



PLAYER GUIDE

TCL Cornhole League (TCL) encourages competitive and social cornhole play for all ages and all skill levels. The TCL league makes managing tournaments, weekly leagues and charity events easy and provides the critical infrastructure for the sport of cornhole. Becoming a Player in TCL allows you the ability to compete against players of your same skill level and provides you an opportunity to see how you stack up against the best of the best around your area, state and region!

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TCL Sportsmanship Rule

PLAYERS AND GUESTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN TCL EVENTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE TCL CODE OF CONDUCT AND CODE OF ETHICS. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE FORFEITURE OF PRIZE MONEY, REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP AND BAN FROM FUTURE PARTICIPATION THIS INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO TCL EVENTS, SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER PUBLIC FORUMS.

Membership Levels

- **Basic - FREE**
 - Eligible to play in **ONLY** TCL Charity Events / Tournaments
 - Players will show up in the standings
 - No point membership bonus
- **Regional - \$20**
 - Eligible to play in **ONLY** TCL Regional Tournaments, Local Switcholio's and Charity
 - Players will show up in the standings
 - 100 point membership bonus
 - Can upgrade to Premium but will have to pay an additional \$25
- **Premium - \$40**
 - Eligible to play in **ALL** TCL PREMIUM EVENTS
(League Championship, Ryder Cup, Signature Series and Weekly Season League Nights)
 - Eligible to play in **ALL** TCL Regional Tournaments, Local Switcholio's and Charity
 - Players will show up in the standings
 - Eligible to earn TCL Top 60
 - 500 point membership bonus
- **Pro (ACO or ACL) along with Pro in Development - \$400**
 - Eligible to play in ALL TCL PREMIUM EVENTS
(League Championship, Ryder Cup, Signature Series)
 - Eligible to play in ALL TCL Regional Tournaments, Local Switcholio's and Charity
 - Players will show up in the standings
 - Includes entry into all **5 Signature Series** (Singles)
 - Pro must pay for Doubles entry for all Sig events.
 - 500 point membership bonus
 - **NO two PRO's or PRO Development Players and/or TCL Elite can play together in ANY TCL SANCTIONED POINTS EVENTS**
Memberships Starts August 1st of the Season and ends July 31st of that season
- **Players need to only have ONE scoreholio account. If a player is found to have duplicate accounts the following could occur based on tournament director discretion**
 - **Placed in division of the Highest PPR account**

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- Could forfeit entry of event
- Could be suspended for up to 90 days for TCL Sanctioned events

*** TCL Reserves the right to give any player a TCL ranking even if that player has yet to play in a TCL event. If you are a registered PRO player with a National Organization, you will automatically be classified as an PRO. You will need to verify with the national organization that you are considered a "PRO" IF you are eligible to play TCL. You will need to send in written authorization to Points@TCLCornhole.com from that organization that you are eligible to play TCL. TCL reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any player wanting to play TCL each season before that person is eligible to play and can adjust a member's tier at any time.

Player Level will be determined by your Total Cornhole Score Metric (TCSM)

Starting in season 14, TCL with the help of Dallas Data Analytics will incorporate 100% data-driven scoring metric to place players into tiers. The calculated score will incorporate all aspects of the game including PPR, DPR, % Big Tex, % in the hole and % off the board as well as podium finishes. Data from both TCL sanctioned events (Season) and non-TCL events will each be weighted and combined to provide a relative numerical base for all players for comparison.

Each player's tier will be determined based on their overall score. The thresholds for tiers will move proportionally to keep competitive balance across the full population of players.

Total Calculated Score Metric (TCSM)

Scoreholio PPR	Scoreholio DPR
Scoreholio % of Big Tex (4baggers)	Scoreholio % In
Scoreholio % Off	Podium Finishes (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

This will be calculated independently for overall and TCL data then weighted and combined

The plan is to release an updated Tier Ranking every 2 weeks throughout the season on Tuesday afternoon.

