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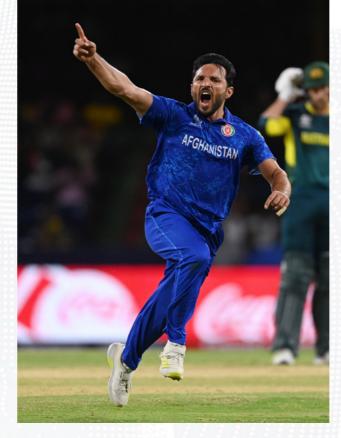




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# **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** JAY SHAH

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the ICC Annual Report 2024–25 – my first as Chairman of the ICC.

"I am proud to have played a part in securing cricket's place at the Olympic Games LA28, and am determined that the sport will make the most of this incredible opportunity to connect with new fans around the globe."

It is an honour, a pleasure and a privilege to have been elected to lead this great organisation, and I would like to begin by thanking the ICC Members for the faith they placed in me when they elected me unanimously last August. I'm excited to work closely with all our Member Boards as we take our organisation and our sport forward into the future.

My sincere thanks also go to Greg Barclay for serving the ICC for two terms as Chair. I greatly look forward to building on the foundations built by him and my other predecessors in the months and years to come.

This has been a banner year for the ICC. The past 12 months have seen no fewer than four ICC tournaments: ICC Men's and Women's T20 World Cups, the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025 and the ICC Men's Champions Trophy, which made a welcome return after eight years away. Collectively, we faced down a range of challenges and delivered four successful tournaments, thrilling our loyal fans and engaging with new audiences around the world.

Excitement is now building for the three ICC tournaments that lie ahead in the coming year – and, of course, for the new cycle of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC). Test cricket remains central to our sport, as evidenced by the record prize money I was proud to announce for the recent ICC WTC Final 2025. The fact that the three editions of the WTC have produced three different winners is testament to the continued competitiveness of cricket's most iconic format.

A key focus of my time in office so far has been the return of cricket to the Olympic Games. I am proud to have played a part in securing cricket's place at the Olympic Games LA28, and am determined that the sport will make the most of this incredible opportunity to connect with new fans around the globe.

I was delighted to welcome Kirsty Coventry, the new Chair of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), to the ICC Men's Champions Trophy semi-final earlier this year, shortly before the announcement that the Fairgrounds in Pomona will host the Olympic cricket tournaments in 2028. I will continue working closely with the IOC, the LA28 Organising Committee and other stakeholders to ensure Olympic cricket in Los Angeles is a spectacular success.

Finally, I want to express my commitment to inclusivity throughout our sport, and to ensuring every player from every background and every nation has their chance to shine.

In May, I was proud to announce a special dedicated task force and fund

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to support displaced Afghan women cricketers, to be delivered with the invaluable support of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Cricket Australia (CA). This new initiative is evidence of our firm commitment to solidarity through sport – and to ensuring cricket's unique power to inspire unity, resilience and hope.

My thanks, again, to you all for your support – and my best wishes for what's shaping up to be another landmark year for the sport we all hold so dear.

Jay Shah Chairman, ICC





# **CEO'S REPORT** SANJOG GUPTA

It is with honour and a deep sense of responsibility that I write this foreword to the ICC Annual Report for 2024–25 in my capacity as the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of the International Cricket Council. "I am excited at the vast potential of the path ahead, and I feel genuinely privileged to be stepping into this position at such a pivotal and inspiring time for both the ICC and the global cricket, sports and media ecosystems."

As I write this – one of the first tasks in this role – I find myself reflecting on the year gone by and excited at the vast potential of the path ahead. This report captures some of the defining moments of the last year while also serving as a milestone for a new chapter for our sport. I feel genuinely privileged to be stepping into this position at such a pivotal and inspiring time for both the ICC and the global cricket, sports and media ecosystems.

The last 12 months have been remarkable for the world of cricket, and we encapsulate the year in events, as they serve as memorable high points. We witnessed the successful staging of the ICC Men's and Women's T20 World Cups, the record-breaking return of the ICC Champions Trophy, and yet another display of the glorious future our sport has at the ICC U19 World Cup. Just beyond the reporting period, we were treated to a thrilling ICC World Test Championship Final in 2025, which saw the emergence of a new champion and proved to be a reminder of the enduring beauty of Test cricket.

Looking ahead, too, there is much to be energised about. The ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 will take centre stage this September, followed by the ICC Men's and Women's T20 World Cups next year, and the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup returning to Africa, jointly hosted by Namibia and Zimbabwe, as a precursor to the World Cup in 2027. Together with my new colleagues at the ICC and our trusted partners and stakeholders around the world, we are fully committed to delivering these events to the highest standard our sport and its fans deserve. ICC events serve as the sport's greatest apertures to take its popularity deep and wide by attracting casual event-watchers as well as cricket aficionados.

One of the most extraordinary opportunities before us is cricket's return to the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 2028. This has galvanised the reach of our sport in new markets and could power cricket to transcend its traditional boundaries. We are already working closely with the International Olympic Committee, the LA28 Organising Committee and other partners to ensure cricket's Olympic return delivers on its promise.

While T20 will be the flagship format for many of our upcoming events, including LA28, we remain committed to the varied formats of the game. Our calendar this year reflects this balance – a celebration of T20Is, ODIs, and the timeless elegance of Test cricket. Each format has a unique and vital role in our sport, provided it has the ideal mix of context, contest, competition and culture.

We also continue to invest in women's cricket. We seek to incentivise elite athletes to play at their best and 07

inspire young girls to play, opening new avenues for growth of the game.

My personal focus in the year ahead will include strengthening the core propositions of our sport and collaborating across geographic boundaries as well as domains to shape its future. And at the heart of all we do are our fans. From first-time viewers to lifelong affiliates, it is our goal to deliver unforgettable experiences, unmissable moments and unparalleled experiences that resonate across borders, cultures and generations.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the ICC Chairman, the Nominations Committee and the Board for placing their trust in me. Having worked closely with the ICC over more than a decade, I am excited to leverage the opportunities and take on the challenges, building on the remarkable foundations laid by those before me. With the dedication of our exceptional ICC team in Dubai and across the world, combined with the strength of our global partnerships, I am confident that we will take cricket to even greater heights.

Warm regards,

Sanjog Gupta Chief Executive, ICC



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



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New Zealand beat South Africa to win the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024

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# **JUNE 2024**

A record T20I century, new head coaches for Zimbabwe and Pakistan women, and India win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024

**USA** defeat Canada in the opening game of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, reaching their target of 195 with 14 balls to spare

**Uganda**'s bowlers seal their first win in ICC Men's T20 World Cup history as they defeat Papua New Guinea by three wickets at Providence

**USA** shock Pakistan in a Super Over after their ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 match at Grand Prairie ends tied (pictured near right)

**Afghanistan** bowl New Zealand out for just 75, chasing 160 in their ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 meeting in Providence

**Jasprit Bumrah** spearheads India's defence of 119 as they beat Pakistan by six runs in their ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 match in New York

A washout against Ireland at Florida takes **USA** through to the Super Eights at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 and eliminates Pakistan

Estonia's **Sahil Chauhan** smashes the quickest T20I century, taking just 27 balls against Cyprus, while striking a record 18 sixes in his innings

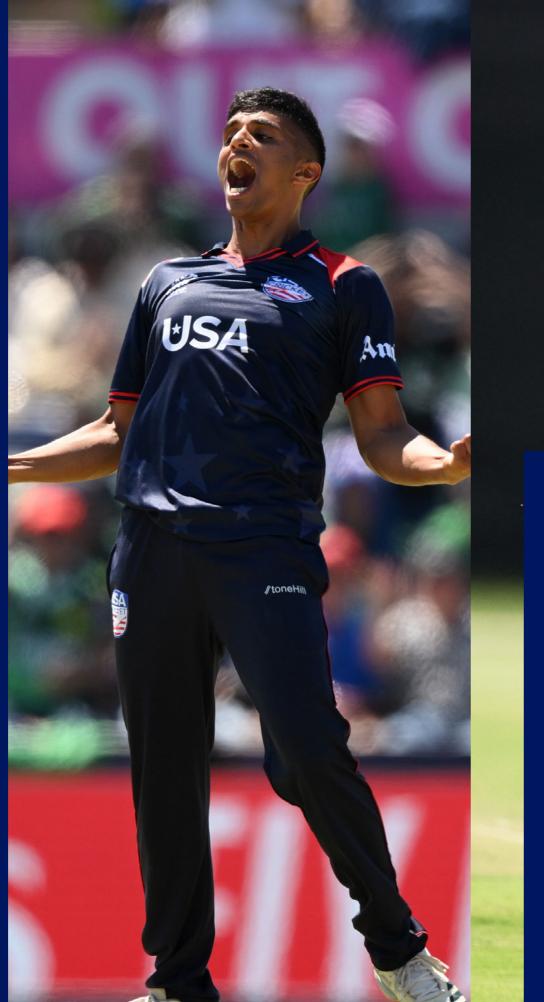
**Lockie Ferguson** returns bowling figures of 4-4-0-3 as New Zealand defeat Papua New Guinea by seven wickets at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024

Four centuries are scored in the women's ODI at Bengaluru, with **India** edging the 646-run contest against South Africa by four runs

**Justin Sammons** is appointed Zimbabwe head coach, with former player Dion Ebrahim appointed as his assistant

Sachini Nisansala's five wickets and 91 from Chamari Athapaththu (pictured far right) help Sri Lanka seal a 3-0 ODI series win over the West Indies

**Gulbadin Naib** inspires Afghanistan to beat Australia at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, despite Pat Cummins taking his second hat-trick in successive matches



**Smriti Mandhana**'s sixth ODI century helps India seal a 3-0 ODI series win over South Africa

**South Africa** defeat the West Indies in a rainaffected match at North Sound to knock them out and reach the semi-finals

**Afghanistan** reach their first ICC semi-final by beating Bangladesh, and in the process knock Australia out of the tournament

**Mohammad Wasim** is named Pakistan women's head coach, supported by Junaid Khan and Abdur Rehman as assistant coaches

**South Africa** bowl out Afghanistan for just 56 and win by nine wickets to reach their maiden men's World Cup final

**Chris Silverwood** resigns as Sri Lanka head coach, having been in the position since April 2022

Rohit Sharma, Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav lead India to a comfortable victory over defending champions England in the second semi-final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024

Player of the Series **Hayley Matthews** inspires the West Indies to a 2-1T20I series win over Sri Lanka

**India**'s openers share a partnership of 292 as they score a record 525 runs on the first day of the women's Test against South Africa

Virat Kohli's 76 and superb death bowling from the seamers lead **India** to victory in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 final against South Africa





# **JULY 2024**

James Anderson signs off, Sanath Jayasuriya returns, and there's a new record for Scots seamer Charlie Cassell

Sneh Rana's 10-wicket haul wraps up India's Test victory over South Africa, which is completed in the final session in Chennai

Hilton Moreeng is named head coach of the USA senior and U19 women's teams

Sanath Jayasuriya is appointed Sri Lanka's interim head coach until the end of their tour of England in September

Pooja Vastrakar's four for 13 helps India to a T20I series-levelling victory against South Africa

Gautam Gambhir signs a three-and-a-half-year contract as India's new head coach in all formats

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Wanindu Hasaranga steps down as Sri Lanka T20I captain after a poor T20 World Cup showing

Gus Atkinson takes 12 wickets on Test debut and James Anderson (pictured far left) ends his Test career with 704 wickets as England win the Lord's Test against the West Indies inside three days

India come back from losing the opening match to Zimbabwe to complete a 4-1 win in their T20I series

Heather Knight's unbeaten 46 gives England victory in the final T20I against New Zealand and with it a 5-0 series win

Suryakumar Yadav is confirmed as India's T201 captain for the Sri Lanka tour, with **Shubman Gill** acting as vice-captain in both white-ball formats

**Shoaib Bashir** takes five second-innings wickets to help England win the second Test against the West Indies by 241 runs at Nottingham

Scotland's **Charlie Cassell** (pictured near left) becomes the first bowler to take seven wickets on ODI debut with figures of 7-21 against Oman

The ICC confirms a review into the conduct of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 and announces an expansion in the number of teams in the Women's T20 World Cup to 16 from 2030

USA Cricket appoints Johnathan Atkeison as CEO

Chamari Athapaththu and Harshitha **Samarawickrama** stun India as Sri Lanka win their first Women's Asia Cup title

Andy McBrine and Lorcan Tucker hit fourthinnings half-centuries to give Ireland victory in a tense Test against Zimbabwe in Belfast

England sweep their Test series against the West Indies 3-0 after Mark Wood induces a second-innings collapse at Birmingham

India defeat Sri Lanka via a Super Over in their third T20I at Pallekele to take the series 3-0

Matthew Mott steps down as England whiteball coach halfway through his four-year contract

Charith Asalanka replaces Kusal Mendis as Sri Lanka's ODI captain



# **AUGUST 2024**

A record for Root, a T20I sweep for the Windies in South Africa, and Jay Shah is elected as ICC Chairman

Jeffrey Vandersay's six wickets help Sri Lanka defeat India in an ODI series for the first time since 1997

Alick Athanaze and rain deny South Africa at Port-of-Spain in the first drawn Test of 2024

Former Indian seamer **Dodda Ganesh** takes over as Kenya head coach

Kagiso Rabada and Keshav Maharaj seal a win for South Africa against the West Indies by 40 runs in the second Test at Providence, and with it a 1-0 series win

Sri Lanka's women win the third ODI on their tour of Ireland, but lose the series 2-1 to the hosts

