



Atlanta Cricket League 2017 Format

The Atlanta Cricket League will be adopting following format for 2017 season same as 2016 season.

ACL fundamental League structure:

- **Grounds:** Baseball and multi-purpose fields in and around metro Atlanta area
- **Schedule:**
 - Day: Sundays, Saturdays included for Playoffs rematch excluding finals
 - Season: from April to October (includes playoffs)
- **Match:**
 - 15 overs per side played with a hard tennis ball provided by ACL
 - Maximum 9 eligible members per side who must be registered on the team roster on the ACL website
- **Umpiring:** Neutral umpiring provided by other teams, scheduled by ACL
- **Team Roster:** No maximum limit, first 15 players are covered under season team registration fees and every additional player will be subject additional charge to be paid by the respective team.

Refer to **ACL Rules** documents on www.atlantacrickettleague.org

New format structure (effective 2017 season):

- **Number of Leagues:** 3
- **Name of the Leagues:** **Division I, Division II and Division III**, respectively.
- **Team Allocation:** Based on “End of 2016 Season” ranking,

- **Division I:** 28 Teams split between Pool A and B (2016 Division I teams ranked 1-20 and 2016 Division II teams ranked 1-8)
- **Division II:** 28 Teams split between Pool A and B (2016 Division I teams ranked 21-28, 2016 Division II teams ranked 9 –20 and 2016 Division III teams ranked 1-8)
- **Division III:** Up to 36 teams split between Pool A, B and C (All 2016 Division II teams ranked 21-28 will be placed in Division III along with the other teams from 2016 Division III, Plate League and New teams based on available infrastructure).
- Refer to ACL Rankings on www.atlantacricicketleague.org.

Exception: In the event, any of the 2016 teams do not register for 2017 season, teams will be promoted higher up based on 2016 rankings. Example: If 24th team doesn't register then 25th team gets the 24th rank and so on. This may sometime result in promotion of teams to higher division based on number of teams registered.

DIVISION I

- **Teams/ Pools:** 28 teams, based on rankings from the ACL 2016 standings, divided into 2 pools of 14 teams each (e.g. Pool A (A1 to A14) and Pool B (B1 to B14)). Snake Pattern will be used in assigning the pools based on the rankings from year 2016 as below

Pool A	Pool B
R1	R2
R4	R3
R5	R6
R8	R7
R9	R10
R12	R11
R13	R14
R16	R15
R17	R18
R20	R19
R21	R22
R24	R23
R25	R26
R28	R27

- **Games:** Each team will be playing 13 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format

- **Relegation to Division II:** Teams ranking 21 to 28 (11, 12, 13 and 14 in each pool) will be relegated to Division II for next season and will be ranked 1 through 8 as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book
- **Playoffs:** These are single elimination rounds, through to the Finals. Games will be played on Saturdays, if required.
 - Top 2 from each pool (4 teams) automatically qualify for the Quarter Finals
 - e.g. A1, A2, B1, B2
 - **Pre-Quarter Finals**
 - Teams ranked 3 to 6 in each pool (8 teams) will play Pre-Quarter Finals
 - e.g. A3 vs. A6, A4 vs. A5, B5 vs. B4 and B6 vs. B3
 - The winner of each pre-quarter finals will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
 - e.g. in a match A3 vs. A6, if A6 wins, A6 will be assigned A3 rank and so on
 - The losing teams from pre-quarter finals will be ranked as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book
 - **Quarter Finals**
 - Teams ranked A1 to A4 and B1 to B4 will play cross pool Quarter Finals
 - e.g. A1 vs. B4, A2 vs. B3, A3 vs. B2 and A4 vs. B1
 - The winner of each quarter final will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
 - e.g. in a match A1 vs. B4, if B4 wins, B4 will be assigned A1 rank and so on
 - The losing team from quarter finals will be ranked as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book
 - **Semi Finals**
 - Teams ranked A1, A2 and B1, B2 will play Semi Finals e.g. A1 vs. B2, A2 vs. B1
 - The winner of each semifinal will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
 - e.g. in a match A1 vs. B2, if B2 wins, B2 will be assigned A1 rank and so on
 - The losing teams from Semifinals will be ranked as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book
 - **Finals**
 - Teams ranked A1 and B1 will play finals
 - Winner will get #1 ranking for 2017 Division I and Runners Up will get #2 ranking for 2017 Division I

DIVISION II

- **Teams/Pool:** 28 teams, based on rankings from the ACL 2016 standings, divided into 2 pools of 14 teams each (e.g. Pool A (A1 to A14) and Pool B (B1 to B14)). Snake Pattern will be used in assigning the pools based on the rankings from year 2016 as depicted below

