



Cricket Finland

League Rules

2024

1 Applicability of these rules

1.1 These rules apply to all outdoor cricket competitions with club-based representation organised by Cricket Finland.

1.2 These rules apply to the Hobby League only insofar as it is practicable to follow them. A separate set of minimum conditions for matches in the Hobby League may be issued.

1.3 Cricket Finland may specifically include or exclude the application of these rules, or a subset thereof, by including a clause to this effect in the Playing Conditions of a competition.

1.4 For clarity, requirements imposed in this document take precedence over any conflicting requirements in other Cricket Finland Rules or License conditions documents, such as the Finnish Premier League License conditions or Playing Conditions documents.

1.5 These rules remain in force until amended or rescinded.

2 Nominating a team

2.1 Player eligibility

2.1.1 A player eligible to play or be nominated as a substitute or replacement in a team must fulfil the following criteria:

- The player has obtained a valid No-Objection Certificate from the National Governing Body they are affiliated with, if one is required or has received an exemption from the Cricket Finland Board.
- The player has purchased a Competition License valid in the competition in question for the season and the license is attached to the club fielding the player.
- The player has a profile in the competition management system and the profile complies with instructions provided by Cricket Finland (for all players: correct first and last names and external ID (Sportti-ID / Sports ID). If the registration right of the player has been previously attached to another club, the transfer of the playing right to the nominating club has been completed and the player has completed the 21-day waiting period, if not waived.
- If the player has moved between two teams of the club playing in the same format, the applicable player movement rules in 2.4 have been followed.
- The player is eligible to play in the FPL playoffs and relegation matches only if they have played in at least four matches in Cricket Finland Competitions in the same calendar year.
- For hardball competitions, the player is at least 13 years old at latest on 30.9., unless the player has played in open or gender-specific senior competitions prior to 1.5.2024.

2.1.2 A player's name in the competition management system and all manual team lists must correspond to the name the player has purchased their license with.

2.1.2.1 If discrepancies are discovered in names submitted, the League Organisation will direct the player and the club to resolve them without delay with the threat of continued non-compliance rendering the player ineligible to play. If the player and the club do not remedy the situation before the next match where the player is fielded, the player shall be considered ineligible to play.

2.1.3 New players may be added to a squad at any time during the season, provided nothing in these or other rules restrict the adding of the player to the squad. The new player must have fulfilled the criteria in clause 2.1.1 by the start of the first match in which the player is nominated to the playing XI or as a substitute.

2.1.4 For the avoidance of doubt, the validity of any player license is determined on whether the license management system shows the license as successfully paid before the start of the match.

2.1.5 If a team has selected an ineligible player to play in a match, that team will be considered to have forfeited all matches where the ineligible player actually played, including coming on the field as a substitute.

2.1.6 If a team has nominated a player or a substitute who does not have a complete profile in the competition management system, the team will be liable to pay a fine of 50 euros as penalty for each such player.

2.3 Captain

2.3.1 For each team, the club must nominate a captain or a team administrator and communicate the name and contact details of the person to the League Administrator before the start of the season. The name and contact details must be kept up to date for the duration of the season.

2.3.2 At the conclusion of each match, captains of both playing XIs are to meet with the umpires for an immediate feedback session.

2.3.3 The captain of the playing XI must complete the post-match feedback form as soon as possible, ideally within 24 hours of the end of the match. If the captain does not receive the feedback link after the match has been submitted to the competition management system, the captain should contact the League Administrator within 24 hours of the end of the match.

2.4 Player movement rules

2.4.1 Each player of a club has a maximum of sixteen (16) completed round-robin Twenty20 League playing opportunities in the regular season, irrespective of the level the matches are played at. The club is free to distribute these 16 completed playing opportunities at its discretion for the first eleven (11) matches of each division.

2.4.1.1 Matches that are cancelled, abandoned, or forfeited, will not count towards the 16 playing opportunities. Only matches that have produced a result or have been awarded will count.

2.4.1.2 Matches in which the player is nominated as a substitute or replacement but does not play, even as a substitute or replacement, do not count towards the 16 completed playing opportunities.