It is announced that the MCG will host a one-off Australia–England Test in 2027 to mark 150 years of Test cricket

London Spirit win the women's Hundred title with victory over Welsh Fire (pictured below)

Sagib Mahmood's searing spell seals back-toback titles for **Oval Invincibles** in the men's Hundred with victory over Southern Brave





Samoa's **Darius Visser** breaks men's T20I records with 39 runs in an over against Vanuatu, which includes three no-balls

The ICC Women's T20 World Cup moves from Bangladesh to the UAE due to security concerns

**England** defeat Sri Lanka at Manchester by five wickets in their first Test under Ollie Pope's captaincy

Mushfigur Rahim and Mehidy Hasan Miraz (pictured above) star in Bangladesh's maiden Test win against Pakistan at Rawalpindi

Jay Shah is elected unopposed as the new ICC Chairman

Aaliyah Alleyne's four wickets help Barbados Royals defend their WCPL crown with victory over Trinbago Knight Riders

Joe Root overtakes Alastair Cook's Englandrecord 33 Test centuries with his second century of the Lord's Test against Sri Lanka

West Indies complete a 3-0 T20I series sweep over South Africa with victory in the third match at San Fernando



# **SEPTEMBER 2024**

Bangladesh smash Pakistan, Ashwin goes ton-up and Kamindu Mendis tops 1,000 Test runs in record time

**Gus Atkinson** becomes just the third player to score a century and take five wickets in an innings in a Lord's Test as England take an unassailable 2-0 lead over Sri Lanka

**Bangladesh** complete a historic 2-0 clean sweep against Pakistan with victory by six wickets in the second Test at Rawalpindi

**Brendon McCullum** is confirmed as England's new limited-overs coach, combining Test and white-ball coaching roles

**Mongolia** are bowled out for 10 by Singapore, the joint-lowest total in men's T20Is

**Cameron Green**'s unbeaten 62 and 3-35 helps Australia complete a 3-0 clean sweep in their T20I series in Scotland

**Pathum Nissanka**'s fourth innings century scripts a famous win for Sri Lanka in the Oval Test, but England still take the series 2-1

**Aimee Maguire** and **Gaby Lewis** star as Ireland cling on in a thriller in the final ODI against England, but lose the series 2-1

Amid persistent rain, the one-off Test between **Afghanistan** and **New Zealand** at Greater Noida is abandoned without a ball bowled

**Gloucestershire** win the Vitality Blast title in England with an eight-wicket rout of Somerset

Rain forces the **England–Australia** T20I decider at Old Trafford to be abandoned, ensuring the series ends 1-1

**Ireland** square their T20I series with England after winning another final-over thriller

**Surrey** win their third successive County Championship title in England after beating Durham

**Rashid Khan**'s five-wicket haul on his birthday gives Afghanistan a massive 177-run win and an unbeatable 2-0 lead in their ODI series with South Africa

**South Africa** win the decisive third women's T201 against Pakistan at Multan and take the series 2-1





**Ravichandran Ashwin**'s double act of a century and six-for secures a 1-0 lead for India in their Test series against Bangladesh

**Prabath Jayasuriya**'s nine wickets help Sri Lanka win the first Test against New Zealand by 63 runs at Galle

**Georgia Wareham** (pictured near left) and **Ash Gardner** both star with bat and ball as Australia complete a 3-0 sweep in their T20I series against New Zealand in Brisbane

**Kamindu Mendis** (pictured far left) becomes the fastest batter for 75 years to reach 1,000 Test runs as Sri Lanka seal a 2-0 series win over New Zealand

**Travis Head** and **Matthew Short** ensure Australia beat England and the rain to take the series 3-2 with victory in the final ODI at Bristol

**Ross Adair** scores a century and brother **Mark** takes 4-31 to ensure the T20I series between Ireland and South Africa ends 1-1





# **OCTOBER 2024**

A triple ton for Harry Brook, New Zealand win the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, and three cricketing legends join the ICC Hall of Fame

India win the second Test against Bangladesh by seven wickets at Kanpur despite only 35 overs being bowled in the first three days

**Tim Southee** steps down as New Zealand's Test captain, with **Tom Latham** confirmed to replace him

**Babar Azam** resigns as captain of Pakistan's limited overs sides after their disappointing ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 campaign

**Roston Chase** and **Andrew Jones** lead Barbados Kings to their maiden Caribbean Premier League title with victory over Guyana Amazon Warriors in the final

**Sanath Jayasuriya** is appointed Sri Lanka's fulltime head coach until the end of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026

**Ireland** win the third ODI against South Africa at Abu Dhabi, but lose the series 2-1

**Joe Root** becomes England's leading Test runscorer during the first Test against Pakistan at Multan, moving past Alastair Cook

**England** post a record 823-7 declared to win the first Test against Pakistan at Multan, with **Harry Brook** making 317 and **Joe Root** 262

**Sanju Samson**'s innings of 111 enables India to win the third T20I against Bangladesh by 133 runs and with it the series 3-0

**West Indies** defeat England by six wickets at Dubai to knock them out of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup and qualify for the semi-finals

Alastair Cook, Neetu David and AB de Villiers are inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame

**South Africa** stun three-time defending champions Australia in the first semi-final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024

Bangladesh Cricket Board terminates **Chandika Hathurusinghe**'s contract as head coach

**Noman Ali**'s eight-wicket haul against England in the second Test at Multan earns Pakistan their first home win since 2021

**New Zealand** defeat the West Indies in the second semi-final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 to reach their first final since 2010



Phil Simmons is appointed Bangladesh head coach

**New Zealand** win their first Test in India since 1988 after bowling the hosts out for just 46 in their first innings

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**New Zealand** defeat South Africa by 32 runs in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 final to win the title for the first time (pictured near left)

**Wanindu Hasaranga** and **Maheesh Theekshana** spin the West Indies out at Pallekele and seal Sri Lanka's ODI series win

**Zimbabwe** set a T20I record with 344 for four against Gambia (pictured far left)

**Kagiso Rabada** takes nine wickets in the match against Bangladesh at Mirpur to set up South Africa's first Test win in Asia since 2014

**Muhammad Waseem** stands down as UAE's ODI captain and is replaced by Rahul Chopra

**Mitchell Santner** takes 13 wickets to hand India their first home Test series defeat since 2012 as New Zealand win the second Test at Pune

**Pakistan** clinch the third Test against England by nine wickets, and with it the series 2-1 after having lost the first match

USA Cricket sacks head coach Stuart Law

**Gary Kirsten** resigns as Pakistan's white-ball coach after a rift over selection had been developing with the Pakistan Cricket Board

**Smriti Mandhana**'s 100 and **Harmanpreet Kaur**'s 59\* power India to a 3-0 ODI series win over New Zealand

**Sumathi Dharmawardena** is appointed new ICC ACU chair, succeeding Sir Ronnie Flanagan

**Kagiso Rabada** and South Africa's spinners give South Africa their largest margin of victory in history as they win the second Test against Bangladesh and take the series 2-0

It is announced that **Imran Khwaja** will continue as ICC's deputy chair



# **NOVEMBER 2024**

India suffer a home sweep, Lockie Ferguson gets three in three, and England's women top South Africa

Ajaz Patel and Glenn Phillips combine to take nine wickets as New Zealand defend 146 to win the third Test at Mumbai and hand India a 3-0 home series defeat (pictured left)

Centuries for Keacy Carty and Brandon King help the West Indies win the third ODI against England at North Sound, and with it the series 2-1

**Pakistan**'s pace bowlers set up a 2-1 ODI series win in Australia - their first series win in the country since 2002

Lockie Ferguson's hat-trick enables New Zealand to defend just 108, and their T20I series in Sri Lanka ends 1-1

Anshul Kamboj becomes just the third bowler to take all ten wickets in an innings in the Ranji Trophy with figures of 10-49 for Haryana against Kerala

Sanju Samson and Tilak Varma strike centuries as India clinch a 3-1 T20I series win in South Africa

The final T20I between the **West Indies** and England at St Lucia is washed out, and England take the series 3-1



Adam Zampa and Marcus Stoinis set up Australia's victory in the third T20I against Pakistan as they take the series 3-0

**Aaqib Javed** is appointed Pakistan's interim white-ball coach up until the end of ICC Champions Trophy 2025

Sri Lanka clinch their ODI series against New Zealand 2-0 after rain washes out the final match at Pallekele (pictured below)

Ivory Coast are bowled out for just seven by Nigeria to record the lowest men's T20I total

India win the first Test against Australia at Perth by 295 runs, **Jasprit Bumrah** taking eight wickets

West Indies win their first Test against Bangladesh by 201 runs at North Sound, with Justin Greaves scoring an unbeaten 115

Kamran Ghulam's maiden ODI century helps Pakistan clinch their ODI series in Zimbabwe 2-1

Mandla Mashimbyi is appointed South Africa women's head coach

Marco Jansen's 11 wickets earn South Africa a 233-run victory in the first Test against Sri Lanka at Durban after the visitors were bowled out for 42 in their first innings

Charlie Dean's 3-26 and Danni Wyatt Hodge's unbeaten 53 give England a nine-wicket win in the third T20I against South Africa as they take the series 3-0







# **DECEMBER 2024**

Mitchell Santner takes the armband, Ireland's women beat Bangladesh, and South Africa clinch a spot at the **ICC WTC Final** 

Jay Shah takes over as the new ICC Chairman on 1 December (pictured above)

Jacob Bethell's debut 50 and 10 wickets for Brydon Carse seal England's victory in the first Test against New Zealand at Christchurch

Todd Greenberg is appointed the new Cricket Australia CEO

Sufiyan Mugeem of Pakistan returns the extraordinary figures of 5-3 as Zimbabwe are bowled out for just 57 in the second T201 at Bulawayo

Jaker Ali, Taijul Islam and Nahid Rana lead Bangladesh to a first win in the West Indies since 2009 with a 101-run victory at Sabina Park

**England** win the second Test against New Zealand by 323 runs after a century for Harry Brook and a hat-trick from Gus Atkinson

Travis Head's 140 and Pat Cummins' secondinnings 5-57 lead Australia to a 10-wicket victory over India in the floodlit second Test at Adelaide

Keshav Maharaj's 5-76 wraps up a second Test victory for South Africa over Sri Lanka at Ggeberha to take South Africa to the top of the ICC World Test Championship table

Ireland complete a 3-0 women's T20I series sweep in Bangladesh, clinching the final game in the last over (pictured right)

Tammy Beaumont and Amy Jones help England win the rain-affected third ODI against South Africa at Potchefstroom and take the series 2-1

A debut century from **Amir Jangoo** gives West Indies victory in the third ODI against Bangladesh at Basseterre as they take the series 3-0

Reeza Hendricks' maiden T20I century lifts South Africa to its first bilateral T20I series win since August 2022 with victory over Pakistan at Centurion

Chris Dehring is appointed chief executive of **Cricket West Indies** 

Kane Williamson's decisive second-innings 156 sets up New Zealand's consolation victory in the third Test against England at Hamilton

**England** romp to a 286-run win in their women's Test against South Africa at Bloemfontein as the hosts collapse to 64 all out in their second innings

Mitchell Santner is appointed New Zealand's white-ball captain

Rain has the final say as Australia and India draw the third Test at Brisbane, with only 22 overs possible on the fifth day

Smriti Mandhana and Richa Ghosh lead India to victory in the final T20I against the West Indies as they take the series 2-1

Jaker Ali smashes 72 not out as Bangladesh claim a 3-0 clean sweep in their T20I series with the West Indies

**AM Ghazanfar**'s five-wicket haul helps Afghanistan claim an ODI series win over Zimbabwe

South Africa are whitewashed at home in a bilateral ODI series for the first time as Saim Ayub's century helps Pakistan take the final match at Johannesburg

Annabel Sutherland and Ash Gardner lead Australia to victory in the third ODI against New Zealand at Wellington and a 2-0 series win

It is announced that Dubai will host all India's matches in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025

Deepti Sharma's 6-31 and 39 not out help India win the final ODI against the West Indies at Vadodara and take the series 3-0

South Africa win a thriller against Pakistan by two wickets to clinch a place in the ICC World Test Championship final

India lose seven wickets in the final session to lose the Melbourne Test by 184 runs in front of a record 373,691 fans over five days

Rahmat Shah and Hashmatullah Shahidi post double-centuries as the first Test between Zimbabwe and Afghanistan at Bulawayo ends in a high-scoring draw



# **JANUARY 2025**

Australia's men book a spot at the ICC WTC Final, Australia's women retain the Ashes, and there's a landmark hat-trick for Noman Ali

New Zealand win their T20I series with Sri Lanka 2-1 despite Kusal Perera's century in the third match at Nelson

Najmul Hossain Shanto steps down as Bangladesh T20I captain

Australia regain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and set up an ICC World Test Championship Final with South Africa after winning the Sydney Test against India by six wickets inside three days

**Rashid Khan** takes 11 wickets in the match to lead Afghanistan to a 72-run win in the second Test against Zimbabwe at Bulawayo and a 1-0 series win

South Africa clinch their Test series against Pakistan 2-0 with victory at Cape Town thanks to Ryan Rickelton's 259

Sri Lanka win the third ODI against New Zealand at Auckland but New Zealand take the series 2-1

India's women post their highest ODI total -435-5 – as they win their third ODI against Ireland and win the series 3-0

A maiden international ton from Ash Gardner and Alana King's 5-46 give Australia a 3-0 clean sweep in the ODI leg of the Women's Ashes

Sajid Khan, Noman Ali and Abrar Ahmed share all 20 wickets as Pakistan win the first Test against the West Indies at Multan

