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ACL Winter League - The Hundred - Round Robin Format

Teams/Pools:

- 38 teams will be divided into 5 pools with 8 teams in 3 Pool (A, C, D) and 7 teams in 2 Pool (B, E).
- Each team in Pool A, Pool C and Pool D will play every other team in their pool once (7 League matches).
- Each team in Pool B and Pool E will play every other team in their pool once (6 Games) and One game between cross Pool B and E.

ACL Winter League - The Hundred - Playoffs Format

Rankings

- The top 3 teams from each pool will qualify for the playoffs based on points and NRR.
- Pool toppers from each pool will be assigned ranks R1 to R5 based on points and NRR.
- The second ranked team in each pool will be ranked R6 to R10 based on points and NRR.
- The third ranked team in each pool will be ranked R11 to R15 based on points and NRR.
- Team ranked R1 will qualify **straight to Quarter Finals (QF1)**.
- Teams ranked R2 to R15 will qualify for the pre-quarter finals.

Pre-Quarter Finals

- R2 vs. R15 – Winner QF2
- R3 vs. R14 – Winner QF3
- R4 vs. R13 – Winner QF4
- R5 vs. R12 – Winner QF5
- R6 vs. R11 – Winner QF6
- R7 vs. R10 – Winner QF7
- R8 vs. R9 – Winner QF8

Quarter Finals

- QF1 vs. QF8 – Winner SF1
- QF2 vs. QF7 – Winner SF3
- QF3 vs. QF6 – Winner SF3
- QF4 vs. QF5 – Winner SF4

Semi Finals

- SF1 vs. SF4 – Winner F1
- SF2 vs. SF3 – Winner F2

Final

- F1 vs. F2



ACL Winter League - The Hundred New Rules -2025

All the rules from ACL main league will apply with a few notable exceptions and additions. The team uniform rule is relaxed but wear proper sports attire (no shorts and slippers).

Major Rule Changes

Number of Overs

- Each inning will have a maximum of 100 balls (20 overs as per ACL terminology with 5 balls/over)
- A bowler can choose to bowl 5 balls (1 over) or 10 balls (2 overs) in a row. Each bowler gets a maximum of 20 balls (4 overs) per match.

End Change

- Ends change after every 10 balls. The fielding side will switch ends every 10 balls (2 overs).

Fielding Gloves

- Players are permitted to wear inner gloves during winter cricket matches for added warmth. These gloves must be worn under the standard cricket gloves and should not interfere with the grip or handling of the bat or ball. The use of inner gloves is recommended to ensure player comfort and maintain performance in colder conditions.

Power Play

- First 25 balls (5 overs as per ACL App) will be Powerplay and only 2 fielders are allowed outside the inner circle.

Breaks

- There will be only 1 break per inning at the 10 over mark. The break will be 3 minutes.

Game Duration

- Each inning is allocated 80 minutes. Teams need to make sure their quota of overs to be completed within the allocated time. If for any reason there is delay from batting team, umpires can intervene and make sure the game is on pace for completion within the allocated time.
- Innings Break will be 5 minutes.
- Duration breakdown:
 - First innings 85 minutes
 - Mid Innings break – 3 minutes
 - Innings break – 5 minutes
 - Second innings 85 minutes
 - Mid Innings break – 3 minutes
 - Total Duration – 181 minutes (~3 hours)
- Game timings will be 9.30 am – 12.30 pm and 1 pm - 4 pm

Other Rule Changes

Super Sub

- Teams can utilize a super-sub during a game.
- Playing 11 (12 with super-sub) should be named at the start of the match, i.e., before the toss. ACL Scoring app has the ability to add up to 12 players.
- A super-sub can **bowl OR bat (not both)** during the course of the match. Super-sub can field at any time. The maximum number of fielders on the field is always 11 during the game.



- Both captains and umpires should be informed about the super-sub, and they (the player) should be clearly identified.
- The umpires need to take a picture of the entire playing 11 (12 if super sub is playing).
- The super-sub (or any players for that matter) should be a part of only one team in The Hundred Tournament. Players should not be representing any other team in The Hundred Tournament. Violations will result in severe penalties including suspensions of player/team as in the Code of Conduct.
- The number of all-out wickets still remain at 10 for a completed innings.
- Max number of overs per bowler is still the same (4 overs which is 20 balls for this tournament).
- The super-sub must be on the ground according to the rules mentioned in the rule book.
- Late joining player(s) must be at the ground before the start of the 8th over of the first inning of the match and umpires should be informed upon arrival.

Super Over

- All tied matches will be decided by a super over(5 Balls). Super over scoring should be done on paper as there is no provision in the ACL Scoring app currently.
- This applies to league matches and playoffs.
- Please refer to the ACL master rule book for further information.

Duckworth Lewis Stern (DLS)

- ACL will utilize the DLS method for calculating the target score in matches affected by rain, poor light or any other game interruption.
- A minimum of 5 overs must be completed in the second innings for a result to be declared. This 5-over requirement also applies to matches with reduced overs.
- A common DLS app will be used for this purpose.
- Duckworth-Lewis Calculator - Available for Apple and Google/Android devices.
- Please refer to the document regarding DLS rules and scenarios that is published on the ACL website.

Tournament Plan

- Tournament Planned dates: Nov 15, 2025 - Feb 22, 2026
- No games will be scheduled during Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, and New Year weekends.
- Starting Jan 2026, based on weather conditions and ground availability, we will be rescheduling the rainout / washout games.

Playoff Umpiring

- All teams registered are required to provide the umpire for playoff games (Team missing to do it will be handed a level 1 individual penalty of \$50).



Rain, Washout or Match Called Off Rule

- Captains and Umpire's responsibility to assess the ground on playing conditions to decide whether the game can be played. **Need to connect with the weekend coordinator for games to be called off**
- Teams should be ready to play double headers on such rescheduled weekends (Sat and Sun), during the league stage.
- **No match credit will be given for players for the washout/rain out games.**
- **If the rescheduled games got washout out, then it will be split points.**

Player Eligibility

- To be eligible for participation in the playoff stages (Pre-Quarterfinals, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Final), a player must have played in at least 30% of the completed matches during the league stage of the tournament.

Playoffs Washout

If any of the scheduled playoff matches are not completed due to rain and/or unplayable ground conditions or due to unavoidable circumstances caused by third parties (like ground authorities), teams should be prepared to play a reduced overs game on an alternate schedule (it will be a fresh match).

ACL reserves the right to clarify/change the rules as deemed necessary