

Dear cricketers,

We are about to begin organising next year's outdoor season. So we now invite clubs to confirm their participation in next year's league and competitions.

A reminder of the format for next year:

### **SM40**

#### Division 1

SKK 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Vantaa CC, Helsinki CC, FPC, Espoo CC, FinnAsia

**All teams play each other home and away**

#### Division 2

Shaurya CC, Bengal Tigers CC, Tampere CC, Turku CC, Empire CC, Kerava CC

**All teams play each other home and away**

#### Division 3 (30 overs) – As it stands

Everest 8848 CC, Empire 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, SKK 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Helsinki Metropolitans CC, Vantaa 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

**The format will depend on final participation of clubs including new clubs and teams**

### ***RULES FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> XI's***

Clubs are encouraged to submit 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs where possible but we will now have rules to govern the players and their eligibility across teams. If you enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> XI for the first time it will start in division 3. Second XIs can be promoted out of division 3 on following achievement. **New clubs entering the league will also start in Division 3.**

Teams **MUST** assign players to either a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> XI squad for that team (this is easily done on Cric HQ).

Then:

1<sup>st</sup> XI: Players assigned to this squad can **ONLY** play for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

2<sup>nd</sup> XI: In order to permit development, players in this squad may play up to (but no more than) 50% of the 1<sup>st</sup> XIs scheduled matches. If this quota is exceeded they will be considered to be a 1<sup>st</sup> XI squad member with the appropriate restrictions applying.

Fielding a player in the wrong team will result in penalties being applied as per the 'fielding an ineligible player' section of the penalty matrix.

## **T20**

The final format will depend on participation BUT we are intending to play the WHOLE T20 as a focussed tournament during the month of July over a 4 or 5 week period. This will give a better, more focussed tournament and make scheduling easier.

*If a club wishes to enter 2 teams, player transfer will NOT be permitted between teams under any circumstances. We also warmly welcome clubs and teams that have not played in the last summer seasons; regional groupings may also be considered depending on interest shown.*

### **Player exchanges**

Players may play for different clubs in different competitions but players may not play for different clubs within a competition (i.e. 2 different clubs in SM40, or within T20) under ANY CIRCUMSTANCES (including juniors).

**WE THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT CLUBS CAREFULLY CONSIDER THEIR ABILITY TO FIELD MORE THAN ONE TEAM FOR A WHOLE SEASON BEFORE COMMITTING TO SUCH AN UNDERTAKING. FORFEITED MATCHES WILL BE DEALT WITH AS PER THE PENALTY MATRIX.**

### **Finnish Hobby Series**

This will be a series of days with matches aimed at development players, young players, and fun. The format on the day will preferably be 20 over matches, but depending on interest shown we can also make this a 15-over format if shorter games are preferred. The Series will be held at different grounds to spread it around a bit. Players will either be able to just sign up and join a team on the day or clubs can submit a full XI for the day if they wish. At this stage we are totally flexible, and will come up with a format after receiving all your replies. Please submit interest and rough numbers of people in your club who you feel would benefit from such events. We can organise a Hobby league table to maintain statistics on CricHQ and promote interest in this series, with the main aim being to offer more opportunities to your club players that are not likely to get much league cricket.

Players not associated with a league club or not registered to play in the SM or T20 competition can play on a cheaper hobby license in the **Finnish Hobby Series**.

So, please confirm your participation, the teams you wish to enter in which competitions, **AND YOUR HOME GROUND FOR 2016** by emailing me (LSC chairman) no later than **midnight on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>**. This will allow us to get the schedule done as soon as is possible.

### **WINTER INDOOR LEAGUE – Deadline Extension**

Also, remember to sign up for the indoor league 2015/16 by the **October 19<sup>th</sup> deadline**. We have booked the Salibandy hall we used to have in the past (not last years) and the old 3 hour time slot again. Teams of 6 please!

Thanks, LSC