

TCL PLAYER GUIDE

2026 - 2027



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Welcome to TCL

Welcome to TCL Cornhole — where competition, community, and the love of the game come together.

TCL is one of the largest and most player-focused cornhole organizations in the country. Whether you're stepping onto the boards for your first league night, working your way through the competitive divisions, or chasing a top ranking and championship title, TCL provides a place for players of all skill levels to compete, improve, and belong.

What started in Texas in 2009 has grown into a multi-state cornhole community, with **50+ regions spanning Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Arkansas**. From its Texas roots, TCL has expanded while staying true to what built the league from the beginning: **competitive play, strong local regions, player development, and a community-first approach to growing the game**. Our regional structure gives players opportunities to compete close to home while earning their way onto bigger stages throughout the season.

At TCL, our mission is simple: *To Build Community Through Competition*.

We accomplish that by creating a competitive environment that emphasizes regional pride, family-friendly competition, player development, sportsmanship, and opportunity.

TCL is designed to give every player a path forward. New players can learn the game and find their competitive footing. Developing players can test themselves against stronger competition. Experienced players can pursue rankings, awards, championships, and recognition among the league's best.

No matter where you begin, there is a space for you and there is always a goal to chase.

A TCL season is about more than one tournament or one great weekend. It's about what you accomplish throughout the year.

Our competitive framework is designed to recognize players who show up, compete, improve, support their regions, and perform consistently throughout the season. League play, regional competition, major events, rankings, divisions, and season awards all contribute to creating a meaningful competitive experience from the local level to the championship stage.

Every game is an opportunity to improve. Every event is a chance to compete. Every season is an opportunity to earn your place.

Your Guide to the 2026–2027 Season

This Players Guide is the master reference for the 2026–2027 TCL season. It is designed to help players understand not only what the league rules and requirements are, but also how the TCL season works.

Throughout this guide, you'll find information covering:

- TCL membership and player eligibility
 - Regions and regional competition
 - Player divisions and classifications
 - Rankings and points
 - League and tournament formats
 - Event requirements and season structure
 - Player advancement and competitive opportunities
 - Awards, recognition, and championships
 - Rules, policies, and player expectations
 - Sportsmanship and conduct
 - Important season dates and championship pathways
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Players are encouraged to use this guide throughout the season and become familiar with the policies that apply to their division, region, and events.

One League. Many Regions. One Community.

What makes TCL special isn't simply the number of players, tournaments, or regions. It's the community built around them.

Across every region, players, directors, families, partners, and supporters contribute to the TCL experience. Rivalries develop. Friendships are built. New players become competitors. Competitors become champions. And through it all, local communities remain the foundation of the league.

We want players to compete hard, represent their region with pride, respect the game and one another, and enjoy the people they meet along the way.

Whether your goal this season is to win your first league match, move up a division, climb the rankings, represent your region, capture a championship, or simply spend more time playing the game you love—there is a place for you in TCL.

Bring your game. Represent your region. Embrace the Competition.

TCL...Where Competition Builds Community.

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Section 1: TCL Vision & Philosophy

This guide is designed to help players understand TCL competition, membership, rankings, events, recognition programs, and the opportunities available throughout the season.

TCL's Core Values

- **Community**

We believe cornhole is more than a game, rather it's a community. We create connections that build lasting bonds, bringing players together through competition, camaraderie, and shared experiences both on and off the boards.

- **Inclusivity**

Every player, regardless of age, background, or skill level, deserves a place to compete, improve, and belong with equal opportunity to grow, succeed, and be recognized within the sport.

- **Competition**

We are dedicated to raising the level of play through structured events, player development, and recognition of excellence and improvement. We are also committed to providing every player the opportunity to compete at their appropriate rank level, ensuring fair, balanced, and competitive experiences across all divisions.

- **Integrity**

We uphold fairness, sportsmanship, consistency, and transparency in everything we do on and off the boards, holding ourselves and our players to the highest standards. We are committed to following the rules and policies of TCL Cornhole to ensure a positive, fair, and respectful competitive environment.

- **Growth**

We're committed to growing the game of cornhole by creating opportunities, building strong partnerships, and setting the standard for competitive play across the TCL Regions. This includes working hand-in-hand with regions to boost participation and drive continued growth across the league. We also proudly welcome new players and go out of our way to ensure they feel included, supported, and that they have a place within our community from day one.

TCL Mission & The Player Experience

- **Find Your Community**

TCL is more than competition—it's a place to connect, compete, and belong. Whether you're new to the game or a seasoned player, you'll find a community built around friendly rivalries, regional pride, and a shared passion for cornhole.

- **Play More. Get Better.**

TCL is committed to creating fair, competitive matchups by using skill-based rankings and data-driven performance metrics. Player Rank classifications are based on demonstrated performance, helping ensure competitors play at an appropriate skill level. This system rewards consistency, provides a clear path for advancement, and helps protect the integrity of competition. As players improve and perform, their ranking can evolve with them. Play your level. Earn your rank. Prove it on the boards.

- **Set Goals. Earn Recognition.**

Your progress matters. TCL provides skill-based rankings, competitive divisions, Rising Stars, A Team, The crEw and the TCL Top 100, and other season awards that give you goals to chase and opportunities to be recognized for both improvement and achievement.

