



# OFF BREAKS

Latest News from the League Sub-Committee



## Are you ready for our biggest Summer of Cricket Yet?

We know you have been waiting eagerly all winter for summer 2018 to roll around, and can't wait for the last of the snow to melt and the temperatures to hit double digits again, so you can pull out the cricket gear and listen to the delightful sound of leather on willow...

2018 brings you the biggest and most exciting season in Finnish Cricket history, with the launch of the [Elite T20 league](#) promising some exciting cricket as our best players take each other on in 3 Tri-series tournaments from June to August.

We also see [SM-Viikko](#) take on a new look with a T10 format for 11 a-side teams.

Find out more about this summer's exciting developments later in this newsletter.

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## Get Your SuomiSport License Ready for 2018

Please do remember that if you are playing any type of organised cricket in Finland this year, then to be formally registered as a member of a Finnish cricket club, then you need to visit [www.suomisport.fi](http://www.suomisport.fi) and log-in to purchase your personal license (and optional personal injury insurance). The license is valid from 1.1.-31.12.2018 so please don't wait any longer to avoid disappointment – **you can't play in any CF national leagues without one!** Here is the link for more details: <http://www.cricketfinland.com/member-license.html>

This year you can complete the online license process in English, Finnish or Swedish.



# SUOMISPORT

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## COACHES AND CAPTAINS PRE-SEASON MEETING FOR 2018

Here is a reminder of information previously posted on Facebook and direct to club main contacts on March 29<sup>th</sup> -

**Are you the Captain or Coach for your cricket team in 2018 T20 or SM40 national leagues?**

Then get yourself enrolled for the meeting via [SUOMISPORT](http://www.suomisport.fi) to make sure you book a place at the LSC/CF meeting at KNCG on Sunday April 22nd.

**It is compulsory that ALL Captains and coaches for 2018 season attend this important meeting** and is part of our member club requirements sent to all clubs in December/January.

Any questions are to be addressed to [LSC](http://www.lsc.fi) please.

Go to register via the SUOMISPORT link

here: <https://www.suomisport.fi/events/e511c660-1fe1-4ab6-b57e-23aaba2bcfdd>

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## New Player Transfer Process Introduced

As of this season we have introduced a new Player Transfer process for any player changing clubs prior to the start of the outdoor season. The new process includes completing an official transfer form and submitting to the LSC in any of the following situations;

1. In your last season of cricket you played for a different club than you want to play for this season.
2. You have been playing Indoor league for another club due to your own club not having a team.
3. You have relocated from one city to another and want to play cricket for a team closer to your new location.

Any applications in accordance with 1 or 2 above are to be completed and approved before 30.04.2018, while applications under 3. are the only applications that can be submitted during the season.

[You can find the form here](#)

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## Club Locator Tool

To make finding your club easier we have created a Club Locator Tool which is uploaded to our website.

[Find the Club Locator here](#)

The purpose for creating "**club locator**" is part of our club development plan where it will be easier for new comers to find clubs suitable for them. We have collected the following information from your social media page:

1. Logo
  2. Address
  3. Home ground
  4. Phone
  5. Email
  6. Contact Person
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7. Website
8. Short description about club

Newcomers can search your club on the club locator by name, address and description.

It will be necessary if you could, or any official from your club, go through the information available on the page and come back to us in case it require changes. Clubs who have already contacted us have their information up to date already.

Here is the link of the form where you can provide us updated information:

<https://goo.gl/forms/9cQaCtYXNQs0nPh43>

We would like to hear suggestions, improvements and ideas, so if you have any, please contact Muhammad Monis Amjad via email at [monis.amjad@hotmail.com](mailto:monis.amjad@hotmail.com)

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## **SM VIIKKO 2018**

### **Mega-Event for 1st ever Finnish National T10 Championship**

Here is a reminder of what was posted on our website & social media on April 1<sup>st</sup>:



**SM-viikko 2018 will be massive this year**, to be played in Vantaan kaupunki City of Vantaa July 6th to 8th. For the first time ever Cricket Finland will be running a **T10 national championship** with 11-a-side teams, pink ball and coloured clothing.

The final SM-viikko event will be open to max. 8 teams.

Team entry details were sent in full to your main club emails on April 1st, so please chase your club organisers to avoid missing out.

The deadline for team entries is by **LATEST** April 27<sup>th</sup>, but hurry now if you want to secure a spot for your team and play off for a place in the national YLE tv final!

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# ELITE T20 LEAGUE 2018

## Selection Process and Request for Nominations

For the first time ever Cricket Finland will be hosting a mini-tournament over 3 days at KNCG, aiming to offer the **highest level of T20 cricket in Finland** to a wider group of players, to have **the best playing against the best** and support the pathway to the Finnish National Team and ultimately to the ICC World T20 Qualifier tournament in Netherlands end-August this summer.

