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## **Development-T20 PLAYING CONDITIONS**

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### **FCA T20 Match Playing Conditions**

*(Effective May 1, 2007)*

### **INTRODUCTION**

The FCA's League Sub-Committee (LSC) will be responsible for managing this T20 league.

There will be one group in the league this year, consisting of all the teams registered with the FCA. Each team will play each other twice (home and away), and at the end of the season the top 4 teams will contest the two (2) Semi-finals. The winners of these will play in the Final.

#### **1 DURATION OF MATCHES**

Matches will consist of one innings per side and each innings will be limited to 20 six-ball overs. The matches will be played between 2 sides of **8 players each**. All sides are expected to complete the bowling of their 20 overs within 80 minutes playing time. Overs will be bowled from both ends if at all possible. Umpires will confer with the two captains and make a decision accordingly.

#### **2 HOURS OF PLAY & INTERVALS**

##### **2.1 Start and Cessation Times**

There will be two sessions of 80 minutes each separated by a 10-minute break.

For matches played during the weekdays, the following schedule will be followed:

- (a) Scheduled start of play – 17:15.
- (b) Scheduled finish of 1st Innings – 18:35.
- (c) Interval – 10 minutes.
- (d) Scheduled start of 2nd Innings – 18:45.
- (e) Cessation of Play – 20:05.

For the weekend matches, the schedule will be:

- (a) Scheduled start of play – 12:00.
- (b) Scheduled finish of 1<sup>st</sup> Innings – 13:20.
- (c) Interval – 10 minutes.
- (d) Scheduled start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings – 13:30.
- (e) Cessation of Play – 14:50.

##### **2.2 Sessions of Play and Interval between Innings**

There will be two sessions of play (80 minutes each), separated by a 10-minute interval.

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On some days, two (2) matches are scheduled on the same ground. There would be a 15 minute interval between the completion of first match and the start of the second match.

### 3 APPOINTMENT & APPROVAL OF UMPIRES

The LSC will be responsible for appointing and approving umpires. These will be named in advance and posted on the FCA website, but are subject to change.

### 4 LENGTH OF INNINGS

#### 4.1 Uninterrupted Matches

- (a) Each team will bat for 20 six-ball overs, unless all out earlier.
- (b) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled time for the cessation of the first session, play will continue until the required number of overs has been bowled.
- (c) If the team batting first is dismissed in less than 20-overs, the team batting second will be entitled to bat for their full 20-overs.

#### 4.2 Delayed or Interrupted Matches

Wherever possible, the interrupted matches will be re-scheduled. This would be the responsibility of the 2 teams involved. If they fail to agree at time for a re-match, the match would be considered a no-result and the teams will be awarded 2 points each.

### 5 RESTRICTION ON THE PLAYERS FOR T20

This applies only for teams which are playing in SM45 and Open-T20 leagues as well.

- (a) Each team is required to nominate nine fixed players (which theoretically should be 9 best players) for the SM45/Open-T20 league. These players will not be eligible to take part in this T20 league.
- (b) Registered SM45 junior players (21 years and under as at 1st May 2007) will be permitted to play in T20, outside of the nominated nine fixed players list.

The LSC will decide on any issue arising due to the eligibility of players for T20.

This rule will be strictly applied and any team(s) in violation of this rule will be penalised by deduction of 8 points. Any club/team found guilty of fielding ineligible players will have no right to appeal regarding this decision.

### 6 NUMBER OF OVERS PER BOWLER

No bowler will bowl more than four (4) six-ball overs.

In a match where the innings of either or both sides is reduced after the start of the match, the maximum number of overs allowed per bowler will remain as at the start of the match.

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In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete his over, the remaining balls will be bowled by another bowler. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned.

### **7 LAW 14 DECLARATION**

Law 14 will not apply in this competition. The captain of the batting side may not declare his innings closed at any time during the course of the match.

### **8 LAW 25. WIDE BALL – JUDGING A WIDE**

Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this law, in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket.

Any offside/legside delivery which, in the opinion of the umpire, does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to make contact with the ball will be called a wide. As a guide, on the legside a ball landing clearly outside the leg stump going further away will be called a wide.

### **9 THE BALL**

Before the start of the game the home team shall provide the umpire(s) with two (2) T20 cricket balls (must be the balls provided by FCA) and spare used balls for changing during a match, which shall also preferably be of the same brand. The match balls for the full season will be provided by FCA to each club before the beginning of the season.

Each fielding side will have one (1) new ball for its innings.

In the event of a ball becoming wet or soggy as a result of play continuing in inclement weather or it being affected by water, and in the "opinion of the umpires" being unfit for play, the ball may be replaced with a ball of a similar amount of wear, even though it has not gone out of shape.

Either bowler or batsman may raise the matter with the umpires and the umpires' decision as to a replacement or otherwise will be final.

### **10 THE RESULT**

#### **10.1 All matches**

- (a) When there is no interruption after play has commenced and when both sides have had the opportunity of batting for the same agreed number of overs, the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner.
- (b) In the event of a tie, points will be shared between the two teams.

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### **10.2 Scoring of Points for the League**

Win ----- 4 pts.

Tie / No Result ----- 2 pts.

Loss ----- 0 pts.