- **Find Your Competitive Path**

Start where you are and see how far you can go. TCL creates a competitive pathway that allows players to advance through performance, challenge stronger competition, climb the rankings, and pursue opportunities on bigger stages.

- **Represent Something Bigger**

When you compete in TCL, you represent more than yourself—you represent your local cornhole community, your region, and the league. Compete with sportsmanship, respect your opponents, support fellow players, recruit other players and take pride in being part of a community committed to growing the game.

Your Game. Your Goals. Your Community. Your TCL.



Section 2: Player Expectations

TCL players are expected to compete with **integrity, respect, and good sportsmanship** at every league and event. Players are expected to treat fellow players, directors, officials, fans, and venues with respect while representing themselves, their region, and TCL in a positive manner. **Compete hard, celebrate responsibly, and win or lose with class.** Follow TCL rules and event policies, respect official decisions, and address disagreements appropriately. Above all, help create a **safe, welcoming, and competitive environment** that reflects TCL's commitment to growing the game and building community.

Section 3: How the League Works

The Texas Cornhole League (TCL) operates on a season-long (August to June) competitive structure designed to give every player a place to play, improve, compete, and be recognized. Throughout the season, players participate in a variety of events—from weekly local play and regional tournaments to the TCL Signature Series—earning results that contribute to their overall TCL journey.

TCL is designed to give players **more ways to play, compete, and grow** throughout the season. Whether you're looking for local competition close to home or want to test your game on a bigger stage, TCL provides a clear pathway for every skill level.

- With regions throughout the TCL footprint, players have access to **local, drivable competition**. Compete close to home, support your region, meet new players, and expand your competition throughout the league.
- TCL's **skill-based Rank system** places players into competitive levels based on demonstrated ability. Your Rank helps determine division eligibility, promotes fair competition, and provides a clear pathway for advancement as your game improves. The ranking system also creates opportunities to **partner with players of different skill levels**, encouraging balanced teams, new partnerships, and competitive growth.
- TCL offers a variety of formats throughout the season, including **Singles, Doubles, Team, and Random Partner** events. Different formats challenge different parts of your game and give you more opportunities to compete with—and against—players throughout TCL.
- Earn points throughout the season at eligible **Local Tournaments, Regional Tournaments, Weekly Leagues, and Signature Series events**. Your results build your **Player Standing**, which can impact seeding, qualification, recognition, and season awards.

Section 4: Player Membership

TCL players can register for events and tournaments through the **Scoreholio app**, whether competing within their home Region or traveling to play across the TCL area. Players may select a **TCL Region** to call home, giving them the opportunity to compete locally, represent their Region, and track their standings throughout the season.

Your **TCL Membership** determines which types of events you are eligible to compete in. Choose the membership level that best fits how—and where—you want to play during the 2026–2027 season.

Basic Membership — FREE

A great starting point for casual and new players who want to experience TCL.
Eligible for:

- Random Partner Events — Switches & Blind Draws
- Local Tournaments — Community & Charity Events
- Regional Growth Events — Member & Guest Recruitment

Regional Membership — \$25

Designed for players who want to become part of a Region and expand their competitive opportunities.

Eligible for everything included with Basic, plus:

- Regional Tournaments

Premium Membership — \$60

The best option for players who want access to the **full TCL season**.

Eligible for everything included with Regional, plus:

- Super Regional Tournaments
- Weekly Leagues
- TCL Signature Series Events
- TCL Ryder Cup

Premium PRO Membership — \$100

Required for any player who is identified or classified as a PRO by a recognized national cornhole organization. *A player will maintain their TCL PRO classification for the duration of their PRO designation and for one additional TCL season following the end of that designation.*

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Section 5: How to Get Your Membership

New to TCL? Getting started is easy. Your TCL Membership is connected to your **Scoreholio account** and determines which TCL events you are eligible to play throughout the 2026–2027 season.

Download the Scoreholio app and create a Scoreholio profile (do not use a work email). For more help on how to set up your Scoreholio account, [click here](#). Then follow the steps below to get started in the current TCL Season.

2026–2027 TCL Season Registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/TCLSeason2627>

Getting Started

1. Open the TCL 2026–2027 Season link above.
2. Select the Membership tab on the far right.
3. Enter the email address associated with your Scoreholio account.
4. Select the membership level that best fits the events you plan to play:
 - Basic
 - Regional
 - Premium
 - Premium PRO, when applicable
5. Complete your membership registration and you're ready to begin your TCL season.

Returning Players: If you played last season, your profile may begin with a Basic Membership. Simply upgrade to Regional or Premium based on the events you plan to play.

New Players: *If you did not play last season, your membership may show as Inactive. Select an active membership level to begin playing in TCL. Allow time for your rank to be updated.*

Don't wait until tournament day to register. TCL uses available Scoreholio playing history and performance data to establish your initial Rank. It may take 24–48 hours for a Rank to be assigned to a new TCL profile.

Can I Upgrade My Membership Later?

Yes. You can start with the membership level that fits your current plans and **upgrade later in the season** if you decide to play additional TCL events.

For example, if you begin with a **Basic Membership** and later want to compete in Regional Tournaments, you can upgrade to **Regional**. If you decide you want access to **Weekly Leagues, Super Regionals, or TCL Signature Series events**, you can upgrade to **Premium**.

Before registering for an event, make sure your membership level meets that event's eligibility requirements and allow enough time for your account to be updated.

