



# Atlanta Cricket League

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## 2023 ACL Spring T12 Rules

1. All matches will be played with the ACL approved "Hard Tennis" cricket balls that are provided by ACL. The games will be played as per the MCC Laws of Cricket with some exceptions. The exceptions and other tournament rules are as follows: The tournament will be played as a **Mini league** format.

### **2. Format**

**2.1 Mini League** — Teams will be placed in pools with 3 teams in each pool. Team placements will be done randomly during the draw. Teams within the pool will play in a round-robin manner.

**2.2** Top Ranked team from each pool will advance to playoffs (a total of 18 teams). Top Rank in the pool is based on Points and NRR between teams in the pool (Refer to Ranking section 10.4 in ACL Master League Rules document)

**2.3** Super Over will be used to get a result in case of a tie at any stage in the Tournament. (Refer to Super Over details in section 11 in ACL Master League Rules document)

**2.4** Playoff qualified teams will be ranked from R1 to R18 based on Points and NRR from round-robin stage. In case of a tie between teams on points and NRR, team with higher number of wickets taken during round-robin stage will get higher ranking. (Refer to Ranking section 10.4 in ACL Master League Rules document)

**2.5** Top 14 (R1 to R14) from the playoff qualified teams will play directly in Pre Quarters.

**2.6** Remaining 4 playoff qualified teams (R15 to R18) will play Qualifiers (R15 vs R18, R16 vs R17) and will get the rank R15 and R16 respectively and will play in Pre Quarters.

**2.7** Pre Quarters (R1 to R16) -> Quarters (R1 to R8) -> Semi Finals (R1 to R4) -> Finals (R1 vs R2)

3. Each game shall be played between two teams of **11** players each.
4. Each game shall have a maximum of **TWELVE** 6-ball overs per inning. If a match cannot be completed on scheduled date and time due to **weather or ground conditions**, teams should be prepared to play on an alternate schedule. Teams may have to play shortened version of game (minimum 8 overs) if needed to complete the match.
5. Matches will be scored using **ACL Scoring** mobile app. Players must register on ACL website, complete online waivers and submit a request to team they want to join. Captains need to accept player request to add player to team roster. (Just like we do for ACL main league)



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6. Both ends of the pitch will be used for batting and bowling unless deemed otherwise by tournament designated authorities.
7. **Minimum 5 bowlers** should be used in the game. Only 2 Bowlers can bowl a **maximum of 3 overs**. In case of a reduced over match, maximum overs per bowler will be reduced accordingly (11 overs match – only 1 bowler can bowl a maximum of 3 overs, 10 overs or less match – maximum of 2 overs per bowler)
8. There will be **no LBWs**. However, leg byes will be permitted as long as there is no deliberate padding by the batsman – umpires call is final.
9. Each team will be permitted to register a maximum of 15 players (15 allowed as per standard roster plus up to max 3 more players by paying \$20 per player), although only 11 can bat or bowl in any one game. All 15 players should be registered and should have signed the waiver form and should not have played in any other team in this tournament. The teams should submit the playing 11 at the beginning of the match. However, a team can get individual trophy for max 15 players.
10. Player eligibility criteria - player must play at least one match before playing Quarters finals. A player will be qualified only if he is in playing 11 of league games or qualifiers or pre-quarters will be considered for Quarter finals onwards. Eligible criteria applies for substitute players also.
11. No last man batting is allowed
12. All **NO-BALLS** will result in a **FREE HIT**
13. Each team must provide 3 umpires at the start of the tournament. 1 game umpiring (2 Umpires) is mandatory during the round robin stage. 1 umpire must available during Qualifiers and Playoffs stage.
14. A ball bowled shall be deemed a **WIDE**, by the umpire, if
  - a. At the point at which it crosses the batsman (in normal batting stance and hasn't touched the ball)
    - i. It is more than 36 inch in length away from the middle stump on the off side, or
    - ii. It is on the leg side of the batsman and away from leg stump.
  - b. The umpire has the final word on each call. However, the umpire shall mark the pitch with a chalk (or tape), measuring 36 inches from the middle stump on the off-side area of the batsman to help make the decision easier.
  - c. The first bouncer (in an over) above batsman head and if the batsman not touched the ball, then it is considered a **WIDE**.
15. A ball shall be deemed a **NO-BALL** if:



