



FCA Indoor Rules and Regulations, 2014 update

- The venue is the same as previous years, [Merihaan Pallohalli in Helsinki](#), but we have a different hall this year. We will be playing in the hall with the badminton courts, to the left when you come out of the changing rooms towards the salibandy hall we have played in previous years.
- Our equipment box will however still be in the salibandy hall, same lock combination as before: 1848 (WG Grace's year of birth). The equipment for today's matches will be brought to the hall today by Empire players. After tonight's game it will need to be put away, please select an unused box (one with hinges and locking clasp intact).
- The equipment includes:
 - Stumps + bails
 - tape for crease markings
 - tape measure
 - Competition folder (with rules, contact lists, pitch dimensions, fixture list etc.). Note: the Indoor league rules in the folder is a draft version, is being updated.
 - Though matches are to be scored using CricHQ app, the folder also contains blank paper scorecards. These are only as last resort backup if technology let's us down, they are not an on offer as an alternative to CricHQ!
- The main difference this year is that as we have 2,5 hours to play two matches as opposed to 3 hours for 3 matches last year, we will attempt to play 6 ball overs. To make this possible it is of utmost importance that time is not wasted and schedules are adhered to:
- Booking starts 20:30: both teams set up the pitch together BEFORE WARM-UP + PRACTICE! Pitch has to be ready for a 20:40 start
 - 1st match 1st innings start: 20:40
 - 1st match 1st innings end: no later than 21:10
 - 1st match 2st innings start: 21:15 (or no later than five minutes after end of 1st innings)
 - 1st match 2st innings end: no later than 21:45 (or 30 minutes after innings start)
 - Break between matches max. 5 min
 - 2nd match 1st innings start: no later than 21:50
 - 2nd match 1st innings end: no later than 22:20
 - 2nd match 2st innings start: no later than 22:25 (or five minutes after end of 1st innings)

- 2nd match 2st innings end: no later than 21:55 (or 30 minutes after innings start)
- Which leaves us 5 minutes contingency before hall booking ends at 23:00
- Both teams playing match #2 clear away together.
- It is the responsibility of all players to make sure time is not wasted.
- I remind you all that umpires may award 5 run penalties for time wasting, for which the threshold will by necessity be very low. This means that a team may suffer penalty runs e.g. if the incoming batsman is not ready immediately at a fall of a wicket, or a fielding team takes too long deliberating fielder placements etc.
- If an innings is not completed within the allocated time frame, it will cease immediately and run rate calculations may have to be applied. And if a team is deemed responsible (due to deliberate time wasting, negligence or blatant disregard) for an innings not being completed, sanctions may result (match bans, league point penalties). Captains are responsible for their teams adherence to the schedule. Umpires are to remind players to get on with it as necessary, and to report to the LSC anything that needs to be reported.
- **Anyone out roofing the ball shall be recorded out as 'hit wicket'. The same as previous years.**
 - New this year is that all player profiles on CricHQ must include a passport type head shot photo from which the player may be clearly and reliably identified. This practice, which will carry on in the summer leagues, is due to several cases and allegations of teams substituting ineligible players for named and eligible squad members in league matches.
 - Scorecards must be downloaded onto the CricHQ database no later than Saturday midnight, i.e. teams have one day to correct any scorecard mistakes etc.
 - Scorecard penalty points will be awarded as follows:
 - scorecard downloaded later than Saturday midnight: 1 point
 - downloaded scorecard incorrect and requiring manual editing by LSC administrator: 1 point
 - scorecard missing completely or incorrect/incomplete to the degree despite that manual editing it is inadmissible for statistics compilation: 1 further point
 - Gerard Brady will be administering CricHQ on behalf of the LSC, so any questions related to this to him, please.
- **Clothing: Correct clothing for indoor cricket is required of all players. Correct clothing is dark trousers and light shirts. Please note that jeans ARE NOT acceptable.** Umpires will enforce the clothing rule.

Teams will be invoiced competition fees by the FCA.