

Year One Director Guide

2026-27 FOUNDING SEASON | CLUB AND DISTRICT OPERATIONS

The Pennsylvania Cornhole Association connects local Clubs through consistent points, qualification, and competition standards. Club and District Directors retain authority over their day-to-day events while working within the same statewide season.

1. The Year One Framework

POINTS SEASON November 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027; the 26-week Year One scoring framework.	SCORING WEEK Monday through Sunday. The week resets at 12:00 AM Monday.
CLUB POINTS LIMIT Up to two PCA points events per Club per scoring week; 52 for the season.	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP The Keystone Cup follows the regular season in early May 2027.

2. Leadership and Responsibilities

Role	Primary responsibility
State Director	Oversees statewide operations, standings, State events, the Keystone Cup, and issues requiring statewide resolution.
Deputy State Directors	Support State administration and District oversight; advise on financial matters and significant disputes.
District Directors	Coordinate District Clubs, schedule monthly District Singles and Doubles, and connect Club Directors with State leadership.
Club Directors	Operate local events and retain broad control of venues, schedules, entry fees, payout structures, and formats within PCA requirements.

Hosting Directors make routine event decisions. Issues that remain unresolved or affect more than one Club or District are referred to State leadership.

Club Operations

THE LOCAL FOUNDATION OF THE PCA SEASON

Clubs may choose the formats that suit their players while meeting PCA points-event standards.

3. Club Points-Event Standards

- **Event limits.** A Club may hold two points events per Monday-Sunday scoring week, up to 52 during the season.
- **Minimum field.** A valid points event requires at least six Singles players or six Doubles teams.
- **Event formats.** Singles, BYOP Doubles, Blind Draw, Switcholio, Swiss, Round Robin, Double Elimination, Knockout, Tandem Doubles, and other formats that produce valid finishing positions.
- **Advance notice.** Identify the event as a PCA points event before play begins. Unadvertised events require written State Director permission to award points.
- **Event platform.** Run points events in Scoreholio and confirm the correct format, participants, and results.
- **Event details.** Publish the date, venue, format, Singles or Doubles designation, entry fee, payout terms, and registration and start times.
- **Makeup events.** With PCA approval, a player may earn four Club results on a makeup day. The season cap remains 52.

One combined Club field

Club points are awarded from one combined field, not separate A, AA, and AAA brackets. Singles and Doubles carry equal weight; each Doubles player earns points individually.

AAAA / REC events

AAAA / REC is open to players below 6.00 PPR and awards no competitive points. Entry fees must be **substantially lower** than competitive fees, with **50% of REC entry-fee revenue** paid out. Publish both terms before registration.

4. Active Club Standards and Continuity

- **Monthly activity.** An active Club should run at least 50% of the maximum number of PCA points events it could legally offer during a given month.
- **Season expectation.** An active Club should offer at least 26 PCA points events, half of the 52-event maximum. Non-points REC play does not replace this requirement.
- **Activity review.** Clubs below the activity standard may explain their circumstances in writing. Falling short does not automatically end affiliation.

- **Club affiliation.** PCA affiliation stays with the Club after a leadership change unless the Club requests otherwise or special circumstances require State review.
- **Scheduling cooperation.** Nearby Clubs are encouraged to avoid conflicts when practical. No Club receives exclusive rights to a day, night, or territory.

District Operations

MONTHLY COMPETITION WITH LOCAL AUTONOMY

District Directors coordinate monthly qualifying events and work with local Clubs to provide consistent competition across Pennsylvania.

5. Monthly District Events

- **Monthly events.** Offer one District Singles event and one District Doubles event each month from November through April.
- **Flexible dates.** Singles and Doubles may be held on different dates within the same month.
- **Competitive divisions.** Accommodate all active divisions. When entries are insufficient for separate brackets, divisions may share a bracket while points remain division-specific.
- **All-State.** Include All-State players in the regular A bracket. Their points are calculated separately; no additional bracket or manual standings adjustment is required.
- **Travel.** Players may enter other Districts, subject to the monthly-best scoring and home-District appearance requirements.

Scheduling authority and local role

District Directors set event dates in coordination with nearby Clubs. Unresolved scheduling disputes go to State leadership. A District Director ordinarily operates an active PCA Club unless another organization has assumed the local Club responsibilities.

Statewide event assistance

District Directors may be asked to assist with Keystone Cup setup, staffing, scoring, or other operations. Participation is voluntary and depends on availability.

6. District Participation and Qualification

Category	Eligible results	Qualification
Club	Up to two results per scoring week; 52 for the season.	21 Club results
District Singles	Best Singles finish each month; best four monthly results count.	3 appearances, at least 2 in home District
District Doubles	Best Doubles finish each month; best four monthly results count.	3 appearances, at least 2 in home District

Membership Club selection determines a player's home District. Results earned elsewhere are eligible, but the required home appearances still apply. Relocating players may request a transfer. Appearance minimums determine qualification; the best four monthly results in each District discipline determine season points.

