



# 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 baseball bases/pitching mound/nets are remove 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 (metal 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 140 ft	Regular boundary	Bell Memorial – 3, Best Friend Park - 1, Roswell Area Park - 2, Sawnee Mountain Park - 1, 3 Sharon Springs - 8
Cat 2	Off side fence more than 110 ft and less than 140 ft	Direct Hit is a 4D, Over the fence is 4D. Pitching and going over the fence is 4D.	Blackburn - 2, East Roswell Park – 4, Hobgood Park – 1, 2, 3, 4, Larry Bell Park – 1, Midway - 3, Newtown Park - 2, OCEE - 1, 3, 4, Roswell Area Park – 3, 4, Shakerag/River Trail Baseball Field, Sharon Springs - 5, 6, 7, Terrell Mill 1 (pitch on Dirt), Waller Park Ext, Webb Bridge Park - 3, 4, Wills Park – A
Cat 3	Off side fence between 90 to 110 ft	Direct hit is 2D, Over the fence is 4D. Pitching and going over the fence is 2D.	Best Friend Park – 2, Bethesda - 8, 9, 10, Blackburn - 1, East Roswell Park – 1, EE Robinson – 6, 7, George Pierce - 1A, 2A, Hembree - 5, 6, Midway - 2, Nickajack - 2, 3, North Park - 1, 2, 3, 4, Terrell Mill – 2, Wills Park – C, D

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Cat 4	Off side fence less than 90 ft	Direct hit is 2D, Over the fence is 2D	North Park - 5, Ocee Park - 2
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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 140 ft (~ twice the pitch length), the regular boundary on off side starts from 140 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 80ft 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 80 ft 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 **bounces and then gets stuck, passes through or goes under the fence** (or gate),
- 2 runs will be declared (2D) for Off Side Fence (from Point area to 140 ft mark) or after Leg side 80 ft mark
- 1 run will be declared (1D) for Behind the keeper : from Point area to leg side 80 ft mark
  - 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.
- **Ball pitches and then bounces over the offside fence** (from point area to 140 ft mark)
  - For Category 2 field: 4D
  - For Category 3 field: 2D