Every TCL player should maintain ONE active Scoreholio account.

If you have multiple accounts, TCL will use the profile that best represents your established playing history and ranking, and duplicate profiles may be made inactive. **Creating or using multiple accounts to manipulate your TCL Rank is considered cheating** and may result in a Rank adjustment and/or suspension from TCL competition.

Section 6: TCL Player Rating System

TCL uses a **data-driven ranking system powered by the Scoreholio Season Rating** to place players into appropriate skill levels and promote fair competition throughout the league.

The goal of the ranking system is simple: **place players where their current performance shows they belong**, while allowing their Rank to evolve as their game improves or changes throughout the season.

Scoreholio Season Rating

The **Scoreholio Season Rating** is the primary metric used by TCL to evaluate player skill and determine Rank. The rating is based on a formula similar to Scoreholio's Skill Performance Rating (SPR), but is calculated using **TCL-sanctioned event results from the current season**.

Players begin each season with an established starting rating (or last season's rating). As they compete in eligible TCL events, their Season Rating develops based on their performance and provides an increasingly accurate picture of their current level of play.

The Scoreholio Season Rating uses a **three-digit rating scale**, allowing for greater separation and precision when evaluating players across TCL's competitive Ranks.

TCL Player Ranks & Divisions

Players are assigned to one of eight TCL Ranks:

PRO • S • A • B • C • D • E • F

For competition, these Ranks are grouped into four primary divisions:

- **Elite Division:** PRO & S Rank
- **Advanced Division:** A & B Rank
- **Competitive Division:** C & D Rank
- **Social Division:** E & F Rank

Your **TCL Rank represents your current skill level** and is used to determine event and division eligibility, partnership options, and other competitive requirements.

Rank Movement & Review

A player's TCL Rank is not necessarily permanent. Player performance is monitored throughout the season, with TCL conducting approximately **5–6 scheduled Rank evaluations** to help maintain accurate placement and competitive balance.

Based on Season Rating and demonstrated performance, players may be **promoted or moved down** as appropriate. TCL may also conduct periodic spot checks of players whose performance indicates they may be competing above their current Rank.

Once a player has recorded more than **300 TCL Season Rounds**, they may request a formal Rank Review. A player may submit a **maximum of two Rank Review requests per season**.

New Player Ranking

New to TCL? Your initial Rank will be established using available **Scoreholio playing history and performance data** to provide the best possible starting placement.

For new players, historical **Scoreholio PPR** may be used as a placement guideline:

TCL Rank	New Player PPR Guideline	Initial Season Rating
PRO	Nationally recognized PRO player	950
“S”	9.00 +	865
“A”	8.30 - 8.99	755
“B”	7.50 - 8.29	655
“C”	6.76 - 7.49	555
“D”	6.01 - 6.75	455
“E”	5.25 - 6.00	355
“F”	Below 5.24	255

This PPR table is used only as a guideline for the initial placement of NEW TCL players. Once a player begins establishing TCL Season data, the **Scoreholio Season Rating becomes the primary metric for evaluating Rank.**

If a new player has **no established Scoreholio playing history or sufficient performance data**, they will begin their TCL journey at **E Rank**. Initial placements may be adjusted as sufficient TCL Season data becomes available.

Rank Lock Policy

Your Rank is **locked for a tournament based on your Rank at the time of registration**. This protects players and teams from having their eligibility changed after properly registering for an event.

For **Singles**, your Rank is locked when you register for the event.

For **Doubles**, the team's eligibility is locked once **both players are registered** for the event.

If your TCL Rank changes after you are properly registered, the new Rank will **not affect your eligibility for that tournament**. Your updated Rank will apply to future events and registrations.

Section 7: PRO Players in TCL

For TCL purposes, **PRO Status begins when a player QUALIFIES for PRO Status—not when the player accepts it.**

- **30-Day Notification Requirement**

If a player qualifies for PRO Status with a National Organization, it is the player's responsibility to notify TCL within 30 days of qualifying.

- **Premium PRO Membership Required**

All players who qualify for PRO Status are required to have the TCL Premium PRO Membership (\$100) to participate in TCL events (Local, Regional, Weekly Leagues and Signature Series).

There is no other TCL membership option available for players carrying PRO Status.

- **How Long Does PRO Status Follow a Player in TCL?**

PRO designation will remain with a player in TCL for:

The entire time they are recognized as a PRO, plus one additional TCL season after they no longer carry the PRO designation.

- **PRO Ranking & Rank Reviews**

Players who qualify for overall PRO Status through a National Organization will carry the TCL PRO rank and are not eligible for a rank review.

Players who qualify for PRO Status through a PRO subcategory, such as Senior PRO, Women's PRO, or another designated PRO division, may request a TCL Rank Review to determine their appropriate TCL competitive rank.

Rank Review requests should be submitted to:

Points@TCLCornhole.com

A rank review may adjust a player's TCL competitive rank, but it does not change their PRO Status or membership requirement. Players who qualified through a PRO subcategory are still required to maintain the Premium PRO Membership (\$100) while classified as a PRO under TCL policy.

Section 8: Types of TCL Events

TCL offers a variety of sanctioned events throughout the season, giving players opportunities to play locally, compete at their skill level, earn points, meet new players, and advance to larger stages. Each event type offers a different competitive experience and pathway through the TCL season.

