



Year One Player Guide

2026-27 FOUNDING SEASON | PLAYER INFORMATION AND COMPETITION

PCA competition runs from November through April, culminating in the Keystone Cup. This guide explains membership, skill divisions, season points, and championship qualification.

Season Overview

SEASON DATES November 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.	SCORING WEEK Monday through Sunday; 26 scoring weeks for the season.
WEEKLY CLUB LIMIT Each Club may hold two designated points events per scoring week.	SEASON CLUB LIMIT A Club may hold no more than 52 points events during Year One.

Results and Qualification

Category	Maximum available / counted	Minimum to qualify
Club	Up to 2 results weekly, with a 52-result season maximum.	21 results
District Singles	Best Singles finish each month; best 4 eligible monthly finishes count.	3 appearances, at least 2 at home
District Doubles	Best Doubles finish each month; best 4 eligible monthly finishes count.	3 appearances, at least 2 at home

Districts hold monthly Singles and Doubles events. You may enter events outside your home District, provided you meet the home-District attendance minimums.

Club Event Formats

Club events may use Singles, Bring Your Own Partner Doubles, Blind Draw, Switcholio, Swiss, Round Robin, Knockout, Double Elimination, Tandem Doubles, or another approved format. A points event requires at least six Singles players or six Doubles teams. Approved makeup events may allow up to four Club results in one day without increasing the 52-result season limit.



Membership

ANNUAL DUES AND PLAYER BENEFITS

STANDARD MEMBERSHIP \$40 October 1 - December 31, 2026	LATE MEMBERSHIP \$50 January 1 - January 31, 2027
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You may play in regular Club events without membership. PCA membership is required to earn season points and qualify for member-only awards and championship events.

Membership Benefits

- Club, District, Conference, and State standings and points.
- Entry into eligible Keystone Cup competitions once participation requirements are met.
- Season titles, awards, State Showcase opportunities, and All-State competition for invited players.
- An individual player profile with standings and event statistics.
- Credit for eligible results dating to November 1, 2026, when membership is completed by January 31, 2027.

Where the money goes

Half of each standard membership fee goes to the selected Club or District organization. The PCA portion supports statewide standings, administration, equipment where needed, and the Keystone Cup. Financial summaries will be available to members.

Junior Membership

- **Age 15 and under:** free with a paid parent or guardian membership.
- **Age 15 and under without a paid parent or guardian:** 50% of the applicable membership price.
- **Age 16 and older:** full membership price.
- Age is determined on November 1, 2026. Families may register multiple eligible juniors, each with their own Scoreholio player information.

Register at pcacornhole.com/join and select your affiliated Club.

Divisions and Club Points

SKILL CLASSIFICATION AND CLUB STANDINGS

Competitive divisions are determined by a player's 120-day points-per-round average (PPR). All-State is an invitation-only division and is not assigned by PPR.

Skill Divisions

Division	120-day PPR	Competition
All-State	Invitation-based	Separate competitive division
A	8.00 and above	Highest competitive division
AA	7.00-7.99	Intermediate competitive division
AAA	6.00-6.99	Lower competitive division
AAAA / REC	Below 6.00	Recreational; no PCA points

Players moved to a higher division retain previously earned Club points and valid participation. Divisions are locked following the Valley Forge event, January 15-17, 2027.

Club points

A, AA, and AAA share one Club points scale. Singles and Doubles carry equal value, with points awarded individually to each Doubles partner. All players in a finishing band receive the same points.

Finish	Points
1st	20
2nd	19
3rd	18
4th	17
5th-6th	16
7th-8th	14
9th-12th	12
13th-16th	10
17th+	10

District Points

POINTS FOR DISTRICT SINGLES AND DOUBLES

Singles and Doubles use the same District points scale. Points are awarded by official finishing group, and eligible results from other Districts may count toward your season standings.

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

District Points Floor

Every eligible District finish earns at least 160 points in A, 110 in AA, or 50 in AAA. Your best four monthly Singles and best four monthly Doubles results contribute to season standings.

State Championship Points

POINTS FOR STATE SINGLES AND DOUBLES

State Championship Singles and Doubles use the same point values. Minimum points are 340 in A, 230 in AA, and 110 in AAA.

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

Maximum points available

Division	Club	District Singles	District Doubles	State Singles	State Doubles	Season maximum
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

Season maximums include 52 Club results, four monthly results per District discipline, and one championship result each for Singles and Doubles. All-State uses separate standings.

Rankings and Qualification

SEASON STANDINGS AND EVENT ELIGIBILITY

Rankings

- Club, District, Conference, and overall Pennsylvania State rankings.
- Separate Singles and Doubles standings and season titles.
- Women's and Seniors State rankings, based on regular Club and District results; there are no separate monthly District brackets for these categories.
- A separate All-State Division ranking for invited players. All-State results are not credited to the ordinary A Division standings.

Women's and Seniors have separate State Championship opportunities at the Keystone Cup.

Standings tiebreakers

Priority	Tiebreaker
1	Total event wins
2	Individual game win-loss record
3	PPR
4	Coin toss

Home District

Your selected PCA Club determines your home District. You may play anywhere in Pennsylvania, but at least two of your three required Singles appearances and two of your three Doubles appearances must be at home. A move of residence may qualify you for a home-District transfer.

Players Living Outside Pennsylvania

Players living within approximately 25 miles of the state line may be eligible. Rural exceptions may be considered when a Pennsylvania Club is the nearest practical option.

All-State Division

INVITATION-ONLY COMPETITION

The PCA invited **32 Pennsylvania professional players** to the Year One All-State Division. Participating players share the regular A bracket at District events but earn independent All-State points and standings.

Competition Format

DISTRICT BRACKETS All-State and A players compete in the same regular District bracket.	DIVISION STANDINGS All-State points are calculated separately and are excluded from ordinary A standings.
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP All-State has its own championship and does not use the A, AA, or AAA points-maximum table.	

Where Your All-State Membership Goes

Item	Amount
All-State membership (PCA membership included)	\$200
Paid to the player's PCA Club	\$20
Paid into the All-State prize fund	\$180

Players age 15 and under are not eligible for All-State.

Additional Opportunities

State Showcase

State Showcase events bring together players from Pennsylvania and other state organizations outside the regular Club and District points schedule.

Road Warrior

The PCA recognizes one male and one female Road Warrior for season participation. Each receives a special jersey and free membership for the following season. Players tied for the award may share the title.

Keystone Cup and Championships

STATE TITLES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Keystone Cup | May 2027

The Keystone Cup follows the regular season in early May 2027. State Championship brackets are seeded from current PCA State rankings.

Competition	Event format
A / AA / AAA Singles	Division championships, double elimination; State Singles points awarded.
A / AA / AAA Doubles	Division championships, double elimination; State Doubles points awarded.
All-State	Separate All-State Division championship.
Switch	Championship format announced with event registration.
Open	Open Championship for the Keystone Cup Grand Champion; no PCA points.
Junior	15U State Championship; eligible juniors also compete in regular standings.
Women's and Seniors	Separate championships; season rankings come from regular Club and District play.

Championship Qualification

Entry requires active PCA membership and the applicable division eligibility, along with at least 21 Club results, three District Singles appearances, and three District Doubles appearances. Two appearances in each District discipline must be in the home District.