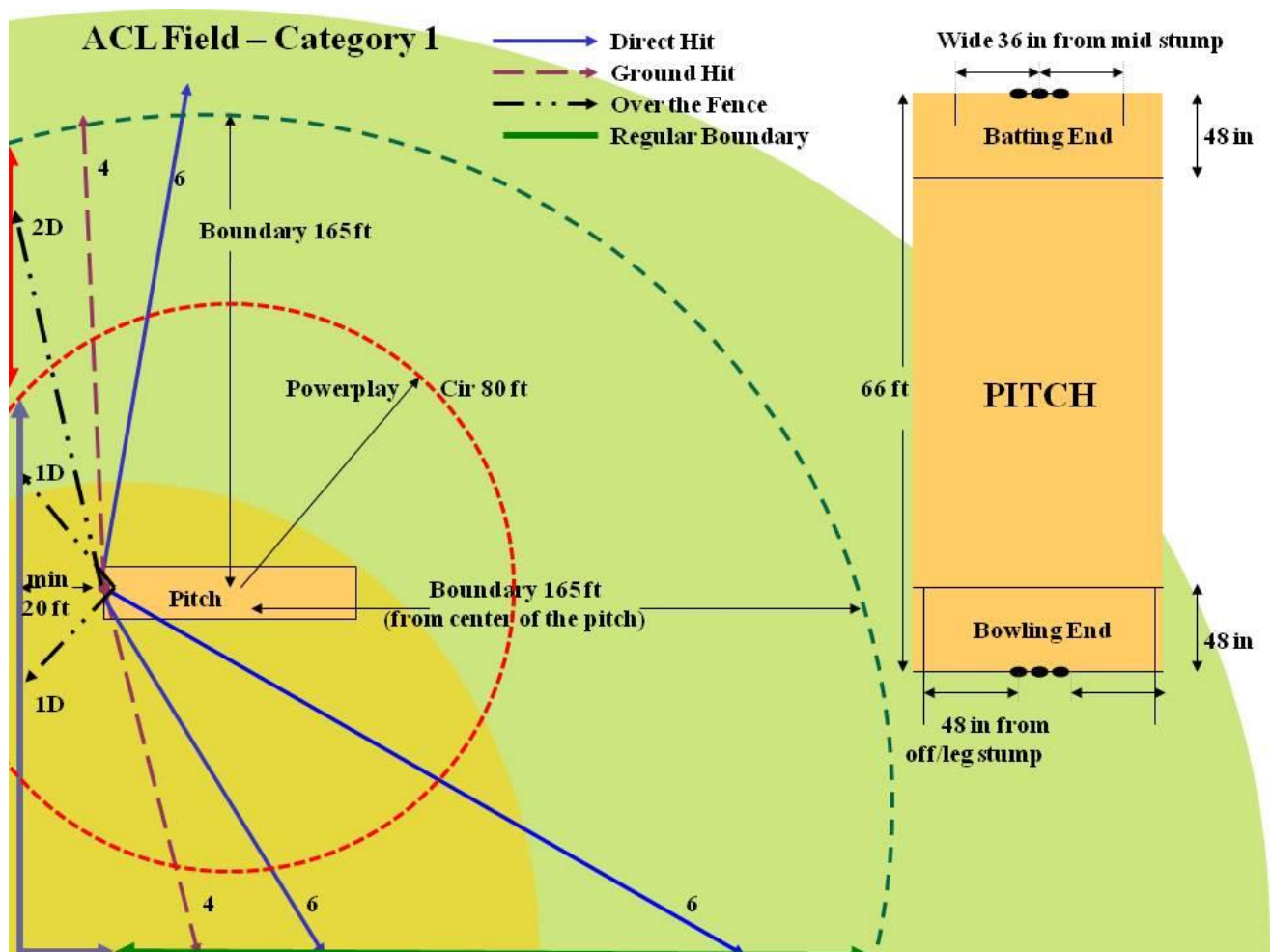
### Field Set Up and Diagram

- 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** (use of bat length is discontinued)
  - Batting and Bowling (Popping) Crease: 4 ft (use of bat length is discontinued)
  - Return Crease: 4ft 4in from **middle stump** - (use of bat length is discontinued)
- The crease should be drawn for a length of **at least 8 ft from the popping crease**
- Stumps: The batting side stumps should be placed **at least 20 ft** from the fence to give room for the wicket keeper.
- Bowler should have at least 10 ft gap between the bowling side stumps and the grass (where applicable) for a safe transition

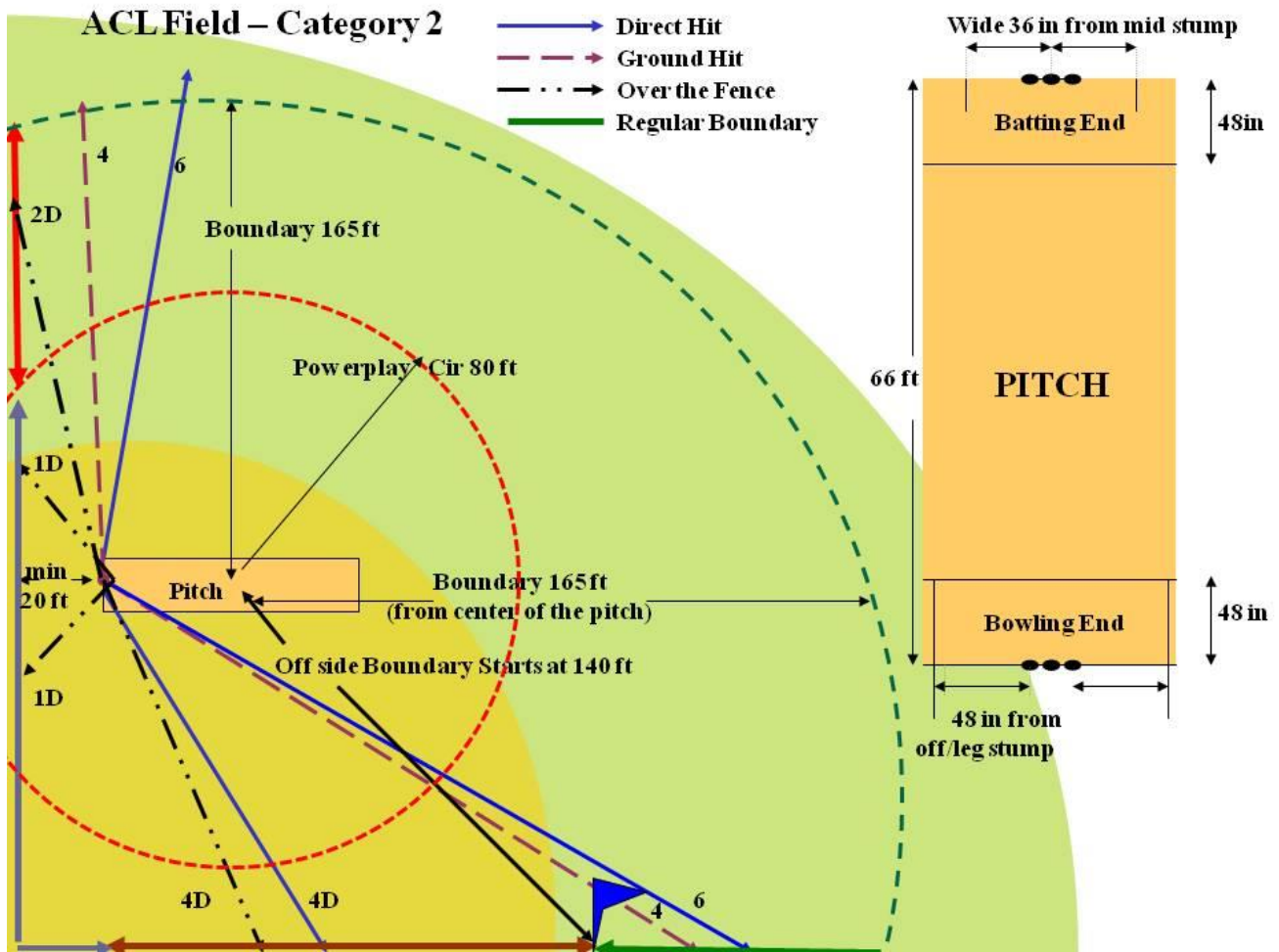
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- Regular Boundary should be measured from **center of the pitch** - 165 ft (55 yards)
- Off Side Regular Boundary ○ For field category 2,3, and 4, the off-side regular boundary (4s and 6s) should start at 140 ft from the center of the pitch (see blue flag in the diagram)
- Typical field diagrams are available in this doc