Registration with Tier Status

Singles Events - Tier status at time of registration

Doubles Events - Tier status at time both players are registered and joined on same team

This means IF you plan ahead and register for an event on Sunday for a Friday event, but then on Tuesday you get bumped, you will still be able to play in your previous tier. Likewise IF you do not pre-register and you get bumped on Tuesday, you will have to play in the higher tier immediately. Brand new players see players guide for which tier.

There will be **NO** review process as the tiers are ALL data-driven with no human element.

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* Players that do not show up in TCL Tier list or First-time / guest before they have TCSM will go by their Scoreholio 120 PPR using chart below

"A" Player	8.26 and higher
"B" Player	7.26 - 8.25
"C" Player	6.26 - 7.25
"D" Player	5.00 - 6.25
"E" Player	4.99 and below

* Any player with NO data can play their first sanctioned tournament as a D Player.

Player Level will be determined by your Total Cornhole Score Metric (TCSM)

Top 4%	TCL Elite and A Players
26%	B Players
40%	C Players
24%	D Players
6%	E Players

- **PRO Player - Recognized ACL / ACO PRO and/or Current PRO Development**
(also any player 1 year removed from PRO Status)
Pros required to play in 4 regional tournaments in fall (Sept - Dec) to be eligible for spring season
- **ELITE - Recognized TCL ELITE Player**
Previous Pro Players 2 years. Top 10 "A" from previous Season Score Metric Data.
Player that tries to qualify as a National PRO player (updated by Aug 15th)
Previous Year Signature Series or League Championship Finish - 1st or 2nd Place in Open Tier I Doubles or 1st, 2nd 3rd or 4th Place in Open Tier I Singles
Players that has not played a minimum of 4 SS Events (Singles / Doubles) in the past 2 seasons TCL reserves the right to bump to ELITE at anytime
- **"A" Player** – This player can and wants to compete against anyone. This player can execute sliding the bag and airmailing the bag as needed. Player fully understands game strategy and likely plays and practices on a regular basis. **TCSM top 4% of TCL Members**
- **"B" Player** – This player fully understands game strategy but may struggle with consistency. At times this player looks like they can beat anyone, but then in a subsequent game or frame can struggle. Player is at a high Advanced level and should work towards getting better by challenging "A" level players. **TCSM 26% of TCL Members**
- **"C" Player** – This player has started to develop some consistency when tossing the bag. They have a basic understanding of game strategy but have yet to master all the different types of throws including the airmail shot needed to excel and compete at the higher levels. Players should play Competitive level events knowing that they may struggle at first, but work towards getting better. **TCSM 40% of TCL Members**
- **"D" Bagger** – This player has a feel for the distance needed to toss the bag but is erratic in getting the bag to consistently hit and stay on the board. Typically, this level of player is in the beginning stages of developing a consistent throwing motion that can be repeated. Players

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should play in the social division and start challenging themselves by playing against Competitive level players. **TCSM 24% of TCL Members**

- **“E” Player** – This player has limited to no experience with the game. There is very little control over where the bag is going, and the bag often misses the board. This player should only compete in social / backyard events and there is nothing wrong with playing casual games with friends and family to start the improvement process. **TCSM 6% of TCL Members**

TCL Events are created based on the following:

- **Area** – Charity, Local Switchholios, Regionals, Weekly Leagues and Signature Series
- **Type** – Switchholios, Singles Tournaments, Doubles Tournaments, Weekly League Nights
- **Division** – “Open”, “A/B”, “B” doubles only, “B/C”, “C”, “C/D”, “D” and “E” (Charity)

Directors may set up events specific to other criteria like Coed, Crew Cup, Women's only and Random Draw.

Charity Event will be for LOCAL POINTS ONLY Upper is “B/C” and Lower is “D” or “E”

TCL Tournament Divisions

TCL Divisions are intended to group players of similar skill levels for competitive and social play. The suggested skill levels for each Division are:

- **Open** – Anyone can play in the Open Tournament knowing that this is where the best of the best competes. You can still run an Open Division for weekly league night. Most “A” and “B” players will play at this level as well if they are trying to improve and get maximum points opportunities. Advanced “C” players will play up in the open division to test their skills to see where they fit in.

