MASSISLAND CORNHOLE ASSOCIATION

YEAR ONE PLAYER GUIDE • 2026-27 FOUNDING SEASON

What you can play. What counts. What you are chasing.

PLAY LOCAL. EARN POINTS. CLIMB THE RANKINGS. CHASE THE ELITE.

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THE 2026-27 SEASON

The Year One points season will run from November 1, 2026 to June 20, 2027. This gives players approximately seven months of organized competition.

Season Structure

- Just under 33 scoring weeks
- Up to 2 MCA Commuunity points events per scoring week
- Up to 52 Community event results during the regular season

The season is designed so that players can compete regularly without needing to attend every event to remain competitive.

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WHAT CAN ONE PLAYER COUNT?

A player's season score will consist of their 4 best Premier event results and their 12 best Community event results (TBD). The combination of these event scores will determine the player's total season score.

Event Category	Results Counted	Contribution
Premier Events	Best 4 results	Included in total season score
Community Events	Best 12 results (TBD)	Included in total season score
Total	**16 results**	**Combined total season score**

How Scoring Works

Each event category has its own scoring structure. A player's eligible results are recorded based on the applicable scoring table for that event category.

- Best 4 Premier event scores are used.
- Best 12 Community event scores (TBD) are used.
- The Elite event score is used.

These eligible results are combined to calculate the player's total season score.

Total Season Score = Best 4 Premier Scores + Best 12 Community Scores

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community events are the foundation of MCA competition and are designed to give players regular opportunities to earn points.

- Up to 2 Community results per scoring week
- Up to 52 Community results during the full season
- A minimum of 21 Community results is required for the full Club-season participation standard

Community events may use a variety of formats, including:

- Singles
- Doubles
- Blind Draw
- Switcholio
- Swiss
- Round Robin
- Knockout
- Tandem Doubles / Other approved formats

The MCA may approve makeup days when necessary. Approved makeup days may allow a Club to host up to four qualifying results during a scoring week, but this does not increase the player's 52-result season maximum.

PREMIER EVENTS

Premier events give players an opportunity to compete beyond their local Club and earn higher-value points.

- 1 Premier event per month
- Up to 6 Premier events during the Year One season
- At least one Singles event and at least one Doubles event during the season

Players may travel to other Premier events. For ranking purposes, the player's best Singles finish from each eligible month may count toward their Premier Singles ranking. The same structure applies to Premier Doubles.

Premier Singles

- Best 4 monthly results count.
- Minimum of 3 total Premier Singles results
- At least 2 results must come from home District

Premier Doubles

- Best 4 monthly results count
- Minimum of 3 total remier Doubles results
- At least 2 results must come from home District

MEMBERSHIP

Period	Fee
November 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027	**$40**
February 1, 2027 – February 28, 2027	**$50**

Players will ***not*** receive retroactive points for any events attended prior to membership registration.

Membership Includes:

- MCA points and standings
- All-State Team consideration
- Eligibility for qualified Singles & Doubles competition
- State Showcase consideration at MassIsland Elite
- Public MCA player profile
- Official ranking recognition Premier status consideration
- Eligibility for season titles and awards

Half of each membership fee will be directed to the player's selected Club Director. Membership revenue helps support website development, standings and ranking administration, signage, boards, equipment, MassIsland Elite operations, and administrative expenses.

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JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

- **15 and under:** Free with a paid parent/guardian MCA membership
- **15 and under without member parent/guardian:** 50% of applicable membership price **Age 16+:** Full
- membership price

Players do not have to be MCA members to participate in normal Community events. However, non-members will not earn MCA points or qualify for MCA awards, rankings, or championship benefits. Non-members will also not receive 100% of the prize pool upon placing within the rewarded place holders.

COMMUNITY POINTS

Finish	Points
1st	20
2nd	19
3rd	18
4th	17
5th–6th	16
7th–8th	15
9th–12th	14
13th–16th	13
17th–24th	12
25th–32nd	11
33rd+	10

Max /Min Points

Classification	Maximum
A	1,040
AA	1,040
AAA	1,040

Classification	Floor
A	10
AA	10
AAA	10

PREMIER POINTS

Premier Singles and Premier Doubles use the same point structure across divisions.

Finish	Division A	Division AA	Division AAA
1st	200	150	100
2nd	198	148	98
3rd	196	146	96
4th	194	144	94
5th–6th	192	142	92
7th–8th	190	140	90

9th–12th	188	138	88
13th–16th	186	136	86
17th–24th	184	134	84

25th–32nd	182	132	82
33rd–48th	180	130	80
49th–64th	178	128	78
65th–96th	176	126	76
97th+	174	124	74

District Point Floors

Classification	Floor
A	174
AA	124
AAA	74

Maximum District Points

Classification	Singles Max	Doubles Max
A	800	800
AA	600	600
AAA	400	400

Elite CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Elite Championship points are identical for both Singles and Doubles competition.