Bangladesh miss out on direct qualification for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 after defeat in the third ODI to the West Indies gives New Zealand an automatic spot

Noman Ali becomes the first Pakistan spinner to take a hat-trick as he performs the feat against the West Indies in the second Test at Multan (pictured top)

Beth Mooney hits an unbeaten 94 and England are all out for 90 as Australia take a 12-0 series lead after sweeping the T20I leg of the Women's Ashes





Jomel Warrican's nine wickets in the match gives the West Indies their first Test win in Pakistan for 34 years as the series ends 1-1 (pictured above)

Mitchell Owen hits a record-equalling 39-ball hundred to give Hobart Hurricanes their maiden Big Bash League title

Geoff Allardice steps down as ICC CEO, having taken over in 2020 and been appointed full-time in November 2021

South Africa and India win their semi-finals in the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025



# **FEBRUARY 2025**

India retain the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup, Ireland win their third straight Test, and the USA wins an all-spin ODI

Usman Khawaja, with 232, and spinners Nathan Lyon and Matthew Kuhnemann, help Australia consign Sri Lanka to their heaviest Test defeat in the first Test at Galle

Alana King's five second-innings wickets seal an innings victory for Australia in the Women's Ashes Test and clinch a 16-0 series winning margin (pictured top left)

Gongadi Trisha excels with bat and ball as India become back-to-back ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup champions with victory over South Africa at Kuala Lumpur

Abhishek Sharma's innings of 135 from 54 balls gives India victory in the final T20I against England at Mumbai and clinches a 4-1 series win

Australia win the second Test against Sri Lanka at Galle by nine wickets to seal the series 2-0 after centuries from Steve Smith and Alex Carey

MI Cape Town defeat Sunrisers by 76 runs to claim their maiden SA20 title

Ireland complete their third successive Test victory by beating Zimbabwe by 63 runs at Bulawayo

Shubman Gill's century and half-centuries for Virat Kohli and Shreyas Iyer help India wrap up a 3-0 win in their ODI series against England

A century for Kusal Mendis and Charith Asalanka's unbeaten 78\* set up Sri Lanka's 2-0 ODI sweep of Australia

Ben Curran's maiden ODI ton leads Zimbabwe to a 2-1 series win over Ireland

In the first all-spin ODI in history, the **USA** successfully defend 122 against Oman to win by 57 runs at Al Amerat

Josh Inglis strikes an unbeaten 120 to seal an ICC Champions Trophy record successful run chase of 356-5 for Australia against England at Lahore

Virat Kohli's unbeaten 100 headlines India's comprehensive win over Pakistan at Dubai in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025

Rachin Ravindra, Tom Latham and Michael Bracewell help New Zealand defeat Bangladesh and book a semi-final spot at the ICC Champions Trophy 2025



Half centuries from **Tom Latham** and **Daryl** Mitchell take New Zealand to the tri-series title with victory over Pakistan at Karachi

A second wash-out in three games gives Zimbabwe a 1-0 T20I series win over Ireland

Ibrahim Zadran's 177 and five wickets for Azmatullah Omarzai knock England out of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 as Afghanistan win their clash by eight runs (pictured top right)

Jos Buttler quits as England's white-ball captain after the team's ICC Champions Trophy exit

Australia seal a spot in the semi-finals of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 after their match against Afghanistan ends in a no result



# **MARCH 2025**

The ICC Champions Trophy is won by India, Law heads to Nepal, and the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires gets two new members

**South Africa** defeat England by seven wickets at Karachi to clinch a semi-final berth at the ICC Champions Trophy 2025

The **Ranji Trophy** final between Vidarbha and Kerala ends drawn, with Vidarbha winning their third title by virtue of a first-innings lead

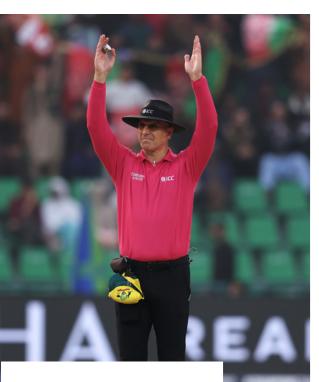
**Virat Kohli**'s 84 against Australia sends India into the final of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025

**Rachin Ravindra** and **Kane Williamson**'s tons help New Zealand to beat South Africa and reach the final of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025

A maiden century for **Georgia Plimmer** gives New Zealand victory in the third ODI against Sri Lanka and they take the series 2-0

**Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul** and a quartet of spinners lead India to a third ICC Champions Trophy with victory over New Zealand in Dubai (pictured below right)

**Ireland** cancel their planned home series with Afghanistan



**Nat Sciver-Brunt** and **Harmanpreet Kaur** lead Mumbai Indians to their second Women's Premier League title with victory over Delhi Capitals in the final

Rain washes out the deciding women's T201 between **New Zealand** and **Sri Lanka**, with the series ending at 1-1

Jon Lewis and Heather Knight leave their respective positions as head coach and captain of England's women's team in the wake of the 16-0 Ashes defeat

Alex Wharf (pictured below left) and Allahuddien Paleker are promoted to the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires

**Australia**'s women clinch a 3-0 win in their T201 series against New Zealand after Georgia Voll is dropped six times in her innings of 75 in the third match

**Jimmy Neesham**'s five wickets and 97 not out from **Tim Seifert** propel New Zealand to 4-1 T20I series win against Pakistan

**Stuart Law** is appointed Nepal men's head coach in succession to Monty Desai

Centuries for **Jason Sangha** and **Alex Carey** give South Australia their first Sheffield Shield title in 29 years

**Shammi Silva** is elected Sri Lanka Cricket president for a fourth consecutive term

**Kraigg Brathwaite** resigns as West Indies Test captain after leading the team in 39 Tests from 2017 to 2025



# **APRIL 2025**

Edwards takes the England reins, the ICC announces support for Afghanistan's women cricketers, and there's a teen ton in the IPL

**Charlotte Edwards** is named head coach of England women, succeeding Jon Lewis

**Rob Walter** resigns as South Africa's limited overs coach two years into his four-year contract

**New Zealand** complete a 3-0 ODI series sweep over Pakistan with victory in the third match at Mount Maunganui

**Tom Banton** hits 371 for Somerset against Worcestershire, the fifth-highest individual score in County Championship history

Harry Brook becomes England white-ball captain

Gary Stead resigns as New Zealand's white-ball head coach





**Scotland** beat the West Indies by 11 runs in the first upset at the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 Qualifier in Pakistan

**The ICC** announces it will form a dedicated task force to support Afghanistan women cricketers

**Pakistan** qualify for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 with victory over Thailand

**Bangladesh** pip West Indies to the final spot at the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025

Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana (pictued above) are named as Wisden's Leading Cricketers in the World in the 2025 Almanack

**Zimbabwe** beat Bangladesh by three wickets at Sylhet to win their first away Test since 2021

Vaibhav Suryavanshi, aged 14, becomes the youngest centurion in men's T20 cricket with a 35-ball ton for Rajasthan in the IPL

**Nat Sciver-Brunt** (pictured left) is named England Women captain in succession to Heather Knight, who resigned in March

**Mehidy Hasan Miraz**'s century and five second-innings wickets enable Bangladesh to win the second Test against Zimbabwe and tie the series 1-1







# **MAY 2025**

UAE's women get ODI status, Gill becomes India's Test captain, and there's record prize money for the ICC WTC

It is announced that Lord's will host the final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026, with Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, Southampton, the Oval and Bristol also hosting matches

Lloyd Tennant is appointed head coach of Ireland's women's team

**UAE** replace USA in the list of 16 women's teams with ICC ODI status for the 2025–29 cycle

Litton Das (pictured left) is appointed Bangladesh's T20I captain, with Mahedi Hasan to serve as his deputy

The IPL and PSL are both suspended for a week amid the border tensions between India and Pakistan

A century for Smriti Mandhana powers India to victory over Sri Lanka in the tri-series final in Colombo

Mike Hesson is appointed Pakistan's white-ball head coach

Roston Chase is appointed as West Indies' Test captain

The ICC announces that the winners of the ICC World Test Championship 2023–2025 will receive USD 3.6m in prize money, more than double than in the previous two editions

**UAE** win the third T20I against Bangladesh at Sharjah to clinch just their second series win over a full member team

at Dublin

Shubman Gill is announced as India's new Test captain for the tour of England, with Rishabh Pant the vice-captain

England's top three all score centuries and Shoaib Bashir takes nine wickets in the match as England win the Test against Zimbabwe at Nottingham by an innings

**Keacy Carty**'s career-best 170 enables the West Indies to win the third ODI against Ireland and level the series 1-1 after defeat in the first match

Hayley Matthews (pictured top) stars with bat and ball, but England win their T20I series with the West Indies 3-0 under new skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt

Former national team captain **Aminul Islam** is elected the new BCB President

Matthew Forde equals AB de Villiers' ODI record with a 16-ball half-century against Ireland

Lahore Qalanders win the Pakistan Super League after successfully chasing 202 to defeat Quetta Gladiators in the final at Lahore



# RETIREMENTS

# **ALL INTERNATIONALS**

Moeen Ali England James Anderson England R Ashwin India Sybrand Engelbrecht Netherlands Shannon Gabriel West Indies Martin Guptill New Zealand Mahmudullah Bangladesh Dawid Malan England Muhammad Usman UAE Shapoor Zadran Afghanistan Tim Southee New Zealand Hamza Tahir Scotland Tamim Igbal Bangladesh Matthew Wade Australia David Warner Australia David Wiese Namibia

# **TESTS**

Dimuth Karunaratne Sri Lanka Imrul Kayes Bangladesh Virat Kohli India Rohit Sharma India

# **ODIS**

Mushfigur Rahim Bangladesh Marcus Stoinis Australia Steve Smith Australia

# **T20Is**

Ravindra Jadeja India Virat Kohli India Shakib Al Hasan Bangladesh Rohit Sharma India

# **FIRST-CLASS** CRICKET

Moises Henriques Australia James Vince England

# **ALL CRICKET**

Varun Aaron India Dwayne Bravo West Indies Shikhar Dhawan India Kedar Jadhav India Dinesh Karthik India Niranjana Nagarajan India Will Pucovski Australia Wriddhiman Saha India Peter Siddle Australia Barinder Sran India Usman Qadir Pakistan George Worker New Zealand

# MATCH REFEREEING

David Boon Australia

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# **OBITUARIES**

# Sajjad Akbar died 21 May 2024

An off-spinning all-rounder, he represented Pakistan in two ODIs in 1990. Aside from his brief international career, he made a significant impact in domestic cricket, playing 182 first-class matches between 1979 and 2000, taking a match haul of 15-122 for Pakistan National Shipping Corporation against Karachi in 1988. He was also a level four coach, actively involved in coaching and nurturing young talent in domestic cricket.

### Barbara 'Pip' Vyvyan died 28 May 2024

Umpired two women's Tests and two women's ODIs between 1976 and 1990.

### **David Johnson** died 20 June 2024

Known for his pace and ability to reverse swing the ball, he was elevated to the Indian side on the back of some fine performances for Karnataka in the domestic circuit. However, a lack of control limited him to just two Tests, in which he picked up three wickets. In a decade-long first-class career, he took 125 wickets at an average of 28.63 and had a hundred to his name with the bat.

# **Ken Palmer** died 23 July 2024

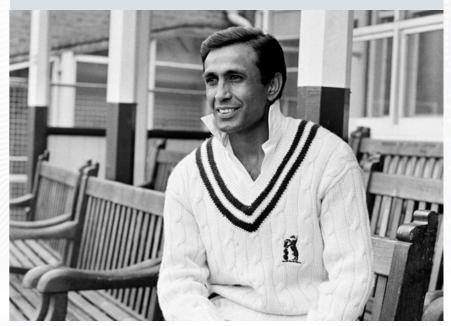
A classy right-handed batter and a fastmedium bowler, his sole international appearance came in the fifth Test of England's 1964/65 tour of South Africa at Port Elizabeth. After retiring from playing, he became a first-class umpire and went onto officiate in 22 Tests and 23 ODIs between 1977 and 2001.

# **Frank Duckworth**

died 21 June 2024 He was an English statistician who, with Tony Lewis, developed the Duckworth-Lewis Method to determine results in rainaffected matches. It was first used in international cricket in 1997 and was formally adopted by the ICC as the standard for setting revised targets in truncated games in 2001.

# **Billy Ibadulla** died 12 July 2024

An all-rounder who played four Tests for Pakistan between 1964 and 1967, he became the first player from his country to score a hundred on Test debut. Striking 166 against Australia at Karachi, he shared a 249-run opening partnership with fellow debutant Abdul Kadir. He represented Warwickshire for two decades and umpired 37 first-class matches before settling in New Zealand, where he became a respected coach.









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### **Anshuman Gaekwad** died 31 July 2024

A courageous opening batter, he played 40 Tests and 15 ODIs for India between 1975 and 1987. He scored 1985 Test runs, with a highest score of 201 against Pakistan in 1982-83, where he patiently batted for 671 minutes – then the slowest-ever double-century in first-class cricket. After retirement, he had two separate stints as India coach between 1997 and 2000, leading them to the final of the ICC Knockout Trophy in 2000.

# **Graham Thorpe** died 4 August 2024

A tough, counterattacking left-hander, he scored a century on debut against Australia at Trent Bridge in 1993 and went on to become one of England's premier batters. He played 100 Tests between 1993 and 2005, scoring 6,744 Test runs with 16 hundreds, and was also capped 82 times in ODIs. He joined the ECB in 2010 as lead batting coach and was part of the team that oversaw England's ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 success.