NO two PRO's or PRO Development or Elite Players can play together in ANY TCL POINTS EVENTS

Eligible Teams:

Any two players can play together regardless of Tier Status (NO 2 PRO /Elite Players)

- **“A/B”** – The “A/B” Tournament is intended for open and advanced players to play but is limited to where the “A” players have to play with a “B” or lower.

Eligible Teams:

“A” Player and “B” Player

Any other combination lower than this

- **“B”** – The “B” Tournament is intended for advanced players to play but limited who the “A” players can play with.

Eligible Teams:

“A” Player and “C” Player

“B” Player and “B” Player

Any other combination lower than this

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- **“B/C”** – The “B/C” Tournament is intended for your upper level players to spread out and help the Social “D” players see how they fit in.

“B/C” is the HIGHEST division that can be run for sanctioned charity events and for Local points ONLY.

Eligible Teams:

“A” Player and “D” Player

“B” Player and “C” Player

Any other combination lower than this

- **“C”** – The “C” Tournaments are intended for Competitive players.

Eligible Teams:

“A” Player and “E” Player

“B” Player and “D” Player

“C” Player and “C” Player

Any other combination lower than this

- **“D”** – The “D” Tournament is designed for Social players that enjoy playing casually to a competitive cornhole player. Social players that can enjoy the sport and events without having to run into the cream of the crop to have a chance at winning some money and prizes.

Eligible Teams:

“A” and “B” Players are not allowed to play

“C” Player and “E” Player

“D” Player and “D” Player

Any other combination lower than this

- **“E”** – The “E” Tournament is intended for beginners and large events that have a lot of backyard players. Most “NEW” players will play in this Division if it is offered.

Eligible Teams:

“E” Players are the only Tier that is allowed to play in this tournament

TCL provides players of all skill levels an opportunity to play locally while participating in local, regional and league standings. The 2023 – 2024 TCL Standings is based on a points system for local / switchholio tournaments, regional weekly leagues, regional tournaments along with Signature Series League Events. TCL uses standings for entry and seeding into Regional Tournaments (RD choice), Signature Series League Events and the 14th Annual TCL League Championship June 2024 in TBD

The Points Season starts September 1st, 2023 and goes until May 19th, 2023

TCL Bag Policy

TCL believes that players should be able to have a choice when it comes to bags that they use during their games. TCL has set guidelines and created a list of Approved “TCL” Bag Series and Bag Manufacturers. Players are required to use properly stamped TCL bags from that list for any TCL Points earning Local/Switchholio, Regional, Weekly League Nights, Regional Tournaments and Signature Series League Events. If a player does not have bags on the list Regional Directors may be able to provide that player with an approved set or the player will need to borrow a set. If purchasing bags please allow up to 4 days from date of purchase to receive bags from the Big Tex Cornhole Gear store.

ALL NEW TCL Approved BAGS will be sold ONLY from the Big Tex Gear Store
www.BIGTEXGEAR.com

Manufacturers are NOT able to sell, donate or give ANY TCL Stamped bag that does NOT go through the Big Tex Gear Store first.

BAGS NOT ELIGIBLE for PLAY IN SEASON XIV
Reynolds Pro Advantage, Sheriff, Sheriff Pro Edge Speed
AllCornhole Big Tex Game Changer and Big Tex Sliderite
Big Tex Spinners, BG Big Tex Series and All Patch Bags



BTG License Mark start and end of Life

BTG Bags with only the Throwing Man will be good until	July 31st, 2025
BTG 2025 Bags (released July 1st, 2023)	Dec 31st, 2025
BTG 2026 Bags (released July 1st, 2024)	Dec 31st, 2026
BTG 2027 Bags (released July 1st, 2025)	Dec 31st, 2027

Items that could cause a bag to be disqualified for play in a sanctioned TCL Event

- Outside Materials may not damage or create residue on the board. A bag that damages a board in any way as caused by the material of the bag will automatically forfeit the player throwing that particular bag. If a bag is found to gradually leave a residue or marks on the board during gameplay, that player or team will forfeit the match. Any foreign substances must not leave a residue on the board.

