



ARK-TENN CRICKET LEAGUE

(ATCL)

Rules & Regulations

Version 2.0

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Section 1:

League web-site and membership:

1. The league website (<http://www.arktenncricketleague.com>) is the official source for scores and data. Any rules, restrictions and laws posted on the website by league committee will be applied in all scenarios.
2. The committee will make sure that it lets everyone know about any and all changes, but it is the responsibility of each team to keep track of information on league website or group email.
3. The committee with consent of all participating clubs will determine membership fees every year.
4. AGM will be held in February each year unless otherwise notified.
5. The fees must be sent to the current treasurer before the deadline provided by the committee. There will be late fee of \$20 imposed for each additional week.
6. Insurance is a mandatory requirement of ATCL by given deadline. No team will be allowed to play any games without insurance. Teams who will not provide proof of insurance by given deadline will be imposed administration fee of \$100.

Section 2:

League Format and Schedule:

1. The committee will create standardized format and schedule. All teams should submit dates of non-availability well in advance. In case of last minute notice of unavailability, the team will be held responsible for their action and lose all/any balance or refund due to the team. Special cases may be considered by the committee.
2. The committee will decide on the standardized schedule and format every year depending on number of teams playing and availability of teams and grounds. It will be communicated accordingly to every team and also updated to website once finalized.

Section 3:

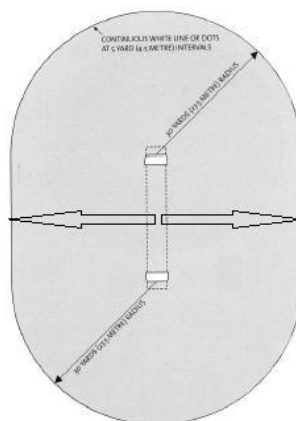
Captains Responsibilities:

1. The individual captains & vice captains are responsible for explaining all the rules and regulations to their teams.
2. The captains & vice-captains have to submit email confirmations to the committee before the start date of the league confirming that they have read and understood all the rules.
3. Captains have to submit team rosters within the deadline set by the committee.

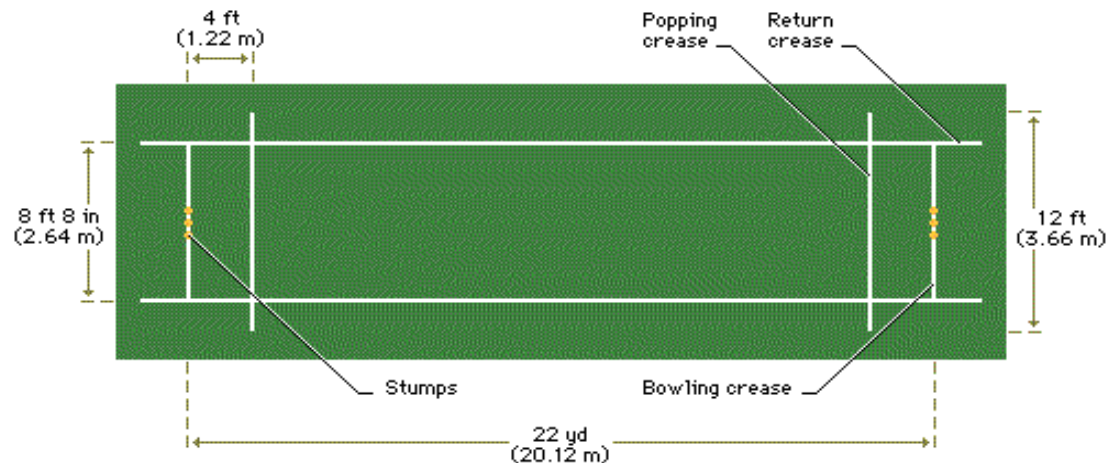
Section 4:

Rules regarding overs, refreshments, playing conditions and field dimensions:

1. The home team should mark the boundaries clearly as defined below based on over format.
2. An inner circle of 30 yards should be drawn.
 - a. How to mark this circle: From center of stumps, facing away from the pitch; draw a semi-circle of 30 yards (90 feet) each from both ends. Then join the ends of these semi-circles by straight line forming an elliptical shape.



3. A return crease and wide line indicator must be clearly marked. In case your pitch is not broad enough and the length of return crease falls outside the carpet area then you must paint the return crease for better visibility.



4. All Home teams must provide water/drinks to the visiting teams. The visiting teams in this context will be teams that travel from out of town. No water to be provided if both teams are local, each team takes care of its own water needs.
5. At any given point in time of a maximum of 5 fielders will be allowed on the leg-side. There is no restriction on number of fielders allowed on offside.
6. If a team has less than 7 players present at a game (start of the game), that team has to concede the game making opposite team winners and awarding them full points.