TCL-sanctioned events are tournaments organized and operated by an approved TCL region in accordance with all Texas Cornhole League policies, procedures, rules, and event standards. Participation in sanctioned events also provides players with the opportunity to earn official TCL points toward season standings and recognition.

To promote consistency across the league and ensure that all players have an equal opportunity to compete and earn TCL points, **all TCL regions are expected to operate exclusively TCL-sanctioned events.**

- **Local Random Partner Events — Switchholios & Blind Draws**

No partner? No problem. **Random Partner Events** are fun, social formats designed to mix players, create new partnerships, and provide an easy way to get involved in your local TCL community.

Switchholios

Players are **randomly paired with a new partner each round.**

Typically played in a round-robin format for 2-4 games.

Players' individual performance, including wins and points, is tracked throughout round-robin.

After rounders, players are seeded and paired up based on performance and placed into a **single- or double-elimination bracket**, depending on the event.

Blind Draws

Players are **randomly paired with a partner at the start of the tournament.**

That team stays together for the entire event.

Events may feature **round robin followed by bracket play** or go **straight into bracket competition.**

These events are a great way to meet players, compete with different skill levels, and become part of the local TCL community.

- **Regional Tournaments**

Regional Tournaments bring together players from more than one region for stronger competitive opportunities. These events typically feature **round-robin play leading into bracket competition** and may include **Singles, Doubles, and Team Events**.

Players may be divided into competitive divisions based on **TCL Rank or Season PPR**, helping create balanced competition while providing opportunities to be challenged and earn TCL points.

- **Singles:** Minimum of 8 players per division
- **Doubles:** Minimum of 6 teams per division

- **Weekly Leagues**

Weekly Leagues provide structured, consistent local competition during the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons. Each league runs for a minimum of 6 weeks, followed by an end-of-season tournament, giving players an opportunity to compete regularly, improve their game, and build relationships within their TCL Region.

Weekly Leagues may be offered as:

- Singles: Minimum of 8 players per division
- Doubles: Minimum of 6 teams per division

Players have two opportunities to earn TCL points through Weekly League participation:

- Weekly League Points — Results from the 6–8 weeks of regular league play are submitted at the completion of the league season and count toward Weekly League Points.
- Regional Points — The end-of-season tournament is submitted separately and awards Regional Points based on the eligible division and event format.

This structure rewards players for both their consistency throughout the league season and their performance in the final tournament.

Player substitutions may be permitted at the discretion of the Region. Any league allowing substitutions must have a clear substitution policy established and communicated before league play begins.

- **Super Regional Tournaments**

Super Regionals bring together a minimum of **three TCL Regions** to create a larger-scale tournament experience with expanded competition and **increased TCL point values**.

These events may last up to **1½ days** and give players the opportunity to compete against a broader field beyond their local Region. Super Regionals are TCL-approved events, with participating Directors able to organize up to three per season.

- **TCL Signature Series**

The **TCL Signature Series** is TCL's premier multi-day tournament experience, bringing players from across the league together for some of the season's biggest competition, payouts, and point opportunities.

Signature Series events feature multiple formats and divisions, providing players at different skill levels an opportunity to **compete on a bigger stage, build their Player Standing, and test their game against players from across TCL**.

- **TCL League Championship — Signature Series 6**

The season culminates at **Signature Series 6 and the TCL League Championship**. Season-long performance matters, with top point earners in designated divisions earning opportunities to **automatically qualify for Tier 1 Championship brackets**.

Other eligible players compete through rounders for bracket placement, giving everyone an opportunity to earn their way through the field and finish the season competing for a **TCL Championship**.

Other events you can see run by our regional directors

- **Community & Public Events**

Community/Public Events connect TCL players with the communities where they live and play. These tournaments may support **local causes, schools, charities, festivals, or other community organizations** while introducing new players to TCL and the sport of cornhole.

They're a great opportunity to compete, have fun, support a local cause, and help **Grow the Game**.

- **Growth Events — Member/Guest & Non-Member**

Growth Events are designed to introduce **new players to TCL**. These events may include Member/Guest or Non-Member formats that allow current players to bring friends, family members, coworkers, or other prospective players into the TCL experience.

Bring someone new, introduce them to the community, and help **Grow the Game**.

Benefits of TCL-Sanctioned Events

- *Reliable Payouts* – Players know they’re competing in events with transparent, fair prize structures.
- *Event Quality* – Tournaments are run on Scoreholio, boards and TCL approved bags meet league specifications, and events follow best practices for smooth flow and professional organization.
- *Director Standards* – Certified directors are held to conduct expectations and supported by the league to maintain consistency across all regions.
- *Tools & Support* – Directors gain access to TCL branding, Scoreholio resources, director store tools, and event visibility through official TCL channels.
- *Player Incentives* – Only TCL sanctioned events count toward TCL points, awards, and official league progression.
- *Behavior Enforcement* – Directors have league backing to enforce suspensions and conduct policies, ensuring accountability across every region

Section 9: How to Register for TCL Events

To find **TCL tournaments in your local region**, make sure your TCL player account is properly set up in Scoreholio. Having an accurate player profile will help you search for and locate tournaments happening in your area.

[Click here to learn more about searching for TCL tournaments.](#)

You can **search for a tournament by name** or use Scoreholio's **map search feature** to easily find TCL tournaments happening closest to you.