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- a. The bowler has over-stepped the popping crease, i.e. some part of the foot is not behind the popping crease at the time of landing, **OR**
- b. The ball is a full-toss above the waist height of the batsman - in normal stance, at the batting crease irrespective of batsman charging front to the bowler **OR**
- c. If a delivery which, after pitching, passes or would have passed **over the shoulder** height of the striker standing upright at the crease will be called a **warning for first time** by the umpire and from next time in the same over it is called as no-ball irrespective of whether the batsman makes contacts with the ball in any way or not. This includes balls that bounce over the head of the batsman. Anytime balls bounce over the head and no contact is made by the batsman, will be deemed as wide ball (Ref: 12c). **This will not result in a Free Hit.**
- d. One bouncer is allowed per over (warning will be given), however the first bouncer is above batsman head and batsman not touched the ball it considered wide.
- e. Same over and a second bouncer and if it's over the shoulder then its no-ball irrespective of batsman touches or not.
- f. The umpire can give no ball for bowler crossing or touching his back foot over the return crease (the side lines) and, **This will result in a Free Hit .**
- g. The umpire will call a no ball if the bowler hit the non-striker end stumps during the bowling stride and, **This will result in a Free Hit.**

## 16. Free Hit

- a. Off a free hit delivery, the batsman cannot be out except for run out.
  - b. The fielding positions, for a free hit delivery, cannot be changed unless the batsman on strike is changed.
  - c. If a Free Hit delivery is also called for a no ball, then one more Free Hit delivery will be given.
  - d. A Free Hit delivery will be counted as a legal ball if there is no violation of no ball/wide ball rules.
17. **Substitute fielder** A substitute player can only field. A substitute player cannot bowl or bat but can be a wicket keeper. A maximum of two substitute players shall be allowed at any given time. Substitute player must be from the team's roster (a player who does not represent any other team in the tournament). The substitute fielder needs to be on the ground before the beginning of the 5th over.
18. If a fielder retires in the middle of the match for some overs, then the player must spend minimum one over on the field before he can bowl.
19. **By runner** – No by runner is allowed for any batsman, under any circumstances.



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20. Each team **MUST** have at least 8 registered players on the field to begin playing a match. Violation will result in a forfeit of the match.
21. In the event of a tied match, when both teams have an identical number of runs at the end of the allotted 12 overs - the winner shall be determined using Super Over.

## 22. SUPER OVER

- a. The team that batted second in main match will bat first in Super Over.
  - b. The same ball used in the match will be used in Super Over. The umpires will decide which of the ball (from either innings) to use.
  - c. Both the teams need to designate three batsmen and a bowler for Super Over. Each team will be allowed to bat for just one over bowled by the designated bowler assigned by the team.
  - d. In case scores are tied at the end of Super Over, second Super Over will be played. (Refer to Super Over rules in Section 11 of ACL Master League Rules document).
  - e. In the event of second super over, new (that were not part of first super over) batsman (3) and bowler (1) will be designated prior to the toss of the second super over.
  - f. No last man batting will be allowed for Super Over i.e., if two batsmen are out then the team is considered all out for Super Over.
  - g. The Super-Over runs will not be counted towards Net Run Rate (if applicable).
23. **POWER PLAY** for first 3 overs will be used and the batting team can choose a power play over between overs number 4 and 10. Over numbers 11 and 12 can NOT be power play overs under any circumstances. If the batting team doesn't use the batting power play by end of 9th over, the 10th over will be an automatic power play over. If for some reason, power play is not taken by mandatory power play over, it is considered as lost power play. Power play overs will reduce in case of a shortened game (First 2 overs followed by second power play by 8<sup>th</sup> over for 10 or 11 over match and only first 2 overs of power play for less than 10 overs match).
- a. Maximum TWO fielders will be allowed outside the inner circle. The circle dimensions will be marked. If this rule is violated, then the umpire will call a **NO-BALL. This will result in a FREE HIT**
  - b. The two fielders can be anywhere on the field. However, at any point there cannot be more than **5 fielders on leg side of the batsman.** The violation will result in a **NO-BALL. This will result in a FREE HIT**

