



Year One Player Guide

2026-27 FOUNDING SEASON | WHAT YOU CAN PLAY, WHAT COUNTS, AND WHAT YOU ARE CHASING

The PCA is designed to make weekly play matter from November through April and give Pennsylvania players a clear path from local events to State recognition and the Keystone Cup.

The season in plain English

6-MONTH POINTS SEASON November 1 through April 30. That is 181 days, or just under 26 full weeks.	26 PCA SCORING WEEKS For Club-point limits, Year One is treated as 26 scoring weeks.
2 CLUB POINTS EVENTS PER WEEK Each PCA Club can designate up to two points events in a scoring week.	52 CLUB EVENTS MAX 26 scoring weeks x 2 Club points events = a maximum of 52 Club points events for a Club in Year One.

What can one player count?

Category	Maximum available / counted	Minimum to qualify
Club	Up to 2 Club results per scoring week; 52 for the full season.	21 Club results
District Singles	Each District may host 1 District Event per month, up to 6 for the season. You may travel to other Districts. Only your best Singles finish from each month is eligible; your best 4 monthly results count.	3 total; at least 2 in your home District
District Doubles	Each District may host 1 District Event per month, up to 6 for the season. You may travel to other Districts. Only your best Doubles finish from each month is eligible; your best 4 monthly results count.	3 total; at least 2 in your home District



Membership

SIMPLE PRICING. CLEAR BENEFITS. HALF STAYS WITH PENNSYLVANIA CLUBS AND DISTRICTS.

STANDARD MEMBERSHIP \$40 October 1 - December 31, 2026	LATE MEMBERSHIP \$50 January 1 - January 31, 2027
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What you get with a PCA membership

- PCA points and placement in Club, District, Conference, and State standings.
- Eligibility for qualified Singles and Doubles events at the Keystone Cup.
- Eligibility for season titles, awards, Premier status (age 16+), All-State selection, and State Showcase opportunities.
- A public PCA player profile with standings and PCA event statistics.
- **Retroactive credit for eligible results played since November 1, 2026, when membership is purchased by January 31, 2027.**
- Half of your membership fee goes to the PCA Club or District organization you choose.

Where the money goes

The PCA share supports the statewide website and standings, administration, signage, boards/equipment where needed, and improvements to the Keystone Cup. Financial summaries will be shared in a practical, transparent way.

Junior membership

- Age 15 and under: free with a paid parent/guardian membership.
- Age 15 and under without a member parent/guardian: 50% of the applicable membership price.
- Age 16 and older: full membership price.

Membership is not required just to play

A player may still enter normal PCA Club events without a membership. Non-members simply do not earn PCA standings points or qualify for PCA season awards and Championship benefits.

Points and Rankings

ACTUAL POINT VALUES, CLASSIFICATION BANDS, AND SEASON MAXIMUMS

Club points are universal for every player. A is the highest classification, AA is the middle classification, and AAA is the lowest. District and State Championship Singles and Doubles use the same respective point table. District and State values drop by 2 points per finishing position until the listed floor is reached.

Club points

The Club table is the same for every player, regardless of classification.

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

Maximum points available

Classification	Club	District Singles	District Doubles	State Singles	State Doubles	Season Maximum
A	1,040	800	800	440	440	3,520
AA	1,040	600	600	330	330	2,900
AAA	1,040	400	400	220	220	2,280

Minimum points / floors

Level	A	AA	AAA
Club	10	10	10
District	160	110	50
State Championship	340	230	110



District points

The same District point values apply to Singles and Doubles.

Finish	A	AA	AAA
1st	200	150	100
2nd	198	148	98
3rd	196	146	96
4th	194	144	94
5th	192	142	92
6th	190	140	90
7th	188	138	88
8th	186	136	86
9th	184	134	84
10th	182	132	82
11th	180	130	80
12th	178	128	78
13th	176	126	76
14th	174	124	74
15th	172	122	72
16th	170	120	70
17th	168	118	68
18th	166	116	66
19th	164	114	64
20th	162	112	62
21st	160	110	60
22nd	160	110	58
23rd	160	110	56
24th	160	110	54
25th	160	110	52
26th+	160	110	50

State Championship points

The same State Championship point values apply to Singles and Doubles.

Finish	A	AA	AAA
1st	440	330	220
2nd	438	328	218
3rd	436	326	216
4th	434	324	214
5th	432	322	212
6th	430	320	210
7th	428	318	208
8th	426	316	206
9th	424	314	204
10th	422	312	202
11th	420	310	200
12th	418	308	198
13th	416	306	196
14th	414	304	194
15th	412	302	192
16th	410	300	190
17th	408	298	188
18th-50th	-2 per place (406 to 342)	-2 per place (296 to 232)	-2 per place (186 to 122)
51st	340	230	120
52nd	340	230	118
53rd	340	230	116
54th	340	230	114
55th	340	230	112
56th+	340	230	110

Rankings you can appear in

- Club, District, Conference, and overall Pennsylvania State rankings.
- Separate Singles and Doubles standings and season titles.
- Women's and Senior final State rankings, based on results earned in the same regular Club and District events as everyone else.

What You Are Chasing

CHAMPIONSHIPS, RECOGNITION, AND OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND WEEKLY PLAY

Keystone Cup - early May

- **Qualified A, AA, and AAA classifications in Singles and Doubles.**
- Players qualify by meeting the 40% participation minimums shown on Page 1.
- State Championship seeding is based on current PCA State ranking.
- A separate Open event crowns the Keystone Cup Grand Champion and does not award PCA points.
- Players age 15 and under may appear in normal PCA standings and also have a separate Junior State Championship event.
- Separate Women's and Senior State Championship events will be offered. Their Year One rankings come from regular Club and District play; there are no separate Women's or Senior District events in Year One.

Other goals

- Premier: the top 64 eligible players age 16+ after Year One earn Premier status for Year Two.
- All-State Team: a 20-player Pennsylvania representative roster selected from State ranking, PPR group, participation, and availability.
- State Showcase Events: special one-off competitions with other state organizations.
- Road Warrior: one male and one female in Year One, based on active event participation. Winners receive a special jersey and free next-season membership. True ties may be recognized as co-champions.

Year One event structure

- Club events: broad format freedom, including Singles, Doubles, Blind Draw, Switcholio, Swiss, Round Robin, Knockout, Tandem Doubles, and other fair formats. A Club may offer up to two PCA points events per scoring week. Approved makeup days may allow a player to record up to four Club results, without increasing the 52-result season maximum.
- District events: one per month in each District, with at least one Singles and one Doubles competition.
- State events: the Keystone Cup plus one 20-player, five-tier Club Team Championship during the season.



Open decisions before launch

SCORING WEEK RESET - The exact day and time that each PCA scoring week resets will be published before November 1.

CLASSIFICATION METHOD - A, AA, and AAA will be used. The final method for assigning players will be either fixed performance cutoffs or three balanced groups based on historical performance.

PLAYER MOVEMENT - The cutoff date for moving a player into a higher classification will be finalized before the season.

NON-PENNSYLVANIA PLAYERS - The Director and Player Boards will finalize the exemption standard for nonresidents whose primary cornhole participation is in Pennsylvania.