### **Dave Quested** died 6 August 2024

Umpired five Tests, 31 ODIs and 18 women's ODIs between 1990 and 2009, including the final of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2000 at Lincoln.

### Jon Hurley died 10 August 2024

A left-arm spinner, he played seven T20Is for his adopted country Argentina between 2019 and 2021, taking 10 wickets at 14.40 apiece.

### Frank Misson died 11 September 2024

Inspired to become a fast bowler after watching Ray Lindwall, he became a stellar athlete in his youth. He played five Tests across the famous 1960/61 series against the West Indies and the 1961 Ashes tour to England, taking 16 wickets at 38.50, including a career-best 4-58 against the West Indies in Melbourne. Ironically for someone who was such a fitness fanatic, his Test career was cut short by an Achilles injury, and he retired to concentrate on a sales career.

### **Brian Hastings** died 7 October 2024

An elegant right-handed batter, he featured in New Zealand's historic first Test victory over Australia at Christchurch in 1974. In all, he played 31 Tests and averaged 30.20, scoring four centuries, and shared in a then-record 151-run 10th-wicket partnership with Richard Collinge against Pakistan at Auckland in 1973. He also represented New Zealand in its first 11 limited-overs internationals and served as an ICC Match Referee in 10 Tests and 18 ODIs.

### Pat Thomson died October 2024

An off-spinning all-rounder, she made her Test debut for Australia against New Zealand in Dunedin in 1961 and toured England for the 1963 Ashes series. Overall, in four Tests, she scored 107 runs at 26.75 and claimed two wickets at 73.50. Following her cricket career, she moved to the Northern Territory to become a police officer, rising through the ranks to lead the NT Police's women's division.

# Ian Redpath died 30 November 2024

A stoic opener known for his courage, impeccable sportsmanship and wry humour, he played 66 Tests and five ODIs in an international career that ran from 1964 to 1976. He struck eight Test centuries, with a career-best 171 against England at Perth in 1970. Having scored three centuries against the West Indies in his last four Tests, he retired to work full-time for his antique business in Geelong. He returned to play World Series Cricket for two seasons and went on to coach Victoria later in life.



# **Mohammad Nazir** died 21 November 2024

An off-spinner, he played 14 Tests over a 14-year international career, taking 7-99 on debut against New Zealand at Karachi in 1969. In all, he took 34 Test wickets and added three in his four ODI appearances. A prolific wicket-taker in domestic cricket, he ended with 829 first-class wickets at just 19.26 apiece. After retiring, he turned to umpiring and stood in five Tests and 15 ODIs between 1994 and 2000.

### Sandra Brown died 22 November 2024

An all-rounder who bowled off-spin, she played all three Tests against Australia in 1963, helping England regain the Ashes with a 1-0 series win. She struck an unbeaten 57 in the drawn first Test at Edgbaston, but that was the extent of her international career.

### Arshad Pervez died 30 December 2024

A prolific batter in domestic cricket, scoring nearly 15,000 first-class runs, he represented Pakistan in two limited overs internationals against England in 1978.

### **Buster Farrer** died 31 January 2025

One of South Africa's most talented all-round sportsmen, he played six Tests between 1962 and 1964 – all against New Zealand – scoring 221 runs at an average of 27.62. An accomplished tennis player, he reached the second round at Wimbledon in 1956 and gained Border colours for golf, squash and badminton. Capped three times by the South African hockey team, he also represented his country in senior bowls and completed a Comrades Mathon in 1979.

### **Bill Sommer** died 9 February 2025

Umpired seven women's ODI matches in New Zealand between 1992 and 1999, and later served as president and chairman of the New Zealand Umpires and Scorers Association.

# **Ann McKenna**

died 24 January 2025 A talented sportswoman, she played seven Tests and 14 ODIs for New Zealand between 1969 and 1987, with a highest score of 97 not out in the 1985 Test against India at Cuttack. She went on to coach New Zealand at the 1993 and 1997 ICC Women's Cricket World Cups (pictured above, front row left, with the 1993 team), finishing as runners-up on both occasions, and won international hockey caps in 1967 and 1971.

# **Janice Parker**

died 9 February 2025 A right-handed batter who bowled medium-pace, she enjoyed a decade-long career for Victoria and represented Australia in five Tests – two on the 1963 tour of England and three in the subsequent 1968/69 home Ashes series. She scored 172 runs at an average of 24.57, with two half-centuries, and added three wickets at just 11.33 apiece.



# **Keith Slater** died 24 February 2025

A versatile all-rounder, he played one Test for Australia against England at Sydney in 1959, dismissing Peter May and Ted Dexter. The first Western Australian to play in the Ashes, he founded the Lilac Hill Festival Match, pitting a Cricket Australia Chairman's XI against an international touring team. He was also an accomplished Australian rules football player for Swan Districts, who he helped complete a hat-trick of titles from 1961 to 1963.



### **Ronald Draper** died 25 February 2025

A top-order batsman and occasional wicketkeeper and the oldest Test cricketer at the time of his death, he made a century on his first-class debut for Eastern Province in 1945. Making his Test debut with South Africa 3-0 down in their 1949/50 series against Australia, he made 15, and added seven and three in the final Test. That was the extent of his Test career, but he later became the first to score two centuries in a Currie Cup match, for Griqualand West against Border at Kimberley in 1952.

### **Godfrey Lawrence** died 12 March 2025

A fast bowler from Rhodesia, he played all five of his Tests for South Africa in the 1961/62 series against New Zealand, which ended 2-2. He was the leading wicket-taker for either side with 28 at 18.28 apiece, highlighted by 8-53 in New Zealand's first innings of the second Test at Johannesburg. He took wickets with his last two deliveries in Test cricket and remained the spearhead of the Rhodesian attack for a decade.

### Peter Lever died 27 March 2025

A tireless and aggressive right-arm fast bowler, he played an important part in England's triumphant 1970/71 Ashes victory in Australia, where his 13 wickets proved the ideal support to John Snow. He took 41 wickets in his 17 Tests and struck two half-centuries with the bat, adding 11 wickets in 10 ODIs. He enjoyed a 17-year career with Lancashire and went on to coach them between 1983 and 1986, before serving as England's bowling coach a decade later.

### **Faroog Hamid** died 3 April 2025

A tall, right-arm opening bowler, he toured Australia and New Zealand aged 19 on Pakistan's 1964/65 tour, scoring zero and three and taking 1-107 in his sole Test appearance at Melbourne. The son of Abdul Hamid, who competed at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics, he was himself a national champion in the javelin and in the decathlon.

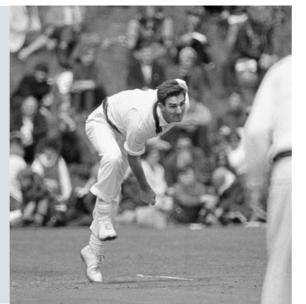


# Abid Ali died 12 March 2025

An all-rounder who bowled medium-pace and fielded brilliantly, he played 29 Tests for India between 1967 and 1974, scoring 1,018 runs and taking 47 wickets, and represented his country at the ICC Cricket World Cup 1975. On his Test debut he took 6-55 against Australia at Adelaide, and famously scored the winning runs as India beat England at The Oval in 1971. After retirement, he settled in America and played an active role in the Northern California Cricket Association.

# **David Renneberg** died 7 April 2025

A fast, accurate opening bowler, he represented Australia in eight Tests between 1966 and 1968, taking 23 wickets at 36.06. He played all five matches in the 1966/67 series in South Africa and three against India the following season, when he returned his best figures of 5-39 at Adelaide. After he retired from cricket, he was a radio commentator for the ABC for several years.



### Jeff Evans died 20 April 2025

Umpired five women's ODIs and three women's T20Is between 2002 and 2014, and enjoyed a 22-year career as a firstclass umpire.

### Hammond Furlonge died 6 May 2025

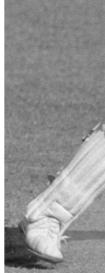
An opening batter from Trinidad, he struck an unbeaten 150 against the touring Australians in 1955 in just his third first-class match to earn a Test debut in the final Test of the series two months later. He played his remaining two Tests on the tour of New Zealand the following winter, striking 64 at Auckland. His nephew David has served as Trinidad and Tobago's coach.

### **Bob Cowper** died 11 May 2025

A talented left-hander and off-break bowler, he played 27 Tests for Australia between 1964 and 1968, scoring 2,061 runs at an average of 46.84, including five centuries. He is best remembered for his innings of 307 against England at the MCG in 1966, the first triplecentury scored in a Test in Australia. He retired at the age of 28 to become a stockbroker, but later returned to the game as an ICC Match Referee in two Tests and 12 ODIs.

### David Trist died 29 May 2025

A pace bowler who enjoyed a 14-year playing career in New Zealand, he then moved into coaching. Having enjoyed stints with Canterbury, South Africa and the Netherlands, he became New Zealand coach in 1999 and guided the team to victory in the 2000 ICC Knockout – their first piece of global silverware.



# **Keith Stackpole** died 22 April 2025

An aggressive middle-order batter who could also bowl leg-spin, he flourished after being moved to the top of the order and went on to play 43 Tests between 1966 and 1974, scoring 2,807 runs at 37.42 with seven centuries. He served as Australia's vice-captain for the 1972 Ashes series, in which he topped all runscorers with 485. After retiring he forged a career in the media, becoming a well-known and respected television and radio commentator.





# STRENGTHEN



# **CRICKET OPERATIONS**

A number of announcements spoke to the global growth of the women's game and confirmed the ICC's commitment to that trend, while the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires and Referees celebrated multiple member milestones.





# Strengthening women's cricket

Demonstrating its commitment to equity across the men's and women's games, at its Annual Conference in July 2024 the ICC confirmed that the ICC Women's T20 World Cup would comprise 16 teams, up from 12.

The ICC Board built on that announcement at its October meeting that year, following the conclusion of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024, with the approval of a series of Associate Member women's T20 competitions. The series is designed to help boost competitiveness in preparation for the expansion of ICC women's events in the 2028-2031 cycle, as well as the 2025-2029 Women's Future Tours Programme and calendar. Notably, the latter included confirmation of Zimbabwe's debut place in the ICC Women's Championship, marking a significant step toward broader global representation in women's cricket.

At that October meeting, the ICC Chief Executives' Committee confirmed the mechanism for ODI status for the five Associate Member women's teams for the 2025–2029 cycle, while also announcing that the women's rankings annual update will move to 1 May from 1 October each year. Teams must now have played a minimum of eight matches, up from six, reflecting the significant increase in women's international cricket.

Other notable outcomes of the Annual Conference included the ICC Board confirming a review into the delivery of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. Looking ahead, the ICC Chief Executives' Committee confirmed the allocation of the eight regional qualifying spots for the 2026 edition of the tournament.

# Landmark year for referees and umpires

The 2024–25 season saw the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees celebrate the career of match referee David Boon, who announced his retirement in April 2025. Since 2011, he had officiated in nearly 400 international matches, including 87 men's Tests, 183 men's ODIs, 119 men's T20Is and seven women's T20Is. He has since joined Cricket Australia as a Board Director.

Other notable milestones included referee Richie Richardson officiating in a men's Test match for the 50th time when he took to the field for Pakistan against England in October 2024, and Andy Pycroft doing so for the 100th time when Australia took on India in December.

In May 2025, the ICC congratulated four-time ICC Umpire of the Year Richard Illingworth for officiating in 100 men's ODIs. He reached the landmark during Ireland's series against the West Indies.

# **ICC committees**

There were a number of changes to the ICC Men's Cricket Committee across the season. In July 2024, two appointments were approved, Paul Reiffel (Umpire representative) and Richie Richardson (Referee representative). In October 2024, Scott Weenink was appointed as the committee's Full Member representative and Scott Edwards was named as the Associate Member representative. And in April 2025, Sourav Ganguly was reappointed as Chair, while Hamid Hassan, Desmond Haynes, Themba Bavuma, VVS Laxman (reappointment) and Jonathan Trott were all appointed.

Also in April, Catherine Campbell was reappointed as a Full Member Representative of the ICC Women's Cricket Committee, joined by new appointees Avril Fahey (Full Member representative) and Pholetsi Moseki (Chief Executives' Committee representative).

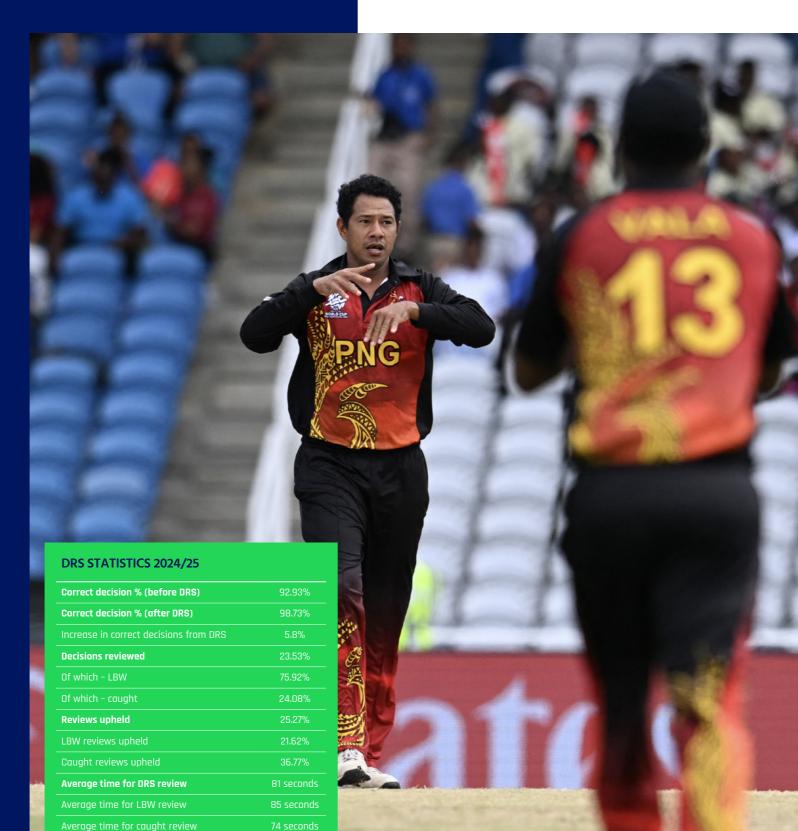
In October 2024, Dr John Maclean replaced the retiring Dr Roger Hawkes on the Medical Advisory Committee.



