



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.

### **Purpose**

As the sport of Cornhole continues to grow, so does the need to elevate the top players into the role of a professional athlete. The creation of the ACL Pro status and division set the groundwork for players to eventually become full-time professional Cornhole players.

### **How to Qualify**

Below are the ways to qualify to become an ACL Pro for the 2020-2021 season:

1. Any ACL Pro from the 2019-2020 season will be eligible to be an ACL Pro for the 2020-2021 season.
2. Finish in the top 32 at the ACL Pro Qualifier at the 2020 ACL World Championships
3. All remaining spots will be filled via an ACL Pro Application, which can be found here <https://forms.gle/TgB976ad8W5vvsSb9>

The ACL will carry a maximum of 256 Pros for the 2020-2021 season. Contact [info@iplaycornhole.com](mailto:info@iplaycornhole.com) for application requests or additional information.

### **Benefits**

1. The ability to refer to yourself as an ACL Pro in the public marketplace and market yourself to sponsors as an ACL Pro.
2. Participation in the ACL Pro Standings and Prize Pool associated with it.
3. Entry into the ACL Pro Singles, ACL Pro Doubles, and ACL Pro Blind Draws at ACL Pro Nationals, ACL Pro Shootout Qualifiers and the 2021 ACL World Championships.
4. Opportunity to qualify for the ACL Pro Doubles Shootout.
5. Opportunity to qualify for the ACL Pro Singles Shootout.
6. Opportunity to purchase an ACL Pro Officially licensed jersey.
7. Recognition on the ACL Website in the ACL Pro Section.
8. Opportunities to be selected for ACL Special Events and Public Relations opportunities.
9. International opportunities with the WCO.
10. Additional opportunity to appear on Nationally Televised events.

## 2020-2021 Season Details

- The ACL Pro Division will be the *only* skill level within the ACL that will have a guaranteed prize pool.
- The minimum ACL Pro guaranteed prize pool is **\$250,000**

Event	#	Prize	Total
ACL Pro Standings Singles	1	\$15,000	\$15,000
ACL Pro Standings Doubles	1	\$15,000	\$15,000
ACL Pro Singles at ACL Nationals	4	\$10,000	\$40,000
ACL Pro Doubles at ACL Nationals	4	\$10,000	\$40,000
ACL Pro Blind Draws at ACL Nationals	4	\$5,000	\$20,000
ACL Pro Invitational Doubles (12 Teams)	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
ACL Pro Invitational Singles (12 Players)	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
ACL Pro Invitational Qualifier Doubles	8	\$2,500	\$20,000
ACL Pro Invitational Qualifier Singles	8	\$2,500	\$20,000
ACL Pro Singles Championship	1	\$20,000	\$20,000
ACL Pro Doubles Championship	1	\$20,000	\$20,000
ACL Pro Championship Blind Draw	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

- Pro Shootout selection process will be as follows
  - 12 total teams will qualify for the \$25,000 Pro Doubles Shootout (formerly, 2020 ACL Pro Invitational) to be held at the 2021 ACL World Championships
    - 4 teams will qualify by winning Pro Doubles at the 4 Pro National events. These 4 teams will receive a “bye” in the Pro Doubles Shootout bracket and advance straight to the Quarterfinals. ACL Pro’s are allowed to play in all 4 Pro National events. 3 of 4 will count towards your ACL Pro Doubles standings
    - 8 teams will qualify by winning a Pro Doubles Shootout Qualifier event.
- 12 total players will qualify for the \$5,000 Pro Singles Shootout to be held at the 2021 ACL World Championships
  - 4 players will qualify by winning Pro Singles at the 4 Pro National events. These 4 players will receive a “bye” in the Pro Singles Invitational bracket and advance straight to the Quarterfinals. ACL Pro’s are allowed to play in all 4 Pro National events. 3 of 4 will count towards your ACL Pro Singles standings
  - 8 players will qualify by winning a Pro Singles Shootout Qualifier event.
- Tentative National Dates
  - January/February 2021
  - March/April 2021
  - May/June 2021

- July 2-4, 2021
- World Championships: August 2021
- ACL Pro Standings will be based on Top 3 Pro National Finishes and the ACL Pro Championships (with separate standings for ACL Pro Doubles and ACL Pro Singles).
- ACL Conference standings no longer include ACL National points, they will only include a player's 10 best local, 5 best regional singles, 5 best regional doubles, 2 best conference singles, and 2 best conference doubles events.
- Juniors are eligible to apply for ACL Pro Status. Juniors that become an ACL Pro will forfeit their right to play ACL Juniors and ACL College.