Border eligibility: players living within approximately 25 miles of Pennsylvania may qualify for membership, with reasonable rural exceptions when the nearest practical participating Club is in Pennsylvania. Direct unclear cases to PCA leadership.

Classification and Player Movement

PPR THRESHOLDS AND DIVISION ADMINISTRATION

7. Official 120-Day PPR Thresholds

Division	120-day PPR	Classification
All-State	Invitation-based	Separate competitive division and standings
A	8.00 and above	Highest regular competitive division
AA	7.00-7.99	Intermediate competitive division
AAA	6.00-6.99	Lower competitive division
AAAA / REC	Below 6.00	Recreational, non-points

A, AA, AAA, and REC classifications use each player's **120-day PPR**. All-State entry is by invitation.

Moving players into the proper division

- **Initiating a move.** A District Director or higher may initiate upward movement when the player is clearly misclassified, with supporting input from the Club Director.
- **Review of disputes.** The State Director and Deputy State Directors resolve disagreements about classification movement.
- **Club points.** Previously earned Club points remain on the player's record.
- **District results.** Prior District points remain credited. Later higher-division results may replace them in the best-results calculation.
- **Participation.** Previously completed eligible appearances still count after a division change.

Classification lock

Classifications lock after the Valley Forge event, January 15-17, 2027.

REC event administration

Record REC events separately. They do not earn competitive PCA points.

All-State Division

COMPETITION AND REPORTING

8. All-State Structure for Year One

The PCA issued **32 invitations** to Pennsylvania players for the Year One All-State Division. Only registered participants compete.

- **Regular District events.** All-State players compete alongside A players in the same regular District bracket. Directors do not create a second All-State bracket.
- **Results.** Submit the event through Scoreholio as usual. All-State points and standings are calculated separately.
- **A standings.** All-State results are excluded from ordinary A points calculations. Do not change the recorded match results.
- **Championship.** All-State has a separate State Championship.
- **Juniors.** Players age 15 and under are not eligible for All-State.

All-State membership allocation

All-State membership component	Amount
Total membership, including PCA membership	\$200
Player's affiliated Club	\$20
All-State prize allocation	\$180

Event Reporting and Rulings

RESULTS, CORRECTIONS, AND EVENT AUTHORITY

9. Scoreholio and Results

- **Official platform.** Record all Club and District points events in Scoreholio.
- **Player identity.** Confirm players are using the correct Scoreholio accounts and email addresses.
- **Reporting deadline.** Finalize results promptly and no later than 24 hours after the event.
- **Membership processing.** Membership and points eligibility are calculated automatically; Directors do not manually approve each player's points.
- **Corrections.** Correct routine errors in Scoreholio. Refer unresolved or standings-affecting issues to State leadership.

10. Courts and Equipment

- **Court setup.** Use professional-quality boards at the standard 27-foot distance, with clear, safe pitching areas.
- **Equipment challenges.** Inspect questioned equipment and remove anything unsafe or noncompliant.
- **Scoring disputes.** Stop play and leave the bags undisturbed until the Director or official rules.

11. Rulings and Director Conduct

- **Event authority.** Hosting Directors settle ordinary match disputes. Refer unresolved or wider concerns to District or State leadership.
- **Immediate discipline.** Directors may remove or ban a participant when misconduct or safety concerns warrant it. Affected participants may appeal to a panel of PCA Directors and players.
- **Director accountability.** Repeated noncompliance, misconduct, or financial concerns may prompt State review. Suspension or removal of a Director requires appropriate review.

Points and Qualification

OFFICIAL SCOREHOLIO FINISHING GROUPS

Club points follow the official Scoreholio finishing groups shown below.

12. Club Points - Universal

Official finish	Club points
1st	20
2nd	19
3rd	18
4th	17
5th-6th	16
7th-8th	14
9th-12th	12
13th-16th	10
17th-24th	10
25th-32nd	10
33rd-48th	10
49th-64th	10
65th-96th	10
97th+	10

The Club table applies to A, AA, and AAA. Singles and Doubles count equally, each Doubles player receives points individually, and REC events remain non-points.

13. Qualification Minimums

Category	Results counted	Minimum
Club	Up to 2 per week; 52 season maximum.	21 results
District Singles	Best monthly Singles finish; best four eligible monthly results.	3 appearances; 2 in home District
District Doubles	Best monthly Doubles finish; best four eligible monthly results.	3 appearances; 2 in home District

14. Maximum Season Points

Class	Club	Dist. S	Dist. D	State S	State D	Season max
A	1,040	800	800	440	440	3,520
AA	1,040	600	600	330	330	2,900
AAA	1,040	400	400	220	220	2,280

District Points

SINGLES AND DOUBLES

For combined brackets, record the official finishing position for each player or team.
Division-specific points are calculated from those results.

