



Atlanta Cricket League

Casual Cricket with Professional Outfit

(A non-profit organization)

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ACL Ground Rules

- **All teams MUST follow the ACL ground rules, field categories, and specifications**
- Umpiring should enforce these rules and should report any violation
- **NO SMOKING** on the field or the premises. This is required by the City Park and Recreation Department.
- Team **MUST** use spring stumps. Each team should carry at least one set of stumps to the match
- Team should not dig stumps into the ground to prevent damage to the surface
- **HOME Team**
 - Is responsible for setting up the pitch and boundaries following the ACL specifications (See Field Categories and Field Diagram Section)
 - Home team should carry at least one set of spring stump, all cones/flags (30), and measuring tape for pitch and boundary, scores sheets
- Visitor team should provide one set of spring stumps for the match
- If the base ball bases/pitching mound/nets are removed during the game, they should be replaced after completion of the match
- Teams should clean up the trash after the match and should leave the dug outs clean. The City will charge ACL if the dugouts are not cleaned up.

ACL Field Categories

The grounds are divided into categories based on field size and offside obstruction (fence). Team must follow the following categories. The boundary/field remains the same for right-handed and left-handed batsman.

Category	Off Side Requirement*	Rules	ACL Fields
Cat 1	Off side fence/boundary more than 130 ft	Regular boundary	Roswell Area Park-2, Newtown Park-2, Newtown Main Soccer field (pitch on grass), Terrell Mill 1 (pitch on grass), Terrell Mill 2 (pitch on grass)
Cat 2	Off side fence more than 100 ft and less than 130 ft	Direct Hit is a 4D Over the fence is 4D	OCEE-3, East Roswell Park-4, Roswell Area Park-3, Roswell Area Park-4, Waller Park Extension, EE Robinson-6, EE Robinson-7
Cat 3	Off side fence between 80 to 100 ft	Direct hit is 2 D Over the fence is 4D	North Park-1,2,3,4 and 5, Ocee Park-4, Ocee Park-2, East Roswell Park -1, Hembree-5, Hembree-6, Wills Park D
Cat 4	Off side fence less than 80 ft	Direct hit is 2D Over the fence is 2D	Pinckneyville