2.4.2 For the last three (3) matches of the round-robin, the playoffs, and the relegation matches at any level, the following conditions apply.

2.4.2.1 At the end of the eleventh (11th) T20 league match for the higher-level team of a club, any player who has played eight (8) or more matches for that higher-level team gets attached to the higher-level team, which becomes their "home" team. The attached player is not eligible to play in the last three (3) round-robin matches, play-offs, or relegation matches for their club's lower-level team.

2.4.2.2 At the end of the fourteenth (14th) round-robin league match for the higher-level team of the club, any player who has played ten (10) or more matches for the higher-level team (10 out of possible 14) will be ineligible to play in the playoffs or relegation matches for the lower-level team.

2.4.2.3 The playing of a match will be determined by the list of players registered in the scoring system for a completed match.

2.4.2.4 If a higher-level match is cancelled, abandoned, or forfeited, and is not counted towards the 16 playing opportunities, the target number of matches required for attachment to the higher-level team will be reduced for the affected club. The reduction will apply in a similar fashion should more than one match be cancelled. The following ratios will be applied:

Number of higher-level matches cancelled, abandoned, or forfeited	Higher-level “home” team attachment threshold of the first 11 round-robin matches	Higher-level “home” team attachment threshold at the end of all 14 round-robin matches
0	8	10
1	7	9
2	6	8
3	6	8
4	5	7
5	4	6
6	3	5
7	3	5
8	2	4
9	2	4
10	1	3

2.4.3 A player who plays in the playoffs of a higher-level team, or is attached to the higher level team, is ineligible to play in the playoffs and relegation matches of a lower-level team (this restriction does not apply to 12th man substitute duties, which can be completed in the event of injuries).

2.4.4 If a club fields a player who has become ineligible due to the application of these rules, the club will be deemed to have forfeited the match in which the ineligible player was fielded.

2.4.5 Players under 22 years of age on 31 October of the current year are exempt from the application of section 2.4 except subsection 2.4.6.

2.4.6 If a club has two teams playing at the same level of any competition, a player is attached to the team they first play for and becomes ineligible to play for the other team at the same level for the duration of the entire competition. For clarity, the stipulations in 2.4.1–4 remain in force with regard to playing for a higher-level team of the same club.

2.4.7 If a player’s Registration Right is transferred to a new club during a season in which the movement rules are in effect, the attachment threshold in the new club is determined by counting all past fixtures of the higher-level team of the new club according to the table in 2.4.2.4.

2.5 Interclub cooperation agreements

2.5.1 If two clubs, each playing at different levels of any competition, wish to enter into an agreement that allows them to share player resources during the summer season, the agreement must be registered and accepted by Cricket Finland by 10 May.

2.5.2 To be registered by the FCA, the agreement must expire on 31 December or earlier of the current year.

2.5.3 The stipulations in section 2.4 are applied to the clubs that have registered an agreement as if the teams would come from the same club.

2.5.4 If two clubs currently bound by a cooperation agreement between them play each other in any match, the players must play for the club to which their Registration Right is attached.

3 Priority of leagues and league levels

3.1 All match reservations are published in the league fixtures. Should a match need to be rescheduled, the following order of priority will be used to determine the new match dates and the possible reassignment of grounds:

- National Team competitive matches
- Finnish Premier League
- National Team training
- Women's competition
- National League Division 1
- Ten10 League
- National League Division 2
- One-Day League
- National League Division 3
- Other competitions organised by Cricket Finland
- Sanctioned tournaments, friendly matches

3.2 If matches need to be cancelled in the round robin phase, they shall be recorded as abandoned.

4 Playing a match

4.1 Home team's responsibility for ground preparation

4.1.1 The home team is responsible for preparing the ground for the match. For specifics, see relevant sections of the Playing Conditions and the Ground-Specific Instructions.

4.1.2 If the home team has not prepared the ground on time and according to the Ground-Specific Instructions, including the correct positioning of the creases, and the start of the match is delayed due to this, the following penalties shall apply:

4.1.2.1 1st offence: Warning

4.1.2.2 2nd offence: Final warning

4.1.2.3 3rd and subsequent offences: A fine of 100 euros. The Captain will be reported to the Disciplinary Committee for a Level 1 offence.