Finish	Division A	Division AA	Division AAA
1st	440	330	220
2nd	438	328	218
3rd	436	326	216
4th	434	324	214
5th–6th	432	322	212
7th–8th	430	320	210
9th–12th	428	318	208

13th–16th	426	316	206
17th–24th	424	314	204
25th–32nd	422	312	202
33rd–48th	420	310	200
49th–64th	418	308	198
65th–96th	416	306	196
97th+	414	304	194

Elite Point Floors

Classification	Floor
A	414
AA	304
AAA	194

Season Point Maximums

Maximum total achievable points across all event categories for the season.

Division	Community	Premier Singles	Premier Doubles	Elite Singles	Elite 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**

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RANKINGS

- Community rankings
- Premier rankings
- Elite Ranking
- Overall Massisland rankings

The MCA will also maintain Women's State rankings, Senior State rankings, and Junior recognition. Women's and Senior rankings will use the same regular Club and District events as the primary State rankings.

DIVISION RANKINGS

- Divion A – 8.25 PPR +
- Division AA – 6.75 – 8.24 PPR
- Division AAA – 6.74 PPR and down

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WHAT YOU ARE CHASING

THE MASSISLAND ELITE

The MassIsland Elite will take place in early May 2027.

- A Singles, A Doubles
- AA Singles, AA Doubles
- AAA Singles, AAA Doubles

Qualification will be based on established 40% participation minimums. Elite Championship seeding will be based on the player's current MCA State ranking.

MASSISLAND ELITE GRAND CHAMPION

A separate Open event will crown the MassIsland Elite Grand Champion. The Open event will be separate from the MCA classification system and will not award MCA points. (TBD)

JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Players age 15 and under will participate in the normal MCA standings while also having the opportunity to compete for a separate Junior State Championship.

WOMEN'S & SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The MCA will also host separate Women's Elite Championship and Senior Elite Championship events. During Year One, Women's and Senior Player rankings will be based on the player's regular Community and Premier results. There will be no separate Women's or Senior Premier events during Year One (subject to change if enough interest is shown).

ELITE STATUS

At the conclusion of Year One, the top 64 eligible players age 16 and older will earn Elite status for Year Two.

Elite status is designed to recognize the highest-ranked eligible players entering the next MCA season. The exact Elite event structure and scoring system will be established as part of the Year Two competition model.

ALL-STATE TEAM

The MCA will select a 20-player MassIsland All-State Team. Selection will consider factors including:

- State ranking
- Availability
- Points per result
- Overall Year One performance Participation
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The All-State Team will represent MassIsland in future inter-association competition and showcase opportunities.

STATE SHOWCASE EVENTS

MCA will also introduce State Showcase events designed to highlight top players and provide additional competitive opportunities. Additional details regarding qualification and formats will be announced as the Year One structure develops.

ROAD WARRIOR AWARD

The Road Warrior Award will recognize one male and one female player who demonstrate outstanding active participation throughout Year One.

- Road Warrior recognition
- A custom jersey
- Free MCA membership for the following season

If there is a true tie, the MCA may recognize co-champions. The award is intended to recognize players who consistently show up, travel, compete, and support MCA events throughout the season.

YEAR ONE EVENT STRUCTURE

Community Events

Community clubs have flexibility to use different competitive formats while maintaining fair and consistent scoring (Singles, Doubles, Blind Draw, Switcholio, Swiss, Round Robin, Knockout, Tandem Doubles, and other approved formats).

Each Club may host up to 2 MCA points events per scoring week. Approved makeup days may temporarily allow additional events during a scoring week, but the player's overall. Communiy result maximum remains 52 results.

PREMIER EVENTS

Each District may host one Premier event per month. Districts must provide opportunities for both Singles and Doubles. Players may travel between Districts. The District structure is intended to create a higher level of competition while still keeping travel requirements reasonable.

ELITE EVENTS

The MassIsland Elite will serve as the primary State Championship event. MCA will also host a 20-player, five-tier Club Team Championship. This event will provide Clubs with an opportunity to compete as teams while representing their local organizations(State Team events are TBD).

YEAR ONE OPEN DECISIONS

Scoring Week

The exact day and time that each scoring week resets will be finalized before November 1, 2026.

Player Classification

Players will compete within the A, AA, and AAA classification structure. The MCA will determine whether classifications are established through fixed performance cutoffs or three balanced groups based on historical performance.

Player Movement

A player movement cutoff date will be finalized before the season.

Non-Massisland Players

The MCA will establish an exemption standard for non-MassIsland residents whose primary competitive participation occurs within MassIsland. The final standard will be determined by the MCA Director and Player Boards.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MCA

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The MassIsland Cornhole Association is designed to create a system where every event matters.

Players should be able to:

- Play close to home
- Earn meaningful points
- Track their progress
- Compete at higher levels
- Represent their Club state-wide
- Qualify for Elite championship events
- Earn recognition
- Build toward Premier status
- Chase the MasIsland Elite

Year One is about building the foundation. The MCA will continue to refine the system based on participation, player feedback, and what works best for the MassIsland cornhole community.