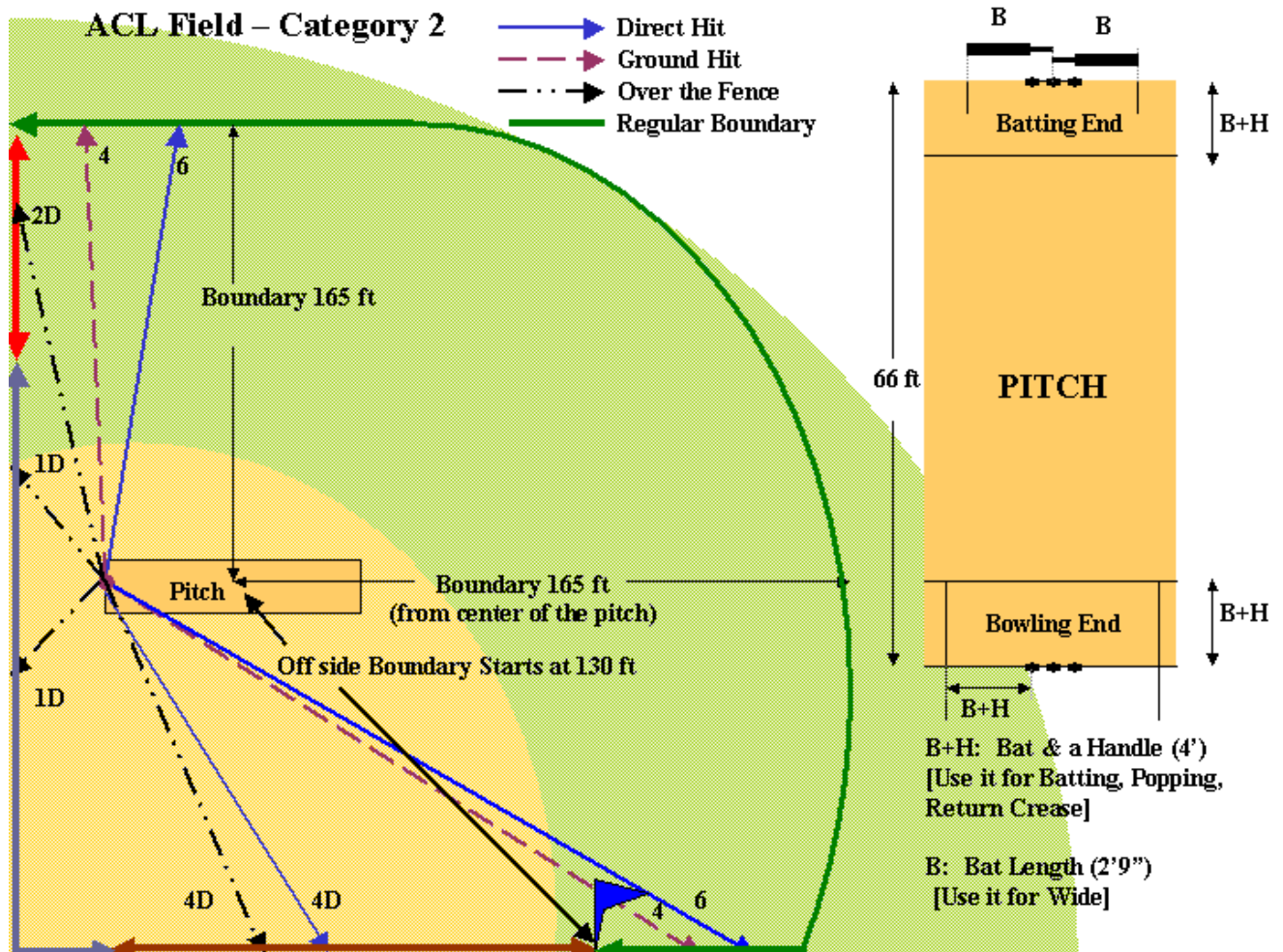
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- *Off Side: Off side in this context is for Right Hand Batsman (RHB)
- The stumps should be placed as far as possible from the offside fence
- If off side fence is less than 130 ft (~ twice the pitch length), the regular boundary on off side starts from 130 ft (measured from center of the pitch). See field diagram section.
- **Over the Fence:** Fence refers to the metal fence and the soft net over the metal fence should be considered "over the fence"
- **Backside Fence**
 - On the leg side, 2D starts at 75ft from the wickets on the batting side. A cone/flag must be place to mark this spot
 - There is no offside 2D for Cat 2, 3 and 4 fields
 - Offside 2D mark starting at 75ft can be used for soccer fields (e.g. Newtown Soccer field) or when playing on grass surface of regular baseball fields (e.g. Terrell Mill)
- **Leaning on or Touching the fence while catching**
 - A fielder may take a catch leaning/touching the fence which otherwise would have been a direct hit/going over for 1D, 2D or 4D. This catch is valid
 - For regular boundary, if the fielder touches the fence, then it's not a valid catch
- **Ball getting stuck in the Fence**
 - If the ball gets stuck in the fence then batsman will be awarded the runs that are declared as a result of either direct hit to the fence or ball going over the fence in the area where ball is stuck. In the area where we have declared runs for both "Direct Hit to the Fence" and "Ball going over the Fence", Runs given for "Direct Hit to the Fence" would be considered.
Example1: Area behind the wicket keeper – If the ball gets stuck in any part of the fence in this area, batting team will be awarded 1 run because if the ball goes over the fence in this area, the declared run is 1.
Example2: Offside fence – In few fields, we have 2 runs declared if there is a direct hit to the fence and 4 runs declared if the ball goes over the fence. In this scenario if the ball gets stuck in fence, batting team will be awarded 2 runs.

Field Set Up and Diagram

- Teams should follow ACL pitch and boundary specifications (illustrated in the diagram)
- **Pitch, Creases**
 - Pitch Length: 66 ft (22 yards)
 - Wide Mark: 3ft from **middle stump** (typically a bat length from **middle stump**)
 - Batting and Bowling (Popping) Crease: 4 ft - typically a bat and a handle
 - Return Crease: 4ft 4in from **middle stump** - typically a bat and handle from **outside stump**
 - The crease should be drawn for a length of **at least 8 ft from the popping crease**
- Regular Boundary should be measured from **center of the pitch** - 165 ft (55 yards)
- Off Side Regular Boundary
 - For field category 2,3, and 4, the off-side regular boundary (4s and 6s) should start at 130 ft from the center of the pitch (see blue flag in the diagram)
- Typical field diagrams are available in this doc
- **See Field and Pitch Diagrams Below**

ACL Field Diagram (Category 2 Shown)



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