



2025 ACL BAG POLICY

ACL BYOB - BRING YOUR OWN BAGS™

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ACL Basic Bag Rules: BYOB - BRING YOUR OWN BAGS™

The ACL Bag Policy and the **BYOB - BRING YOUR OWN BAGS™ LIST** sets the standard for cornhole competitions that allow for players to bring their own bags. Players playing in ACL Points Events or in events from other organizations that have licensed the **ACL BYOB - BRING YOUR OWN BAGS™** policy, must play with bags on the current season ACL Approved BYOB Bags List. Any organization is able to obtain a license for legal use and to implement the policy by submitting an email to licensing@iplaycornhole.com.

All approved bags on the list are required to be properly licensed from the ACL. Approved bags will display the appropriate ACL Equipment Level (ACL PRO, ACL COMP, ACL REC or ACL MINI) along with the Bag Manufacturer or Bag Brand Name with the Series Name. To be eligible for use in an ACL points event, the ACL PRO or ACL COMP level bag must be on the list. Players are responsible and accountable for their bags remaining within spec at all times, regardless of wear and tear. The ACL Bag Policy is mandatory for ALL ACL Points events for the entire season. ACL Directors and other licensees may implement a different policy for non ACL points events, ACL Special Events or licensee events if advanced approval is granted from the ACL and promoted to the public properly.

BAGS STAMPED PRIOR TO 2023 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PLAY.

Bag Manufacturers will begin placing the appropriate marks on new bags once the Series has been successfully approved. The ACL will be doing Approvals for this season and adding to the list until July 30, 2024. ACL Pros will be required to use properly marked ACL Pro bags. **Manufacturers are required to stop the sale of 2024 stamped bags September 30, 2024. Approved manufacturers can begin the sales of 2025 stamped bags August 1, 2024.**

Players have the option of inspecting opposing player's bags prior to playing their match. A player may request to inspect and/or toss an opponent's bag prior to a match. A player has the option of asking the Tournament Director to inspect the opponent's bag prior to a match. If the players do not agree on acceptable bags prior to a match, the Tournament Director will make the final decision on whether or not the bags are acceptable and may replace a player's bags with approved tournament bags. Once a match starts, the bags are deemed to be acceptable and the result of the match will stand regardless of proof in the future that the bags did not conform to the current policy. If a player's bags are inspected and found to not meet the ACL Bag Policy parameters, the player is subject to disciplinary action.

*If a bag fails inspection, the director shall notify josh@iplaycornhole.com with information on the failed bag (company, series, player name, picture(s), etc.). Bag series that failed inspection multiple times in a season will be added to the non-compliant list on the ACL website. Any series listed on the non-compliant list cannot be used in ACL points events for the remainder of the ACL season.

Players that place in the prize money at ACL Events and other licensee events are subject to a bag inspection prior to collecting prize money. While the results of the event may not change, if a player violates the bag policy or has altered approved manufacturer bags in any manner, then that player will forfeit the prize money and be subject to additional disciplinary action. All decisions by the Tournament Director will be final.

Players must throw matching bags of the same type (manufacturer and series name) and color (sticky sides match and slick sides match but both sides do not have to be all one color with the exception of broadcast court bags) Players will not be allowed to throw bags of different colors or types. For example, a player is not allowed to throw 2 Brand A bags and 2 Brand B bags or throw 2 bags that are blue and two bags that are red within the same series.

Bag manufacturers may make 3 different weights of bags within the same series provided that the bag remains within the weight range (15.5 oz - 16.5 oz). Manufacturers must label all weight differences within a series as **L for Light, R for Regular, and H for Heavy**. A player may throw different weights within a set of 4 bags of the same series and same design. Bag manufacturers that use the friction patent may create bags with different distinct patterns as long as it doesn't violate a patent or a trademark. Each distinct pattern is considered a series but having a similar name like Ultra Viper or AllCornhole Evolution creates a master series. Players may throw different friction patterns within the same master series as long as the design and colors are the same.

