



Atlanta Cricket League Masters Cup

Official Tournament Rules & Format

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1 Rules and Regulations

The Atlanta Cricket League (ACL) is responsible for formulating and governing the rules and format of the ACL Masters Cup. The Masters Cup will be conducted under the ACL main league F15 rules except where a Masters Cup-specific provision in this document modifies or replaces an F15 rule.

ACL reserves the right to add, modify, or delete a tournament rule or guideline when necessary to maintain the integrity, fairness, safety, or quality of the tournament. Material changes will be communicated to participating teams whenever practicable.

Any cricketing matter not specifically covered in this document will be administered in accordance with the applicable ACL F15 rules and, where necessary, the Laws of Cricket/ICC guidance.

2 Spirit of the Game

Cricket should be played not only within its Laws and ACL rules, but also within the Spirit of the Game. All players, captains, team officials, umpires, and organizers are expected to protect the integrity and reputation of ACL.

Mutual Respect: Everyone is expected to respect ACL rules, opponents, teammates, captains, organizers, umpires, umpire decisions, and match results.

Captain's Responsibility: Captains are responsible for ensuring that their teams conduct themselves within the Spirit of the Game and applicable ACL rules. Captains may be held accountable for team violations.

Player and Umpire Responsibility: Players and umpires are expected to uphold the Spirit of the Game and may be held accountable for individual conduct and applicable team violations.

3 Tournament Overview

- Tournament Dates: Sept 11th 2026 to Oct 30st 2026
- Primary Match Day: Friday evenings at 6:30 PM.
- Rainout/rescheduled matches may be played on Saturday or Sunday, subject to ACL scheduling and ground availability.
- Grounds: Baseball grounds at East Roswell Park and Roswell Area Park.



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- Match length: 12 overs per innings.

Role	Name
Masters Cup Chairman	Sreedhar Vangala
Tournament Coordinators	Vijay Korde & Lalit Barik
Tournament Sponsor	Winfo Solutions

4 Tournament Format

- The tournament consists of two pools of five teams each.
- Each team plays every other team in its pool once during the Round Robin stage.
- Each Round Robin match is 12 overs per innings.
- The team finishing first in each pool advances directly to the Semifinals.
- The teams finishing second and third in each pool play cross-pool Eliminators.
- The winners of the Eliminators advance to the Semifinals.
- The two Semifinal winners advance to the Championship Final.
- A Super Over will be used for all tied matches, including Round Robin and playoff matches.

Pool A	Pool B
Blue Panthers	Ninjas
Maniacs Cricket Club	Master Blasters
FutureTech	Ghats Battlers
Rupan Realty ShoorVeers	Winfo Solutions Amigos
Dragons	TBD

5 Player Eligibility

- A player born in 1981 or earlier is eligible to participate in the Masters Cup.
- The player must have played in at least one ACL tournament prior to participating in the Masters Cup.
- To participate in the playoffs, a player must have played at least one match during the Masters Cup Round Robin stage.
- A player who is listed only as a Super-Sub will get the match credit as long as player was on playing roster, team picture and present throughout the game.
- A playoff substitute player must have played at least one Masters Cup Round Robin match.
- A player may be registered/participate for only one Masters Cup team.
- A player joining late must be present at the ground before commencement of the fifth over of the first innings, and the umpires must be informed upon arrival.

6 Team Roster

- The standard roster includes 18 players and is covered by the team registration fee.
- A team may add up to two additional players for \$50 per player.
- All registered players remain subject to ACL registration and eligibility requirements.
- No player may be part of more than one Masters Cup team.

7 Playing 10 and Super-Sub

- Teams may designate a Playing 10 for a match.
- Only 9 fielders may be on the field at any time.
- A maximum of 8 wickets may fall in a completed innings.
- A Super-Sub may bat OR bowl during a match, but not both. The Super-Sub may also keep wickets and may field at any time.
- The Super-Sub must be present and available at the ground.
- Both captains and the umpires must be notified when a Super-Sub is used, and the player must be clearly identified.
- If a Super-Sub participates, the umpires should capture a photograph of the Playing 10 for match records.