4.1.3 If the umpires deem the ground to be unfit for playing the match due to the home team's failure to prepare it, and the home team is not able to remedy the situation, the home team shall be deemed to have forfeited the match.

4.1.4 All occurrences of delayed or incomplete ground preparation shall be reported to the League Administrator.

4.2 Teams' responsibilities to provide match balls

4.2.1 The home team is responsible for providing two official match balls, four for the One-Day League, for the match. For specifics, see relevant section of the Playing Conditions.

4.2.2 Both teams must have official, new and used, spare balls available during the match. Until the team has played its first home match, this clause applies with the inclusion of other used spare balls that are similar to the official balls.

4.2.3 All occurrences of the home team failing to provide match balls are to be reported to the League Administrator.

4.2.4 If the match cannot be played due to the complete absence of viable balls, the home team shall be deemed to have forfeited the match.

4.3 Both teams' responsibility to provide scoring devices

4.3.1 Both teams are responsible for providing devices for scoring the match with the scoring application.

4.3.2 While both teams are responsible for providing a device with the scoring application, the home team has primary responsibility for setting up the match and making their device available for scoring the whole match.

4.3.3 The devices must have an active Internet connection for the duration of the match, and the match must be scored live in the competition management system.

4.3.4 It is recommended that the match is scored from a single device, but the teams are allowed to transfer the match to be scored from a different device, if there are worries for the stability and/or necessary battery charge to finish the match on a single device.

4.3.5 All occurrences of missing scoring devices, devices not functioning properly, or malfunctioning devices affecting the live scoring of the match shall be reported to the League Administrator.

4.3.6 If the home team fails to provide a device for scoring the match, they are liable to pay a fine of 50 euros. Subsequently, if the away team fails to provide a device for scoring the match, they are liable to pay a fine of 50 euros.

4.4 Both teams' responsibility for complete and accurate scoring information

4.4.1 The teams are jointly responsible for the completeness and accuracy of all match data in the competition management system. This includes, but is not limited to:

4.4.1.1 Nominating scorers

4.4.1.1.1 In the Finnish Premier League, the nomination of scorers shall follow the FPL License Conditions.

4.4.1.1.2 In all other competitions, if not stipulated otherwise, making available a scorer for the duration of the team's batting innings to enter the ball-by-ball scores to the competition management system.

4.4.1.2 Selecting all match officials, including dedicated scorers if present, in the system.

4.4.1.3 Selecting the playing XI to the team during match setup (substitutes should be nominated but not added to the playing team unless they play).

4.4.1.4 Marking any temporary profiles, the creation of which should generally not be necessary, with “TEMP” after the last name to make identification easier.

4.4.1.5 Ascertaining that the scorers know they are required to communicate with the umpires to ascertain that each ball is scored correctly, including briefly delaying the match to correct an error or keep a manual scorecard as a backup while corrections are being made.

4.4.1.6 Getting an explicit acknowledgement from the umpires before uploading the scorecard to the competition management system at the end of the match.

This shall apply to both teams in the Finnish Premier League, and the team batting second (and hence scoring) in all other competitions.

4.5 Playing short

4.5.1 For Men’s Cricket Finland matches the teams should have XI players, however games can be started with a minimum of 9 players per team being available for the agreed start time. Players that come late must be named in the 11-person team on the scorecard at the start of the game, they can play in a specific game, however they will not be allowed to bat or bowl for the equivalent period that they were late to arrive. If a team cannot meet the minimum requirement of 9 players for the full duration of a match, the match will be forfeited.

4.6 Dress code for the players and player support personnel

4.6.1 All shirts must have a clearly visible player number in the back. The player number shall comprise a maximum of two numbers between 1 and 99, with the numbers being of contrasting colour to the playing shirt.

4.6.2 In the Finnish Premier League and National League Division 1, all players in a team shall wear matching (minor differences are allowed), fully coloured playing uniforms.