T-20 Only:

1. The home team should mark the boundaries clearly that is **200 feet**.
2. Each league game will be played for 20 overs.
3. An individual bowler can bowl a maximum of 4 overs per innings.
4. All games will be played from one end only on all grounds (no exceptions).
5. Power Plays: For T20, we have 1 power play only (mandatory 6 overs at the beginning of an innings).
 - a. *Field Restrictions:*
 - I. Between overs 1-6: Seven (7) fielders inside the 30 yard circle.
 - II. Remaining Overs: Four (4) fielders inside the 30 yard circle.
 - III. Field restrictions hold true even if a team has fielded less than 11 players.

T-35 Only:

1. The home team should mark the boundaries clearly that is **200 feet**.
2. Each league game will be played for 35 overs.
3. An individual bowler can bowl a maximum of 7 overs per innings.
4. All games will be played from either one end or both ends depending on home team decision.
5. Power Plays:
 - a. *Field Restrictions:*
 - I. Between overs 1-7: Seven (7) fielders inside the 30 yard circle.
 - II. Between overs 8-28: Five (5) fielders inside the 30 yard circle.
 - III. Between overs 29-35: Four (4) fielders inside the 30 yard circle.
 - IV. Field restrictions hold true even if a team has fielded less than 11 players.

Section 5:

Equipment, Clothing and Shoes:

1. All members of one team should be dressed in same uniform. The team members not in uniform will be allowed to play but will be penalized an administrative fee of \$10 per head per match.
2. Use of spikes is allowed on playing field except the carpet/pitch area. However, wearing spikes on carpet/pitch will be considered a severe offense. The occurrence of such an act while batting or fielding will disqualify the player to continue playing that match and the Captain has to continue playing with remaining 10 players only.
3. Helmet with Grill is now mandatory in first Power play of each innings in a match. Umpire has full authority to deny the batsman to bat during this time. In case the batsman refuses to do so and intentionally/forcefully bats without helmet during the Power play, then the committee has full right to suspend the batsman and warn the Captain for such an offense. Committee will define the suspension period for the batsman as well as level of offense to the Captain based on the incident.
4. *Helmet is mandatory for all minors throughout the batting inning.*

T-20 Only:

- a. COLORED matching clothing is mandatory
- b. COLORED pads are required to be worn by all teams except wicket-keeper.
- c. Umpire clothing consist of colored t-shirt and dark pants (No shorts allowed).

T-35 Only:

- a. WHITE collared clothing is mandatory. The color of clothing should be visibly white. (All captains are requested to use common sense while distinguishing between white including all shades of white and excluding off-white shade while determining if clothes worn by a player are white).
- b. WHITE pads are required to be worn by all teams.
- c. Umpire clothing consist of white collared t-shirt and dark pants (No shorts allowed).
- d. All safety equipment and gears being used except for helmets has to be white in color.
- e. T-Shirts can have sponsor logos if any. Trousers should be all white and can have different color piping/stripes (small or tiny) on the side and can't be anything too large. Trousers should not have any kind of print in front or back beside small prints of teams name on the side.

Section 6:

Time, restrictions, scoring and umpiring:

1. Game Start Time: Game should start on time for local teams as defined on schedule. Teams travelling from outside will have a 10 min grace time. For e.g. 10 AM game has to start by 10:10 AM. Penalty for late team arrival is as defined below. This applies to both local team as well as travelling team except that travelling team has 10 minutes grace time to begin with as said above.
 - a. For first 10 minutes delay, one over will be deducted from team that is late. If they bat first then they will bat for total overs - 1 only while other team will get their full quota of full overs. The same applies if they bowl first.
 - b. After first 10 minutes delay, every 5 delay minutes will account for additional 1 over penalty. For e.g. if any of the local team is on ground late and match starts late because of them then 10:20 AM start for a 10 AM start game will provide late team to play with only total overs - 3 against full overs quota for other team.

