking SCR tests will be Sunday midnight, one week before TurkeyHole
  - Last eligible WRP points will be earned at TurkeyHole on November 26th, 2011

World Ranking Points			
Single Elimination		Double Elimination	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	25	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	24	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	24
Top 4	23	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	23
Top 8	21	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	22
Top 16	18	5-6 Pl.	20
Top 32	12	7-8 Pl.	18
Top 64	6	9-12 Pl.	16
Top 128	4	13-16 Pl.	14
		17-24 Pl.	12
		25-32 Pl.	10
		33-48 Pl.	6
		49+ Pl.	4

## Skills Challenge (SCR) Program

- Cost: \$10 per SCR attempt
- The SCR consists of throwing one Frame Game
- Frame Game is a structured process for players seeking a Skills Challenge Rating (SCR) to compare your skill against others
- 13 Frames of (4) Bags
- Perfect Score is 156 points
- SCR used for both Social and World Rankings and used for tournament seedings
- Certified Officials (CO) must be present and may appoint ACO members to assist with administering SCR tests. Signature requirements will include CO, Appointed CO, player witness and player
- Minimum of 2 unique SCR participants given per SCR session
- Player responsible for notifying ACO Office of any posted inaccuracies
- Must be thrown using ACO Certified Tournament Series boards and bags
- SCR testing dates & locations must be presented to ACO Corporate seven days prior to SCR session
- SCR test given day of tournament is not valid until following tournament



### SKILL CHALLENGE RATING "SCR"

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ACO Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$10 per attempt**



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### Frame Game

	FRAME 1	FRAME 2	FRAME 3	FRAME 4	FRAME 5	FRAME 6	FRAME 7	FRAME 8	FRAME 9	FRAME 10	FRAME 11	FRAME 12	FRAME 13	TOTAL
CORNHOLES														
WOODIES														
FRAME SCORE														
TOTAL SCORE														

**How do you measure up against the Pros?** If your single game average is:

- 1 to 21 - find another sport.
- 80 to 103 - you're clearly a pitchin' good player now. (no excuses)
- 22 to 40 - don't quit the day job.
- 104 to 123 - it's time to say goodbye to your social status and "hello" to the Pro Tour.
- 41 to 79 - you're on your way to racing up the social rankings.
- 124 and up - the 'King of Cornhole' title awaits you.

Scorer: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Penalties for Cheating on SCR Tests

- Players caught cheating on SCR tests or submitting incorrect results knowingly will result in suspension for remainder of current season
- Certified Officials caught cheating on SCR tests or submitting incorrect results knowingly will have Certified Official status revoked and will be suspended from playing tournaments for remainder of season



"No cheating!"

## CornyForty

- CornyForty refers to top 40 players in World Rankings
- Players earning position in CornyForty after TurkeyHole are awarded a “CornyForty Package” to the ACO World Championships” at the end of the season.
- CornyForty Package includes entries into following ACO World Championship events: King of Cornhole, Airmail Challenge, Seven21 Challenge, Speed Challenge and SuperHole
- CornyForty will carry cash bonuses for the Top 32 players. Payouts will mirror King of Cornhole payouts
- Players ranked 33-40 will receive “CornyForty Package” only
- Cash bonuses will be mailed out two weeks after TurkeyHole and final World Rankings posted
- CornyForty will be seeded 1-40 in the King of Cornhole Bracket at the ACO World Championships
- Player finishing end-of-points season ranked #1 will be named “ACO-PRO Player of the Year”



## World Ranking Example

RANK	PLAYER NAME	ST	SCR	WRP	Status
1	Matt Guy	KY	135.33	313.33	CornyForty
2	Steve Vanderver	OH	138	250	CornyForty
3	Randy Atha	OH	135	231	CornyForty
4	Kevin Warner	IN	127	223	CornyForty
5	Kevin Pinkerton	OH	116.67	216.67	CornyForty
6	Sean Short	OH	116.33	211.33	CornyForty
40	Dale Smith	KY	127.33	209.33	CornyForty
41	David Shoemaker	OH	120	208	Pro Member
42	Jack Stagge	OH	116.67	206	Pro Member
100	Matthew Strzala	OH	126.33	185.33	Member
650	Matt Gray	OH	67.67	71.67	Member