4.6.3 In other competitions, all players in a team shall wear similarly coloured and matching, fully coloured playing uniforms.

4.6.4 All pads worn by players must be coloured, or, if white pads are worn, covered with fully coloured covers (colloquially known as “clads”).

4.6.5 Across all competitions, helmets, shoes, wicket keeper’s and batters’ gloves, and arm guards are exempt from any uniformity requirements.

4.6.6 In all competitions, the playing uniform or any other visible part of clothing, equipment, or permissible accessories of the players and team personnel must not display national or other flags except the Finnish flag.

4.6.7 Players not conforming to the requirements may not be allowed to play, and the team may be considered playing short if there are no nominated substitutes who comply with the dress code and can play in the removed player’s place. The umpires shall give a non-compliant player the opportunity to amend their kit to conform with these rules before not allowing them to play. This shall not delay the start of the match.

4.6.8 On grounds with separate areas for audience and the players, player support personnel (coaches, managers, club officials, anyone else) staying with the team next to the boundary

should be dressed in kit displaying the team's colours. For the avoidance of doubt, this does not apply to family members and well-wishers temporarily visiting the team next to the boundary.

5 Umpires

5.1 Appointment

Cricket Finland will either assign umpires to matches or assign umpiring duties to clubs. Teams cannot contest umpiring assignments made by Cricket Finland.

5.1.1 After assigning umpiring duties to clubs, Cricket Finland may assign one or more umpires to officiate a match. Cricket Finland will endeavour to notify such a change to the club as early as possible. If an umpiring duty assigned to a club is reassigned to an umpire assigned by Cricket Finland, the umpiring duty of the club will lapse for this umpire only.

5.1.2 For the avoidance of doubt, Cricket Finland can rescind any umpiring assignment up to the start of the match.

5.2 Matches assigned to clubs

Should Cricket Finland assign a certain match to a club, requiring it to post two qualified umpires to officiate, the following rules will apply:

5.2.1 Clubs are required to submit to Cricket Finland the names of the umpires they have nominated to officiate a match at least 72 hours before the scheduled start of play. This to ensure that umpires are correctly set up in the competition management system.

5.2.2 Should the club be unable to nominate an umpire before the deadline, they shall contact Cricket Finland and ask for a substitute to be assigned or provide a reason for the late nomination.

5.2.3 Clubs are allowed to search for qualified umpires from other clubs. The time limit in 5.2.1 shall apply unchanged.

5.3 Penalties for umpires nominated by their club to officiate a match failing to do so

An umpire failing to present themselves on the ground before the scheduled or revised start of the match will forfeit their reimbursement from the match, excluding travel costs. Cricket Finland may reinstate the reimbursement if wholly acceptable reasons are given for the umpire's late arrival.

The umpire will be referred to the Umpire Performance Officer for further evaluation.

5.4 Penalties for clubs assigned to provide umpires failing to ensure the completion of duties

5.4.1 If a club-nominated umpire fails to present themselves on the ground before the scheduled or revised start of the match, the club will be liable to pay a fine of 100 euros.

5.4.2 The penalty schedule above will apply per umpire. Therefore, if two umpires from the same club fail to present themselves at the ground as described above, they shall be counted as two occurrences.

5.4.3 If the match must be abandoned due to missing umpires, the club failing to provide umpires will be responsible to reimburse the playing teams for the costs incurred by renting the ground and the teams travelling to the match.

5.4.4 If the match is not abandoned due to missing umpires, the club failing to provide umpires will be responsible to reimburse all additional costs related to the umpires officiating the match.

5.5 Penalties for umpires assigned by Cricket Finland to officiate a match failing to do so

An umpire failing to present themselves on the ground before the scheduled or revised start of the match will forfeit their reimbursement from the match, excluding travel costs. Cricket Finland may reinstate the reimbursement if wholly acceptable reasons are given to the Umpire Performance Officer for the umpire's late arrival. If the missing umpire is the Umpire Performance Officer, the League Director shall make this determination.

The umpire will be referred to the Umpire Performance Officer for further evaluation.

