

VIRGINIA CORNHOLE ASSOCIATION

TOURNAMENT

DIRECTOR'S GUIDE

2026/2027 VCA SEASON

RUN CONSISTENT. REPORT ACCURATELY. BUILD VCA.

SCOREHOLIO RULE

If it's not in the 2026/2027 VCA Season in Scoreholio, it doesn't count toward VCA points.

DIRECTOR QUICK START

- Create and operate the event through Scoreholio.
- Associate the event with the 2026/2027 VCA Season before publishing.
- Identify the event clearly as VCA-sanctioned and select the correct format.
- Before play begins, remove no-shows and verify the actual participating field.
- Run the approved Local or Regional format exactly as published.
- Verify and submit complete results for VCA points processing.

MINIMUM FIELDS

Singles: 6 participating players minimum. • Doubles: 12 participating players / 6 teams minimum.

LOCAL EVENT OPERATIONS

LOCAL EVENTS & POINTS

APPROVED LOCAL FORMAT

Blind Draw only. No Commonwealth / Dominion / Cardinal Flights. No Rounder Bonus Points.

- Players may play unlimited sanctioned Locals; standings use only the best 12 Local results.
- Verify the event is assigned to the 2026/2027 VCA Season before publishing.
- Remove no-shows and confirm the actual participating field before play begins.
- Complete the event and preserve accurate final placements for reporting.

LOCAL BASE POINTS

FINISH	POINTS
Champion	100
Runner-Up	94
3rd	89
4th	84
5th–6th	78
7th–8th	73
9th–12th	68
13th–16th	63
17th+	58

DIRECTOR REMINDER

A DQ'd Local earns no points and cannot count toward the player's required 6 counting Locals.

REGIONAL EVENT OPERATIONS

REGIONAL EVENTS & POINTS

- Run exactly 3 Rounders.
- Rank the full field by Record then Differential. If players remain tied after all three criteria, conduct a bag spin to determine final order before assigning Flights.
- Split the field as evenly as possible into Commonwealth, Dominion, and Cardinal Flights.
- Assign extra positions first to Commonwealth, then Dominion, then Cardinal.
- Run a separate double-elimination bracket for each Flight.
- Award +2 points per Rounder win.

FLIGHT SPLIT EXAMPLES

FIELD	COMMONWEALTH	DOMINION	CARDINAL
18	6	6	6
24	8	8	8
31	11	10	10
32	11	11	10
36	12	12	12
48	16	16	16
60	20	20	20
75	25	25	25

REGIONAL BASE POINTS

FINISH	COMMONWEALTH	DOMINION	CARDINAL
Champion	200	170	140
Runner-Up	188	158	128
3rd	178	148	118
4th	168	138	108
5th-6th	156	126	96
7th-8th	146	116	86
9th-12th	136	106	76
13th-16th	126	96	66
17th+	116	86	56

ROUNDER BONUS

RECORD	BONUS
3-0	+6
2-1	+4
1-2	+2
0-3	0

REGIONAL FORMULA

Regional Points = Flight Finish Base Points + Rounder Bonus.

REGIONAL EVENT-DAY CHECKLIST

RUN IT. VERIFY IT. REPORT IT.

- Confirm Scoreholio season assignment and Regional designation.
- Verify the actual checked-in field before Rounders begin.
- Confirm 3 Rounders are configured and required stats are being recorded.
- After Rounders, rank by Record then Differential before assigning Flights.
- Create all three Flight brackets and verify every player is placed correctly.
- Complete all brackets and preserve final placements for reporting.

AFTER THE EVENT

- Verify player names and actual participating field size.
- Verify final placements and Regional Rounder / Flight data.
- Correct obvious data-entry issues before submission.
- Retain enough event information to support a VCA verification or dispute review.
- Submit complete tournament results to VCA within 72 hours of tournament completion.
- Corrections or disputes involving scoring, placement, participation, or points must be submitted within 7 calendar days.

POINTS STATUS

VCA points are unofficial until verified and entered.

CANCELED OR INCOMPLETE EVENTS

If an event cannot be completed, VCA points are not awarded unless VCA determines that enough competition was completed to establish fair and verifiable final placements.

MEMBERSHIP & FINALE OPERATIONS

VCA MEMBERSHIP — DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

\$25 VCA MEMBERSHIP

Paid membership is not required to play Local or Regional events. The December 31, 2026 deadline determines eligibility for the 250 Membership Bonus Points.

- Allow both paid VCA members and non-members to participate in regular-season VCA events.
- Record event results and VCA points for all participating players regardless of membership status.
- Free-member points remain hidden from the official VCA Points & Rankings.
- If a player purchases paid membership by December 31, 2026, eligible earlier points become active and the player receives 250 Membership Bonus Points.
- Membership may still be purchased after December 31; earlier eligible points become active, but the 250 bonus points are not awarded.