Official finish	A	AA	AAA
1st	200	150	100
2nd	198	148	98
3rd	196	146	96
4th	194	144	94
5th-6th	192	142	92
7th-8th	188	138	88
9th-12th	184	134	84
13th-16th	176	126	76
17th-24th	168	118	68
25th-32nd	160	110	52
33rd-48th	160	110	50
49th-64th	160	110	50
65th-96th	160	110	50
97th+	160	110	50

15. District Points Administration

District Singles and Doubles use the same table. All-State standings are calculated separately and REC does not earn points.

District point floors: A 160; AA 110; AAA 50.

State Championship Points

SINGLES AND DOUBLES

State Championship Singles and Doubles use the following point values.

Official finish	A	AA	AAA
1st	440	330	220
2nd	438	328	218
3rd	436	326	216
4th	434	324	214
5th-6th	432	322	212
7th-8th	428	318	208
9th-12th	424	314	204
13th-16th	416	306	196
17th-24th	408	298	188
25th-32nd	392	282	172
33rd-48th	376	266	156
49th-64th	344	234	124
65th-96th	340	230	110
97th+	340	230	110

16. State Championship Competition

A, AA, and AAA players must meet the Club and District participation minimums. State Championship seeding follows current PCA State rankings.

State Championship point floors: A 340; AA 230; AAA 110. All-State has separate results and standings.

Keystone Cup Operations

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND DIRECTOR SUPPORT

17. Keystone Cup Structure

The Keystone Cup takes place in early May 2027. Singles and Doubles in A, AA, and AAA use double elimination.

Competition	Format
A / AA / AAA Singles	Separate skill-division State Championships; double elimination.
A / AA / AAA Doubles	Separate skill-division State Championships; double elimination.
All-State	Separate All-State Division State Championship.
Switch	Format announced with registration.
Open	Keystone Cup Grand Champion event; no PCA points.
Juniors 15U	Separate Junior State Championship opportunity.
Women / Seniors	State Championship opportunities; regular-season rankings earned in Club and District events.
Team / Crew	Additional championship events.
Club Team Championship	One 20-player, five-tier Club Team Championship during the season.

18. Rankings Administration

Official PCA rankings and standings are published at pcacornhole.com. Scoreholio Seasons may not display accurate PCA standings because of software limitations. Use the PCA website for official rankings, championship seeding, and eligibility. Directors must report event results accurately in Scoreholio. Standing ties are resolved by total event wins, individual game win-loss record, PPR, then coin toss.

19. Director Assistance

State leadership coordinates Keystone Cup staffing. District Directors may volunteer for setup, check-in, scorekeeping, or other event duties.

Membership and Event Finances

REGISTRATION, LOCAL REVENUE, AND PAYOUTS

20. Membership Administration

Membership	Price / timing	Director-facing notes
Standard	\$40, Oct. 1-Dec. 31	Half goes to the member-selected PCA Club or District organization.
Late	\$50, Jan. 1-31	Eligible results since Nov. 1 may earn retroactive credit when the player joins by Jan. 31.
15U junior	Free with paid parent/guardian; otherwise half price	Age is determined Nov. 1, 2026. Each junior needs their own Scoreholio account details.
Age 16+	Full applicable fee	Membership is required for PCA points and member-only season benefits.
All-State	\$200 including PCA membership	\$20 to the member's Club; \$180 to the All-State prize fund.

Players register at pcacornhole.com/join and select their affiliated Club. Nonmembers may enter ordinary Club events but do not earn PCA points or season benefits.

Local membership share

Clubs and District organizations control their membership-share spending. Members should receive reasonable financial transparency; PCA does not impose a local spending formula.

21. Event Revenue and Payouts

Hosting Directors retain event entry-fee revenue. PCA charges no per-player sanctioning fee for regular Club or District events. Entry fees and payouts must be disclosed before registration closes. Fully sponsored events may offer 100% payouts, while fundraisers may advertise a lower payout.

Event / division	Entry fee	Payout
Competitive Club events	Director discretion	Normally 60%-90% of entry fees; guidance only
District A	Director discretion	80% suggested
District AA	Director discretion	70% suggested
District AAA	Director discretion	60% suggested
AAAA / REC	Significantly lower than competitive	50% of REC entry fees
Fundraising events	Disclose in advance	Disclosed fundraising payout

A, AA, and AAA percentages are guidance only. REC must pay out 50% of the entry fees collected for REC, not the combined event revenue.

Event Checklist

- Confirm the event date and applicable weekly or season points limits.
- Advertise the points designation, entry fee, payout policy, format, time, and location before play.
- Check minimum entries, Scoreholio settings, player identities, and court safety.
- For disputed frames, stop play and preserve bag positions until an official ruling.
- Submit final Scoreholio results within 24 hours.
- Refer unresolved scoring, classification, membership, and standings issues to District or State leadership.