Once you find an event you would like to play in, be sure to **review the tournament eligibility requirements before registering**, including both **rank and membership requirements**.

TCL players may **play up two ranks** in Local and Regional tournaments and **one rank** in Super Regional and Signature Series events.

You must also meet the **membership requirements** for the event. For example, if you currently have a **Basic Membership** and want to participate in a **Weekly League**, you will need to upgrade to a **Premium Membership** before registering.

Always double-check your rank eligibility and membership level before completing your registration.

To register for an event, **select the event and click “Register.”** You will then be directed to the payment page, where you can complete your payment and finalize your entry.

Once your payment is successfully processed, **you will be registered as a player in the tournament.**

Section 10: TCL Scorecard / Point Standings

TCL players have the opportunity to earn points throughout the season, contributing to their overall point standings. These standings play a key role in determining seeding for the League Championship at the end of the season.

Players can earn points by participating in various TCL-sanctioned events. To maximize their overall point total, **TCL will count a player's top results up to the maximum number allowed within each of the following categories.** Any additional points earned beyond these maximums will not be counted toward a player's point standings.

- **3** Signature Series Singles Events
- **4** Signature Series Doubles Events
- **1** Super Regional Singles
- **1** Super Regional Doubles
- **5** Regional Singles Events
- **8** Regional Doubles Events
- **2** Regional Team Events
- **2** Regional Weekly Leagues
- **8** Local Random Partner Events (Switchholios)
- **2** Local (Community / Charity Event)
- **1** Membership Bonus

Strategic participation across these event types allows players to maximize their point standings and improve their seeding for the League Championship. High performance throughout the season may also lead to automatic qualification into Tier I for Singles bracket play, as well as eligibility for prestigious recognitions such as Top 100, Rising Star, and Player or Female Player of the Year honors.

Playing Up

Players may also earn more points by choosing to play up in tournaments.

- **Signature Series Events / Super Regionals:**

- *Singles Events:* Players may compete up to one rank higher than their assigned rank.
- *Doubles Events:* Players may partner with another player as long as the highest-ranked player on the team is no more than one rank below the advertised division for the event. For example, in a B-Rank Doubles event, a team may consist of a C-ranked player and a D-ranked player, since the highest-ranked player on the team is only one rank below B.

- **Regional Events / Local / Community Events:**

- *Singles Events:* Players may compete up to 3 ranks higher depending on the rank of the tournament. For example, a D player may not play in any tournament above the B-rank.
 - *Doubles Events:* Players may partner with another player as long as their combined ranks align with the advertised division. For example, an A-ranked player may team up with a C-ranked player to compete in a B-ranked tournament.
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Playing-up eligibility is determined by the current TCL Event Player Restriction Chart in Appendix 2.

More information can be found on the [TCL Website](#).

Section 11: TCL Player Recognition Program

Players can earn points by playing in tournaments, playing up in tournaments, maximizing their scorecard and playing in Signature Series events that unlock eligibility for major awards and recognition:

Player of the Year & Women's Player of the Year Awards

The TCL Player of the Year and Women's Player of the Year awards recognize outstanding performance, consistency, commitment, and representation of the Texas Cornhole League throughout the season.

The Player of the Year is the player who finishes the season with the highest overall TCL points total, while the Women's Player of the Year is the female player who finishes with the highest TCL points total among women players.

These players have maximized their TCL scorecards to their fullest potential, consistently performed at a high level throughout the season, and demonstrated what it means to be an ambassador for TCL both on and off the boards.

Player of the Year Prize Package:

Both the TCL Player of the Year and Women's Player of the Year will receive:

- \$1,000 Cash Prize
- Commemorative Player of the Year Jersey
- Commemorative Player of the Year Set of Bags — winner chooses their preferred TCL-approved manufacturer and series

Top 10 Overall Players

The TCL Top 10 Overall Players recognize the ten players who finish the season with **the highest point totals** across all TCL players.

Earning a place in the Top 10 represents more than just points. These players have maximized their TCL scorecards, consistently performed at a high level, competed with integrity and grit, represented the league with respect, and supported the players and community around them.

Top 10 Recognition & Awards:

Each TCL Overall Top 10 player will receive:

- **Commemorative Top 10 Jersey** recognizing their achievement for the season
- **Commemorative Top 10 Set of Bags** - customized in the TCL-approved manufacturer and series of their choice

The **TCL Top 10** represents the players who rose to the top through an entire season of competition and earned their place among the league's best.

Top 60 Overall Recognition & Awards:

Each TCL Overall Top 60 player will receive:

- **Commemorative Top 60 Jersey** recognizing their achievement for the season
- **Commemorative Top 60 Set of Bags** - customized in the TCL-approved manufacturer and series of their choice

The **TCL Top 60** recognizes the players who separated themselves through a full season of competition, consistency, and performance to earn their place among TCL's top-ranked players.

Top 100 Overall Recognition & Awards:

Each TCL Overall Top 100 player will receive:

- **Commemorative Top 100 Jersey** recognizing their achievement for the season
- **Opportunity to purchase a TCL Top 100 Set of Bags** - customized using the TCL-approved manufacturer and bag series of their choice

The **TCL Top 100** is a season-long achievement that recognizes players who distinguish themselves through competition, consistency, participation, and performance. The Top 100 represents players who put in the work throughout the season and earned their place among TCL's top-ranked competitors.