5.6 Conducting the match

5.6.1 The umpires shall be present at the ground at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start of play.

5.6.2 The umpires shall control the games as required by the Playing Conditions with absolute impartiality. If an umpire feels they are, for any reason, unable to fulfil the requirement of absolute impartiality, they shall notify Cricket Finland of this and ask the duties to be reassigned to another umpire.

5.6.3 When an umpire nominated by a club officiates a match, they are not a representative of the club, but a representative of Cricket Finland, and shall conduct themselves accordingly.

5.7 An umpire must complete the feedback form in the competition management system as soon as possible, ideally within 24 hours of the match.

6 Minimum over rates

6.1 The target over rate is 15 per hour for all Cricket Finland matches, with a minimum over rate of 14.2.

6.2 Where it is deemed that a team has deliberately breached section 6.1, the penalty shall be

- 1st occurrence: Warning
- 2nd occurrence: Final warning
- 3rd and each subsequent occurrence: Captain suspended for one match.

6.2.1 The penalties in 6.2 will accumulate per team

7 Forfeiting matches

7.1 For matches that are deemed forfeited after the match has been played, a forfeit shall be entered to the match summary of the competition management system as all overs played with no runs scored for the forfeiting team from their batting innings; the wickets taken by the opposing team shall stand. Personal statistics from the batting innings of the opposing team shall not be annulled.

7.2 If both teams are deemed to have forfeited a match that has been played, 7.1 shall apply to the batting innings of both teams.

7.3 For matches forfeited due to application of 2.1.5 or 4.2.1

7.3.1 In all competitions, the team is penalised by a deduction of 2 league points.

7.4 For all other modes of forfeit

7.4.1 In the Finnish Premier League, National League Division 1 and Division 2, the One-Day League, and the Ten10 League, a team forfeiting a match shall be penalised by a deduction of 2

league points. The team will be liable to pay any actual match related and justified costs incurred to the opposing team and officials for the match they forfeit if the match has not been played.

7.4.2 In National League Division 3 and the Women's competition, a team forfeiting a match more than 48 hours in advance shall be liable to pay any actual match related and justified costs incurred to the opposing team and officials for the match they forfeit if the match has not been played. A team forfeiting a match less than 48 hours in advance shall additionally be penalised by a deduction of 2 league points.

7.4.4 In all formats and on all tiers the Cricket Finland may exclude a team from a specific competition where they have forfeited two matches during the season in the same competition.

8 League points schedule

8.1 The following league points shall be awarded for matches in the round robin phase:

- Win, Win on Forfeit, or Match Awarded to team: 4
- Abandoned, Tie, or No Result: 2
- Loss: 0

8.2 Final standings in the round robin phase shall be decided by the following methods, in order of preference:

8.2.1 The team with the greatest number of league points, taking into account any deductions.

8.2.2 If two or more teams have equal league points, the team with the greatest number of wins.

8.2.3 If two or more teams are still equal, the team with the highest net run rate, as calculated by the competition management system.

8.2.4 In National League Division 3, if the level is divided into multiple pools, 8.2.1–3 shall apply with the following additions:

8.2.4.1 The losing teams of the Pool Playoffs place from fifth position on in NLD3 according to round robin statistics when the criteria in 8.2.1–3 is applied between the teams.

8.2.4.2 From the teams placed fourth in the round robin pools on (inclusive), the final placement of the team in the division shall be determined by the application of 8.2.1–3 with respect to the team placed similarly in other pools.

9 Playoffs

9.1 In the Finnish Premier League, National League Divisions 1–2, the Women's competition, and the T10 League, playoffs shall take place after the round robin phase in the following format:

- Playoff 1 (Eliminator): The team placed third in the round robin phase plays against the team placed fourth in the round robin phase with the team placed fourth being the home team. The losing team finishes fourth.
- Playoff 2 (Qualifier 1): The team placed first in the round robin phase plays against the team placed second in the round robin phase with the team placed second being the home team.
- Playoff 3 (Qualifier 2): The team that has lost Playoff 2 plays against the team that has won Playoff 1 with the winner of Playoff 1 being the home team. The losing team finishes third.
- Playoff 4 (Final): The team that has won Playoff 2 plays against the team that has won Playoff 3 with the winner of Playoff 3 being the home team. The losing team finishes second and the winning team is the champion or divisional winner.

