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ACL F15 League Format - 2023

Format for F15 League 2023 season will remain the same as last year except Division 3.

ACL F15 League Structure

Teams/Pool:

- F15 Div 1 will have 14 teams and there will be only one pool
- F15 Div 2 will have 28 teams and will be divided into 2 pools of 14 teams each
- F15 Div 3 will have 52 teams and will be divided into 4 pools of 13 teams each

Games:

- For F15 Div 1, each team will play 13 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format
- For F15 Div 2, each team will play 13 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format
- For F15 Div 3, each team will play 12 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format.

Playoff Reserve Day:

There will be reserve days for all playoff matches including Finals. If the play is stopped due to rain and/or unplayable ground conditions or due to unavoidable circumstances caused by third party (like ground authorities), then the reserve day will be used (it will be fresh match). If a play-off match could not be scheduled even on a reserve day, then higher ranked team will advance to next round. If the Finals could not be completed on a reserve day then both finalists will be declared as Winners.

Exception:

In the event, any of the previous year teams do not register for current season, teams will be promoted higher up based on previous year rankings. Example: If 24th team doesn't register then 25th team gets the 24th rank and so on. This may sometime result in promotion of teams to higher division based on number of teams registered.



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DIVISION 1

Teams/ Pools: Only one pool with 14 teams.

Games: Each team will play 13 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format.

Rankings

- Top 8 teams ranked R1 to R8 (Total 8) will qualify for the play offs.
- The teams ranked R1 to R4 get to play Semi Finals Qualifiers
- **Semi Finals Qualifiers**
 - Matchups for Semifinal Qualifiers will be R1 vs. R4, R2 vs R3.
 - The winner and losers of each Semifinals Qualifiers will get ranks as shown below.

R1 vs R4

- Winner – SF1
- Loser – QF2

R2 vs R3

- Winner – SF2
- Loser – QF1

- **Pre-Quarter Finals**

- Teams ranked R5 to R8 (4 teams) will play Pre-Quarter Finals e.g. R5 vs. R8, R6 vs R7.
- The winner of each pre-quarter finals will be given ranking as shown below

R5 vs R8

- Winner – QF3

R6 vs R7

- Winner – QF4

- The losing teams from pre-quarter finals will be ranked as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).



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- **Quarter Finals**

- Winner of Pre-Quarter finals, (QF3, QF4) will play the loser of Semifinals qualifier games (QF1, QF2). e.g. QF1 vs. QF4, QF2 vs. QF3.
- The winner of each quarter final will get the rank as below

QF1 vs. QF4

- Winner – SF3

QF2 vs. QF3

- Winner – SF4

- The losing team from quarter finals will be ranked as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).

- **Semi Finals**

- Winner of Quarter finals (SF3, SF4) will play against winner of Semifinal Qualifier (SF1, SF2)
- The winner of each semifinal will get the rank as shown below.

SF1 vs SF4

- Winner – F1

SF2 vs SF3

- Winner – F2

- The losing teams from Semifinals will be ranked as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).

- **Finals**

- Teams ranked F1 and F2 after Semi Finals will play finals.
- Winner will get #1 ranking for F15 Division 1 League and Runners Up will get #2 ranking for F15 Division 1 League
- In case of cup being shared F1 will get #1 ranking

Promotion/Relegation

The bottom ranked 4 teams (Ranked 11 to 14) from F15 Division 1 will be relegated to F15 Division 2 in the upcoming year.

The top ranked 4 teams (Semifinalists) from F15 Division 2 will be promoted to F15 Division 1 in the upcoming year.



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DIVISION 2

- **Teams/ Pools:** 28 teams, based on rankings from the prior year standings, divided into 2 pools of 14 teams each (e.g. Pool A (A1 to A14) and Pool B (B1 to B14)). Snake Pattern will be used in assigning the pools based on the rankings from prior year.
- **Games:** Each team will be playing 13 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format
- **Promotion to Division 1:** Teams ranking 1 to 4 (The 4 Semi Finalists) will be promoted to Division 1 for the next season
- **Relegation to Division 3:** Teams ranking 21 to 28 (11, 12, 13 and 14 in each pool) will be relegated to Division 3 for next season and will be ranked 1 through 8 as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).
- **Playoffs:** These are single elimination rounds, through to the Finals. Games will be played on Saturdays, if required.
 - Top 2 from each pool (4 teams) automatically qualify for the Quarter Finals
 - e.g. A1, A2, B1, B2
 - **Pre-Quarter Finals**
 - Teams ranked 3 to 6 in each pool (8 teams) will play Pre-Quarter Finals
 - e.g. A3 vs. A6, A4 vs. A5, B5 vs. B4 and B6 vs. B3
 - The winner of each pre-quarter final will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
 - e.g. in a match A3 vs. A6, if A6 wins, A6 will be assigned A3 rank and so on
 - The losing teams from pre-quarter finals will be ranked as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).
 - **Quarter Finals**
 - Teams ranked A1 to A4 and B1 to B4 will play cross pool Quarter Finals
 - e.g. A1 vs. B4, A2 vs. B3, A3 vs. B2 and A4 vs. B1
 - The winner of each quarter final will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
 - e.g. in a match A1 vs. B4, if B4 wins, B4 will be assigned A1 rank and so on
 - The losing team from quarter finals will be ranked as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).