- c. Travelling team is a team driving 50+ miles for their game. Ex: CACA (Home) Vs. CAM (Away).
 - d. Teams from the same city playing a game will not be considered for grace period time. Ex: MCC (Home) Vs. BYCC (Away).
2. For going over the time limit of an inning, 1 over will be cut from faltering party's batting quota of overs for every five minutes.
 3. Teams bowling second will lose 5 runs (from their total runs) per every over, which is outside the time limit for that inning. They will still have to complete their full quota of overs.
 4. For going over the time limit during the second innings, the batting team will be awarded 5 runs per over that is remaining to be bowled. Bowling side will still have to complete their full quota of overs. For example, in case of T-20, at 1 hour 40 minutes if 17.3 overs have been bowled, batting side at the end of the 18th over, will be awarded 10 bonus runs. Bowling side will still have to bowl the 19th and 20th overs.
 5. Captain must disclose the playing (11+1) full names before the TOSS to the opposing team captain and the umpires. At least 7 (both batting & fielding) players must be on the ground before the TOSS (15 mins before start time), and can start the game with 7 players. If there aren't 7 players on the ground for a particular team, then umpire will call the game off and points will be awarded to the opposing team. This will result in a forfeited game for the team with less than 7 players.
 6. Game has to start on time regardless of whether Neutral Umpire shows up on time or doesn't show up at all. Both captains need to do coin toss 15 mins before start time as mentioned above. Bowling team captain can choose qualified umpires from the opposite team, to umpire until neutral umpire arrives. If neutral umpire fails to show up for the entire game, captains will have to make do with qualified umpires from within opposite teams.
 7. The teams should setup CricHQ / Cricclubs to score the game, and make sure accurate team information has been shared with the opposite team.
 8. Administrators of web-sites belonging to individual clubs should refrain from writing any malicious things, using abusive or derogatory language towards other teams in ATCL.
 9. If a team is late to the game for more than an hour, it will have to concede the game and opposite team will be awarded the match.
 10. The captain(s) will report to the committee regarding any team starting late. If two captains do not come to an agreement on the field, after due inquiry, the committee will then decide to expunge the score of the first over bowled per every 10 minutes after the start time.
 11. Scoring on CricHQ: While entering teams into CricHQ, teams should only enter the playing 11 and not the 12th man. Any team found entering the 12th man would be issued

a warning for the first instance. The committee thereafter, will penalize administrative penalty of \$10 for every occurrence of the 12th man's name on the scorecard.

12. The teams should exchange "Full Names" of the players before start of the game. If there are two or more players in the same team with same first and last names then one player has to use his original name and others can pick a nickname to use instead of first name. Whatever nicknames are used should stay for the whole season. Captains should make sure there is consistency in these names.
13. Scorecard submission: Team Captains will be held responsible if the full scorecard is not submitted for every game. Should there be a problem with the scoring device; captains must submit whatever is on their CricHQ scoring device for that particular game and notify the neutral umpire as well as statistician (scorecards@arktennccricketleague.com) of the device problem. Administrative penalty of \$20 will be enforced upon failure to submit the scorecard or notify statistician of incomplete scorecards. Captains are responsible to verify the scorecard on CricHQ and must include the fielder's name and bowler's name when a batsman is dismissed. (E.g.: If the Batsmen gets out caught the scorecard should reflect the fielder's name as well as the bowler's name unless the fielder is a substitute in which case teams can enter Unsure/Substitute).
 - a. Both teams must score the game on their respective devices and submit scorecards thereafter.
 - b. Irrespective of whether a team has a 12th man, teams are still responsible for scoring on their respective devices.
 - c. If there are any discrepancies in the two scorecards, it is the two captain's duty to go over it after the game and let the statistician (scorecards@arktennccricketleague.com) know which scorecard is to be the official scorecard. (Note: Scorecards cannot be edited after they are submitted)
 - d. It is advised that both teams' scorers sit together and score so as to avoid unnecessary interruptions to the game arising from disputes over score.
 - e. Any queries/concerns regarding scorecards should be addressed to scorecards@arktennccricketleague.com
14. Neutral Umpire: We will have one neutral umpire per game for all games in regular season this year. Captain of bowling side will select 4 players from the batting side to be square leg umpire. For semi-final and final games league will try to provide two neutral umpires, if the league has volunteers. Neutral umpires have the right to override a leg umpire decision if they are sure that the leg umpire has made an erroneous decision.

- a. Main umpire decision is final. If in case the umpire needs to change his decision, he can talk to the opponent captain and change his decision but cannot contact anyone else or get influenced by others' opinion.

15. Mankad rule: Before attempting to run out a batsman under the Mankad rule, the bowler should notify the neutral umpire, if he notices the non-striker moving out of the crease before he can get into his bowling stride. Neutral umpire has to warn the batsman and the batting team only once. Only one warning is issued to the batting team. Once the bowler has informed the umpire if he notices the non-striker repeating this behavior he has all the right to take the bails off and appeal for a dismissal.