Bags must be distinguishable between opponents. If it is a seeded event, the higher seed gets to choose the initial bag color and the lower seed must play with a bag color that is distinguishable from that color. If it is an unseeded event, if player A wins the coin toss and chooses Orange Bags, then player B must play with a distinguishable color from Orange. For non-broadcast matches, players may agree among themselves if their bags are distinguishable. For broadcast matches, players must submit their bag choices for distinguishable approval to the tournament director in advance of starting play. For broadcast and non-broadcast matches, any dispute will be resolved by the Tournament Director. If the Tournament Director and players cannot reach an immediate resolution to a dispute, the Tournament Director will provide distinguishable bags to BOTH Players.

The official bag manufacturing tools are available to be purchased. New and improved measurement tools may become available during the season but will not be formally used for measurement until the following season.

ACL GENERAL BAG PARAMETERS

- **LENGTH:** Bags should measure 6" x 6" when laid flat - accepted tolerance is 5.75" - 6.25". Bags over or under accepted tolerance will not pass inspection.

- **WEIGHT:** Bags should weigh 16 ounces – accepted tolerance is 15.5 ounces – 16.5 ounces. Bags over or under accepted tolerance will not pass inspection.
- **THICKNESS:** Bags should measure 1.3" - accepted tolerance is 1.1" to 1.5". Bags under or over accepted tolerance will not pass inspection.
- **OUTSIDE MATERIAL** may be any fabric that does not damage or create residue on the board. A fabric can be woven, nonwoven, or knitted. 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.
- **INSIDE MATERIAL** may be anything that does 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.
- **DIAGONAL:** New bags measured from corner to opposite corner when laid flat - accepted minimum tolerance 7.5". 7.3" will be the "broken-in" bag minimum allowed at events. Bags that fail testing at events (broken-in at less than 7.3") will be confiscated for the remainder of the event and bag manufacturers will be notified. Any matches played during the event with the bags that are under the minimum bag allowance will be forfeited.
- **ALL BAG PARAMETERS ARE MEASURED BY THE CURRENT ACL BAG MEASURING EQUIPMENT SPECIFICALLY MANUFACTURED TO THE PARAMETERS STATED ABOVE.**
- **MINI BAGS** Are not suitable for tournament play, only MINI board tournaments or recreational play. MINI Bags approximate equipment specifications are **Length:** 4" x 4" when laid **Thickness:** Bags should measure 1.0" and **Weight:** Bags should weigh approximately 8 oz. **Diagonal:** Bags measured from corner to opposite corner when laid flat - accepted minimum tolerance 5.5" Anything that is visually materially different will not be eligible for any future competitions.

ACL BROADCAST BAGS

In addition to being an approved bag series, to be broadcast eligible for ACL sanctioned broadcast events and other organizations that adopt the ACL BYOB - BRING YOUR OWN BAGS™ policy, the bag series must comply with the following for major events:

1. ACL PRO approved bag series in good standing with proper marks
2. ACL PRO bag series being used on the broadcast must clearly have **one primary color**. Reasonable judgment will be used for bags where the two sides of the bag are a slight difference in shade due to the dying process of certain materials. Gradients, color patterns, and general design work are **ONLY** acceptable if they cover 100% of the bag (aside from the

logo) and maintain the clear visibility of the primary color. A solid color side and a pattern color side that makes the primary color not clearly evident to the viewing audience will not be approved for use on any ACL broadcast.

3. ACL PRO bag series must have the ACL PRO mark, bag manufacturer brand and bag series name only. Exceptions for co-branded bags may be obtained with prior written approval. Just one additional bag series will be eligible for exception consideration.

ACL COMP bags may be used in local streams and events on the ACL OTT platform that it deems to not be a major. The broadcast bag requirement should be disclosed in advance of participation by all event directors. Please contact the event director with any questions.

ACL BAG LIST APPROVAL

Any bag manufacturer or brand may apply to be approved as a licensee by clicking here to sign up for further information for the next season. <https://login.directlicensinghub.com/licensee-registration>.

Any questions, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page and send your questions