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ACL F15 League Format - 2024
Format for F15 League 2024 season will remain the same as last year except Division 3.

ACL F15 League Structure

Teams/Pools:
- 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 60 teams, based on rankings from the prior year standings plus new teams through random shuffle, divided into 2 groups to play 2 tournaments - **G**ravity and **S**tellar..
  And each group (Gravity and Stellar) will have 2 pools of 15 teams each. Snake Pattern will be used in assigning the pools based on the rankings from prior year plus new teams through random shuffle.

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 13 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format. As 13 random games are mathematically not possible in a 15 team pool, there will be one random game across the pool for one team in the pool.

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

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**
    - o Matchups for Semifinal Qualifiers will be R1 vs. R4, R2 vs R3.
    - o 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**
    - o Teams ranked R5 to R8 (4 teams) will play Pre-Quarter Finals e.g. R5 vs. R8, R6 vs R7.
    - o The winner of each pre-quarter finals will be given ranking as shown below
        R5 vs R8
        - Winner – QF3
        R6 vs R7
        - Winner – QF4
    - o The losing teams from pre-quarter finals will be ranked as per section 10.4 (Refer ACL rule book).

- **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.

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

- **Playoffs**: These are single elimination rounds, through to the Finals. Games will be played on Saturdays, if required.
    - Top 7 teams from each of the two pools are ranked A1 to A7, B1 to B7 (Total 14) and qualify for the play offs. e.g. A1, A2, B1, B2
    - The teams in **1st place** of each of the two pools are given ranks QF1, QF2. These 2 teams will automatically qualify for **Quarter Finals**. A1 – QF1, B1 – QF2
    - **Pre-Quarter Finals**
    - Teams ranked A2 to A7 (6 teams) will play Pre-Quarter Finals with B2 to B7 as shown below
        - A2 vs. B7- Winner – QF3
        - B2 vs. A7- Winner – QF4
        - A3 vs B6 - Winner – QF5
        - B3 vs A6 - Winner – QF6
        - A4 vs B5 - Winner – QF7
        - B4 vs A5 - Winner – QF8
        - The losing teams from Qualifiers will be ranked as per section 10.4 (Refer ACL rule book).
    - **Quarter Finals**
        - Teams ranked QF1 to QF8 at the end of Pre-Quarters will play Quarter Finals
        - Matchups: QF1 vs. QF8 , QF2 vs. QF7, QF3 vs. QF6 and QF4 vs. QF5
            - QF1 vs QF8 Winner – SF1
            - QF2 vs QF7 Winner – SF2
            - QF3 vs QF8 Winner – SF3
            - QF4 vs QF7 Winner – SF4

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

- **Semi Finals**
  - Winner of the Quarter finals(SF1,SF2, SF3, SF4) will play Semi finals. 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 II League and Runners Up will get #2 ranking for F15 Division II League
  - In case of cup being shared F1 will get #1 ranking

- **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](#)).

DIVISION 3

- **Teams/Pools:** 60 teams,based on rankings from the prior year standings plus new teams through random shuffle, divided into 2 groups to play 2 tournaments - **G**ravity and **S**tellar.
    - o And each group (Gravity and Stellar) will have 2 pools of 15 teams each. Snake Pattern will be used in assigning the pools based on the rankings from prior year plus new teams through random shuffle. Snake Pattern will be used in assigning the pools based on the rankings from prior year.

- **Games:** Each team will play 13 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format. As 13 random games are mathematically not possible in a 15 team pool, each pool will have one random game across the pool.

- **Playoffs**: These are single elimination rounds, through to the Finals. Games will be played on Saturdays, if required.
    - o Top 7 teams from each of the two pools are ranked A1 to A7, B1 to B7 (Total 14) and qualify for the play offs. e.g. A1, A2, B1, B2
    - o The teams in **<u>1st place</u>** of each of the two pools are given ranks QF1, QF2. These 2 teams will automatically qualify for **Quarter Finals**. A1 – QF1, B1 – QF2

- **Pre-Quarter Finals**
    - o Teams ranked A2 to A7 (6 teams) will play Pre-Quarter Finals with B2 to B7 as shown below
        - A2 vs. B7- Winner – QF3
        - B2 vs. A7- Winner – QF4
        - A3 vs B6 - Winner – QF5
        - B3 vs A6 - Winner – QF6
        - A4 vs B5 - Winner – QF7
        - B4 vs A5 - Winner – QF8

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

- o **Quarter Finals**
  - ▪ Teams ranked QF1 to QF8 at the end of Pre-Quarters will play Quarter Finals
  - ▪ Matchups: QF1 vs. QF8 , QF2 vs. QF7, QF3 vs. QF6 and QF4 vs. QF5
    - o QF1 vs QF8 Winner – SF1
    - o QF2 vs QF7 Winner – SF2
    - o QF3 vs QF8 Winner – SF3
    - o QF4 vs QF7 Winner – SF4
  - ▪ The losing team from Quarter Finals will be ranked as per section 10.4 ([Refer ACL rule book](#)).

- o **Semi Finals**
  - ▪ Winner of the Quarter finals(SF1,SF2, SF3, SF4) will play Semi finals. 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](#)).

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

Promotion/Relegation:

- ● The top ranked 4 teams (Semifinalists) from F15 Division 3 (both Gravity and Stellar) will be promoted to F15 Division 2 in the upcoming year.

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

- ● <u>Existing teams</u>: 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.