16. League Reports:

- a. Umpire Reports are not required. If the umpire has any issues he can send an email to committee@arktennccricketleague.com about the same.
- b. Match reports are not required. If teams have any on field issues or any issues with the umpiring standards during a game they can email the committee at committee@arktennccricketleague.com about the same.
- c. Umpire Complaints: If during the course of the season there are multiple complaints against a particular umpire, committee will review the games in question and take appropriate action.
- d. Rating system will be used to record umpire feedback as well as team feedback.

17. Roster Management:

- a. Roster limit is 30 per team. Additional player added to roster will be imposed \$10 admin fee per player per tournament.
- b. All team reps are required to upload roster directly on website by defined timeline. Modification to their roster is by **Wednesday mid-night** after the initial roster has been submitted. A team can remove players from their roster and add to it if needed. **Player will NOT be eligible for roster if face is not clearly visible or recognizable.**
- c. Player who has played at least single game is not allowed to play for any other team in ATCL. In case if a player changes his affiliation for his team after he played a single match for that team then the president will call a hearing and such player may be disqualified from participating in the league for the whole season. Committee may consider special cases.
- d. Player once deleted from a team's roster cannot be added back to the same team's roster.

- e. Player who has already played a single game, if deleted then cannot be added back to any team's roster from ATCL.
- f. Player addition/deletion/move across teams / clubs
 - I. Player who has played at least one game is not eligible for move.
 - II. ATCL is allowing players who did not get a chance to play in the tournament for a team to be moved to a different team before semi-final and final.
- g. Players under 16:
 - I. Players under the age of 16 will need to submit an age proof to the committee along with ATCL waiver form and get approval.
 - II. Minimum age to play in ATCL is 14.

18. Player qualification for semis and final: Player to be qualified for semi-final and final has to play at least 20% of the scheduled playable games (rounded to nearest lower integer).

Please Note: If the game has started and at least one ball is bowled before the game is declared rained out then all the players of that game will be counted towards eligibility (unless the same game is rescheduled and played again, if applicable).

19. Forfeit games: Team will be held accountable for all forfeited games and will be penalized with fines.

- a. 3-Point deduction for each game. 1-point deduction for next same format tournament.
- b. \$350 fine for the 1st forfeited game (\$150 will be awarded to opposing team).
- c. \$450 fine for all next forfeited games (\$150 will be awarded to opposing team).
- d. If imposed penalties are not paid by guilty club than all members of that club in roster will be banned to play any ATCL matches till all dues are clear.
- Forfeit Dues: Dues must be paid within **TWO WEEKS** of the forfeited game. If the dues are not paid within the allocated time, teams will be penalized \$ 25 for every additional week thereafter, until the amount is paid in full.

20. All playing 11 must be on the ground before the 9th over has commenced. Any player joining the team after the 9th over has commenced is ineligible to participate the game. Teams can decide to play remainder of the game with number of players on the ground prior to commencement of 9th over or decide to forfeit the game. 12th man can't be in playing eleven after the names are declared.

T-20 Only:

- a. Each innings should take no longer than **1 hour and 40 minutes** to complete including 5 minute drinks break (on the field break) after 10 overs. Innings Break should be no longer than 10 minutes. A game has to be completed within **3 hours & 30 minutes**.
- b. For every Tie-out game, super over will be played with rules as defined below.

T-35 Only:

- a. Each innings should take **no longer than 3 hours** to complete, which include a 2 drinks break of 7 minutes each, after the 12th over and 24th over. Lunch should be no longer than 30 minutes. **A game has to be completed within 6.5 hours.**
- b. Higher ranked team will proceed further in case of tied knockout games, otherwise points will be split.

Section 7:

Rain affected games:

1. It is the responsibility of the home-team captain to assess the weather situation and let the traveling team know about the possibility of game. This will avoid unnecessary travel. Also 2 captains can decide on a late start and reduce the number of overs if needed.
2. *For any games that get washed out points will be split.* It is the neutral umpire's as well as the two captain's responsibility to email the committee and let them know that a game has been washed out. Without any written communication committee will not award points to either team. E-mails need to be sent to committee@arktennrcricketleague.com.
3. For any play-off or knock-out game that gets rained out, committee will take a decision on rescheduling said game. Higher ranking team will advance if the game doesn't happen.
4. Duckworth-Lewis method will be implemented for partially played game, wherever applicable.
5. The rules applies to all games where there are chances of rain (50% or greater) later in the day. *Prior to the toss*, neutral umpire after consulting with a committee member, can decide to shorten a game so as to complete the game before it starts raining. So as to be uniform all weather.com forecasts will be used to determine rain chances.

