

# **Atlanta Improv League**

Presented by the Village Theatre & Highwire Comedy Co.

## **COMPETITION RULES**

1. The Atlanta Improv League is an IMPROV LONG FORM COMEDY only show:
  - a. You are not allowed to perform any pre-planned ideas, scripts or sketches
  - b. Long Form Improv only
  - c. Violation of rule 1 of any kind will be an automatic lose.
2. The cost to enter the league is \$75 per team
3. Matches will be made up of three teams competing in one hour-long show.
4. Shows will take place at the following times and locations (these are estimated times and the league reserves the right to change times and possible locations:
  - a. Thursday Night at The Village Theatre show times are 9pm
  - b. Friday Night at the Village Theatre show times are 9pm and 10:30pm (if needed)
  - c. Saturday Night at the Village Theatre at 8:30pm, 9:45pm 10:30pm & 11pm (if needed) and Highwire Comedy Co. at 9pm & 10:15pm
5. The league will be 11 weeks' long
6. The league will start on June 29 and run until September 9.
7. The one weekend tournament will take place on the weekend of September 14, 2017
8. Prize Money
  - a. Prize money will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> place
  - b. Prize money will be as follows
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$2,500
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$300
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$150
    - iv. 14<sup>th</sup> Place = \$75
9. The League will be made up of maximum of 15 teams
10. Each team will perform in a minimum of 10 shows over the 11 weeks
11. Each team will have at least 1 weeks off (and no more than 2) during the 11-week season
12. The top 14 teams will move on to the AIL Playoffs that will take place the week after the last league show

- a. The playoffs will be a tournament style competition
- b. All teams except the last place team from the season (#15) will be in the All Playoffs
- c. #1 & #2 placed teams will receive an automatic bye into the second round of the Playoffs
- d. Teams will be ranked in the playoffs by their season standings
  - i. Rankings will be determined by
    - 1. Over all won vs. loss record
    - 2. Overall points
    - 3. Head to head competition record
    - 4. Coin toss

13. Teams must have a minimum of 2 performers and a maximum of 8 performers

- a. If you are missing the minimum number of performers you may ask the team/group, you are performing against to go second or third to give your group extra time for performers to arrive.
- b. It is at the other groups/team's discretion to allow the switch.
  - i. Both teams must agree to the switch.
- c. If a team does not have the minimum number of people at the time of the show and the teams they are performing against do not allow a switch this will be considered a Forfeit and said team will receive only third place points and must still perform.

14. Team rosters must be sent to the Village Theatre prior to June 23

- a. Rosters may have up to 8 performers
  - i. NO ALTERNATES
- b. Performers must have at least 2 year of improv experience to participate in the league
- c. You **MUST** list your experience on the roster for every team member
- d. Participants can only be on maximum of two teams in the league
- e. Participants **CAN NOT** compete against themselves in any shows
- f. Participants must designate a team that they consider their "Home Team" on their roster form
- g. If a participant does not designate a "home team" one will be assigned to you by League Officials
- h. A "Home Team" designation means this is the team that you will perform with if you go head to head with another team you are on.
- i. **AGAIN NO ONE WILL PERFORM AGAINST A TEAM THEY ARE ON!!!**

15.NO ONE IS ALLOWED GUEST PERFORMERS or Guest Monologists

- a. All Performers must be on the team roster
- b. You may pick a random person or people from the audience to help you throughout the show.
  - i. Any random person or people picked from the audience to help with your set may not be on stage or part of the show for more than 5 minutes

16.NO TEAM WILL BE GRANTED A TECH REHEARSAL

17.All teams must arrive 45 minutes before their first show in the league

- a. 30 minutes prior to each show after the first show

18.No team will be given comp tickets – NO EXCEPTIONS

19.League performers may attend any show, but **CAN NOT** Vote!

20.Each team will be given up to 20 minutes onstage

- a. You can close your set early but each set must be a minimum of 15 minutes
- b. If you end your set before 15 minutes you will have 3 points deducted from your totally show score for every minute you end early.
- c. At 20 minutes if the team/group performing does not end their set the Tech Crew will kill the lights and sound at 20 minutes

21.The order in which teams preform will be determined by the roll of die. The house manager on-duty will watch as one representative from each team rolls a die to determine the order in which teams pick their show slot. The representative with the highest role picks their slot FIRST.

22.The group or team performing the first set in each show will be given the courtesy of having the backstage area cleared 10 minutes prior to the start of the show

23.We ask that all groups/teams performing respect each other and do not disrupt another group/teams set

24.VOTING

- a. Each paying customer who has purchased a ticket for the show will be eligible to vote as long as they attend the entire show.
- b. NO ONE WILL BE GIVEN A BALLOT ONCE THE FIRST GROUP INTRODUCES THEMSELVES ON THE STAGE TO START THEIR SET.
- c. One Ballot per person per show
  - i. You can not buy multiple tickets to a show and vote multiple times
  - ii. Actors / performers are not eligible to buy tickets to their own show.

- d. Each paying customer will be given a ballot at the beginning of each show.
  - e. CUSTOMERS WILL VOTE FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE IN EACH SHOW. NO TIES WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED
  - f. SCORING FOR EACH PLACE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Place will receive 3 POINTS
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place will receive 2 POINTS
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will receive 1 POINT
  - g. You can only vote for the show you attend
  - h. Ballots will be collected at the end of the show and placed in the ballot box at the exit of the theatre
  - i. Winners will be announced within an hour of the last vote cast
25. Any violation of the rules will be brought to the attention of the AIF TOURNAMENT SHOW Commissioner onsite and His/Her decision will be FINAL