The organisation of the matches is as stated on the fixture list posted on the FCA website.

In the event of teams finishing level on points, the winner will be decided, in the first instance, by winner(s) of the game(s) between the sides who finish with the same number of points. If this method still fails to separate the teams then a "Net Run Rate" will be used:

$$\frac{\text{Total Runs Scored} \quad \times \quad \text{Total Wickets Taken}}{\text{Total Runs Conceded} \quad \times \quad \text{Total Wickets Lost}}$$

In a match declared as a "No Result", the match figures will not be included in any calculations of the NRR.

### **10.3 Play-offs**

In case of abandoned or rain-affected unfinished Semi-final matches, a bowl-out will be used to decide the winner. If the ground is not fit for any team to take field, then a toss will be the deciding factor. (Refer to SM45 Playing Conditions: Appendix 2)

Only in the case of the Final, one more day will be booked for it to be replayed. If the match still cannot be completed, then the two finalist teams will share the trophy.

## **11 THE LEAGUE FIXTURES**

Each team will play each other twice.

## **12 DRESS CODE**

Players participating in T20 league fixtures may wear coloured clothing; the top must be predominantly white or a light shade. The whole team must be attired in a uniform fashion (= **wear the same kit**). It will be the responsibility of the umpires to decide whether a player without proper cricket clothing will be permitted to participate in the fixture.

Following such a case, the umpires will make a report to the LSC, which will decide on any disciplinary measures to be taken against the club in question.

## **13 ORGANISATION**

The FCA is the governing body responsible for the administration and organisation of cricket in Finland. The FCA's League Sub-Committee (LSC) will be responsible for managing the T20 league.

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### **14 UMPIRING & SCORING**

The LSC will be responsible for the nomination of umpires and the acceptance of scorers for any game under the jurisdiction of the governing body for cricket in Finland. It will also be responsible for the revision and implementation of any new laws/rules that may arise.

The appointment of qualified umpires for all league fixtures is an important factor for the forthcoming season. However, as all umpires are members of the FCA they will all be inherently neutral in regard to their umpiring decisions. So, if an umpire is adjudicating in a match where the club of which they are a member is participating, their decisions will be made in an unbiased, non-partisan manner and "accepted as such."

- 15** If during the course of the season a situation arises which is not covered by the Laws of Cricket and its FCA amendments, an extraordinary meeting of the LSC will be convened to discuss the matter and its decision will then be binding. However, at the time when the situation occurs the umpire's decision will be binding, only to be repealed if necessary, after the extraordinary meeting of the LSC.

- 16** If the ground is not "completely" ready for the match to begin by the time of the toss, i.e. 15 minutes before the scheduled start of play, then the home team loses its right to the toss.

- 17** It is up to each and every player and club official to be aware of the laws of cricket and the FCA rule amendments. They should also be aware of the codes of conduct. If you are unsure of any aspect of the laws, please contact the FCA/LSC.

**PLEASE REMEMBER!!!** Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact it should be played not only within its laws, but also within "**The Spirit of the Game**".

- 18** A list of players eligible to play league matches for the forthcoming season **MUST** be provided to the LSC Tournament Director before the start of the season, by **latest 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007**. If not provided by that time, all players will be considered to be new players from then on.

New players of any nationality may play in the T20 league at any time during the season. However, the new player must be officially registered with the FCA at least two (2) weeks before they can play in the league. To register a new player, clubs must contact the LSC in writing with all the players details.

**No transfer of players between clubs / teams is permitted during the season...**

**EXCEPT** in the case of a player moving to another town. The LSC will review each case individually and make a decision accordingly.

### **19 SCORESHEETS**

**Each team must provide a scorer.** It will be **Umpire(s)** responsibility to check the correctness of the scoresheet.

Umpire(s) will also be responsible to ensure that the final scoresheet is duly signed by the respective captains and by the umpire(s), and is posted to:

**Yasir Abdul Quadir**

**Topeliuksenkatu 35 A 2**

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### **00250 Helsinki.**

The final scores should also be sent by SMS to **Yasir (050 487 3326)**. This will be the responsibility of the umpire(s).

**Late or incorrect scoresheets will incur a penalty of 2 points from the HOME team's league points total.**

Correct completion includes:

- (a) batsmen and bowlers names (the ones registered with the FCA – *not nicknames !*) are PRINTED in CAPITAL letters;
- (b) batsman's totals and how out;
- (c) bowlers figures – all details, e.g. number of wickets, number of runs conceded, etc.

**NOTE: also check that...**

Total from batting column + extras column = total runs scored **AND**

Total from bowling section + byes and leg-byes = total runs scored.

If unsure, contact the FCA for information on how to complete a scoresheet correctly.

### **20 MAN OF THE MATCH/SEASON AWARD**

The umpire(s) will choose the two (2) best players from the match (*can be from one team*). The best player will be awarded 3 points and the second best will be awarded 1 point. The umpire(s) will record this in the appropriate place on the scoresheet.

All points are totalled and an award is presented to the cricketer with the most points at the end of the season.

### **21 SEASONS AVERAGES**

Based on correctly completed received scoresheets, qualification for a league batting average will be a minimum of 3 innings, and for a bowling average, a minimum of 15 overs.