Pool A	Pool B
R29	R30
R32	R31
R33	R34
R36	R35
R37	R38
R40	R39
R41	R42
R44	R43
R45	R46
R48	R47
R49	R50
R52	R51

- **Games:** Each team will be playing 13 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format
- **Promotion to Division I:** Teams ranking 1 to 8 (The 8 Quarter Finalists) will be promoted to Division I for the next season
- **Relegation to Division III:** Teams ranking 21 to 28 (11, 12, 13 and 14 in each pool) will be relegated to Division III for next season and will be ranked 1 through 8 as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book
- **Playoffs:** These are single elimination rounds, through to the Finals. Games will be played on Saturdays, if required.
 - Top 2 from each pool (4 teams) automatically qualify for the Quarter Finals
 - e.g. A1, A2, B1, B2
 - **Pre-Quarter Finals**
 - Teams ranked 3 to 6 in each pool (8 teams) will play Pre-Quarter Finals
 - e.g. A3 vs. A6, A4 vs. A5, B5 vs. B4 and B6 vs. B3
 - The winner of each pre-quarter final will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
 - e.g. in a match A3 vs. A6, if A6 wins, A6 will be assigned A3 rank and so on
 - The losing teams from pre-quarter finals will be ranked as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book

- **Quarter Finals**
 - Teams ranked A1 to A4 and B1 to B4 will play cross pool Quarter Finals
 - e.g. A1 vs. B4, A2 vs. B3, A3 vs. B2 and A4 vs. B1
 - The winner of each quarter final will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
 - e.g. in a match A1 vs. B4, if B4 wins, B4 will be assigned A1 rank and so on
 - The losing team from quarter finals will be ranked as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book
- **Semi Finals**
 - Teams ranked A1, A2 and B1, B2 will play Semi Finals e.g. A1 vs. B2, A2 vs. B1
 - The winner of each semifinal will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
 - e.g. in a match A1 vs. B2, if B2 wins, B2 will be assigned A1 rank and so on
 - The losing teams from semifinals will be ranked as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book
- **Finals**
 - Teams ranked A1 and B1 will play finals
 - Winner will get #1 ranking for 2017 Division II and Runners Up will get #2 ranking for 2017 Division II

DIVISION III

Teams/ Pools: 36 teams, based on rankings from the ACL 2016 standings will be divided into 3 pools of 12 teams each (e.g. Pool A (A1 to A12), Pool B (B1 to B12) and Pool C (C1 to C12)) using Snake Pattern.

Games: Each team will play 11 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format. Minimum of 4 teams should qualify for the QF's at the end of round robin stage

Promotion to Division II: Teams ranking 1 to 8 (The 8 Quarter Finalists) will be promoted to Division II for the next season.

Entry into Division III: Following is the priority if there are more than 36 teams

- Existing teams: If a team that played with ACL for minimum of 6 years consecutively including last year (with no gap) then they will get the spot. If teams played same number of years then team with highest consecutive number of years with ACL will be given the preference
- Pre-Season Qualifiers: Qualifier matches may be required in case more teams are registered and above criteria is not sufficient to break the tie.

Playoffs: These are single elimination rounds, through to the Finals. Games will be played on Saturdays, if required.

This league is a three pool league with pool A, B and C.

Rankings:

- Top 4 teams from each pool are ranked R1 to R12 (Total 12) and qualify for the play offs.
- The teams in **1st place** of each pool are given ranks R1, R2, R3 based on points (and NRR), as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book. These 3 teams along with R4 ranked team will automatically qualify for Quarter Finals. Points are compared between top teams in each pool.
- The teams in **2nd place** of each pool are given ranks R4, R5, R6 based on points (and NRR), as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book. Only R4 ranked team will automatically qualify for Quarter Finals where as R5 and R6 ranked teams will play Pre-Quarters.
- The teams in **3rd place** of each pool are given ranks R7, R8, R9 based on points (and NRR), as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book. These teams will play Pre-Quarters.
- The teams in **4th place** of each pool are given ranks R10, R11, R12 based on points (and NRR), as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book. These teams will play Pre-Quarters.

Pre-Quarter Finals

- Teams ranked R5 to R12 (8 teams) will play Pre-Quarter Finals
- e.g. R5 vs. R12, R6 vs. R11, R7 vs. R10 and R8 vs. R9
- The winner of each pre-quarter finals will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
- e.g. in a match R6 vs. R11, if R11 wins, R11 will be assigned R6 rank and so on
- The losing teams from pre-quarter finals will be ranked for the season as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book

Quarter Finals

- Teams ranked R1 to R8 after Pre-Quarter Finals will play Quarter Finals e.g. R1 vs. R8, R2 vs. R7, R3 vs. R6 and R4 vs. R5
- The winner of each quarter finals will retain or get the highest rank of the match up
- e.g. in a match R1 vs. R8, if R8 wins, R8 will be assigned R1 rank and so on
- The losing team from Division III quarter finals will be ranked for the season as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book

Semi Finals

- Teams ranked R1 to R4 after Quarter Finals will play Semi Finals e.g. R1 vs. R4, R2 vs. R3
- The winner of each semifinal will retain the highest rank of the match up
- e.g. in a match R1 vs. R4, if R4 wins the match, they will be assigned R1 rank and so on
- The losing teams from Division III semifinals will be ranked for season as per section 15 (Points Assignment) in the ACL Master Rules Book

Finals

- Teams ranked R1 and R2 will play finals
- Winner will get R1 ranking and Runners-up will get R2 ranking for the season in 2017 Division III