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- **Semi Finals**

- Teams ranked A1, A2 and B1, B2 will play Semi Finals e.g. A1 vs. B2, A2 vs. B1
- The winner of each semifinal will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
- e.g. in a match A1 vs. B2, if B2 wins, B2 will be assigned A1 rank and so on
- The losing teams from semifinals will be ranked as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).

- **Finals**

- Teams ranked A1 and B1 will play finals
- Winner will get #1 ranking for F15 Division 2 and Runners Up will get #2 ranking for F15 Division 2
- In case of cup being shared F1 will get #1 ranking



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DIVISION 3

- **Teams/ Pools:** 52 teams, based on rankings from the prior year standings, divided into 4 pools of 13 teams each. Snake Pattern will be used in assigning the pools based on the rankings from prior year.
- **Games:** Each team will be playing 12 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format
- **Promotion to Division 2:** Teams ranking 1 to 8 (The 8 Quarter Finalists) will be promoted to Division 2 for the next season
- **Playoffs:** These are single elimination rounds, through to the Finals. Games will be played on Saturdays, if required.
 - Top 6 teams from each pool qualify for the playoffs
 - Top 2 from each pool (8 teams) automatically qualify for the Pre-Quarter Finals and are ranked from R1 to R8.
 - Top teams in each pool will be ranked R1 to R4 based on Points and NRR
 - Second ranked teams in each pool will be ranked R5 to R8 based on Points and NRR as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).
 - **Pre-Quarter Qualifiers**
 - Teams ranked 3 to 6 in each pool (16 teams) will play Qualifiers
 - Matchups: A3 vs. A6, A4 vs. A5, B3 vs. B6, B4 vs. B5, C3 vs. C6, C4 vs. C5, D3 vs. D6, D4 vs. D5
 - The winner of each Qualifier will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
 - e.g. in a match A3 vs. A6, if A6 wins, A6 will be assigned A3 rank and so on
 - After the Qualifiers, 3rd ranked team in each pool will be ranked R9 to R12 based on Points and NRR at the end of Main League.
 - After the Qualifiers, 4th ranked team in each pool will be ranked R13 to R16 based on Points and NRR at the end of Main League.
 - The losing teams from Qualifiers will be ranked as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).



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○ Pre-Quarter Finals

- Teams ranked R1 to R16 will play Pre-Quarter Finals
- Matchups: R1 vs. R16, R2 vs. R15, R3 vs. R14, R4 vs. R13, R5 vs. R12, R6 vs. R11, R7 vs. R10, R8 vs. R9
- The winner of each Pre-Quarter Final will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
- e.g. in a match R1 vs. R16, if R16 wins, R16 will be assigned R1 rank and so on
- The losing teams from Pre-Quarter Finals will be ranked as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).

○ Quarter Finals

- Teams ranked R1 to R8 at the end of Pre-Quarters will play Quarter Finals
- Matchups: R1 vs. R8, R2 vs. R7, R3 vs. R6 and R4 vs. R5
- The winner of each Quarter Final will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
- e.g. in a match R1 vs. R8, if R8 wins, R8 will be assigned R1 rank and so on
- The losing team from Quarter Finals will be ranked as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).

○ Semi Finals

- Teams ranked R1, R2, R3, R4 will play Semi Finals e.g. R1 vs. R4, R2 vs. R3
- The winner of each semifinal will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
- e.g. in a match R1 vs. R4, if R4 wins, R4 will be assigned R1 rank and so on
- The losing teams from Semi Finals will be ranked as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).

○ Finals

- Teams ranked R1 and R2 will play finals
- Winner will get #1 Ranking for F15 Division 3 and Runners Up will get #2 Ranking for F15 Division 3
- In case of cup being shared R1 will get #1 Ranking



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Entry into Division 3: Following is the priority if there are more than 28 teams and infrastructure cannot accommodate more teams.

- Existing teams: If a team that played with ACL for minimum of 6 years consecutively including last year (with no gap) then they will get the spot. If teams played same number of years then team with highest consecutive number of years with ACL will be given the preference
- Pre-Season Qualifiers: Qualifier matches may be required in case more teams are registered and above criteria is not sufficient to break the tie.