6. Flexibility Rule: The games scheduled for a specific weekend are allowed to be preponed or postponed within that weekend (Saturday game to Sunday and vice-versa) under specific guidelines:
- a. Any ground of the league is valid (across cities/states).
 - b. Ground is free and available to play the other day.
 - c. Both the teams agree to play and find their own umpire if assigned umpire denies travel and committee won't be responsible for any umpiring issues.
 - d. *Request for agreement by both teams should not consist of conditional clauses by either of the team. For e.g. team A wants to play **only** full game. In that scenario, the request is discarded and considered invalid even though request by other team (team B) is valid.*
 - e. Home team or team with home ground has the highest priority, no matter what.
 - f. Two home teams with games on Saturday and Sunday, will have priority on the day the game is scheduled. For e.g. Team A has game on Saturday and there is only one game scheduled on that day. In that case, if the game is delayed or pushed due to rain, then Team A has higher priority to use that ground on that day.
 - g. *Conflict for multiple requests can be resolved by committee by scheduling reduced over game and the game reschedule is considered official as any other game. Failure to play that game will be considered as Forfeit.*
 - h. Once a game has commenced on assigned day and later rained-out then it is NOT adjusted on other day, time or ground.
 - i. Time lost because of having to change venues will be taken into consideration while calculating total number of overs to be played.
 - j. The request will be denied if moving the game involves bad weather conditions. For e.g., Team "A" & "B" request the game to be moved from Sunday to Saturday with mutual understanding but the weather predicts more than 50% chance of rain on Saturday and very less chance of rain on Sunday. In this condition, the committee reserves the right to deny the request.
 - k. The committee reserve the rights to override this rule for important play-off games.
 - l. The committee can explicitly communicate to all teams to allow flexibility rule to be implemented across weekends.

T-20 Only:

- a. A game cannot be made shorter than 5 overs a side.
- b. The following rules apply to game that have not already commenced:
 - l. *Games that don't start on time due to rain:* The minimum number of overs for a game to be considered official will be a 5-over a side game. Each team will have 25

minutes within which to complete their innings, and a 10-minute break between innings, totaling to 60 minutes. Latest start time for a 10 am game will be 12:40 pm. For a 2 pm game latest start time will be 4:40 pm. Under no circumstances will rain-shortened games be allowed to start later than the aforementioned times. Power Plays will last for 2 overs when total overs have been reduced to 5-overs a side. Captains please make sure that umpires you send to officiate a game are aware of this rule.

- II. *Games that start on time with rain chances 50+% later in the day:* Prior to the toss, neutral umpire after consultation with a committee member can decide to shorten a game so as to complete said game before it starts raining. Game will be reduced to 5-overs a side. In the interest of being uniform all weather.com forecasts will be used while determining rain chances.
- III. *Reduced overs games:* For any games that have a delayed start, for every 10 minutes lost 2 overs will be deducted from the total number of overs to be played. For example if 30 minutes have been lost, 6 overs will be reduced and teams will play a 17-over a side game. Neutral umpire will decide on duration of break between innings depending on number of overs lost due to delay in start time (break cannot be shorter than 10 minutes or longer than 20 minutes). All games scheduled to start at 10 am *must* finish by 1:40 pm, and all games scheduled to start at 2 pm *must* finish by 5:40 pm. Number of Power Play overs in reduced games can be found in the table below:

<i>Total Number of Overs</i>	<i>Powerplay Overs</i>
5-8	2
9-11	3
12-14	4
15-18	5
19-20	6

- c. Since we may be following a tight schedule with back to back games it is imperative that neutral umpires strictly adhere to time limits for innings, and if teams are found guilty of going over the limit for an innings, they should be fined accordingly.

T-35 Only:

- a. A game cannot be made shorter than 9 overs a side.
- b. The following rule will apply only to games affected by rain that have *not* already commenced. If a scheduled game will not take place because the home ground has been deemed unplayable because of *rain*, said game will be moved to another ground (if there is a ground(s) available and it is fit for play). There are three scenarios to this situation detailed below:
 - I. The latest start time can be defined with neutral umpire for a 9-overs a side game. Each team will have 45 minutes within which to complete their innings. There will be a 20-minute break between innings. The neutral umpire can choose to remain at the ground or he can choose to return at postponed start time to inspect the ground and make sure it is playable.
 - II. Scenario 1: *Ground is unplayable night before the game and chances of game being playable the following morning on scheduled ground are slim to none:* Home team needs to communicate with the away team, committee, and neutral umpire via group by 7PM night before the game, and inform them of the situation. If another ground is available and is playable, game will be moved to that ground.
 - III. Scenario 2: *Ground is playable night before the game but due to overnight rain scheduled ground has been rendered unplayable:* Home team needs to communicate with the away team, committee, and neutral umpire via group by 7AM on game day, and inform them of the situation. If another ground is available and is playable, game will be moved to that ground.
 - IV. Scenario 3: *Ground is playable up until 7AM but rain between then and 9:45 AM has rendered the ground unplayable:* Home team needs to inform the committee (via phone) of the situation. If another ground is available and is playable, game will be moved to that ground. Any games that are moved to another ground in this scenario will implement time lost due to having to change grounds.
 - V. For any other games that don't fall in to the above scenarios regular rain rules will apply.