## 24. Field Restriction:



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- During power play **maximum two fielders** allowed outside the inner circle. The violation will result in a **NO-BALL. This will result in a FREE HIT**
- During non-power play overs, **maximum 5 fielders** allowed outside the inner circle. Wicket keeper should be present all the time irrespective of power play or not. The violation will result in a **NO-BALL. This will result in a FREE HIT**
- **This Field Restriction applies, irrespective of total number of players per side on the field.**

25. **Ground Rules:** Players shall be allowed to use any regulation cricket equipment including gloves (batting and keeping), pads (leg and elbow), abdomen- guards, etc. (gloves are not allowed for fielders)

- a. Boundaries and power play circle dimension shall be defined and explained to the captains at the start of every game.
- b. All tournament rules are subject to change by the tournament committee and / or the umpires.
- c. If the tournament extends due to unforeseen circumstances (weather, etc.), matches could be rescheduled. ACL will let the teams know of the new schedule.
- d. Umpires decision is final during a match; both teams should accept the ruling.

## Additional Rules:

1. Both **WIDE** and **NO** balls shall count as 1 extra run and an extra ball will have to be bowled in the over. Any runs (byes, leg-byes, etc.) scored off wide-balls or no balls will be credited to batting team's score as well.
2. A batsman can be, stumped off a **WIDE ball** and run-out off a **WIDE ball** or a **NO-BALL**.
3. If a bowler bowls a ball that makes **two bounces before the stumps** on the batting side, then the ball is a called **NO-BALL** by the umpire. **This will result in a FREE HIT**
4. A batsman retiring in the middle of the innings (batting) is considered **RETIRED OUT**, unless injured while batting and allowed by umpire to retire in the middle of the innings. The **RETIRED** player can only resume after a loss(fall) of wicket.
5. Bowler can retire in the middle of over at any point and can come back to bowl in the innings, but it will be for a new over only.
6. **All inner circle fielders MUST stay inside the inner circle when the bowler starts the run up.**
7. In a situation where the **stumps are displaced from the original position, or knocked down** and the batsmen are looking to run an extra run (Example: in an over throw situation), if there is a possibility of a run-out again - the fielder(s) must fix stumps back in an upright original position on where it was originally





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placed and, then knock the stumps down again or carry the stumps together with the ball in the same hand.

8. **Mankading will be considered as Runout and no warning for team or players.**
9. Ball Pitching at the edge or outside Mat will be called as No ball and it will be free hit.
10. New batsmen will be on strike on a catch out unless it is last ball of the over.
11. Teams must bring own stumps for every game (Spring stumps with base).
12. Either of the team captains or Umpires can approach/offer **bad light**. Umpires decision would be final to continue or stop the game and if a match is stopped due to bad light, it will be a re-match. If any of the team doesn't want to play(continue) the match even though umpires suggested playing(continuing) then it would be considered as they (team does not want to continue) had forfeited the match and opposite team would be declared as winner. ACL KO committee decision will be FINAL.
13. In the event, that a match has to be moved to another ground after commencing the first innings (a ball was bowled), it will be a considered as new start of the match including new toss.
14. Players coming in late will be allowed to play, only if the players arrive before the completion of 6th over of match. Player name must be part of the playing XI and informed to umpire before start of the match. Any player coming in late must field a minimum of 1(one) over before becoming eligible to bowl (if represents bowling team) or wait until the loss(fall) of 2 wickets in the innings before becoming eligible to bat (if represents batting team).
15. *Delayed Start of Match: If any team intentionally or unintentionally delays the start of the match, below defined rules to be applied by the umpires and the tournament designated authorities.*
  - a. *Teams will have 10 minutes grace period to start the match from the scheduled match start time (e.g., If the Match start time is 9AM, grace period to start is maximum 9:10)*
  - b. *Up to every 5 minutes delay, 1 over penalty will be levied for the team in contempt. (Match start is 9:00, grace period is 9:10, the match commences at 9:11 will have 1 over penalty)*
  - c. *Up to a maximum of 20 minutes will be subject to penalty from the end of the grace period. At 21<sup>st</sup> minute, team in contempt forfeits the match. (e.g: 9AM Scheduled Start, 9:10 Grace period ends, 9:31 team forfeits)*
16. **All players MUST be in proper sports attire and athletic shoes. No shorts or sleeve less shirts or non-athletic shoes are allowed.**