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Latest News from the League Sub-Committee

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## Important Updates for 2018 Season

To all Club Contacts,

Please read through this newsletter as it contains important information about the upcoming cricket season, including the latest playing conditions for both SM40 and SMT20 leagues, as well as information about captains meetings, etc.

We are looking forward to our biggest summer of cricket yet and look forward to your participation and support in making 2018 another successful year for cricket in Finland.

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### 2018 Laws and Playing Conditions

As you are probably aware, last year the MCC had a major overhaul of the Laws of Cricket, which has necessitated a revision of our own Playing Conditions to match the new Laws structure. The main changes that will affect the way the game is played this season are in the Laws themselves as distinct from our own Playing Conditions which are essentially very similar to last season.

The significant changes to the 42 Laws are as follows:

- Now written in language applying to all persons, regardless of gender.

- The Handled the ball Law has been deleted, with its contents merged into Obstructing the field.
- The Lost ball Law has been deleted and is now covered under Dead ball.
- Limits placed on the thickness of the edges and the overall depth of the bat.
- Injuries hoped to be prevented in a new Law which allow mechanisms tethering the bails to the stumps.
- Bowling of deliberate front foot No balls to be treated in same way as deliberate full-tosses.
- A new Law of the game, Players' conduct, is introduced, giving an in-match consequence for poor on-field behaviour.
- The Law regarding running out the non-striker has been altered.
- 'Bouncing bat' Law changed, substitutes now allowed to keep wicket and concept of penalty time amended.

The summary changes to the Laws of Cricket 2017 Code can be [viewed here](#).

With regard to our own Playing Conditions the major changes are as follows;

- A minimum of 9 players are required to constitute a team on match day
- Teams which don't field a full 11 players will be penalised 1 point each time they are short.
- Teams are to have a minimum of 15 registered members by May 1st, or by 31st July with a 2 league point deduction. If a team cannot identify 15 members by then they will be ineligible to field a team the following season.
- Core Player requirements for clubs with more than 1 team have been strengthened and are now a "minimum" of 6 players. The following players will be considered automatic Core Players regardless of the total number within a club;
  - National Squad members (Current and past season)
  - Elite League Players (Current and past season)
  - Any player in the previous seasons Top 10 rankings for batters, bowlers, or MVP in the same format.

You can access the full version of the latest Laws of Cricket incorporating our 2018 Playing Conditions by clicking on the following links;

[SM40 League](#)

[SMT20 League](#)

The MCC have produced a free App for both Google Android and Apple iOS devices which allows you to have full access to the laws of Cricket in your pocket. It includes all of the Laws, explanations, animations and more video content, as well as a quiz for all levels of knowledge. This is a must have App for all involved in cricket.

[You are able to download "The Laws of Cricket App" from here.](#)

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# AGM 2018

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The details for this year's AGM (as advised on April 6th) are as follows;

Date & Time: Saturday 28th April, 2018 starting at 13:00

Venue: SPORTTITALO (Olympic Committee Building), 5th Floor, Valimotie 10, 00380, Helsinki

All member clubs are invited to send a representative to the FCA AGM. This official representative (preferably the chairman or a member of the club committee) must present a power of attorney document at the start of the meeting. In addition to the official representative, clubs are invited to send a second club member to add to the discussion and improve the flow of information.

Full members, who wish to present an issue at the Meeting, must send such a proposal to the Committee (chairman and copy to secretary) in writing 13th April at latest.

The AGM agenda will be sent to member clubs by April 20th.

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## UMPIRE TRAINING

Don't forget that every team requires 2 umpires to be registered and that all umpires need to have attended an FCA umpire's training course this season, due to the changes in the Laws.

The first session is on this Sunday April 22nd and there are **only 12 spaces left**, so hurry now to secure your space on this course. [You can register here.](#)

[To book for other sessions you can go here.](#)

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## CAPTAINS MEETING

It is also compulsory for all captains to attend one of the captains meetings prior to the start of the season. There are 2 of these on the 22nd and 29th of April.

[You need to book your spot here](#)

## ICC VISIT



**International  
Cricket Council**

ICC Europe Development Manager, Ed Shuttleworth will be visiting us from April 18 - 20. He will be meeting with the extended Board and LSC members along with Finnish Olympic Committee members and will also visit Kerava National Cricket Ground and Kurkela School.

We are looking forward to showing him how far cricket has come in Finland and discussing our plans for the future.

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## SM VIIKKO T10's 2018

Don't forget entries close for SM Viikko T10's on Friday April 27th, 2018 so if you want to enter, get your entry in now.



[Click here to join the list](#)

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