# Decision Review System (DRS)

Further to making DRS available as standard across all major ICC men's and women's events, SMART Replay technology has also been introduced at the past three ICC events. The technology extends the use of core DRS tools, allowing the third umpire to have direct access to match replays and decision technologies to facilitate more dynamic and guicker review processes, as well as adding the ability to use ball tracking to check above-waist no balls.

There have been clear benefits, including a reduction in the number of umpire reviews, time-savings and reduced animosity about above-waist no ball decisions. The ICC aims to provide SMART Replay, or similar, at all ICC men's and women's senior age events in the future and is committed to further innovation and improvements in match technology.



# ICC WOMEN'S CRICKET COMMITTEE As at 31 May 2025

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Committee secretary

# ICC MEN'S CRICKET COMMITTEE

As at 31 May 2025 Chair

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Data taken from 44 Tests, 66 ODIs and 109 T20Is (all men's)

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# FULL MEMBERS

TEAM	TEST	ODIs	T20Is	TOTAL
AFGHANISTAN	10	12	11	33
AUSTRALIA	28	13	15	56
BANGLADESH	42	8	18	68
ENGLAND	48	15	20	83
INDIA	40	11	28	79
IRELAND	9	9	8	26
NEW ZEALAND	31	17	14	62
PAKISTAN	36	17	19	72
SOUTH AFRICA	32	14	20	66
SRI LANKA	38	14	14	66
WEST INDIES	33	13	21	67
ZIMBABWE	29	9	19	57

# ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – ODIs & T20Is

ТЕАМ	ODIs	T20Is	TOTAL
CANADA	15	20	35
NAMIBIA	16	11	27
NEPAL	7	14	21
NETHERLANDS	15	11	26
OMAN	19	19	38
SCOTLAND	13	7	20
UAE	13	19	32
USA	20	26	46

# ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – T20Is

ТЕАМ	T20Is	TOTAL
ARGENTINA	9	9
AUSTRIA	16	12
BAHAMAS	12	12
BAHRAIN	27	27
BELGIUM	12	8
BELIZE	8	8
BERMUDA	13	13
BHUTAN	11	11
BOTSWANA	14	14
BRAZIL	9	9
BULGARIA	4	4
CAMBODIA	6	6
CAMEROON	5	5
CAYMAN ISLANDS	13	13
COOK ISLANDS	11	10
COSTA RICA	10	8
CROATIA	9	7
CYPRUS	11	8
CZECH REPUBLIC	5	5
DENMARK	6	5
ESTONIA	14	10
ESWATINI	5	5
FALKLAND ISLANDS	6	4
FIJI	6	6
FINLAND	8	8
FRANCE	5	5
GAMBIA	3	3
GERMANY	4	4
GHANA	5	5
GIBRALTAR	6	5
GREECE	4	4
GUERNSEY	12	9
HONG KONG	20	20
HUNGARY	8	7
INDONESIA	23	23
ISLE OF MAN	5	5

# ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – T20Is (continued)

TEAM	T20Is	TOTAL	TEAM
ISRAEL	5	5	ST HELENA
ITALY	5	5	SURINAME
IVORY COAST	5	5	SWEDEN
JAPAN	13	13	SWITZERLAND
JERSEY	9	7	TANZANIA
KENYA	16	16	THAILAND
KUWAIT	21	21	TURKEY
LESOTHO	5	5	TURKS AND
LUXEMBOURG	5	5	
MALAWI	15	14	UGANDA
MALAYSIA	21	21	VANUATU
MALDIVES	10	10	
MALI	5	5	
MALTA	16	12	
MEXICO	13	13	
MONGOLIA	6	6	
MOZAMBIQUE	5	5	
MYANMAR	12	12	
NIGERIA	20	20	
NORWAY	11	11	
PANAMA	11	11	and the second
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	4	4	
PHILIPPINES	7	7	Contraction of the local
PORTUGAL	12	10	a state of the second second
QATAR	15	15	
ROMANIA	5	5	
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SAMOA	6	6	
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SERBIA	9	7	
SEYCHELLES	5	5	
SIERRA LEONE	5	5	
SINGAPORE	16	16	CONTRACT OF
SLOVENIA	10	7	
SOUTH KOREA	6	6	ė
SPAIN	9	7	

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	T20Is	TOTAL
	5	5
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	6	6









# PLAYING DAYS – WOMEN

1 JUNE 2024 – 31 MAY 2025

# TESTS, ODIs & T20Is

TEAM	TESTS	ODIs	T20Is	TOTAL
AUSTRALIA	6	8	14	28
BANGLADESH	-	11	14	25
ENGLAND	3	13	20	36
INDIA	4	20	15	39
IRELAND	-	17	7	24
NETHERLANDS		4	12	15
NEW ZEALAND	-	11	20	31
PAKISTAN	-	5	11	16
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	-	4	2	6
SCOTLAND	-	9	6	15
SOUTH AFRICA	7	10	15	32
SRI LANKA	-	14	17	31
THAILAND	-	5	20	25
USA		7	9	16
WEST INDIES		15	17	32
ZIMBABWE		7	9	16





T20Is

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ТЕАМ	T20Is	TOTAL
ARGENTINA	10	10
AUSTRIA	7	4
BAHRAIN	11	11
BELGIUM	4	2
BHUTAN	14	13
BOTSWANA	12	9
BRAZIL	10	10
BULGARIA	11	6
CAMEROON	5	5
CANADA	6	6
CAYMAN ISLANDS	4	4
CHINA	13	13
COOK ISLANDS	3	3
COSTA RICA	3	2
CROATIA	10	6
CYPRUS	19	10
CZECH REPUBLIC	12	8
DENMARK	13	7
ESTONIA	12	7
ESWATINI	7	7
FIJI	4	3
FRANCE	4	4
GERMANY	15	9
GIBRALTAR	6	5
GREECE	17	10
GUERNSEY	4	3
HONG KONG	28	27
INDONESIA	9	7
ISLE OF MAN	18	14
ITALY	16	11
JAPAN	10	10

ТЕАМ	T20Is	TOTAL
JERSEY	18	12
KENYA	17	15
KUWAIT	13	13
LUXEMBOURG	4	2
MALAWI	6	6
MALAYSIA	8	8
MALTA	13	11
MEXICO	7	6
MONGOLIA	8	8
MOZAMBIQUE	7	4
MYANMAR	16	16
NAMIBIA	26	26
NEPAL	20	20
NIGERIA	6	6
NORWAY	10	7
OMAN	3	3
PHILIPPINES	6	6
PORTUGAL	3	3
QATAR	7	7
RWANDA	15	13
SAMDA	4	3
SERBIA	9	6
SIERRA LEONE	7	4
SINGAPORE	21	21
SOUTH KOREA	5	5
SPAIN	14	9
SWEDEN	11	8
SWITZERLAND	4	2
UGANDA	17	17
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	16	16
VANUATU	4	3





# **CRICKET AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES**

Preparations continued this year for cricket's return to the world's biggest sporting stage with ICC Chairman Jay Shah meeting current and future IOC Presidents during 2025.

Cricket's return to the Olympic programme grew ever closer in 2024-25. Excitement continues to build around the world for what ICC Chairman Jay Shah describes as "a watershed moment for our sport and a real opportunity

for transformative growth for 2028 and beyond".

Shah played a crucial part in the successful campaign for cricket to be included at the Olympic Games LA28,

its first appearance at the Games since 1900. Following his assumption of his new role as ICC Chairman in December 2024, Shah has been working hard to ensure a successful Olympic return for cricket in 2028 – and has also been

looking to cement cricket's place on future Olympic programmes, starting with the Brisbane Games of 2032.

# Connecting with President Bach

In January 2025, Shah travelled to the Olympic Capital of Lausanne, where he met with Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and other IOC officials to discuss cricket's place on the Olympic programme. Shah and ICC CEO Geoff Allardice also took part in a seminar for the international federations of sports on the programme of the Olympic Games LA28.

"It was a productive meeting and an important milestone on the road to LA28," said Shah. "We discussed a range of critical issues and continued to build relationships with our friends across the Olympic Movement. We look forward to the next three and half years working in collaboration with the IOC and LA28."

# In with the new

In March 2025, Shah welcomed IOC Member Kirsty Coventry to the ICC Champions Trophy semi-final between



Chairman Shah met incoming IOC President **Kirsty Coventry following** her election in March



Jay Shah **ICC Chairman** 

India and Australia in Dubai – just two weeks before Coventry was elected to succeed Bach as IOC President following the conclusion of his term of office in June 2025.

Coventry, a two-time Olympic swimming champion, hails from the cricketing hotbed of Zimbabwe, and served as her nation's Minister of Sport before her election as the first female President in the IOC's history.

"I look forward to working with you and your team on cricket's inclusion in the LA28 (Olympic) Games – and beyond," said Shah, offering the newly elected President his congratulations.

# LA28 venue and team numbers confirmed

April 2025 saw two major moments for cricket on the road to the Olympic Games LA28. First came confirmation from the IOC Executive Board that the men's and women's T20 tournaments at the Games will each feature six teams, with all teams fielding 15-player squads – as is the case at ICC men's and women's World Cups. Details of the qualification pathway for the Games will be confirmed in the coming months.



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> Soon afterwards, the Olympic Games LA28 Organising Committee announced that the Olympic cricket tournament would take place at the Fairgrounds in Pomona, a Southern California landmark that has hosted the LA County Fair for more than a century.

# **Beyond Los Angeles**

Los Angeles wasn't the only item on Shah's Olympic agenda for 2025. In December, he travelled to Australia to meet with the Olympic Games Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee, heralding what Shah termed a "very exciting time ahead for cricket's involvement in the Olympic Movement". Hopes are high that, in the cricketing powerhouse of Australia, Brisbane 2032 will retain cricket on the Olympic programme following its return in Los Angeles.

Since assuming his role, Shah has also been keen to connect with key figures from other sports on the Olympic programme – including a meeting in May 2025 with UEFA President Aleksander Čeferin in Munich ahead of the UEFA Champions League Final 2025. As Shah said, "it's always valuable to spend time with other sporting leaders as the ICC expands our sport's global reach".







# INDIA RETURN TO THE TOP

India came out winners of an epic tussle in Barbados, bringing to an end a long wait for a world title and a tournament full of surprises.

India became the first team to win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup without losing a game, edging out South Africa in a tense final to claim their second crown. Despite being a dominant force in Test cricket in recent years, the victory was India's first World Cup title since 2011, and their first T20 title since 2007.

India set South Africa 176 to win – the highest total ever set in an ICC Men's T20 World Cup final – thanks in large part to player of the match Virat Kohli's 59-ball 76. The Proteas got off to a shaky start in their chase but settled, before Henrich Klaasen wrenched them into a strong position with a rapid-fire 52 that included five sixes – leaving South Africa needing 26 from the final four overs.







Kenneth Waiswa hit the winning runs as Uganda won their first World Cup match

# Afghanistan shocked Australia en route to the semi-finals

Up stepped India's bowlers, led by player of the tournament Jasprit Bumrah, who proceeded to stifle South Africa's final overs and take India to victory at the Kensington Oval.

For first-time finalists South Africa, to come so close to a maiden world title was tough to take, but their run to the final is a sure sign of the Proteas' progress. "It's one step closer," said their captain, Aiden Markram. "Hopefully moving forward we can get that first win and it can be a snowball effect of quite a few to come."

# Increasing competitiveness

The closeness of the battle in Barbados – and the competitiveness of the tournament as a whole – belied the relative ease with which the finalists navigated their semi-finals. In Guyana, India set England a daunting 172 to win, ultimately claiming a 68-run victory and avenging their ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 semi-final defeat. In Trinidad and Tobago, South Africa faced surprise package Afghanistan, who had dispatched New Zealand, Bangladesh and Australia during a hugely impressive run to the final four, their debut at that stage of the tournament. The semi-final proved a step too far, with the Proteas cruising to a ninewicket, but Afghanistan's presence was representative of the competitiveness reflected across the tournament – the first edition to feature 20 teams.

In their first World Cup, the USA defied expectations, defeating heavyweights Pakistan to gualify from Group A.

Elsewhere, Nepal were one run away from a huge upset against South Africa, Scotland narrowly missed out on the Super Eight stage to England in Group B, and New Zealand also failed to progress from the groups after defeats to Afghanistan and the West Indies. Even eventual winners India only narrowly edged past Pakistan by six runs, while Uganda claimed their first-ever ICC Men's T20 World Cup victory by defeating Papua New Guinea.



The decision to hold matches in the USA proved a success, and augurs well ahead of cricket's return to the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Overall, nearly 200,000 fans attended matches during the USA leg of the tournament. India's clash with archrivals Pakistan at the Nassau County International Stadium in New York drew 34,028 fans, a record for international cricket in the USA, with another 31,722 watching the home side play the eventual champions.