9.2 In National League Division 3, if the level is divided into two pools, 9.1 shall apply with the following changes:

- Pool Playoffs: Teams placed second in each pool play against teams placed third in the other pool.
- Playoff 1 (Eliminator): The winners of Pool Playoffs play against each other with the home team being the team that either placed lower in their pool, or if the teams placed similarly, the team that places lower in comparison to the other when the criteria in 8.2.1–3 is applied to their round robin statistics.

9.3 In the One-Day League, playoffs shall take place in the following format:

- Semi-final 1: The team placed first in Group A shall play against the team placed second in Group B with the team placed first in Group A being the home team.
- Semi-final 2: The team placed first in Group B shall play against the team placed second in Group A with the team placed first in Group B being the home team.
- Final: The winner of Semi-final 1 shall play against the winner of Semi-final 2. The home team shall be the team that has the higher standing when 8.2 is applied between the teams.

9.4 Playoff aberrations in the Finnish Premier League

9.4.1 If a playoff match in the Finnish Premier League cannot be started or must be stopped before a result has been reached and cannot be continued on the same day due to issues with ground, weather, or light, or for other reasons outside the control of the playing teams, and a reserve date has been set for the match, the match shall be transferred to the reserve date.

9.4.2 If the match has not been started, the teams are free to nominate a new playing XI and substitutes according to the Finnish Premier League License conditions and these League Rules.

9.4.3 If the match has been started, it shall continue from the point it was stopped in. The teams shall continue playing with the same playing XI and substitutes that were nominated for the original match day.

9.4.4 If no result can be reached and there are no reserve dates left, or no reserve dates have been allocated for the match, the team that finished higher in the round robin phase shall proceed to the next playoff match.

9.4.5 If no result can be reached from the Finnish Championship Final and no further reserve dates have been allocated, the Management Group may allocate further reserve dates.

9.4.6 If the Management Group does not allocate further reserve dates, the title of Finnish Twenty20 Champion shall be shared by the teams. For the sole purpose of determining the team advancing to any international club competition for national champions, the team that won Playoff 2 (Qualifier 1) shall participate in the competition.

9.5 Playoff aberrations at all other levels and in all other formats

9.5.1 Should a playoff match be abandoned or finish with no result, and if no reserve date has been set for the match, the team that finished higher in the round robin phase shall proceed to the next playoff match.

9.5.2 If one or more reserve dates have been set, sections 9.4.1-4 shall apply accordingly.

9.5.3 In case the final is abandoned or finishes with no result, the teams shall be declared joint winners of the competition. Should this occur in a competition with a promotion/relegation system, the team that finished higher in the round robin phase shall have precedence.

10 Promotion and relegation

10.1 The application of this section is conditional on the structures of the leagues remaining the same for the next summer season. If Cricket Finland decides to reorganise one or more leagues, the rules regarding promotion and relegation will apply to the extent the current structure is retained.

The application of this section is also conditional on the season progressing as intended. If the season is cut short, Cricket Finland may decide to forego promotion and relegation for one or more competitions.

10.2 Based on the final standings, including playoffs where applicable, the following rules on promotion and relegation between levels of the same format will apply

10.2.1 Finnish Premier League <> NLD1, and NLD1 <> NLD2

10.2.1.1 The team finishing last in the higher tier round robin phase will be relegated to the lower tier for the next season, and the winner of the lower tier Playoffs will be promoted to the higher tier.

10.2.1.1.1 If the club of the winning team of National League Division 1 already has a side in the Finnish Premier League and the side has not finished last in the Finnish Premier League, 10.2.1.1 will apply to the team finishing second in the National League Division 1 playoffs. The same applies to further teams in ranking order of National League Division 1, if the clubs of the preceding teams already have sides in the Finnish Premier League and those sides have not been relegated.

10.2.1.2 The team finishing second to last in the round robin phase in the higher tier will play a single relegation playoff match with the team finishing second in the lower tier Playoffs.