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- Bags MUST have a clear visible BTG License Mark AND series name; Bags with faded or missing logos are not acceptable and will not pass inspection for players at events.
- Bags must NOT have loose threading of more than 1/8th of an inch from its seam. Loose threading can be grounds for bags disqualified until addressed.
- Alteration of Bags in any form will NOT be tolerated. An altered bag is any bag changed from its original state when purchased including stitching holes, making new seams, gluing, etc. Any bag that appears to be altered from its original state will not pass inspection and the player or bag manufacturer may be subject to further penalties.

REGIONAL Tournaments:

- A Regional Director may run TCL Regional Points Tournaments for 2023-2024 in TCL following the rules below.
- MAX number of tournaments for a given day is 6. Tournaments have to be posted for at least 10 days in scoreholio in order to count for points unless approved by TCL Owners.
- In order for a Regional tournament to be awarded TCL points you must have a minimum of 12 players (for Singles) and 8 teams (for Doubles) per division. If you do not have 12 singles or 8 doubles then that tournament will be counted for Social Points (“D” / “E”).
- In order for a Weekly League to be worth TCL points you must have a minimum of 8 teams (for Doubles). If you do not have 8 doubles teams then that league IF higher than “C” will be counted for “C” for points.
- Payouts are guaranteed to be in a range of **50% - 90%** of the entry fees. Payouts may vary based on Regional Director. Entry fees will typically range from **\$10 to \$30** per tournament. If a Regional Director wants to payout less than 50% or more than 90% that Regional Director will need to get a waiver first from TCL and post this on the event page.
- **The Highest Level a Charity Tourney can be run is B/C Division**
You can also run a “D” or “E” division for Charity events
- **No “B” Singles events. All Advanced singles events will be Open Singles**

TCL Regional Points Earning Tournament Breakdown

TCL - REGIONAL POINTS SYSTEM					
Advanced Division		Competitive Division		Social Division	
Open - "A/B" - "B"		"B/C" - "C"		"C/D" - "D"	
1st	150	1st	100	1st	50
2nd	145	2nd	95	2nd	45
3rd	140	3rd	90	3rd	40
4th	135	4th	85	4th	35
5th - 6th	130	5th - 6th	80	5th - 6th	30
7th - 8th	125	7th - 8th	75	7th - 8th	25
9th - 12th	120	9th - 12th	70	9th - 12th	20
13th - 16th	115	13th - 16th	65	13th - 16th	15
17th - 24th	110	17th - 24th	60	17th - 24th	10
25th - 32nd	105	25th - 32nd	55	25th - 32nd	5
33rd +	100	33rd - 48th	50	33rd - 48th	5



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*"B" Division is only for Doubles. NO "B" Singles Events for Points

TCL Local Points Earning Tournament Breakdown

TCL - LOCAL EVENTS / SWITCHOLIO / CHARITY POINTS SYSTEM					
Competitive Division		Social Division		Backyard / Beginner	
"B/C" or "C"		"C/D" or "D"		"E"	
1st	100	1st	50	1st	20
2nd	95	2nd	45	2nd	19
3rd	90	3rd	40	3rd	18
4th	85	4th	35	4th	17
5th - 6th	80	5th - 6th	30	5th - 6th	16
7th - 8th	75	7th - 8th	28	7th - 8th	15
9th - 12th	70	9th - 12th	26	9th - 12th	14
13th - 16th	65	13th - 16th	24	13th - 16th	13
17th - 24th	60	17th - 24th	22	17th - 24th	12
25th - 32nd	55	25th - 32nd	20	25th - 32nd	10
33rd +	50	33rd - 48th	20	33rd - 48th	5



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*All Local Director Tournaments will use this point system for events
*The Highest Division for Charity Events is "B/C"

SIGNATURE SERIES LEAGUE EVENTS

Signature Series League Events are intended to provide players an opportunity to compete against the BEST players from all TCL regions and players from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arkansas.

TCL Signature Series are being formed at the discretion of the TCL. Ideally, there will be 5 Signature Events. The League Championship Event will be held in June of each year.