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8 Match Rules

- All ACL main league F15 rules apply unless specifically modified by this document.
- Matches consist of one innings per side and are limited to 12 overs per innings.
- A maximum of 4 fielders may be positioned on either side of the wicket, as applicable under the Masters Cup format.
- The ACL scoring application must be used for official match scoring.
- A Super Over will be used to determine the winner of all tied matches.
- The DLS (Duckworth-Lewis-Stern) method will be used unless ACL issues a specific tournament directive before a match. 2ND Inning should be played at least 5 overs to apply DLS for any interruptions.
- Any rules clarification should be obtained from the Masters Cup Coordinators or ACL officials.

9 Bowling Restrictions

- Two bowlers may bowl a maximum of 3 overs each.
- All remaining bowlers are limited to a maximum of 2 overs each.
- A Super-Sub designated to bowl is subject to the same applicable bowling limits.
- For shortened matches, applicable bowling limits will be adjusted in accordance with the shortened innings and ACL F15 provisions.

10 Player Attire

- There is no mandatory team-uniform requirement for the Masters Cup.
- Players must wear proper sports attire.
- Shorts and slippers are not permitted.

11 Umpiring

- Each team is responsible for providing four umpires during the group stage.
- Each team will provide umpires for two matches from outside its own pool, as assigned by ACL.
- Teams must ensure their assigned umpires are available and arrive on time.
- Umpires are responsible for enforcing ACL F15 rules and the Masters Cup-specific rules in this document.
- Umpires must document/communicate Super-Sub participation and, where applicable, capture the Playing 10 photograph.

12 Match Administration

- Matches are scheduled primarily for Friday evenings at 6:30 PM.
- Rainout matches may be rescheduled to Saturday or Sunday based on ground availability and ACL scheduling decisions.
- For interruptions such as sprinklers, lights not working, or other ground/facility issues, Law enforcements etc, ACL officials will make the final decision after taking input from the officiating umpires. All teams must adhere to the decision.
- Teams and players must follow match timing, ground, and operational instructions communicated by ACL.
- The ACL scoring application is the official scoring platform for the tournament.

13 Standings and Qualification

Pool standings will be maintained by ACL based on match results and the applicable ACL/F15 standings criteria.

- Pool #1 team → Direct qualification to Semifinal.
- Pool #2 and #3 teams → Cross-pool Eliminator.
- Eliminator winners → Semifinal.
- Semifinal winners → Championship Final.

If teams are tied in the standings, ACL will apply the applicable ACL/F15 tie-breaking procedure in effect for the Masters Cup. Captains should contact ACL officials for any clarification.



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14 Tournament Fees

Fee Type	Amount
Team Registration Fee	\$600
Title Sponsor with Team	\$1,500
Additional Player (up to 2)	\$50 per player

15 Conduct and Code of Conduct

All players, captains, team officials, umpires, and match officials are expected to follow the ACL Code of Conduct and maintain the Spirit of Cricket. Conduct issues will be handled under the applicable ACL disciplinary procedures.

- Respect opponents, teammates, umpires, tournament officials, and ACL organizers.
- Abusive, offensive, threatening, discriminatory, or otherwise inappropriate conduct may result in ACL disciplinary action.
- Captains are responsible for helping ensure their teams understand and follow the rules and Code of Conduct.

16 Authority and Rule Changes

ACL reserves the authority to clarify, amend, or alter the tournament rules or format when necessary to improve the quality, fairness, safety, or administration of the tournament. Any material change will be communicated to affected teams before the commencement of the relevant game whenever practicable.

Where a provision in this document conflicts with a specific official instruction issued by ACL for the Masters Cup, the latest official ACL instruction will govern.

17 Quick Reference

Item	Tournament Provision
Teams	10
Pools	2 pools of 5
Round Robin	Each team plays 4 pool matches
Innings	12 overs
Fielding	Maximum 9 fielders
Bowling	2 bowlers max 3 overs and remaining bowlers maximum 2 overs. This applies to bowling Super sub as well.
Wickets	Maximum 8
Playing 10	Permitted
Super-Sub	May bat OR bowl; may field at any time including keeping
Super Over	All tied matches
DLS	Will be used for any interruptions after 5 th over of 2 nd Inning.
Playoff Qualification	Pool #1 → Semifinal; #2/#3 → Cross-Pool Eliminator
Eligibility	Born in 1981 or earlier + prior ACL tournament participation
Playoff Eligibility	Must play at least 1 Round Robin match . A Super-Sub qualifies as long as player was on playing roster, team picture and present throughout the game.
Primary Match Time	Friday, 6:30 PM
Grounds	East Roswell Park & Roswell Area Park baseball grounds