

Council Initiative: Promoting and Developing Cricket Infrastructure in Vaasa

Cricket is an emerging sport in Vaasa, with five active clubs and multiple local and regional competitions (organized by local clubs). Despite this growth, the city lacks suitable cricket infrastructure (i.e., cricket ground and permanent practice nets). Cricket promotes physical activity, supports youth and family engagement, and strengthens the integration of international residents. It also contributes to student attraction and retention.

In several Finnish cities, cricket is already established: the Kerava National Cricket Ground (Kerava), Tikkurila Cricket Ground (Vantaa), Kapyla Cricket Ground (Helsinki), Lahti Cricket Ground (Lahti), and Tampere cricket field with Hervanta practice nets (Tampere) serve both league play and easy-access community activity. These examples demonstrate that a functional and affordable solution is effective even in northern conditions.

Cricket's growth in Vaasa reflects our city's increasing diversity and vitality. I recommend that Vaasa should promote cricket and develop suitable cricket facilities in the city.

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