- **Signature Series 6 / League Championship Auto Qualifier** – Top performers earn automatic qualification for Signature Series 6, allowing them to bypass rounders in singles events and be placed directly into Tier I for bracket play. This includes divisions S, A, B, C, D, E, F.

“S” Division - Top 15 in “S” Rank Standings

“A” Division - Top 24 in “A” Rank Standings

“B” Division - Top 32 in “B” Rank Standings

“C” Division - Top 32 in “C” Rank Standings

“D” Division - Top 24 in “D” Rank Standings

“E” Division - Top 16 in “E” Rank Standings

“F” Division - Top 10 in “F” Rank Standings

- **TCL Rising Star Program**

The TCL Rising Star Program recognizes players who demonstrate meaningful growth, improvement, and competitive success throughout the season. The program is designed to highlight emerging talent and recognize players who are taking the next step in their TCL journey.

Players ranked A through E can earn Rising Star recognition in two ways:

1. Rank Advancement — A player moves up at least one TCL Rank from where they started the season. For example, a player who begins the season at D Rank and advances to C Rank has demonstrated measurable improvement and qualifies for Rising Star recognition.
2. Top Rank Finish / Auto Qualifier — A player finishes among the top point earners within their Rank and earns an Auto Qualifier spot for the TCL League Championship at Signature Series #6. This recognizes players who may not have moved up a Rank but demonstrated consistency and competitive success throughout the season.

Rising Star Classes

As players develop, their Rising Star recognition follows the level they achieve during the current season:

- The Crew — Rising Stars who achieve S Rank and advance into TCL's Elite level.
- A-Team — Rising Stars who achieve A Rank during the current season.
- Rising Stars — B through E Rank players who either advance in Rank during the current season or earn recognition through a qualifying top finish within their Rank.

The Rising Star Program isn't only about where you finish—it's about recognizing the progress it took to get there. Whether you earn your recognition by advancing to the next Rank or by competing your way to the top of your Rank and earning an Auto Qualifier spot, you've demonstrated that your game is moving forward.

Your Rank shows your level. Your results show your performance. Rising Star recognizes your progress.

Section 12: Rank vs. Standing

Your Progression in TCL Happens in Two Ways

- **Player Rank** — Your Skill Level

Your Rank reflects your current competitive skill level, ranging from F (Social) through Pro (Elite). Your Rank helps create fair competition by determining which divisions you are eligible to enter and, when applicable, which players you may partner with in doubles events. As your game develops, your Rank can progress with your performance.

- **Player Standing** — Your Season Performance

Your Player Standing reflects how you are performing throughout the season based on points earned at eligible TCL events. Standings reward participation and competitive results and may be used for bracket seeding, automatic qualification, Top 100 recognition, Player of the Year, and other season awards.

Rank vs. Standing

- Think of it this way: your Rank represents your skill level, while your Player Standing represents what you've accomplished during the season.
- Together, these systems create a competitive pathway that rewards both player development and season-long performance—giving every TCL player something to work toward each time they step to the boards.

Section 13: Equipment & Bags

- To maintain fairness and consistency across all regions, TCL enforces strict equipment and bag standards. Directors are responsible for ensuring compliance at every event.
- **Approved Bags Only** – Players must use Big Tex Gear (BTG) stamped bags with a valid year stamp.

TCL Stamp Year	Release Date	Expiration Date
BTG 2026	Summer 2024	Dec 31, 2026
BTG 2027	Summer 2025	Dec 31, 2027
BTG 2028	Summer 2026	Dec 31, 2028
BTG 2029	Summer 2027	Dec 31, 2029



- All TCL events must comply with Section 1 of the TCL Official Rule Guide. Players are responsible for using legal equipment, and Directors are responsible for event-level compliance.

TCL Official Rule Guide – Section 1: Bag Rules

Section 14: Event Restrictions

TCL uses event restrictions within Scoreholio to help protect fair competition and ensure players compete in events for which they are eligible. When registering for a TCL event, you may see restrictions based on your TCL Membership, Rank, PPR, or other event-specific requirements.

These restrictions are not intended to limit opportunities—they are designed to **protect the competitive experience for everyone** by ensuring each tournament follows the advertised format, skill level, and TCL standards.

Common event restrictions may include:

- **Membership Requirements** – Certain events require an active Basic, Regional, Premium, or Premium PRO Membership. Your membership must meet the requirements of the event before you can register.
- **Rank Restrictions** – Events or divisions may be limited to specific TCL Ranks or Rank combinations to create balanced competition.
- **PPR Restrictions** – Some events may establish minimum or maximum PPR requirements to help maintain the intended competitive level.

When restrictions are properly applied, **Scoreholio automatically verifies player eligibility during registration**. If a player's profile does not meet an event's requirements, they may be prevented from registering until the eligibility issue is resolved.

Help Us Protect Fair Play

Players are also an important part of maintaining competitive integrity. **If you notice a TCL event being run without the required Membership or Rank restrictions, please let us know at team@tclcornhole.com.**

For more details on implementing Event Restrictions, please refer to [Appendix 2](#) in this guide.

