



THE TRADITIONS AND ETIQUETTE OF CRICKET – A KEY FOCUS FOR 2017

The Finnish Cricket Association believes it is vital to maintain, and in some cases recapture, the spirit and traditions in which cricket is played. The values of honesty, fair play, respect for others, accepting the umpire's decision, courtesy and self-discipline are enshrined in the game. All coaches, captains, players and administrators involved with cricket in Finland have the collective responsibility for upholding these traditional values which make cricket such a great game.

ALL PLAYERS

- Will always accept the umpire's decisions
- Do not engage in any form of sledging
- Show respect for the umpires, the opponents, your team mates and the game itself

FIELDERS

Entering the field

- Enter the field of play promptly after the umpires
- The captain should lead the team onto the field

Saving time

- Between deliveries keep an eye on the captain for a possible change of position; keep position, don't wander and remember your position for each bowler and each batsman
- Get the ball back to the bowler promptly after each delivery

Avoiding sledging

- Do not engage in chatter or movement likely to distract the batter
- Do not engage in unnecessary comments or actions in the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of own team
- Once the bowler has started his run-up all fielders should be silent

Appealing

- Do not engage in frivolous appealing
- Only players in line with the wickets should appeal
- Do not charge the umpire when appealing

General items

- Indicate immediately if you have any doubt about completing a fair catch
- Always signal to the umpire when the ball reaches the boundary
- Do not sit on the ground – even if it is a drinks break or a wicket has fallen
- Avoid walking on the pitch
- Acknowledge a 50 and/or 100 scored by a batsman
- Acknowledge a bowler's good performance – clap him off the field

BOWLERS

Attitude to umpires

- Always say "thank you" to umpires when passing to them, or receiving from them, your hat and/or jumper - never throw them or leave on the stumps or on the ground
- Do not charge the umpire when appealing
- Always accept the umpire's decision

- If questioning the umpire on a point, do it calmly and politely – accept their response
- Do not engage in needless appealing

Attitude to batters

- Do not engage in any form of sledging
- Apologise to the batsman immediately if a high full-pitched delivery accidentally slips out
- If the non-striker is leaving his crease early a quiet word via the umpire should solve the problem

BATTERS

Dissent

- Accept the umpire's decision
- When given out walk immediately without any show of emotion
- Never argue an umpire's decisions

Saving time

- As the incoming batter, cross the outgoing batsman on the field of play
- Always have clothing and equipment comfortable and fully adjusted so as not to cause delays when you are the incoming batter
- Always be ready to receive the ball when the bowler is ready to start his run-up
- Apologise if for some reason, such as adjustment to equipment, you have cause to make the bowler wait

Sledging

- Avoid any comments or gestures likely to cause conflict with the bowler or fieldsmen

General items

- Opening the batting or after a break, enter the field of play after the fielding side
- When asking for "guard" say "please"
- When taking runs always run to the side of the pitch, avoid the "danger area"

GENERAL

- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat
- When the "home" team, ensure as a team you create an hospitable environment for opponents and umpires
- Put team interests above your own
- Show self-discipline both on and off the field
- Look the part - clothing and equipment should be clean, tidy and properly worn
- It is now an expectation that ALL SM40 home teams provide lunch for travelling opponents and umpires – this is an important gesture and one which is clearly spread evenly between teams when the whole league is based on everyone playing each other once home and away. Lunch can be as simple as sandwiches, but is an important part of the cricket culture we wish to strengthen between all clubs in Finland
- Show appreciation of the efforts of volunteers and workers within the game - for example, the people who provide lunches and afternoon teas, ground staff and club officials
- Always be punctual for matches and training sessions
- At the end of the match shake hands with opponents and thank the umpires
- After the day's play participate in social interaction with team-mates, opponents and umpires - it is amazing how much you can learn about the game on such occasions
- Take the opportunity to form new friendships and acquaintances