



Atlanta Cricket League 2018 Format

The Atlanta Cricket League will be adopting following format for 2018 season same as 2017 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 20 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 2018 season):

- **Number of Leagues:** 3
- **Name of the Leagues:** **Division I, Division II and Division III**, respectively.
- **Team Allocation:** Based on “End of 2017 Season” ranking,

- **Division I:** 28 Teams split between Pool A and B (2017 Division I teams ranked 1-20 and 2017 Division II teams ranked 1-8)
- **Division II:** 28 Teams split between Pool A and B (2017 Division I teams ranked 21-28, 2017 Division II teams ranked 9 –20 and 2017 Division III teams ranked 1-8)
- **Division III:** Up to 32 teams split between Pool A and B (All 2017 Division II teams ranked 21-28 will be placed in Division III along with the other teams from 2017 Division III and New teams based on available infrastructure).
- Refer to ACL Rankings on www.atlantacricicketleague.org.

Exception: In the event, any of the 2017 teams do not register for 2018 season, teams will be promoted higher up based on 2017 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 2017 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 2017 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 2017 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 2017 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: 32 teams, based on rankings from the ACL 2017 standings will be divided into 2 pools of 16 teams each (e.g. Pool A (A1 to A16) and Pool B (B1 to B16)) using Snake Pattern.

Games: Each team will play only 13 games against other teams in the pool in a round robin format selected automatically through software (Note: Will not play with all 15 teams in pool).

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 32 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.

- 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 2018 Division III and Runners Up will get #2 ranking for 2018 Division III