Section 8:

No-Ball - Free Hit / Wide-Ball / Dead-Ball:

1. Bouncer: Bowler is allowed to bowl one ball between shoulder and head of batsman in an over.
2. Any ball bowled over the head will be called wide-ball along with a warning (even if that's the first occurrence in an over), and any additional ball bowled between shoulder and head in that over will be automatically called a no-ball.
3. If a bowler oversteps the bowling crease, will be called a no-ball.
4. Ball above head is wide-ball but if touched is no-ball.
5. If the batsman is at his crease and the ball is above his waist then it is awarded a no-ball. If the batsman is outside his crease, and if the umpire feels the ball would've been above the waist height of the batsman (considering the height of batsman when standing on the crease), then the no-ball is awarded by the umpire. The law governing No-ball (Law 42.9) says "A fast high full pitched ball shall be defined as a ball that passes, or would have passed, on the full above waist height of a Batsman standing upright at the crease."
6. Any ball that pitches outside the 'mat' will be considered as **Normal** ball. Wide will be declared wide, out will be out, run scored will be runs & so on.
7. Neutral Umpire can override leg umpire in case of wrong call.
8. Ball bouncing more than twice or rolling along the ground: The umpire shall call and Signal No ball if a ball which he considers to have been delivered, without having previously touched bat or person of the striker, either (i) bounces more than twice or (ii) rolls along the ground before it reaches the popping crease. ICC Law 24.6 (No Ball).
9. Free Hit No Ball - All NO balls, as per new ICC rule, will be a free hit for the batting team. Fielding teams cannot change their field unless the batsmen have changed strike. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of no ball or a wide ball) then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a no ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called wide ball. Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless there is a change in strike (the provisions of clause 41.2 shall apply). The umpires will signal a free hit by (after the normal No Ball signal) extending one arm straight up and moving it in a circular motion. Neutral Umpire can override leg umpire in case of wrong call. Ball above head is wide-ball but if touched is no-ball.
10. If any fielder is talking after bowler starts to run in, umpire can call dead ball if he can't stop the bowler in time.

Section 9:

Substitutions:

1. The game cannot start with a substitute player.
2. A wicket-keeper doesn't have to wait for any time to start bowling. (A substitute fielder cannot keep wickets).
3. *No runner, under any circumstances, is allowed for a batsman (exhaustion, cramping, etc.).*
4. *A batsman, if retired hurt, is declared retired hurt and has to wait until he is the last batsman left. If the batsman is not hurt and wants to leave the field then he is declared retired out. Hurt is defined any genuine injury caused to the player and include cramps or other player-defined injuries but will depend on discretion of Neutral Umpire.*
5. If a player is carrying an injury into the game, he will not be allowed substitutions on the field.
6. A team can have a maximum of 2 substitutes in a game. Teams have to inform umpire and opposite team captain before the game who their 12th and 13th men are, and umpire will be the final judge.
7. 12th man can only keep wickets if regular keeper is injured during the game.

T-20 Only:

- a. If a bowler leaves field for any reason, he has to wait for the number of overs he was out for, or 3 overs, whichever is sooner, before he can bowl again.
- b. A player has to field a **minimum of 12 overs in an innings** in order to be able to bat in the second innings (if team fields first). If a team bats first, the batsman has to field at least 12 overs in the second innings without substitutions. This does not apply to players with genuine injuries. Neutral umpire will make the final call.

T-35 Only:

- a. If a bowler leaves field for any reason, he has to wait for the number of overs he was out for, or 6 overs, whichever is sooner, before he can bowl again.
- b. A player has to field a **minimum of 17 overs in an innings** in order to be able to bat in the second innings (if team fields first). If a team bats first, the batsman has to field at least 17 overs in the second innings without substitutions. This does not apply to players with genuine injuries. Neutral umpire will make the final call.