10.2.1.2.1 If the club of the team finishing second in the National League Division 1 playoffs already has a side in the Finnish Premier League, and the side has not finished last in the Finnish Premier League, 10.2.1.2 shall apply to the team finishing third in the NLD1 playoffs. The same applies to further teams in ranking order of National League Division 1, if the clubs of the preceding teams already have sides in the Finnish Premier League and those sides have not been relegated.

For the avoidance of doubt, if both 1st and 2nd place positions in the National League Division 1 are taken by clubs that have teams in the Finnish Premier League, and neither of those clubs' Finnish Premier League teams finished last in the Finnish Premier League. Then only one promotion / relegation match will be played that season, and it will be between the team finishing 3rd in National League Division 1 against the last placed team in the Finnish Premier league. The winner of that match will earn a place in the following year's Finnish Premier League.

10.2.1.2.2 If the team finishing second to last in the round robin phase of the Finnish Premier League and the team finishing second in the National League Division 1 playoffs come from the same club, no relegation playoff match will take place.

10.2.1.3 If the winner of National League Division 1, or the runner-up or substitute of the runner-up of National League Division 1, after having won the relegation playoff, decides not to apply for or is not granted a Finnish Premier League License, the second to last team in the Finnish Premier League will retain its position in the Finnish Premier League for the next season.

10.2.1.4 If both the winner of National League Division 1, and the National League Division 1 team having played and won the relegation playoff, decide not to apply for or are not granted a Finnish Premier League License, the Cricket Finland will decide whether the team finishing last in the Finnish Premier League will retain their position or if a team from National League Division 1 is offered the possibility to apply for a Finnish Premier League license and, if the license is granted, replace the team finishing last in the Finnish Premier League.

10.2.1.5 If a team in the Finnish Premier League decides not to apply for a Finnish Premier League License for the next season, the Cricket Finland may offer the vacated slot to clubs playing in National League Division 1.

10.2.2 NLD2 <> NLD3

10.2.2.1 The two teams finishing last and second to last in NLD2 are relegated to NLD3 for the next season, and the winner and runner-up of the NLD3 Playoffs are promoted to NLD2.

10.2.2.2 The team finishing third to last in NLD2 round robin phase will play a single relegation playoff match against the team finishing third in the NLD3 Playoffs.

12 Finnish Championships

12.1 Finnish Championships are only awarded to FCA member clubs for winning competitions organised by the FCA for teams representing the clubs.

12.2 Finnish Championships are awarded for the following competitions in the following style (Finnish translations in brackets):

12.2.1 Finnish Premier League: the Finnish Twenty20 Championship (Twenty20-kriketin Suomen mestaruus)

12.2.2 One-Day League: the Finnish One-Day Championship (One-Day-kriketin Suomen mestaruus)

12.2.3 Ten10: the Finnish Ten10 Championship (Ten10-kriketin Suomen mestaruus)

12.2.4 Women's competition: Women's Finnish Ten10 Championship (Naisten Ten10-kriketin Suomen mestaruus)

12.2.5 Indoor League: Finnish Indoor Cricket Championship (Sisäkriketin Suomen mestaruus)

12.2.6 Women's Indoor League: Women's Finnish Indoor Championship (Naisten Sisäkriketin Suomen mestaruus)

12.2.7 Cage cricket open competition: Finnish Cage Cricket Championship (Häkkikriketin Suomen mestaruus)

12.2.8 Cage cricket women's competition: Women's Finnish Cage Cricket Championship (Naisten Häkkikriketin Suomen mestaruus)

13 Interpretation of these Rules

These rules are interpreted by the League Director.

14 Dispute Resolution

Disputes between clubs arising from the application of these rules are resolved by the League Director, who may diverge from the opinions of the clubs in their decision.

Disputes arising from the application of these rules by the League Director are resolved by the Dispute Resolution Committee according to the FCA Dispute Resolution Rules.

A team that has lost its appeal in Dispute Resolution Committee may appeal further to the Finnish Sports Arbitration Board according to the rules of the FSAB.