## Pro Tournaments



**King of Cornhole®** – Final tournament each season to crown King of Cornhole® for the year. Run by ACO Corporate

**Queen of Cornhole** – Tournament at ACO World Championships crowning best female player. Tournament run exactly like King of Cornhole. Top 40 women listed in World Rankings will earn Diamond Ticket to Queen of Cornhole. Points earned by participating in ACO-PRO tournaments at Masters Series events.



**Signature Series** – Premier money tournaments added to the ACO-PRO Tour. Qty: 2-5 for 2011. Open to all participants. Run by ACO Corporate



**Masters Series** - Ten (10) Masters Series tournaments each season. Schedule provided on next slide. ACO Members earn points towards World Rankings. Open to all participants. Run by ACO Corporate and Certified Officials (CO's).

**KOC Qualifier:** Play-in tournaments run by CO's throughout year. No Points earned toward World Rankings unless tied to a Masters Series Tournament. Winner of KOC Qualifier earns a “Golden Ticket” into King of Cornhole. Open to all ACO-PRO, Social and non-members to participate.

**QOC Qualifier:** Play-in tournaments run by CO's throughout year. No Points earned toward World Rankings unless tied to a Masters Series Tournament. Winner of QOC Qualifier earns a “Diamond Ticket” into Queen of Cornhole. Open to all female players to participate.

## 2011 Masters Series Schedule

Tournament Name	Date Schedule
IceHole Classic	February 26 <sup>th</sup>
HoleMania	March 12 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Fling	April 9 <sup>th</sup>
Cornhole De Mayo	May 7 <sup>th</sup>
Great American Pitchout	June 11 <sup>th</sup>
MaizeKraze	July 16 <sup>th</sup>
HoleBash	August 13 <sup>th</sup>
Cornhole Classic	September 17 <sup>th</sup>
Hole-O-Ween	October 30 <sup>th</sup>
TurkeyHole	November 26 <sup>th</sup>



**Note: Approval is required from ACO Corporate if unable to run on scheduled dates above**

## “Golden Ticket”

- **What is the “Golden Ticket”?**
  - Entry into the King of Cornhole® Tournament
  - Non-members awarded an ACO Membership
  - 350 “Golden Tickets” will be available
- **Who can win the “Golden Ticket”?**
  - Open to all players
  - Does not require ACO Membership
- **How can I get a “Golden Ticket”?**
  - Win a KOC Qualifier
  - Finish Season in CornyForty on World Rankings
  - Purchase
  - Ticket can be gifted to you by another player
- **Where are KOC Qualifiers?**
  - Pay attention to schedule postings and calendars. [www.kingofcornhole.com](http://www.kingofcornhole.com), [www.holemagazine.com](http://www.holemagazine.com) and American Cornhole Facebook Page



## “Diamond Ticket”

### ■ What is the “Diamond Ticket”?

- Entry into the Queen of Cornhole® Tournament
- Non-members awarded an ACO Membership
- Unlimited “Diamond Tickets” will be available

### ■ Who can win the “Diamond Ticket”?

- Open to all players
- Does not require ACO Membership

### ■ How can I get a “Diamond Ticket”?

- Win a QOC Qualifier
- Top 40 female point earners in the World Rankings at end of season
- Purchase
- Ticket can be gifted to you by another player

### ■ Where are QOC Qualifiers?

- Pay attention to schedule postings and calendars. [www.kingofcornhole.com](http://www.kingofcornhole.com), [www.holemagazine.com](http://www.holemagazine.com) and American Cornhole Facebook Page