Section 10:

Penalties:

1. All administrative penalties will have monetary fine of \$50 unless defined specifically. There will be NO point deductions and NO game forfeits for such mistakes.
2. Any breach related to submission of scorecards or any team admin activities will be addressed by the secretary and statistician respectively. Each breach will account for administrative penalty per occasion.
3. Illegal Players: If a player is not on the team roster for current year and plays a game, he will be considered an illegal player and will not be allowed to participate in ATCL for rest of the season and the team will be penalized 2 points and the Captain will be banned 1 game per each illegal player played. Player without a photo on CricHQ is also considered illegal player if found guilty and will be penalized as defined above. Special cases may be considered by the committee.
4. Any breaches of rules in any sections should be reported to the committee. Faltering parties will be penalized fairly and strictly at committee's discretion.
5. The penalties mentioned above are for most commonly occurring breaches. They do not state or limit to all possible causes that need to be penalized as it is simply impossible to determine all breaches that might happen and specify penalties against each. If a breach occurs for the first time then one can determine penalty for it depending on the context, circumstances etc.
6. Umpiring confirmation is mandatory and needs to confirm on the ATCL website no later than **Friday evening 6 PM** deadline. Change in umpire has to be informed via WhatsApp before the commencement of match. If there is NO confirmation regarding umpire then that umpire will be treated illegal and in such case the team may be penalized accordingly. The following will be considered with respect to umpires:
 - a. If umpiring confirmation is not done by Friday deadline then administrative penalty of \$25 will be imposed.
 - b. If umpire does not show up in proper dress code half of umpiring fee will be reduced.
 - c. If umpire shows up late half of umpiring fee will be reduced. The umpire has to be on ground 20 minutes before the game commences. For 10 AM start game he should be on ground by 9:40 AM and for 2 PM game he should be present by 1:40 PM. Neutral Umpire travelling to umpire a game more than 50 miles will be given 15 minutes grace time.
 - d. If umpire does not show up for a game, the team will be penalized -1 point. Captain will be warned and multiple warnings can result in level 1 offense and/or game ban as described in Code of Conduct document.

- e. If an umpire is running late and he fails to inform the home team captain, then the particular umpire will be penalized half of his umpiring fees. Home teams not confirming game changes with the neutral umpire will be issued warnings for 2 separate incidents. If it occurs a 3rd time where the home team fails to notify the neutral umpire of any changes the home team will be penalized -1 point.
- 7. Teams that do NOT play with their playing 11 (full team):
 - a. Teams are allowed to play with minimum of 7 players as per following table.

Total Number of Players	Penalty
10	No Penalty
9	\$25
8	\$75
7	\$150
Less than 7	Game considered Forfeit

- 8. Teams approaching ATCL group more than twice for not being able to arrange an umpire will be penalized \$50 towards administrative fee.
- 9. **Teams should rate umpires after every game before Tuesday mid-night and umpires need to rate both the teams within the same deadline.** Failure to do so will result in \$20 towards administrative fee per occurrence.

Section 11:

Complaint Process:

- 1. Committee will be providing verdict on any basic complaints.
- 2. In case if Committee defines the complaint to be of complex nature OR if the verdict of any complaints are challenged then the following procedure will be followed:
 - a. Both the teams will be required to deposit \$200 to ATCL.
 - b. Once deposited, Committee will hire a lawyer and get the final verdict on that complaint from lawyer.
 - c. Money will be refunded to the team that wins the case, while the team that lost the case will be responsible for any additional fees to be paid to the lawyer.

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. All ICC rules apply regarding the rules of play as applicable that are not addressed in this document.
2. According to ICC rule, illegal bats are not allowed to be used within the league.
3. For any special circumstances, the committee will be the ultimate authority, and the team not abiding by the rulings will be disqualified.
4. Point System:
 - a. Winning team – 3 Points
 - b. Rained out game – 1 Point per team
 - c. Tie-out game – As defined earlier
 - d. Split Point - For 3-point system, 1 point will be awarded to both teams.
5. No Game confirmations needed.
6. Umpiring confirmation is mandatory.
7. Email is official mode of communication within ATCL while WhatsApp can be used for weekend game time communications, requests and updates.
8. Zero Tolerance: A player(s) will be banned for up to 3 games for misconduct or offence, irrespective of whether said player is in playing 11 or not or involved with any other ATCL team. Respective team's Captain along with the involved player will be held responsible and disciplined by the Committee.
9. Total ZERO Tolerance: Any kind of threat to any ATCL members on or off the field during a game will not be tolerated. Player will be banned for 1-3 years from playing in any ATCL sanctioned games for any team.
10. Send all complaints regarding umpiring to committee@arktenncricketleague.com
11. If any team members have specific requests / comments, we request them to send it directly to committee (committee@arktenncricketleague.com) as one cannot send a message to ATCL group mail or the committee group mail since it requires membership.
12. No forfeits due to administrative mistakes, for e.g. game confirmations, match report, scorecard submissions, or any other team admin related work. However monetary penalty of \$50 will be applied in each case unless otherwise specified.
13. Flexibility rule applies for games scheduled for a specific weekend to be preponed or postponed within that weekend (Saturday game to Sunday and vice-versa, and any ground within ATCL) unless explicitly communicated by Executive Committee.
14. There will be a deduction of \$5/T-20 game and \$10/T-35 game from umpire's fee (in other words, umpires will be paid \$35/T-20 game and \$65/T-35 game). This money would go towards organizing umpiring seminar and the remaining money will be given away as prize money for the top-rated umpires at the end of the season. In order to be qualified for the prize money, an individual should have umpired minimum of three (3) games total in the