There will be 3 squads of 15 players selected from the current Finnish senior national team, some players from the Finnish U21 national team and the remaining 20-25 places to come from club nominations – we ask for maximum 3 nominations from your club to be considered for selection, by the deadline of **LATEST** April 16<sup>th</sup> Finnish time 11pm, using official club email and sent to [FCACHAIRMAN@CRICKETFINLAND.COM](mailto:FCACHAIRMAN@CRICKETFINLAND.COM)

– players should be resident in Finland and hold a valid SUOMISPORT license; nominations should only be made having tested that players are fully committed to playing in the event. The selectors;

- Andrew Armitage (NT manager),
- Yasir Quadir (NT coach),
- Nathan Collins (NT skipper) and
- Maneesh Chauhan (U21 coach)

will then make their selections by latest May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Matches will be played Saturdays on the following dates;

- June 9<sup>th</sup>,
- July 14<sup>th</sup> and
- August 4<sup>th</sup>

all days starting at 10:30am. There will be a personal match fee contribution of around 10 €/match to pay towards total tournament costs.

All details were sent to club organisers and placed on the website on April 8<sup>th</sup> [click here for details](#)

## Umpiring News

Please keep in mind the following league participation criteria in relation to umpiring;



Each club must have a minimum of 2 FCA Approved umpires per team registered across formats. (I.e if a club enters 2 x SM40 teams plus 1 x T20, then it must have 6 approved umpires.

Due to the new Laws of Cricket introduced in October 2017 and our own updated Playing Conditions it is mandatory that any club member who wishes to officiate a league match must attend a Cricket Finland umpire refresher course. An umpire will get approved by their successful completion of the "competence assessment" after the end of the course on the same day as the course.

We are hoping that we can get away from the situation where umpires end up officiating only 1 or 2 games during the season and focus on developing their umpiring skills. Please encourage only interested candidates to participate in the courses. We will arrange a number of courses depending on the interest from the clubs.

Please confirm the number of umpires interested in attending from your club before Monday 16.04.2018 by email to [Aadhavan Mendis](mailto:Aadhavan.Mendis) (please note that attending umpires will be expected to officiate 4 - 5 games for their respective clubs.)

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## Fixture dates and club ground locations

The FCA has recently received some applications from clubs asking to relocate to new outdoor playing facilities. While **supporting the growth of cricket in Finland is a primary objective for the FCA**, we want to ensure that it is done in a manner that will result in the overall cricket community in Finland benefiting and being left with a positive reputation in the wider community. **We first want to ensure that any new grounds are suitable**, and also that the local communities are fully aware of the nature of cricket, and support the playing of hard-ball cricket at their facilities. Furthermore, as the FCA arranges the liability insurance for our member clubs' league games, **we want**

**to be sure that the risks associated with playing cricket have been properly considered when selecting new facilities.**

We wish to remind all clubs that the relocation of a club and its matches so close to the start of the summer season causes additional work for the FCA as our planning for the season has already been mostly finalized. **We would like to remind all member clubs that the FCA will no longer allow any SM40 league or T20 fixture dates to be changed.**

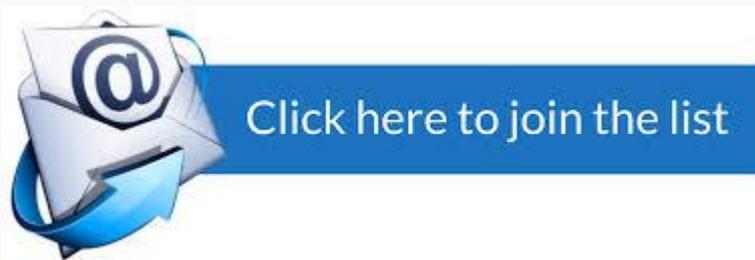
From 1st April 2018 the FCA is no longer accepting any requests for club home-ground relocation during the 2018 summer season. Furthermore, all future applications for club relocation will only be accepted up to 31st October in the previous season. This means that clubs must already have carried out detailed discussions with the local authorities and the FCA concerning the planned relocation, and the club must have full commitment from the local community to allow all of the following season's home SM league and T20 matches to be played at the new ground. Furthermore, the ground must have also been reviewed and approved by a nominated representative of the FCA/LSC. Please note that FCA officials have already assisted with many local authorities and will be happy to do so in future, within the above timelines, as these discussions are long-term in nature.

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## **Use of Cricket Finland logo**

We would like to remind all members that unauthorized use of the Cricket Finland logo is not permitted under any circumstances. Anyone wishing to use the logo must obtain written approval in advance from the FCA.

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If you have received this newsletter via someone else and want to be kept up to date with any information regarding Laws and upcoming events in Finland Cricket, then [signup here](#) to receive a

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