FINALE ELIGIBILITY

PAID VCA MEMBERSHIP + 6 COUNTING LOCALS + 3 REGIONALS = FINALE QUALIFIED

- There is no ranking cutoff for qualified players.
- After April 30, the qualified field is ordered by final overall VCA points ranking and divided as evenly as possible into the three Flights.
- Extra players go to Commonwealth first, then Dominion.
- Finale Flight assignments are locked and do not change because of registration, withdrawal, or non-attendance.
- There are no Finale Rounders; final regular-season ranking determines seeding within each earned Flight.
- No player moves between Flights to fill an absence.
- Each Flight plays its own double-elimination bracket to crown its Finale Champion.

DISQUALIFICATION CREDIT

A disqualified player receives no VCA points and no participation credit for that event. Directors must report the DQ with the event results and should document the reason.

EVENT-DAY PLAYING STANDARDS

DIRECTOR FLOOR OPERATIONS

SCOREHOLIO & WARM-UP

- All VCA-sanctioned events use Scoreholio for tournament operation and scoring.
- Use the Scoreholio warm-up timer. Players must report to their assigned court and be ready when it expires.
- Failure to report within the allotted warm-up period may result in a forfeit at the Tournament Director's discretion.

SCORE REPORTING & DISPUTES

- Official scores are entered through the Scoreholio tablet at the assigned board/court.
- Players should verify the final score and winner before leaving the court.
- Do not manually alter a completed result unless correcting a verified score-entry error or implementing an official Director ruling.
- Scoring, rules, equipment, or gameplay disputes should be brought to the Director immediately when possible. The Director determines the event-day resolution.

BOARD, COURT & BASIC GAME PLAY

- Use regulation boards and regulation court distances; the front edge of the board is the foul line.
- Players may not cross beyond the front edge while delivering a bag.
- Player/team seed determines side of board and bag-color selection.
- First throw is determined by a bag spin.
- Singles: 3 timeouts per player. Doubles: 3 timeouts per team. Maximum 1 minute each.

DIRECTOR AUTHORITY

The on-site Tournament Director has authority to make immediate event-day rulings involving gameplay, scoring, courts, bags, conduct, Scoreholio issues, late players, forfeitures, and rule interpretation. Contact the VCA Board when guidance is needed.

ADDITIONAL EVENT OPERATIONS

EXCEPTIONS, ELIGIBILITY & INTEGRITY

TECHNOLOGY FAILURE

If Scoreholio, internet service, a scoring tablet, or other required technology becomes temporarily unavailable, the Director may use an appropriate temporary scorekeeping method. Document results accurately and enter or correct them in Scoreholio as soon as service returns.

MEDICAL & INJURY

Player safety takes priority. The Director may temporarily stop play and allow a reasonable recovery period. If the player cannot continue, the game may be forfeited. No replacement or substitute may enter a doubles team after competition has begun.

COMPLETING THE EVENT

Players who voluntarily leave or withdraw before completing required competition receive no VCA points, no Finale qualification participation credit, and cannot use the event as a counting Local or Regional. Extraordinary circumstances may be reviewed by the Director and VCA Board.

COMPETITIVE INTEGRITY

Intentional losing or forfeiting, score or point-differential manipulation, collusion, or attempts to manipulate Flight placement, points, rankings, or Finale qualification are prohibited.

- Rounder results and published VCA tiebreakers remain the standard method for Regional Flight placement.
- In an exceptional situation involving apparent intentional manipulation, the Director may move a player/team to a higher Flight.
- Do not override legitimate Rounder results simply because a player performed differently than expected.
- Document suspected manipulation and any Flight adjustment, DQ, or disciplinary action.

AGE & PLAYER NAME REQUIREMENTS

- VCA competition is open to all ages, subject to host-venue age restrictions.
- Every player's Scoreholio account must display the player's government-issued first and last name for accurate VCA Points & Rankings.
- Directors should address obvious name discrepancies when identified.

BAGS, CONDUCT & FINAL DIRECTOR RULES

VCA BAG REQUIREMENTS

LEGAL BAGS

- Matching set of four competition-quality bags.
- Current, clearly visible manufacturer / competition stamp or marking.
- Manufactured by a recognized competitive cornhole bag company.
- Plastic resin or comparable non-degrading synthetic fill.
- Good playing condition with no holes, leaking fill, excessive damage, or alterations that affect play.

NOT PERMITTED

Corn-filled bags; recreational/backyard or department-store bags; homemade bags; bags without identifiable manufacturer/competition marking; damaged, leaking, or improperly altered bags.

INSPECTION AUTHORITY

Directors may inspect bags whenever legality, condition, manufacturer, stamp, construction, or alteration is questioned. Require a legal replacement set before competition continues.

VENUE RESPECT & PLAYER CONDUCT

Directors may address conduct issues during an event. Depending on the circumstances, action may include a warning, game or event forfeiture, disqualification, or removal from the venue.

- Document and report serious incidents, DQs, property damage, threats, fighting, harassment, or venue-related issues to VCA.
- Apply conduct standards consistently and follow immediate host-venue requirements.
- VCA may impose additional disciplinary action when warranted.

ENTRIES, WITHDRAWALS & SUBSTITUTIONS

- Late entries are not permitted once tournament play has begun.
- A registered player/team may withdraw before the bracket begins.
- Once the bracket begins, normal tournament procedures apply.
- No player substitutions are permitted for BYOP teams.

RUN CONSISTENT. REPORT ACCURATELY. BUILD VCA.