year with at least one (1) game in T-20 and one (1) game in T-35. This rule can be explicitly redefined and communicated by Executive Committee.

15. Players of the Week criteria: Anyone scoring a century or taking a five-wicket haul will be considered. If there are more than one player in each category, then we shall decide based on the MVP points awarded in Crichq. A third person becomes eligible only if it's an exceptional performance.
16. Players of the Year criteria: Committee will review total Player of the Week's and individual performances over the year (based on MVP points) and will declare Player of the Year at ATCL Banquet.
17. Rating system is mandatory for teams to rank umpires and umpires to rank teams.
18. *Default deadline / timeline for previous week's submission for any communication, notification, email or any game related official stuff is **Tuesday 9:00 PM**.*
19. Maximum number a player can umpire a game in each tournament is 60% of the total assigned umpiring duties per team in first round.
20. Live streaming or video recording is mandatory. Home team is responsible to fully charge all batteries and setup camera for all played innings. ½ a point deduction will be imposed to home team for each occurrence in case video recording is not available.
21. Umpiring duties are responsible for complete weekend and not limited to assigned slot. Total number of umpire duties must be fulfilled by each team with exception that the team can only be allowed to swap umpiring duties with another team. Total number of assigned umpiring duties by each team must be completed.

Super-Over (T-20 Only):

1. Subject to weather conditions the Super Over will take place on the scheduled day of the match at a time to be determined by the ATCL Umpire. In normal circumstances it shall commence 10 minutes after the conclusion of the match.
2. The umpires shall stand at the same end as that in which they finished the match.
3. Only nominated players in the main match may participate in the Super Over. Should any player (including the batsmen and bowler) be unable to continue to participate in the Super Over due to injury, illness or other wholly acceptable reasons, the relevant Laws and Playing Conditions as they apply in the main match shall also apply in the Super Over.
4. Each team's over is played with the same fielding restrictions as apply for the 20th over in a normal ATCL match.
5. The team batting second in the main match will bat first in the Super Over.
6. The loss of two wickets in the Super Over ends the team's Super Over innings.

7. The team scoring the most runs in the Super Over shall be declared the winner.
8. In the event of the teams having scored the same number of runs in the Super Over:
 - a. If the original match was a tie under the D/L method, clause d. below immediately applies.
 - b. Otherwise, the team whose batsmen hit the most number of boundaries (fours and sixes) combined from its two innings in the main match and the SuperOver shall be the winner.
 - c. If the total number of boundaries hit by both teams is equal, the team whose batsmen score the most number of boundaries (fours and sixes) in its innings in the main match (ignoring the Super Over) will be the winner.
 - d. If still equal, a count-back from the final ball of the Super Over shall be conducted. The team with the higher scoring delivery shall be the winner. If a team loses two wickets during its Super Over, then any unbowled deliveries will be counted as dot balls. Note that for this purpose, the runs scored from a delivery is defined as the total team runs scored since the completion of the previous legitimate ball, i.e including any runs resulting from wides, no ball or penalty runs.

Example:

Runs scored by:	Team 1	Team 2
Ball 6	1	1
Ball 5	4	4
Ball 4	2	1
Ball 3	6	2
Ball 2	0	1
Ball 1	2	6

In this example both teams scored an equal number of runs from the 6th and 5th ball of their innings. However team 1 scored 2 runs from its 4th ball while team 2 scored a single so team 1 is the winner.

- e. If still equal, the higher ranked team is announced the winner.

APPENDIX:

League website:

<http://www.arktenncricketleague.com>

League Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/arktenncricketleague>

Cricket Laws:

<https://www.lords.org/mcc/laws-of-cricket>

<http://www.rulesofcricket.co.uk>

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMnF7vW2Mvk6nbkwzhytJlfSX6Qw1_QeH6