Beyond the stadiums, tens of thousands attended the fan parks across the country, while ICC digital platforms witnessed record levels of engagement from the region. Across the USA leg of the tournament, 2.7m USA-based users visited the ICC website or app, a huge rise on the previous edition, with 52% of those being new fans.



End of an era Rohit Sharma became the oldest man to captain a team to an ICC Men's T20 World Cup title, after which he announced his retirement from T20Is alongside Virat Kohli.

# **SUPER EIGHTS, GROUP 1**

RANK	TEAM	PLAYED	WON
1	INDIA	3	3
2	AFGHANISTAN	3	2
3	AUSTRALIA	3	1
4	BANGLADESH	3	0

# **SUPER EIGHTS, GROUP 2**

RANK	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	NR	POINTS	NRR
1	SOUTH AFRICA	3	3q	0	0	6	0.599
2	ENGLAND	3	2	1	0	4	1.992
3	WEST INDIES	3	1	2	0	2	0.963
4	USA	3	0	3	0	0	-3.906

# LEADING RUN-SCORERS

PLAYER	MAT	INNS	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	SR	100	50
RAHMANULLAH GURBAZ (AFG)	8	8	0	281	80	35.12	124.33	0	3
RG SHARMA (IND)	8	8	1	257	92	36.71	156.70	0	3
TM HEAD (AUS)	7	7	1	255	76	42.50	158.38	0	2
Q DE KOCK (SA)	9	9	0	243	74	27.00	140.46	0	2
IBRAHIM ZADRAN (AFG)	8	8	0	231	70	28.87	107.44	0	2

# LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

PLAYER	MAT	WKTS	BBI	AVE	ECON	SR	4WI
FAZALHAQ FAROOQI (AFG)	8	17	5-9	9.41	6.31	8.94	2
ARSHDEEP SINGH (IND)	8	17	4-9	12.64	7.16	10.58	1
JJ BUMRAH (IND)	8	15	3-7	8.26	4.17	11.86	0
A NORTJE (SA)	9	15	4-7	13.40	5.74	14.00	1
RASHID KHAN (AFG)	8	14	4-17	12.78	6.17	12.42	2
RISHAD HOSSAIN (BAN)	7	14	3-22	13.85	7.76	10.71	0

### SEMI-FINALS

South Africa (60-1, 8.5 overs) beat Afghanistan (56, 11.5 overs) by 9 wickets India (171-7, 20 overs) beat England (103, 16.4 overs) by 68 runs FINAL

India (176-7, 20 overs) beat South Africa (169-8, 20 overs) by 7 runs

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# **KERR DOES IT ALL**

New Zealand won their maiden ICC Women's T20 World Cup in Dubai, beating South Africa to end a fabulous showcase for the women's game.

All-rounder Amelia Kerr led New Zealand to a historic victory in the 2024 edition of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, the White Ferns' first World Cup triumph since winning the 50-over ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in 2000.

The White Ferns had to scrap to make the final – qualifying from the group stage only after an epic collapse from Pakistan, then barely edging out the West Indies by eight runs in their semifinal. But Sophie Devine's side rose to the occasion in Dubai, running out comfortable winners against a South African side that just ran out of steam.

South Africa won the toss and chose to field, and the New Zealand innings was in the balance at 85 for three after 13 overs. But a rapid 43 from Kerr helped them plunder 73 runs from the last seven overs and post what looked like a competitive total of 158 for five.

So it proved. South Africa's openers racked up 50 in just the seventh over, but Tazmin Brits' dismissal heralded a match-changing turnaround: five wickets for just 26 runs in 6.3 overs. The jubilant New Zealanders ran out victors by 32 runs, and Kerr ended with 3-24 to take the twin crowns of Player of the Match and Player of the Tournament.

# The road to the final

The group stage threw up its share of drama, and more than a few shocks.

The only team to go undefeated during the group stage were six-time winners and defending champions Australia. New Zealand's 58-run hammering of India in their first match left the White Ferns in pole position to progress from Group A with the Aussies – and they sealed the deal with victory over Pakistan, who lost their last six wickets for four runs in 11 balls. India ended a disappointing third, ahead of Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Group B was even tighter, as a trio of sides ended with identical 3–1 records. The West Indies' brilliant victory over England meant they topped the group - and they were joined in the semifinals by South Africa, who edged out Heather Knight's side on net run rate. Bangladesh and tournament debutants Scotland completed the group.

The semi-finals were no less dramatic – or surprising. South Africa stunned Australia in the first, restricting the Aussies to just 134 for five before reaching the target with eight wickets in hand. The next day, West Indies fell





# WOMEN'S T20 **WORLD CUP**

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just short of New Zealand's 128 for nine, setting the stage for the White Ferns' historic triumph.

# A landmark for cricket

The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 was a landmark tournament for another reason – it was the first ICC event where women received the same prize money as their male counterparts. The overall prize pot for the tournament, which was moved from Bangladesh to the UAE owing to security concerns, was USD 7,958,080, a massive increase of 225 per cent from the previous edition of the tournament.





Australia failed to make it three titles in a row



# ICC Team of the Tournament





 $\bullet$ Danni Wyatt-Hodge England

Amelia Kerr New Zealand

Harmanpreet Kaur India

Deandra Dottin West Indies



Afy Fletcher West Indies

**Rosemary Mair** 

New Zealand

>Nonkululeko Mlaba South Africa

> < Megan Schutt

Australia

Eden Carson New Zealand (12th player)

# **GROUP A**

RANK	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	NR	POINTS	NRR
1	AUSTRALIA	4	4	0	0	8	2.223
2	NEW ZEALAND	4	3	1	0	6	0.879
3	INDIA	4	2	2	0	4	0.322
4	PAKISTAN	4	1	3	0	2	-1.040
5	INDIA	4	0	4	0	0	-2.173

# **GROUP B**

RANK	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	NR	POINTS	NRR
1	WEST INDIES	4	3	1	0	6	1.536
2	SOUTH AFRICA	4	3	1	0	6	1.382
3	ENGLAND	4	3	1	0	6	1.091
4	BANGLADESH	4	1	3	0	2	-0.844
5	SCOTLAND	4	0	4	0	0	-3.129

# LEADING RUN-SCORERS

PLAYER	MAT	INNS	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	SR	100	50
L WOLVAARDT (SA)	6	6	1	223	59*	44.60	113.19	0	1
T BRITS (SA)	6	6	1	187	57*	37.40	103.88	0	1
DN WYATT-HODGE (ENG)	4	4	1	151	51*	50.33	124.79	0	1
H KAUR (IND)	4	4	3	150	54*	150.00	133.92	0	2
SW BATES (NZ)	6	6	0	150	32	25.00	93.16	0	0
GE PLIMMER (NZ)	6	6	0	150	53	25.00	119.04	0	1

# LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

PLAYER	MAT	WKTS	BBI	AVE	ECON	SR	4WI
AC KERR (NZ)	6	15	4-26	7.33	4.85	9.06	1
N MLABA (SA)	6	12	4-29	11.33	5.66	12.00	1
ASS FLETCHER (WI)	5	10	3-21	11.50	6.38	10.80	0
RA MAIR (NZ)	6	10	4-19	11.70	5.08	13.80	1
A SUTHERLAND (AUS)	5	9	3-21	10.22	5.15	11.88	0
EJ CARSON (NZ)	6	9	3-29	15.33	6.39	15.33	0

# SEMI-FINALS

South Africa (135-2, 17.2 overs) beat Australia (134-5, 20 overs) by 8 wickets New Zealand (128-9, 20 overs) beat West Indies (120-8, 20 overs) by 8 runs

FINAL

New Zealand (158-5, 20 overs) beat South Africa (126-9, 20 overs) by 32 runs

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# INDIA TAKE THE CROWN

Rohit Sharma led India to victory at the first ICC Champions Trophy in eight years, capping a phenomenal year for India's men at ICC senior events. The return of the ICC Champions Trophy after an eight-year pause saw the return of familiar winners – and no one could say they didn't deserve it.

After eight teams faced off across 19 days in Pakistan and the UAE, it was India who came out on top of the world. Rohit Sharma's men became the first team to win three ICC Champions Trophy titles – and just as they had at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, they did so without losing a match.

New Zealand did their level best to halt the Indian juggernaut in the final.

The Kiwis posted 251 for seven in their 50 overs after winning the toss, led by a quickfire half-century from Michael Bracewell. But a fast start from openers Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill put India in pole position – and despite losing wickets regularly to the canny Kiwi attack, they made it home by four wickets with an over to spare.

# The road to the final

The two finalists both emerged from Group A, with each team's opening match proving crucial in this compact tournament format. New Zealand stunned hosts Pakistan in the opening match, with tons from Will Young and Tom Latham lifting them to a daunting total of 320 for five and a 60-run hammering. India, meanwhile, strolled past Bangladesh with ease, led by an unbeaten ton from Gill. When India beat Pakistan and New Zealand took care of Bangladesh in the following Group A matches, both sides were confirmed as semi-finalists.

The only side in Group B to complete all their matches was England, who lost the lot in what proved to be Jos Buttler's swansong as captain. South Africa's closing victory against England



# ICC Team of the Tournament



Ibrahim Zadran Afghanistan

**Oirat Kohli** 

India

Shreyas Iyer India

**KL Rahul** India (wk)

Glenn Phillips New Zealand

Azmatullah Omarzai Afghanistan

Mitchell Santner New Zealand (captain)

Mohammed Shami India

> Matt Henry New Zealand

Varun Chakravarthy India

Axar Patel India (12th player)



ensured they topped the group ahead of Australia (one win, two no-results), with Afghanistan completing the table in third position.

But it was the Group A teams who made it to the final. A solid performance from the middle order saw India past Australia in the first semi-final with nearly two overs in hand, before tons

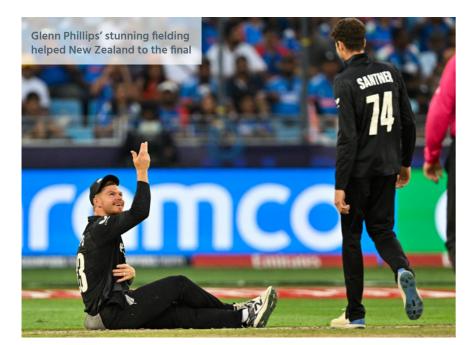
from New Zealand's Kane Williamson and Player-of-the-Tournament Rachin Ravindra set South Africa an insurmountable 363 in the second.

# Looking ahead

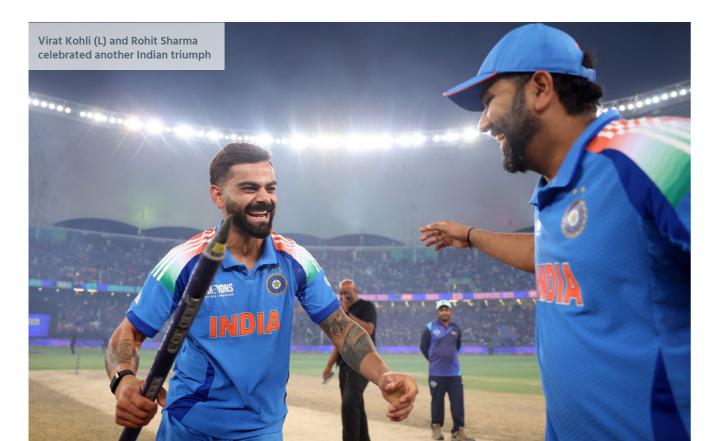
The tournament was hosted by the Pakistan Cricket Board, with India

playing all their matches in the UAE. The action gripped fans around the world, and the tournament is confirmed to return in 2029.

And there's more: the first ICC Women's Champions Trophy is set to take place in 2027, with six teams set to battle in Sri Lanka for what's set to be a popular showcase for the women's game.







# **GROUP A**

RANK	TEAM	PLAYED	WON
1	INDIA	3	3
2	NEW ZEALAND	3	2
3	BANGLADESH	3	0
4	PAKISTAN	3	0

# **GROUP B**

RANK	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	NR	POINTS	NRR
1	SOUTH AFRICA	3	2	0	1	5	2.395
2	AUSTRALIA	3	1	0	2	4	0.475
3	AFGHANISTAN	3	1	1	1	з	-0.990
4	ENGLAND	3	0	3	0	0	-1.159

# LEADING RUN-SCORERS

PLAYER	MAT	INNS	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	SR	100	50
R RAVINDRA (NZ)	4	4	0	263	112	65.75	106.47	2	0
SS IYER (IND)	5	5	0	243	79	48.60	79.41	0	2
BM DUCKETT (ENG)	3	3	0	227	165	75.66	108.61	1	0
JE ROOT (ENG)	3	3	0	225	120	75.00	96.56	1	1
V KOHLI (IND)	5	5	1	218	100*	54.50	82.88	1	1

# LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

PLAYER	MAT	WKTS	BBI	AVE	ECON	SR	4WI
MJ HENRY (NZ)	4	10	5-42	16.70	5.32	18.80	1
V CHAKRAVARTY (IND)	3	9	5-42	15.11	4.53	20.00	1
MOHAMMED SHAMI (IND)	5	9	5-53	25.88	5.68	27.33	1
MJ SANTNER (NZ)	5	9	3-43	26.66	4.80	33.33	0
MG BRACEWELL (NZ)	5	8	4-26	25.12	4.10	36.75	1

### SEMI-FINALS

India (267-6, 48.1 overs) beat Australia (264, 49.3 overs) by 4 wickets New Zealand (362-6, 50 overs) beat South Africa (312-9, 50 overs) by 50 runs

FINAL

India (254-6, 49 overs) beat New Zealand (251-7, 50 overs) by 4 wickets

# NRR 0.715 0.267 -0.443 -1.087





# SOUTH AFRICA, AUSTRALIA QUALIFY FOR FINAL

The third cycle of the ICC World Test Championship saw South Africa spring a surprise and lead the way to the showpiece Lord's final.