## 2011 Prize Payouts

- **King of Cornhole®**
  - \$5,000 Guaranteed Minimum Purse assigned to 2011 KOC Tournament – Paid to top 32
- **Queen of Cornhole**
  - Minimum 70% payout of entries or sponsored payouts
- **World Rankings**
  - \$5,000 Guaranteed Minimum Purse assigned to 2011 World Rankings – Paid to top 32 players of CornyForty. Payouts equal to payouts of KOC
- **Signature Events**
  - Percentage of entry or sponsored payouts
- **Masters Series Tournaments**
  - Minimum 70% payout of entries or sponsored payouts
  - 16 or less players pays up to top 4, Check with Certified Official
  - 17-24 players pays out top 6
  - 25 or more players pays out top 8 or more, Check with Certified Official
  - Players cannot compete in two of the same Masters tournaments
- **KOC Qualifiers**
  - Prize is “Golden Ticket” with optional cash payouts
- **QOC Qualifiers**
  - Prize is “Diamond Ticket” with optional cash payouts

## 2011 Prize Payout Breakdown

	King of Cornhole	World Rankings (CornyForty)		Masters Series Tournaments		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$1000	\$1000		16 or less players	17-24 players	25 or more players
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$500	\$500	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	40%	38%	35%
Top 4	\$250	\$250	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	30%	28%	25%
Top 8	\$200	\$200	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	20%	18%	17%
Top 16	\$125	\$125	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	10%	8%	8%
Top 32	\$75	\$75	5 <sup>th</sup> Place		4%	4%
			6 <sup>th</sup> Place		4%	4%
			7 <sup>th</sup> Place			3.5%
			8 <sup>th</sup> Place			3.5%

## Certified Official Costs

### ■ Certified Officials

- Pay flat fee for tournament sanction
- Receive ACO CO Guide
- CO Tournaments listed on ACO web-sites with contact details
- CO to return results within three days
- Tournaments do not require ACO Tournament Boards and Bags, but must be played using ACO Approved equipment.
- Players will be eligible to bring own bags for all tournaments with the exception of ACO World Championships
- SCR Tests require ACO Tournament Boards and Bags for official online ranking
- For more details on the Silver Ticket refer to the Social Presentation Packet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST
<b>Sanction Fees</b>	
Sanctioned Tournament	\$75
Master Series Tournament	\$150
<b>Uplift to Qualifiers for ACO Worlds</b>	
Golden Ticket	\$150
Diamond Ticket	\$50
Silver Ticket	Included with sanctioning fee
Silver Ticket Doubles Package (2) KOS Entries, (1) Social Doubles	\$100
<b>Equipment Costs (includes freight)</b>	
ACO Tournament Starter Pack: (4) Tournament Series Board Sets (4) Sets of Tournament Bags (4) Backyard Barkeep Scoring Units <b>((1) per Certified Official per year)</b>	\$1,295    ((\$650 Savings))
ACO Tournament Board Set	\$325
ACO Tournament Bags (8 Bags)	\$95

## Pro Tournament Formats

### King & Queen Of Cornhole®

Tournament Format: -HolePlay and Bracket Challenge  
HolePlay: -Defined Schedule of Games  
Bracket Seeding: -World Ranking / HolePlay Results  
Bracket Play: -Best 2 of 3, Single Elimination

### Signatures

Tournament Format: -Varies

### Masters

Tournament Format: -HolePlay and Bracket Challenge  
Hole Play: -Schedule of games  
Bracket Seeding: -HolePlay / WRP / Social Ranking / Random  
Bracket Play: -Double Elimination

### KOC & QOC Qualifiers

Tournament Format: -Run at discretion of Certified Officials  
Seeding: -World Ranking / Social Ranking / Random  
Locations: -Varies

## ACO Resources

### ■ Pro Tour Details

- World Rankings
- Tournament Calendars
- Tour Updates
- Tour FAQ's

[www.kingofcornhole.com](http://www.kingofcornhole.com)

### ■ Tournament Details

- Calendar

[www.holemagazine.com](http://www.holemagazine.com)

### ■ ACO Product Details

- Boards, Bags, Shirts, etc.
- Tournament Registrations

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

### ■ Member Details

- Memberships
- ACO Official Rules

[www.americancornhole.org](http://www.americancornhole.org)

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