Section 15: Tournament Submission

After you compete in a TCL event, your results must be **submitted to the TCL Season through Scoreholio** before they can be properly reflected in season records, points, and standings. TCL Directors are responsible for completing this process, but players should understand that results may not appear immediately following an event.

Directors have up to **10 days after an event** to submit completed brackets and finalize the tournament with TCL.

What This Means for Players

- Your **points and Player Standing may take time to update** after an event.
- Allow up to **10 days** for tournament results to be submitted and reflected in the TCL Season and your player ranking.
- Review your results and standings periodically to make sure your eligible events are being credited correctly.
- If you believe a result, score, or points total is incorrect, contact your **TCL Director** first so the event can be reviewed.
- Scoring corrections, conduct issues, or other tournament concerns may be escalated to TCL leadership when necessary.

Event Division & Points Classification

TCL events may be advertised for a specific division or Rank, such as “**C Singles**” or “**A Singles**.” However, the **points awarded are based on the highest-ranked player who actually competes in the event**, and an event cannot be submitted for a higher points level than originally advertised.

Example: If an event is advertised as **A Singles**, but no A-ranked players participate and the highest-ranked player is **B Rank**, the event will be submitted as a **B Singles** event for points.

This policy ensures that points accurately reflect the **level of competition on the boards** and keeps Player Standings fair and consistent across TCL.

The deadline for tournaments to earn **TCL Season Points** will be announced by **January 1 each season**. The season points cutoff typically occurs sometime in **May**.

Section 16: Tournament Payouts

TCL events are designed to reward competitive success while giving Directors flexibility to structure payouts based on the size and format of the tournament. For each TCL event, **50%–80% of total player registration fees** will be returned through the tournament payout, with the exact percentage determined by the TCL Director and communicated to players before bracket play begins.

Payouts are distributed **at the completion of the event**, with a minimum of the **top three finishers in each bracket** receiving a payout or prize. First place typically receives the largest share, followed by second, third, and any additional paid positions based on the event's payout structure.

Section 17: Player Conduct & Sportsmanship

TCL is committed to providing a **competitive, respectful, and family-friendly environment** at every event. As a TCL player, you are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and conduct yourself in a way that positively represents **you, your Region, and TCL**.

Player Expectations

Competition can be intense, but respect should always come first. Players are expected to:

- Treat **players, Directors, officials, spectators, venue staff, and families** with respect.
- Compete with integrity and follow all TCL and event rules.
- Respect the Tournament Director and Official decisions, even when you disagree.
- Handle disagreements calmly and allow Directors to address tournament-related concerns.
- Celebrate wins respectfully and handle losses with good sportsmanship.
- Respect tournament venues, equipment, boards, bags, and surrounding property.
- Help maintain a welcoming environment for players of **all ages and skill levels**.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Behavior that disrupts an event or creates an unsafe or hostile environment may result in intervention by the Tournament Director. This includes **threatening behavior, excessive verbal abuse, harassment, intentional disruption, cheating, physical aggression, or other conduct that does not meet TCL standards**.

Physical contact intended to intimidate, threaten, or harm another person will not be tolerated.

When an incident occurs, Directors may speak with the individuals involved, gather information from witnesses, and review available evidence, including video when appropriate. Depending on the circumstances, a player may be asked to leave the event.

Disciplinary Review

Serious conduct incidents are reported to **TCL Leadership for review**. Tournament Directors may remove a player from an event when necessary, but **only TCL Leadership has the authority to issue a TCL player suspension**.

TCL Leadership will review the circumstances and available information before determining whether additional disciplinary action is appropriate. This process helps ensure conduct matters are handled **consistently and fairly across all TCL Regions**.

At the end of the day, we're all here for the same reason—to compete and enjoy the game.

If a player has questions or concerns please email the TCL Leadership Team at Team@TCLCornhole.com

Section 18: Player Resources

➤ TCL Guides

- [TCL Player Guide](#)
- TCL Rules Guide

➤ TCL Websites

- [TCL Cornhole](#)
- [Big Tex Gear](#) by TCL - Cornhole store

➤ Scoreholio Links & Resources

- [Scoreholio Help Documentation](#)
- [How to Set Up Your Account](#)
- [How to Find a Tournament](#)

➤ Social Media Links

- [TCL Facebook Page](#)
- TCL Instagram @tclbigtex
- [TCL Family Facebook Group](#) The **Texas Cornhole League Family** group on Facebook is the central hub for TCL community interaction. All players and directors are encouraged to join and actively participate.
- **YouTube:** [Texas Cornhole League](#)

➤ Contact Us:

- TCL Leadership Team: Team@TCLCornhole.com
- Events & Registration Fees: Events@TCLCornhole.com
Questions about Events or Refunds
- Points & Scoring: Points@TCLCornhole.com
Questions about your Rank or TCL Points
- Big Tex Gear Store Store@BigTexGear.com
Questions about Orders
- Warranty for Bags Warranty@BigTexGear.com
[30 Day Warranty Form](#)
- Custom Orders Artwork Submission: Art@BigTexGear.com

Appendix 1: Event Point Submission

Weekly Leagues	Event Category	Submission Division
"S/A" Doubles	Weekly League	"A" Points
"A" Doubles or Singles	Weekly League	"A" Points
"A/B" Doubles	Weekly League	"B" Points
"B" Doubles or Singles	Weekly League	"B" Points
"B/C" Doubles	Weekly League	"C" Points
"C" Doubles or Singles	Weekly League	"C" Points
"C/D" Doubles	Weekly League	"D" Points
"D" Doubles or Singles	Weekly League	"D" Points
"D/E" Doubles	Weekly League	"E" Points
"E" Doubles or Singles	Weekly League	"E" Points
"E/F" Doubles	Weekly League	"F" Points
"F" Doubles	Weekly League	"F" Points