After 21 months, 27 series and 69 Test matches, two teams rose to the top of the ICC World Test Championship 2023–2025 table – and they perhaps weren't the two that many fans had expected.

# Proteas lead the way

The eventual table-toppers were also the first team to book their place at Lord's for the showpiece final – none other than South Africa. The Proteas had just missed out in the previous cycle, with India pipping them for second place, but Temba Bavuma's men made no mistake this time around.

The clinching moment came at Centurion in December 2024, when a ninth-wicket stand of 51 from Marco Jansen and Kagiso Rabada led South Africa to a thrilling two-wicket win over Pakistan and secured their spot in the final.

"To play the World Test Championship Final at Lord's is a dream come true for any cricketer," said Bavuma. "It's a huge occasion, and we can't wait to take it all in."



# Aussies set to defend title

Their final opponents were confirmed a week later, when defending champions Australia completed a 3–1 win over India to seal their spot at Lord's.

"To hold the [Border-Gavaskar] Trophy is an amazing feeling, and the extra layer is now securing a spot in the World Test Championship Final, which was always a huge goal for us in this cycle," said captain Pat Cummins.

"We talk about the World Test Championship a lot. I think it's a great tournament in that you've got to play well consistently and across all different conditions against different teams. We can't wait to get over there."

# The best of the rest

India were many pundits' favourites for the title, but Rohit Sharma's men could only finish a distant third. The turning point in their campaign was an extraordinary 3–0 home series defeat to New Zealand in October– November 2024, which began with the Kiwis skittling the Indians for just 46 in Bengaluru. New Zealand's triumph, the most extraordinary result in the cycle, helped them to fourth place in the table.



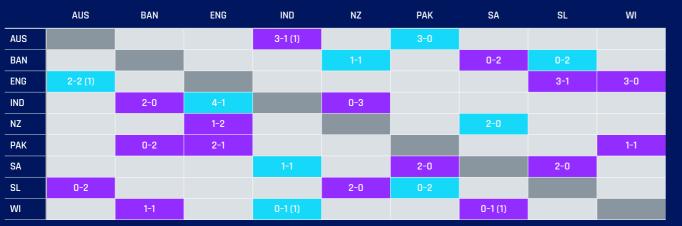
# ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP

Below them were England, who would have finished higher than fifth were it not for 22 points deducted for slow over-rates. Sri Lanka's five Test wins during the cycle put them into sixth place, ahead of Bangladesh, the West Indies and Pakistan.

For the second successive cycle, England's Joe Root topped the run-scoring table, making just shy of 2,000 runs at an average of 55. The top five wicket-takers, meanwhile, were all from Australia and India – led by Indian paceman Jasprit Bumrah, whose 77 scalps came at a preposterous strike rate of a wicket every five overs.



# RESULTS



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# **STANDINGS**

POS	TEAM	Р	w	L	D	PEN	PTS	PCT (%)
1	SOUTH AFRICA	12	8	3	1	0	100	69.44
2	AUSTRALIA	19	13	4	2	-10	154	67.54
3	INDIA	19	9	8	2	-2	114	50.00
4	NEW ZEALAND	14	7	7	0	-3	81	48.21
5	ENGLAND	22	11	10	1	-22	114	43.18
6	SRI LANKA	13	5	8	0	0	60	38.46
7	BANGLADESH	12	4	8	0	-3	45	31.25
8	WEST INDIES	13	3	8	2	0	44	28.21
9	PAKISTAN	14	5			-13	47	27.98

# LEADING RUN-SCORERS

PLAYER	МАТ	INNS	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50
JE ROOT (ENG)	22	40	4	1968	262	54.66	7	7
YBK JAISWAL (IND)	19	36	2	1798	214*	52.88	4	10
BM DUCKETT (ENG)	22	41	1	1470	153	36.75	2	8
HC BROOK (ENG)	17	29	0	1463	317	50.44	4	7
UT KHAWAJA (AUS)	19	37	3	1422	232	41.82	2	6

# LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

PLAYER	MAT	WKTS	BBI	AVE	ECON	SR	5	10
JJ BUMRAH (IND)	15	77	6-45	15.09	2.95	30.67	5	0
PJ CUMMINS (AUS)	17	73	6-91	24.54	3.38	43.45	5	1
MA STARC (AUS)	18	72	6-48	27.27	3.84	42.52	2	0
NM LYON (AUS)	16	66	6-65	24.00	3.08	46.62	1	1
R ASHWIN (IND)	14	63	7-71	24.55	3.47	42.42	5	1

# **ICC TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS**

Several sides booked their places at ICC World Cups during 2024–25 at a number of standalone ICC Qualifiers.

# **ICC Women's Cricket** World Cup 2025 Qualifier

April 2025 saw six teams travel to Pakistan for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 Qualifier, battling for the right to complete the eight-team line-up for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup later this year.

Pakistan led the pack from start to finish: beating Ireland by 38 runs in the opening match, sealing qualification with an 87-run defeat of Thailand, and then completing a perfect tournament - five matches, five wins - with a seven-wicket win over Bangladesh.

The second qualification slot

losses in their final two matches against the West Indies and Pakistan opened the door for Hayley Matthews' side, but only if they could win their final match against Thailand by a sizeable margin.

When Thailand were bowled out for 166, the West Indies knew they would qualify if they chased down the target in 10.1 overs – but despite a 29-ball 70 from Matthews, they fell agonisingly short.

Bangladesh ended the tournament with a net run rate of 0.639, just 0.013 higher than the Windies' 0.626 but that was enough to seal their place at the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025.

went down to the wire. Bangladesh's



# ICC U19 Women's **T20 World Cup 2025 Regional Qualifiers**

Late 2024 saw the completion of regional gualification for the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025

Scotland thumped the Netherlands 3–0 in the Europe Qualifier, opening with a tone-setting 10-wicket win.

Nigeria booked their first place through the Africa Qualifier, beating Zimbabwe by dint of finishing higher in the group stage after the final was washed out.

Nepal edged past the UAE on net run rate at the Asia Qualifier, sealing the deal with an eight-wicket win in Dubai.



# **INDIA RETAIN THE TITLE**

The second ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup had the same result as the first – India swept all before them to take the title with room to spare.

India were hot favourites going into the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025 in Malaysia – and, it turned out, for good reason. India dominated every team they played, winning all seven of their matches by wide margins: eight wickets, nine wickets (on three occasions), 10 wickets, 60 runs and 150 runs.

Their dominance extended to the knockout stages. Having dispatched England by nine wickets with five overs to spare in the first semi-final, India came up against a South African team fresh from an impressive five-wicket defeat of Australia. But the Proteas were bowled out for just 82 from the last ball of their 20th over, leaving Player of the Tournament Gongadi Trisha to guide India home with 52 balls in hand.

# From 16 to one

Rewind two weeks, and hopes were high among the 16 qualified teams, including no fewer than six Associate Members. Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan and Samoa all went winless in the group stage and were the first teams to be eliminated – but ICC World Cup debutants Nigeria progressed thanks to a stunning two-run upset of New Zealand, certainly the shock of the group stage.

Nigeria continued their fine form in the Super Sixes with a six-run win over Ireland. But rain brought their fairytale tournament to a close, with a washout against England ensuring they finished a creditable third in Super Six Group 2, ahead of the USA, New Zealand and Ireland.

Over in Group 1, Sri Lanka's 12-run victory over Australia meant they pipped Bangladesh to third place, with Scotland and West Indies completing the group.



# SEMI-FINALS

South Africa (106-5, 18.1 overs) beat Australia (105-8, 20 overs) by five wickets India (117-1, 15 overs) beat England (113-8, 20 overs) by nine wickets FINAL

India (84-1, 11.2 overs) beat South Africa (82, 20 overs) by nine wickets





ICC Team of the

# Tournament Gongadi Trisha India Jemma Botha South Africa Davina Perrin England G. Kamalini India < Caoimhe Bray Australia Puja Mahato Nepal >Kayla Reyneke South Africa (captain) $\mathbf{+}$ **Katie Jones** England (wk) Aavushi Shukla India Chamodi Praboda Sri Lanka Vaishnavi Sharma India >Nthabiseng Nini South Africa (12th player)



# COMMERCIAL

New broadcast agreements and marketing initiatives extended cricket's reach, taking the sport to audiences around the globe and delivering record-breaking figures for flagship ICC tournaments.



The ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 marked the official start of the ICC's new 2024–31 broadcast cycle, which introduced a significant change of approach: for the first time, the ICC Board established direct relationships with broadcasters, moving away from the traditional global gateway model.

The ICC Media Rights team successfully secured 47 media rights revenue

contracts covering the 2024–27 period. This strategic shift has already delivered significant financial returns. Remarkably, media rights revenue for the new cycle is more than double the total generated during the previous eight-year period (2016–23), which will substantially benefit ICC Members.

To better provide for under-served markets, the ICC decided to self-exploit rights in selected regions via ICC.tv, its digital platform, ensuring broader access and visibility for fans in emerging territories.

Alongside the new partnerships, the ICC extended its agreement with IMG Arena to cover all senior men's and women's Pathway Events through to 2027. These rights have been structured to ensure global coverage via ICC.tv, with India-specific streams managed by the relevant licensee.

# **BROADCAST PARTNERS 2024–27**

The ICC continues to expand its digital

and data offerings globally. Stats Perform holds global data rights; SNTV holds global news rights; and the BBC

holds UK clips rights.

**Global audio rights** 

The ICC appointed the BBC as the

digital platforms. This ensures free,

worldwide access to live commentary

for all senior men's and women's events.

official global Audio World Feed host

broadcaster, with rights exploited on a non-exclusive basis through the ICC's

Audiovisual: live and highlights

Licensee	Territories	Linear channels	Digital
Jio Star	India+ (South Asia)	Star Sports Network Sports 18 Network	JioHotstar
Pakistan Television	Pakistan	PTV Sports	Мусо
Ten Sports	Pakistan	Ten Sports	Tamasha
TSM	Bangladesh	Nagorik TV, T Sports	Toffee
E&	MENA	CricLife Max	StarzPlay
Sky Sports	UK and Northern Ireland	Sky Sports Cricket	Skygo, Now TV
SuperSport	Sub-Saharan Africa	SuperSport	SuperSport, DSTV
Willow	USA and Canada	Willow TV	Willow TV, CricBuzz
ESPN	Caribbean and LATAM	ESPN Caribbean	ESPN Play Caribbean
Amazon	Australia	N/A	Prime Video
Sky TV NZ	New Zealand	Sky Sports	Sky Sport Now, Sky Go
Maharaja TV	Sri Lanka	TV1	ICC.tv
Ariana TV	Afghanistan	ATN	ICC.tv
StarHub	Singapore	Hub Sports 4	ICC.tv
Astro	Malaysia	Astro Sports	ICC.tv
PCCW	Hong Kong	Astro Sports	ICC.tv
PNG Digicel	Papua New Guinea	TVWAN Action	ICC.tv
Licensee	Territories	OTT	
ICC	South Asia: Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives	ICC.tv	
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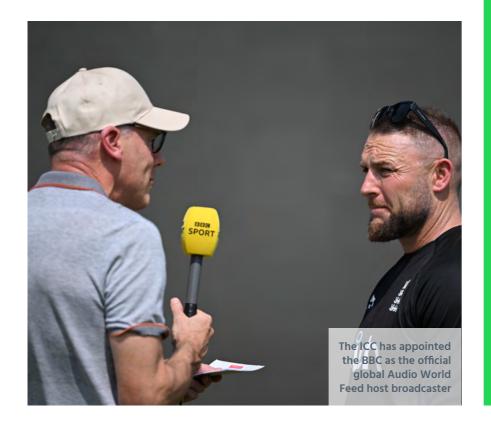
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### Service

# Audio World Feed

Territory	Platform
Global	ICC
UK	BBC
Australia	ABC
India	All India Radio
Bangladesh	Shadhin 92.4, Bhumi 92.8
Paksitan	HUM 106.2 FM
Sri Lanka	Lakhanda Radio
MENA	Talk100.3, Big 106.2







# Major global partnership with Sobha Realty

The ICC announced luxury real estate brand Sobha Realty as a Global Partner for ICC men's events in February 2025. Leaning into Sobha Realty's reputation for precision and excellence, the two organisations have developed a content series titled 'The Art of Detail', highlighting outstanding moments of skill from elite-level cricket. Under the partnership, Sobha Realty also offers unique hospitality experiences at ICC men's tournaments.

# Most-watched events set new benchmarks

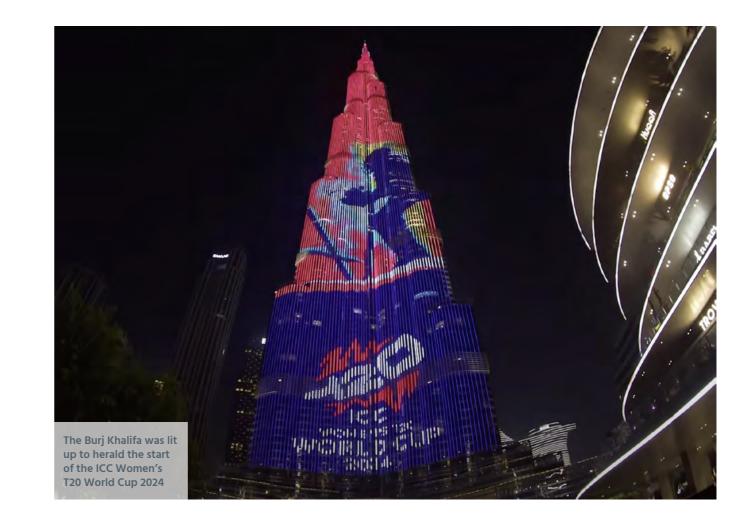
The ICC's partnership and broadcast innovations have already borne fruit, with the **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024** the most watched edition in the event's history.