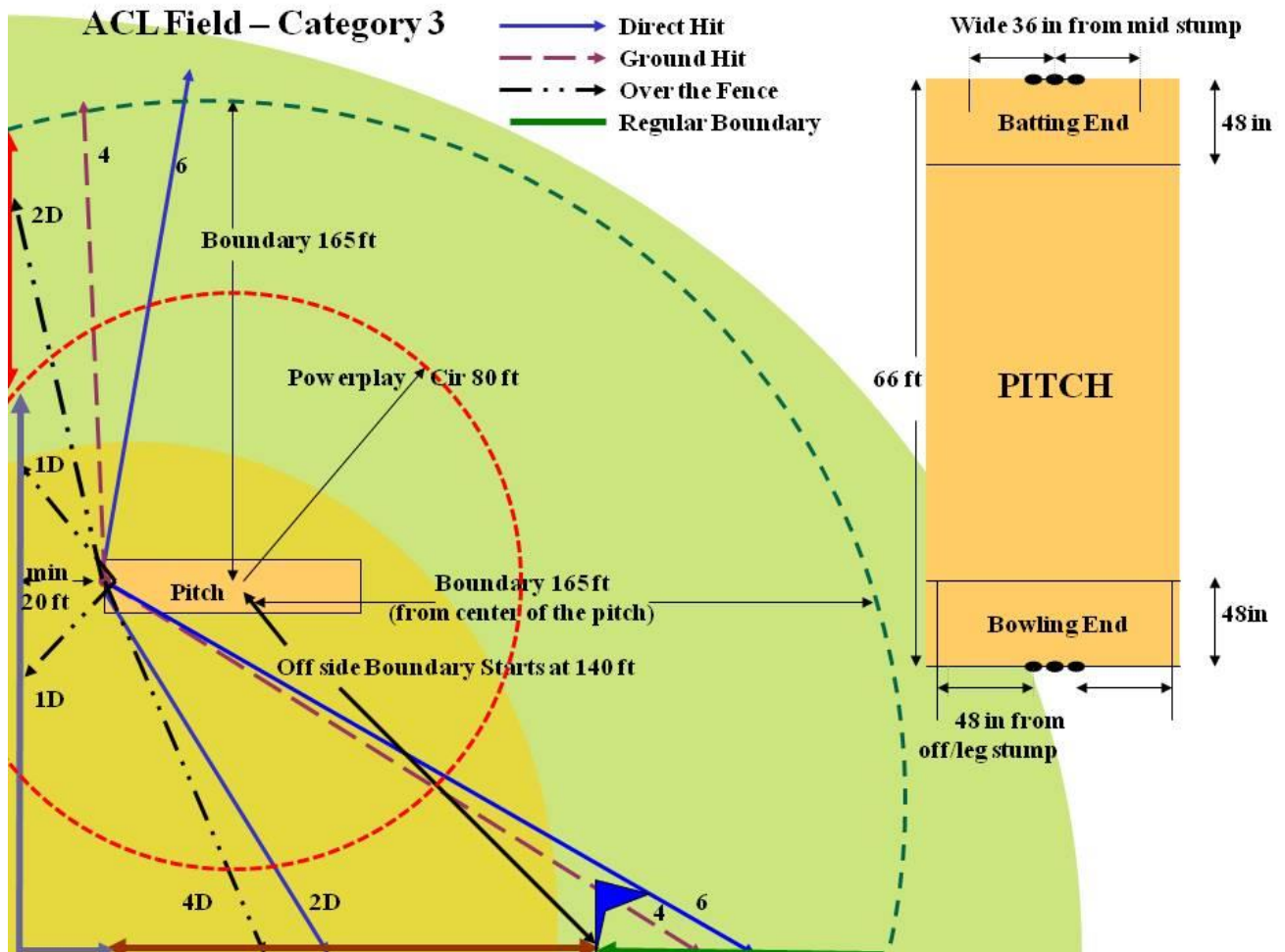
### ACL Field Diagram (Category 1 Shown)



ACL Field Diagram (Category 2 Shown)



# ACL Field Diagram (Category 3 Shown)



# ACL Field Diagram (Category 4 shown)