### **2020-2021 ACL Pro Points**

There are 2 types of events where ACL Pro's will earn points towards their ACL Pro Rankings during the 2020-2021 Season.

1. **ACL World Championships** - Each ACL Pro Doubles team and each ACL Pro Singles player will count the points earned at the 2021 ACL World Championships as part of their Pro Standings
2. **ACL Pro Nationals** - There will be 4 ACL Pro National events during the 2020-2021 season. Each ACL Pro Doubles team and each ACL Pro Singles player will count their best 3 out of 4 finishes at ACL Pro Nationals

### **2021-2022 ACL Pro Qualification**

There are three ways to qualify to become an ACL Pro for the 2021-2022 Season:

1. ACL Pro's for the 2020-2021 season who finish in the Top 100 of the ACL Pro Singles standings or Top 50 of the ACL Pro Doubles standings will automatically be eligible to be an ACL Pro in 2021-2022. This allows 100-200 of the current ACL Pro's to retain their Pro Status.
2. A minimum of the top 24 in the ACL Open Standings who do not qualify as an ACL Pro outlined in #1 above will be allowed to become an ACL Pro for the 2021-2022 season. ACL Pros will show up in Open Standings assuming they compete in their regional, conference, local, and open events.
3. A minimum of 32 spots will be open to play for at the 2021 ACL World Championship in the "ACL Pro Qualifying" event. All 2020-2021 ACL Pros who did not qualify in #1 or #2 above will be eligible to play in this event along with other players. Exact details on who can play in this event will be released at a future date. The exact number of players who will qualify will be determined once #1 and #2 above are settled.
4. All remaining spots will be filled from a combination of Open Standings and the ACL Pro Qualifying event. Exact numbers will be released at the end of the 2020-2021 season when the exact number of returning Pros is known.

There MAY be some spots remaining where players can apply for ACL Pro status directly to the ACL. To get more information on the ACL Pro opportunity, contact [info@iplaycornhole.com](mailto:info@iplaycornhole.com)

## 2020-2021 ACL Pro Points Chart

<b>ACL World Championships and ACL Pro Nationals</b>			
<b>Double Elim (DE)</b>	<b>DE Points</b>	<b>Single Elim (SE)</b>	<b>SE Points</b>
1st	400	1st	400
2nd	396	2nd	396
3rd	392	3rd - 4th	392
4th	388	5th-8th	384
5th - 6th	384	9th - 16th	368
7th - 8th	376	17th - 32nd	336
9th - 12th	368	33rd - 64th	304
13th - 16th	352		
17th - 24th	336		
25th - 32nd	320		
33rd - 48th	304		
49th - 64th	288		

20 Bonus Points will be awarded for each win in a Playoff Bracket if an event is split into multiple brackets.

### Cost and Expectations

- ACL Pro Membership is \$1,000 per player, which is highly recommended (but not required) to be paid by a sponsoring business or organization. Players who qualify for the 2020-2021 ACL Pro Divisions via the ACL Pro Qualifier can apply a \$100 credit towards their membership fee. A payment plan option may be requested. ACL Pros will sign a contract with the ACL. This will include certain restrictions and expectations. It is not a player representation contract. ACL Pros may obtain their own independent agents or represent themselves in business matters.
- ACL Pros are expected to actively promote the ACL and the sport.

- Officially licensed ACL Pro jerseys may be purchased directly through the ACL, or another officially licensed ACL distributor. Purchasing of these jerseys is not required. In the event of an ACL Pro reaching a nationally televised game and does not have an ACL Pro jersey, they will be provided a generic ACL Pro jersey. Contact Micheal Kean for information on ACL Pro jerseys (michael@iplaycornhole.com).
- ACL Pros are expected to play in only ACL points events or approved special events, no other nationally organized Cornhole association tournaments are permitted.
- ACL Pros are expected to honor agreements with any sponsors.
- ACL Pros are held to the highest standards found in the ACL Player Code of Conduct.
- ACL Pros will no longer be permitted to participate in Advanced, Competitive, Social, or Tailgate division tournaments at ACL World Events.
- ACL Pros are expected to maintain a positive social media presence that facilitates the growth of the game.
- ACL Pros are expected to attend and be seated for all ESPN and ESPN2 National Telecasts when attending events and seats are available.

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