Regional Events - Singles	Event Category	Submission Division
"S" / Upper Singles	Regional Singles	"S" Points
Advanced PPR Singles - Max 8.99 Season PPR	Regional Singles	"A" Points
"A" Singles	Regional Singles	"A" Points
"B" Singles	Regional Singles	"B" Points
Competitive PPR Singles - Max 7.49 Season PPR	Regional Singles	"C" Points
"C" Singles	Regional Singles	"C" Points
"D" Singles	Regional Singles	"D" Points
Social PPR Singles - Max 6.25 Season PPR	Regional Singles	"E" Points
"E" Singles	Regional Singles	"E" Points
"F" Singles	Regional Singles	"F" Points

Regional Events - Doubles	Event Category	Submission Division
Advanced PPR Doubles - Avg 8.75 Season PPR	Regional Doubles	"A" Points
"S/A" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"A" Points
"A" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"A" Points
"A/B" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"B" Points
"B" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"B" Points
"A/B" Crew Cup	Regional Doubles	"B" Points
Competitive PPR Doubles - Avg 7.00 Season PPR	Regional Doubles	"C" Points
"B/C" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"C" Points
"C" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"C" Points
"C/D" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"D" Points
"D" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"D" Points
Social PPR Doubles - Avg 5.75 Season PPR	Regional Doubles	"E" Points
"D/E" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"E" Points
"E" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"E" Points
"E/F" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"F" Points
"F" Doubles	Regional Doubles	"F" Points

Regional Team Events (Crew Cup / MLP)	Event Category	Submission Division
Advanced PPR Doubles - Avg 8.75 Season PPR	Regional Team	"A" Points
"S/A"	Regional Team	"A" Points
"A"	Regional Team	"A" Points
"A/B"	Regional Team	"B" Points
"B"	Regional Team	"B" Points
Competitive PPR Doubles - Avg 7.00 Season PPR	Regional Team	"C" Points
"B/C"	Regional Team	"C" Points
"C"	Regional Team	"C" Points
"C/D"	Regional Team	"D" Points
"D"	Regional Team	"D" Points
Social PPR Doubles - Avg 5.75 Season PPR	Regional Team	"E" Points
"D/E"	Regional Team	"E" Points
"E"	Regional Team	"E" Points
"E/F"	Regional Team	"F" Points
"F"	Regional Team	"F" Points

Random Partner Events	Event Category	Submission Division
Elite "S/A" Switch	Local Event	"A" Points
Advanced "A/B" Switch	Local Event	"B" Points
Advanced "B" Switch	Local Event	"B" Points
Advanced "A/B" Random Draw	Local Event	"B" Points
Competitive "C/D" Switch	Local Event	"D" Points
Competitive "D" Switch	Local Event	"D" Points
Competitive "C/D" Random Draw	Local Event	"D" Points
Social "E/F" Switch	Local Event	"F" Points
Social "F" Switch	Local Event	"F" Points
Social "E/F" Random Draw	Local Event	"F" Points

Local / Community Events	Event Category	Submission Division
Advanced "A/B" Doubles	Local Event	"B" Points
Competitive "C/D" Doubles	Local Event	"D" Points
Social "E/F" Doubles	Local Event	"F" Points

SUPER Regional Events (3-4 Regions with TCL Approval)	Event Category	Submission Division
"S" / Upper Singles	Super Regional Singles	"S" Points
"A" Singles	Super Regional Singles	"A" Points
"B" Singles	Super Regional Singles	"B" Points
"C" Singles	Super Regional Singles	"C" Points
"D" Singles	Super Regional Singles	"D" Points
"E" Singles	Super Regional Singles	"E" Points
"F" Singles	Super Regional Singles	"F" Points
"S" / Upper Doubles	Super Regional Doubles	"S" Points
"A" Doubles	Super Regional Doubles	"A" Points
"B" Doubles	Super Regional Doubles	"B" Points
"C" Doubles	Super Regional Doubles	"C" Points
"D" Doubles	Super Regional Doubles	"D" Points
"E" Doubles	Super Regional Doubles	"E" Points
"F" Doubles	Super Regional Doubles	"F" Points

Appendix 2: Event Player Restrictions

Please refer to the **Event Player Restrictions Charts**. These charts identify the appropriate restriction settings to use when creating tournaments and outline which player ranks are eligible to compete in each event.

It is important to apply these restrictions during event setup to ensure only eligible players are able to register, helping maintain fair competition and preventing ineligible participants from signing up for tournaments.

[Regional and Local Event Restrictions](#)

[Super Regional Event Restrictions](#)

[Signature Series Event Restrictions](#)



Appendix 3: Tournament Point Values

Please refer to the [TCL Tournament Point Values](#) charts for a complete breakdown of points awarded at each tournament. Point values are determined by the **type of tournament and a player's final placement**. Points earned throughout the season are applied toward the player's **TCL Point Standings**. See Section 10: TCL Scorecard / Point Standings.

