



## **Veikkausliiga clubs agree on the fixture compilations rules**

*The match schedule planning of Veikkausliiga 2018 will begin soon after the end of the season 2017. The clubs have agreed on the rules on compilation of the coming season's match schedule.*

The construction of the next season's match schedule for Veikkausliiga will start shortly after the end of the previous season. In the beginning the Veikkausliiga office asks for each of the clubs to list its own obstacles and wishes for the match schedule. Obstacles must be taken into account and wishes are taken into account, whenever possible.

The planning of Veikkausliiga match schedule is influenced not only by the barriers and wishes of the clubs, but also by a wide range of boundary conditions. Things to consider include, for example, the match breaks for A and U21 national teams, UEFA competitions for clubs (Champions League and European League) and the wishes of the authorities.

The board of Veikkausliiga has approved the new fixture compilation rules at its meeting on 6 September 2017. The rules define the commonly agreed boundary conditions within which the match schedule will be built.

The rules also include a previously approved decision by the board that, if any club survives to the third qualifying round or playoff round in the Champions League or Europa League, the club has the opportunity to postpone certain pre-defined Veikkausliiga matches.

- The match schedule typically raises a lot of discussion. The schedule's construction is influenced by various external boundary conditions and internally it is guided by common rules agreed between the clubs. By opening the background of the planning we want to increase the transparency and awareness of how the process of building the match schedule proceeds. These rules are to be updated and reviewed in the future, says Veikkausliiga CEO Timo Marjamaa.

The fixture compilations rules of Veikkausliiga 2018 can be found via this link:

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