

# 2011 ACO Social Tour



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“Let them Bags Fly!”™

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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>SocialSixty Rankings:</b>	Combination of Skills Challenge Rating and Tournament Points Determines Ranking
<b>Skills Challenge Rating:</b>	Skills Challenge used for Setting Base Rank and also referred to as “SCR”
<b>SocialSixty:</b>	Refers to the Top 60 in the Social Rankings
<b>Signature Series:</b>	Open and Invitational Tournaments
<b>Masters Series:</b>	Social Points Earning Tournaments
<b>KOS Qualifier:</b>	Tournament to win Silver Ticket
<b>Silver Ticket:</b>	Earned Entry into King of Sling
<b>King of Sling:</b>	Social Singles Event at ACO World Championships
<b>HolePlay:</b>	Round Robin play

## Social Ranking Points Program

- **Points earned two ways**
  - Skills Challenge Rating (SCR)
  - Masters Tournaments
  
- **World Rankings Location**
  - [www.holemagazine.com](http://www.holemagazine.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-Social Player of the Year”
  - Last eligible date for taking SCR tests will be Sunday midnight, one week before TurkeyHole
  - Last eligible SRP points will be earned at TurkeyHole on November 26th, 2011

Social 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!"

## SocialSixty

- SocialSixty refers to top 60 players in Social Rankings
- Players earning position in SocialSixty after TurkeyHole are awarded a “SocialSixty Package” to the ACO World Championships” at the end of the season.
- SocialSixty Package includes entries into following ACO World Championship events: King of Sling, Airmail Challenge, Seven21 Challenge, Speed Challenge and SuperHole
- SocialSixty will carry bonus prizes for finished positions
- Bonus prizes will be sent within first quarter of the following year
- SocialSixty will be seeded 1-60 in the King of Sling Bracket at the ACO World Championships
- Player finishing end-of-points season ranked #1 will be named “ACO Social Player of the Year”



## Social Ranking Example

RANK	PLAYER NAME	ST	SCR	SSP	Prize
1	Josh Whitley	NC	128	284	ACO World Pkg
2	Kurt Lindsay	VA	117	217	Sports X-Treme
3	Nathaniel Barker	NC	99	209	Prize
4	Dustin Adkison	TN	98	195	Prize
5	Larry Lambert	OH	101	191	Prize
6	Ronald Storey	GA	102	179	Prize
7	Paul Dehner	OH	99	179	Prize
8	Jeff Berkshire	IN	114	174	Prize
9	Eric Cameron	NC	109	160	Prize
10	Dan Hunley	IN	109	159	Prize
650	Matt Gray	OH	67.67	71.67	

## Social Tournaments



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



**Signature Series** – Premier tournaments added to the Social 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 Social Rankings. Open to all participants. Run by ACO Corporate and Certified Officials (CO's).

**KOS Qualifier:** Play-in tournaments run ACO Corporate and CO's throughout year. No Points earned toward Social Rankings unless tied to a Masters Series Tournament. Winner of KOS Qualifier earns a “Silver Ticket” into King of Sling. Open to all Social and non-members 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**

## “Silver Ticket”

- **What is the “Silver Ticket”?**
  - Entry into the King of Sling Tournament
  - Non-members awarded an ACO Membership
  - Unlimited “Silver Tickets” will be available
- **Who can win the “Silver Ticket”?**
  - Open to all Non-Pro players
  - Does not require ACO Membership
- **How can I get a “Silver Ticket”?**
  - Win a KOS Qualifier
  - Finish season in SocialSixty on Social Rankings
  - Purchase
  - Ticket can be gifted to you
- **Where are KOS Qualifiers?**
  - Pay attention to schedule postings and calendars. [www.holemagazine.com](http://www.holemagazine.com) and American Cornhole Facebook Page



## Prize Payouts

- **King of Sling -**
  - Trophies and Prizes will be awarded to top players
- **Social Rankings**
  - Sponsored Prizes will be awarded to top players. Goal is to have as many prizes as possible for the Social Rankings
- **Signature Events**
  - Sponsored prizes
- **Masters Series Tournaments**
  - Social Points and Sponsored prizes
- **KOS Qualifiers**
  - Prize is “Silver Ticket”

**Note:** Some tournaments may carry nominal cash payouts. ACO encourages prizes as awards for Social tournaments and cash payouts for Pro tournaments. This will be at the discretion of ACO Corporate and Certified Officials.



## Social Tournaments & Formats

<b>King of Sling</b>	Tournament Format:	-Bracket Challenge
	Bracket Seeding:	-Social Ranking / King of Cornhole® Round One Non-Pro Losers / Random
	Bracket Play:	-Double Elimination
<b>Signatures</b>	Tournament Format:	-Varies
<b>Masters</b>	Tournament Format:	-Varies
<b>KOS</b>	Tournament Format:	-Varies

## ACO Resources

- **Social Tour Details** [www.holemagazine.com](http://www.holemagazine.com)
  - Social Rankings
  - Tour Updates
  
- **Tournament Details** [www.holemagazine.com](http://www.holemagazine.com)
  - Calendar
  
- **ACO Product Details** [www.americancornhole.com](http://www.americancornhole.com)
  - Boards, Bags, Shirts, etc.
  - Tournament Registrations
  
- **Member Details** [www.americancornhole.org](http://www.americancornhole.org)
  - Memberships
  - ACO Official Rules

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