- The 3 Day Signature Series events will include
Regional Kickoff Events (Thursday Evening)
Singles (Friday) - Open, Advanced, Competitive and Social
Doubles (Saturday) - Open, Advanced Competitive and Social
- Payouts are guaranteed to be 60K for the weekend. \$140 for the Open, \$120 for Advanced Division, \$100 for Competitive Division and \$80 for the Social Division. Entry includes Singles and Doubles. If playing in only one event the price for that event will be broken down in scoreholio.
- TCL Standings will take the Top 3 Signature Singles scores and Top 3 Signature Series Doubles scores for TCL Overall Points Rankings.

SEASON XIV - 2023-2024 Signature Series Dates



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2023-2024 TCL MAJOR EVENTS

Ryder Cup	Aug 10-12, 2023	Irving	TX	Irving Convention Center
Signature Series #1	Sept 14 - 16, 2023	Shreveport	LA	Shreveport Convention Center
Signature Series #2	Nov 30 - Dec 2, 2023	Irving	TX	Irving Convention Center
Signature Series #3	Jan 18 - 20, 2024	Mesquite	TX	Mesquite Convention Center
Signature Series #4	March 2024	Lubbock	TX	Lubbock Civic Center
Signature Series #5	May 2024	Waco	TX	Waco Convention Center
League Championship	June 2024	TBD	TX	TBD

TCL Signature Series Events Point Breakdown

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TCL - SIGNATURE SERIES SINGLES POINTS SYSTEM												
Open Division				Advanced Division			Competitive Division			Social Division		
		Signature Series Open Tier I	Signature Series Open Tier II	Signature Series Advanced Tier I	Signature Series Advanced Tier II	Signature Series Advanced Tier III	Signature Series Competitive Main	Signature Series Competitive Tier II	Signature Series Competitive Tier III	Signature Series Social Main	Signature Series Social Tier II	Signature Series Social Tier III
Overall	Champion	850	775	650	575	500	450	375	300	250	200	150
Overall	2nd Place	840	765	640	565	495	440	365	290	245	195	145
Bracket	2nd (see below)						435	360	285	240	190	140
	multiple brackets only											
Bracket	3rd	830	755	630	555	490	430	355	280	235	185	135
Bracket	4th	820	745	625	550	485	425	350	275	230	180	130
Bracket	5th - 6th	815	735	615	545	480	420	345	270	225	175	125
Bracket	7th - 8th	810	725	610	540	475	415	340	265	220	170	120
Bracket	9th - 12th	805	715	605	535	470	410	335	260	215	165	115
Bracket	13th - 16th	800	705	600	530	465	405	330	255	210	160	110
Bracket	17th - 24th	795	695	595	525	460	400	325	250	206	156	106
Bracket	25th - 32nd	790	685	590	520	455	395	320	245	204	154	104
Bracket	33rd - 48th	785	675	585	515	450	390	315	240	202	152	102
Bracket	49th +	780	670	580	510	445	385	310	235	200	150	100



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SIGNATURE SERIES ELIGIBILITY - PRO / ELITE PLAYERS

PRO / Elite TCL Membership paid by September 1st, 2023
for all PRO players or PRO Development in a national organization
or 10 days after you receive your PRO status.

Pros required to play in 4 regional tournaments in fall
(Sept - Dec) to be eligible for spring season

TCL POINT STANDINGS

- **TCL Overall Standings** include both Singles and doubles events.
- TCL Standings can be sorted by the following: Overall, Conference or Region
 - Overall TCL Standings
 - Gender
 - Conference
 - Region
- **Signature Series Points Standings** is a **Combination** of:
 - Top 3 Singles Points
 - Top 3 Doubles Points
- **Regional Tournament Standings** are Based on a **Combination** of:
 - Top 8 Regional Doubles Points
 - Top 4 Regional Singles Points
- **Regional Weekly Leagues** are Based on a **Combination** of:
 - Top 2 Regional League Points (from Fall, Winter or Spring)
- **Local Switcholios / Charity Tournament Standings** are Based on a **Combination** of:
 - Top 4 Local Points
- **TCL Membership**

*The Male and Female player who finishes the season with the most overall Points will be named the **TCL Player of the Year**.

*Top Players in each Tier will be eligible to sign up for League Championship first

*Any Player that is bumped higher in tiers will be eligible to sign up for League Championship first