



ACL League Championship Umpires Checklist

General:

1. Strictly NO SMOKING anywhere in the venue/park
2. Umpires MUST wear sporting attire including long trousers, shirts with sleeves, and sports shoes.

Before the Match:

1. Please visit ACL website under the schedule section for match information and any latest changes.
2. Arrive at the ground at least 15 minutes before the scheduled match start time. The match should be started as per the start time mentioned as per schedule without any delay unless otherwise the start time is modified by the ACL.
3. Always carry a copy of the ACL rule book, ground category document, and all other ACL information, or keep it accessible on your mobile devices.
4. Make sure the ground is set up by the home team as per the guidelines in the ACL rulebook.
5. Request the list of playing 11 or 9 from both teams before the toss and take a picture of the teams before the start of play.
6. Make sure the match is played ONLY with ACL provided balls that carry the ACL mark. No exceptions.
7. Please ensure that you have installed the latest ACL scoring Mobile App on your phone.
8. Umpires should enter the playing 11/9 in the ACL scoring app.
9. If there is any time lost to start the game, then umpires should ensure that the number of overs is reduced as per ACL Master rule while setting up the game in the App.
10. The toss should be done at least 15 minutes before the start of the scheduled game after updating the player's information in the ACL scoring App.

During the match:

1. Please ensure teams do NOT waste time as these fields are reserved for a limited time and also there could be another ACL match right after this match.
2. Umpires can always consult with other umpires before deciding if they are not aware of the rule. Please take time before making a decision, and make a firm decision.
3. Once a batter is declared out by the umpire, the umpire can revoke the decision before the batter gets out of the field or the fielding captain can recall the batter by informing it to the umpire.
4. Main umpire's responsibility does not include over the shoulder/waist high no balls, dead balls, run outs at the strikers end or override leg umpires decision.
5. Leg Umpires responsibility includes call over the shoulder / waist high no balls, dead balls and run outs / stump outs / hit wicket at the strikers end, And additionally (Bowled only if consulted by the main umpire if his view is blocked by either batter or bowler). **Please do not take decisions for caught behinds as the noise heard does not mean the nick came out of the bat.**
6. Both umpires are equally responsible for calling clean catch and boundary.
7. Do not argue with teams about rules, refer to documentation, consult other umpires or call the weekend coordinator.
8. Benefit of doubt in general is given to batter.
9. Call the ACL organizers to report any incidents. Please do NOT get involved in arguments with players as this may delay the match. Please make a note of the incident and report to ACL Appeals (appeals@atlantacrickettleague.org) and ACL Committee (info@atlantacrickettleague.org) on the match.

After the Match:

1. In case the scoring was done manually then,
 - a. Please make sure both the score sheets are filled by both teams (Every section should have appropriate information). For Example: Batter's score and How Out (fielder's name if caught), Bowler's wickets and runs given away, etc.
 - b. Please ensure that both the captains and both umpires sign the score sheet.
 - c. Completed score sheets and Match report to be UPLOADED by the umpiring team captain on the ACL website by the immediate Wednesday after game day. Please DO NOT email to info@atlantacricicketleague.org
2. Please send a match report via email to info@atlantacricicketleague.org about any incidents, violations or delays at the start of the match or either inning and the reason for the delay. In case of incidents and/or violations then please provide the name of the player(s) involved and the team name and description of the violation/incident.

Umpiring reference:

1. MCC laws <https://www.lords.org/mcc/the-laws-of-cricket>
2. ICC playing conditions <https://www.icc-cricket.com/about/cricket/rules-and-regulations/playing-conditions>