



Atlanta Cricket League

Casual Cricket with Professional Outfit
(A non-profit organization)

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ACL Championship - Tournament Format for the year 2010

This document describes the league format for the ACL Championship for the year 2010. The following format is based on the assumption that there will be at least 40 teams and at most 45 teams. There may be minor changes to the format due to the number of teams participating and all such changes will be communicated to the teams. This document is to be used as reference in conjunction with ACL rules and addendums.

- The league has 3 stages
 - Stage 1 – This is the first round of the round robin
 - Stage 2 – This is the second round of the round robin
 - Championship Stage – This is the play offs round (knock out stage)
- **Stage 1 (First Round)**
 - The stage is the qualifier for stage 2
 - The teams are divided into 5 pools (pool A, B, C, D and E)
 - Each pool has 8 teams
 - If more than 40 teams are registered (max 45 teams), each pool can have a maximum of 9 teams
 - **Initial Ranking and Pool Allocation**
 - Teams are ranked based on Infosmart-ACL Championship 2009
 - Teams are ranked in this order
 - Play off teams followed by the next best finisher in the pools
 - Ranking will be given to the top 20 teams only
 - Ranks 1 to 16 will be given to the teams that qualified for the play-offs of Infosmart ACL Championship 2009
 - Pool allocation for the remaining team including the new teams is based on draws
 - Ranked teams are placed in each pool in snaking pattern
 - For e.g, Rank 1 in pool A, 2 in pool B, 3 in Pool C, 4 in Pool D, 5 in Pool E, 6 on Pool E, 7 in Pool D, and so on
 - Each team plays a match against every other team in its pool
 - If a pool has 8 team, each team plays 7 matches
 - If 9 teams, then each team plays 8 matches
 - **Ranking at End of Stage 1**
 - Teams in each pool are ranked based on their position in their respective pool
 - Top 4 teams (rank 1 to 4) in each pool (total of 20 teams) qualify for Premier League (Division)

- Next 4 teams (rank 5 to 8) in each pool (total 20 teams) qualify for the Star League (Division)
- Topper of each pool will be ranked 1 to 5 based on number of points
- Second positioned team in each pool will be ranked 6 to 10 and so on
- In case of equal points, net run rate (NRR) will be used
- If NRR is equal, the number of wins will be considered
- **Elimination:** Only top 40 teams qualify for the Stage 2, rest of the teams will be eliminated

- **Stage 2**

- This stage is the qualifier for the Championship stage (Play Offs)
- **Premier League**
 - The 20 teams that qualify for this stage are divided in to 4 pools based on the ranking
 - The 4 pools in this stage are – Pool F, G, H and I
 - Teams will be assigned to the pools in a snaking pattern
 - Snaking Pattern - Rank 1 goes to Pool F, 2 to Pool G, 3 to H, 4 to I, 5 to I, 6 to H and so on
 - For example, Pool F contains rank 1, 8, 9, 16, 17 and Pool I contains 4, 5, 12, 13, 20
 - Each pool has 5 teams
 - Each team plays the other 4 teams in its pool
 - **Ranking at End of Stage 2**
 - In each pool, teams are ranked based on points
 - In case of equal points, net run rate (NRR) will be used
 - If NRR is equal, head to head match up will be used
 - If the head-to-head is a tie or no-result, the number of wins will be considered
 - Only the top 2 ranked teams from each pool (8 teams in total) qualify of the quarter finals (play offs) of the Premier Championship
 - **Elimination:** Rest of the teams are eliminated
- **Star League**
 - The 20 teams that qualify for this stage are divided in to 4 pools based on the ranking
 - Ther 4 pools in this stage are – Pool J, K, L and M
 - Teams will be assigned to the pools in a snaking pattern
 - Each pool has 5 teams
 - Each team plays the other 4 teams in its pool
 - **Ranking at End of Stage 2**
 - In each pool, teams are ranked based on points
 - In case of equal points, net run rate (NRR) will be used
 - If NRR is equal, head to head match up will be used

