



Atlanta Cricket League

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

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Paramount Software - ACL 2011 Championship Tournament Format

This document describes the league format for the year ACL Championship 2011. The following format is based on 55 teams. This document should be used as reference in conjunction with ACL rules and addendums.

- The league has 2 stages
 - Round Robin
 - Play offs - This is the knock out stage starting at pre-quarter finals
 - Premier League
 - Star League
 - NOTE: There is no stage 2 round robin in 2011 (when compared to 2010)
- **Round Robin Stage**
 - This stage is the qualifier for the play offs
 - The teams are divided into 5 pools (pool A, B, C, D and E)
 - Each pool has 11 teams
 - **Initial Ranking and Pool Allocation**
 - Teams are ranked based on Sanket Systems - ACL Championship 2010
 - Teams are ranked in this order
 - Winner, Finalist, Semi Finalists, Quarter Finalists followed by the next best finishers in the pools
 - Ranking will be given to the top 25 teams only
 - Ranks 1 to 16 will be given to top 16 teams from the Premier League of ACL Championship 2010
 - Ranks 17 to 24 will be given to top 8 teams from the Star League of ACL Championship 2010
 - 25th rank will be awarded for the best team among the remaining teams from Premier League and subsequently from Star League
 - 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
 - All other teams including new teams will be allocated based on lots (lottery)
 - Each team plays a match against every other team in its pool
 - If a pool has 11 teams, each team plays 10 matches
 - If 10 teams, then each team plays 9 matches
 - **Ranking at End of Round Robin**
 - Teams in each pool are ranked based on their position in their respective pool
 - Topper of each pool will be ranked 1 to 5
 - Second positioned team in each pool will be ranked 6 to 10
 - In case of equal points, net run rate (NRR) will be used

- If NRR is equal, the number of wins will be considered
 - **Teams ranked 1 to 16 from round robin stage qualify for Premier League Play Offs**
 - Top 3 teams from each pool qualify for play offs
 - The best finisher amongst the 4th positioned teams of each pool will get the 16th spot
 - **Teams ranked 17 to 32 from round robin stage qualify for Star League Play Offs**
 - The remaining 4th positioned teams (4 in total), all 5th and 6th position teams in each pool qualify for play offs (14 in total)
 - Two best finishers amongst the 7th positioned teams of each pool will get the remaining two spots
 - That makes it 16 teams
 - **Elimination:** Only top 32 teams qualify for the play off stage, rest of the teams get eliminated
 - If a team withdraws from round robin stage, the place will be kept void
- **Play Offs - Championship**
 - This is the knock out stage of the league
 - **Premier Championship**
 - Top 16 teams from round robin stage will be ranked 1 to 16
 - **Pre-Quarter Finals**
 - PQ1 vs PQ16 (=Q1)
 - PQ2 vs PQ15 (=Q2)
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 - PQ8 vs PQ9 (=Q8)
 - **Quarter Finals**
 - Q1 vs Q8 (=S1), Q2 vs Q7 (=S2), Q3 vs Q6 (=S3), Q4 vs Q5 (=S4)
 - **Semi Finals**
 - S1 vs S4 (=F1), S2 vs S3 (=F2)
 - **Finals**
 - F1 vs F2
 - **Star Championship**
 - 16 teams ranked from 17 to 32 from round robin stage will be ranked 1 to 16 for Star League
 - **Pre-Quarter Finals**
 - PQ1 vs PQ16 (=Q1)
 - PQ2 vs PQ15 (=Q2)
 - PQ8 vs PQ9 (=Q8)
 - **Quarter Finals**
 - Q1 vs Q8 (=S1), Q2 vs Q7 (=S2), Q3 vs Q6 (=S3), Q4 vs Q5 (=S4)
 - **Semi Finals**
 - S1 vs S4 (=F1), S2 vs S3 (=F2)
 - **Finals**
 - F1 vs F2

Note: League format and rules are subject to change due to unavoidable circumstance and ACL reserves the right to make the decisions.