Star India played a pivotal role, delivering the event across multiple linear channels and Disney+ Hotstar in India, and offering coverage in nine languages to cater for the country's diverse audience. The collaboration exemplifies the ICC's commitment to forging impactful partnerships that expand the reach and resonance of cricket globally.

The **ICC Champions Trophy 2025** also delivered outstanding results, and significant increases in viewership compared with the 2017 edition. The event demonstrated its unique ability to captivate audiences across the globe with a condensed schedule involving the world's best teams.

The Indian market again accounted for the lion's share. JioStar, the country's





biggest broadcaster, deployed 29 unique feeds in nine languages, helping India account for 3.15 billion viewing hours alone. The country's top three most-viewed overseas ICC matches ever took place at the ICC Champions Trophy 2025: the final, India's groupstage match against Pakistan and their semi-final against Australia.

A dedicated campaign, 'All on the Line', helped build the excitement for what was Pakistan's first ICC event in nearly 30 years. Content featuring the tournament's star-studded list of ambassadors drove more than 70 million video views on social and earned media, while the PR campaign helped achieve a reach of 2.8 billion across TV, print and digital mediums. A global trophy tour spanning nine countries and more than 60 live activations, plus the release of a tournament song – 'Jeeto Baazi Khel Ke', sung by global star Atif Aslam – both added to the anticipation ahead of an official launch event at Lahore Fort, which was lit up in the colours of the tournament.

Continuing the festival atmosphere, Coca-Cola added some extra fizz to the final, putting on a spectacle during halftime with a performance of 'Holi Aayi Re' – a music track from Coke Studio Bharat inspired by Holi celebrations, blending the soul of Indian folk with a contemporary sound. "It turned the stadium into a celebration," said Anurag Dahiya, the ICC's chief commercial officer. "Fans were at the heart of it all – and their incredible response made the moment even bigger."

The **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024** also set new standards. A spectacular laser show illuminated the iconic



Burj Khalifa to announce the tournament's arrival in the UAE, for which tickets were available for as little as five dirhams and free of charge for under-18s. The initiative paid off, with the 91,030 fans who attended games represented a 30% increase on the number from the previous edition, while India versus Pakistan set an ICC Women's T20 World Cup record for highest group-stage match attendance (15,935). Overall, the tournament's reach exceeded 2.1 billion people.

The ten participating team captains gathered for a special captains' day ahead of the first match to further build anticipation, with a similar initiative again proving successful ahead of the **ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025**, bringing the 16 team captains together in the shadow of Kuala Lumpur's famous Petronas Towers.



# GROW

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Children enjoyed special Cricket 4 Good clinics hosted by teams competing at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024



# DEVELOPMENT AND INITIATIVES

The ICC continues to boost participation and improve the playing experience, particularly at grassroots level and among women and girls, through a mix of initiatives and partnerships.

### Growing the youth game

Driving participation through youth cricket remains a top priority for ICC Members. The 2024 ICC Development Survey reinforced this, revealing that 75% of ICC Members see youth or modified formats of cricket as a primary focus, aligning with the ICC's strategic emphasis on grassroots development.

To date, the ICC's criiio Facilitator Training Programme has been completed by 4,675 people, including 1,311 in the past 12 months alone. Some 92% of ICC Members now have a certified criiio facilitator, who between them have delivered criiio to 158,085 participants globally – 49% of them female.

The programme expanded significantly across 2024–25. Notably, criiio was introduced to schools in the USA as part of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 legacy project (see below). Argentina Cricket also launched its inaugural criiio programme, 'Women's Power Play', a community-driven initiative to foster female participation; Brazil's 'Cricket Like a Girl' programme engaged more than 42,000 girls; Suriname's multicentre approach reached thousands; while school-based criiio has been launched in Cyprus and Tanazia with the support of government and sport and educational bodies.

In response to Member feedback, a modified 6v6 format has been developed and was successfully piloted in Japan in April 2025.

Earlier in the year, the ICC built on its female-specific soft-ball participation programme, piloted in 2024, through which 10 participating Members were given communications resources and customised kit to run soft-ball cricket. Some 90 festivals were delivered between July 2024 and March 2025, engaging more than 3,000 women and girls, with a further 100 planned before March 2026. In its second phase, the programme will double to 20 countries.





#### Boosting women's cricket

The ICC announced its first dedicated women-only partnership in March 2025, teaming up with Unilever. The announcement took place in Dubai on International Women's Day, where 100 girls participated in a criiio cricket festival.

This first-of-its-kind partnership marks a significant milestone for cricket, with two pioneering forces teaming up to accelerate the development of women's cricket on a global scale – including activations at all major women's events and the expansion of criiio cricket festivals globally.

"This collaboration will empower female cricketers, inspire future generations, and contribute significantly to the continued growth and success of women's cricket globally."

> Jay Shah ICC Chairman

#### Going beyond the game

DP World distributed the eighth of its award-winning Beyond Boundaries shipping containers at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 in the USA. Each container comprises 250 cricket kits, and doubles up as a cricket <u>pavilion</u>.



#### ICC tournaments leaving lasting legacies

The ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 was historic for multiple reasons, including for being the first time the ICC deployed a formal tournament legacy programme. The programme aims to leave an enduring positive influence on cricket communities in host countries and the surrounding regions, with the USA and the Americas representing a huge opportunity for cricket's growth especially with cricket's Olympic return at LA28.

Taster criiio festivals were held in Florida, Dallas and New York, with criiio activities introduced in schools. Overall, more than 2,500 students were involved, while more than 1,200 teachers have been trained across Dallas and New York. Level 1 umpire and umpire courses were also delivered, while high-performance seminars organised during the tournament shared best practice with ICC Members from the Americas region.

In the UAE, the number of Get Into Cricket hubs, which help young girls get involved in cricket, has been expanded as part of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 legacy programme, alongside a series of 10 soft-ball cricket festivals. Other initiatives include funds to develop an annual girls' league, the promotion of women-only umpire and coach courses, the creation of a

female officiating panel, and leadership workshops for female administrators.

Expanding cricket opportunities for women and girls is the key feature of the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025 legacy programme, too, a fiveyear plan delivered in partnership with the Malaysian Cricket Association and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.



## **Training and education**

The ICC Training and Education platform continues to play a key role in improving the quality of coaching and officiating. Since its launch in 2021, there have been more than 36,000 coaching, umpire and pitch curation course completions. Almost 13,000 hybrid and online courses were completed between 1 June 2024 and 31 May 2025 alone, reflecting not only a growing demand for training but also the popularity of cricket itself. A large proportion (nearly 82%) were online-specific courses, while courses are now offered in 14 languages – testaments to the platform's flexibility.

#### Highlights from the year include:

- the launch of the new Level 2 and Level 3 Coaching Courses, completing the pathway from foundation to high performance;
- collaboration with ICC Members to deliver training programmes for teachers to deliver cricket in schools; and
- over 90% of Members expressing satisfaction with the ICC's training and education programme according to the 2024 Development Survey.



#### Supporting athletes' mental health

The ICC Mental Health Awareness Programme was launched in 2024 in collaboration with the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The global initiative aims to increase awareness of challenges faced by high-performance athletes, especially women. Alongside powerful, athletefocused content shared on ICC platforms and at ICC events, an agreement to develop mental-health guidelines and training modules for ICC Members and officials was signed with the UK Sports Institute.

The IOC also supported a Cricket Italy project using cricket as a platform for integration, empowerment and education, with mixed-gender sessions provided to under-represented adults and children. 'Cricket+' educational workshops were also held, while 50 new foundationlevel coaches have been trained. supported by bilingual coaching and training resources.

### Associate Members deliver on the international stage

It was a big year for Associate Members in Latin America: Brazil and Mexico took part in a regional gualifier for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup for the first time, Argentina defeated Canada in an ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier; and the USA U19 women's team reached the Super Sixes of the ICC U19 Women's Cricket World Cup 2025. Scotland recorded their first win in the same competition, while their senior women's first appearance in ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifiers featured wins against the West Indies and Thailand.

In a strong year for African teams, Uganda registered its first win at an ICC Men's T20 World Cup, beating Papua New Guinea. The Tanzanian U19 men's team made history by gualifying for the

#### **Building on work** with UNICEF

The first benefits of the ICC and UNICEF's global partnership agreement signed in May 2024 came to fruition across 2024–25, with ICC flagship tournaments providing a valuable platform to support UNICEF's work.

Cricket for Good clinics – a joint ICC-UNICEF initiative that uses cricket to promote health, education and well-being – were held across ICC Champions Trophy 2025 host cities in Pakistan, giving children the opportunity to attend educational sessions and meet and play cricket with their favourite stars from participating teams.



Clinics were also held at ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 host cities in the West Indies, a tournament that also provided an opportunity to support UNICEF's fundraising – cricket



ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2026, going unbeaten at the Africa Qualifiers. Malawi's U19 women's team won the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup Africa Division 2 Qualifiers, going unbeaten, while Nigeria made a remarkable debut at the main tournament, beating New Zealand and Ireland on their way to finishing sixth. Nigeria played in the same group as Samoa, who qualified off the back of a stunning run in the East Asia-Pacific Qualifier – the first time a Samoa team had ever reached a cricket World Cup, across any format or age level.

In May 2025, UAE secured a maiden international triumph over Bangladesh during a three-match T20I series, while Nepal Women celebrated reaching the global ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier for the first time, having beating UAE in their regional qualifier.

legends Yuvraj Singh and Shahid Afridi participated in a special event in New York, for example, and Edible Arrangements CEO Tariq Farid committed USD 500,000 to UNICEF to help children in Pakistan.

Cynthia McCaffrey, UNICEF India Representative, spoke at the ICC Annual Conference, highlighting the importance of sport for empowering girls. National-level partnerships between UNICEF regional offices and ICC Members to harness the power of cricket to enable, empower and equip girls with key life skills are in discussion.



# **100% CRICKET**

The ICC's campaign to change perceptions, create heroes and build excitement about women's cricket continued to promote gender equity across 2024–25, further increasing the visibility of women's cricket and offering development opportunities for women in cricket.

#### Expanding opportunities for aspiring women in cricket

The ICC's 100% Cricket Future Leaders Programme (FLP), a key vehicle for the ICC's long-term commitment to accelerating the growth of women's cricket, was enhanced in 2024. The changes aim to provide more world-class development opportunities than ever to aspiring female leaders in the sport through two distinct workstreams: administrators and coaches. The FLP for administrators has been extended to 10 months and features more interactive elements. The fourth edition got under way in October 2024 in Dubai with the first of two three-day workshops, which was delivered by former Australia captain Belinda Clark.

The 15 selected participants, including five from Associate Members, have been paired with senior cricket figures who offer online mentorship and career development support. All participants are working on projects focused on growth, commercialisation and marketing that will be presented to Members.

#### FLP for coaching

To help address the low percentage of women in leadership positions within cricket, an FLP for coaches was delivered for the first time in 2024. More than 30 coaches from 22 Member countries, the majority Associate Members, benefited from the programme, which ran between May and November 2024.





The aspiring coaches were exposed to high-stakes tournament environments at ICC regional pathway events on the road to the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025, taking part in a blend of practical coaching and mentorship sessions. In 2025, there will also be a focus on providing these coaches the opportunity to complete an ICC Level 2 certification.

Emirates, Premier Airline Partner of the ICC, continued its support for the FLP and provided exclusive fares for participants.

## Promoting women's health education

Women's health education continued to be a focus at ICC

women's events across 2024–25. Health education sessions were delivered to all ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 teams, with a focus on pre-conception education for players, and to teams at the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025, with a focus on menstrual health.

The ICC also organised a second women's health webinar for all Members, aligning with Menstrual Hygiene Day, on 28 May 2025. Titled 'Breaking barriers around periods in cricket', the webinar was attended by more than 200 people.

To increase its reach, the webinar is available on the ICC's 100% Cricket website, while an animated video on menstrual health has also been made available to Members.

## Protecting women cricketers online

In October 2024, the ICC provided a service that offers protection to the social media channels of players and teams participating in ICC women's events, hiding abuse and negative comments across multiple languages. More than 80 players signed up for the service during the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 and the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025.





# DIGITAL

The ICC Champions Trophy 2025 led the way with record engagement figures – reward for the ICC's commitment to delivering innovative digital content to fans across the world, bringing them closer to the action than ever before.

The 2025 edition of the ICC Men's Champions Trophy represented a new benchmark in digital engagement for the competition, with 8.7 billion video views on tournament-related content across all ICC digital channels.

Giving fans a glimpse beyond the on-pitch action proved popular – with clips of India's raw victory celebrations, in their iconic white jackets, ranking among the most viewed pieces of content. In the 48 hours that followed the final, scenes such as Virat Kohli and Shreyas Iyer dancing on the field and

Rohit Sharma parading with the trophy garnered 2.1 billion views alone.

Other best-performing posts including Abrar Ahmed's incredible ball to dismiss Shubman Gill in the India–Pakistan match, and ICC Chairman Jay Shah retrieving the ball following a monster six by Hardik Pandya in the India–Australia semi-final.

The ICC's live streaming platform, ICC.tv, made sure that fans didn't miss a ball. More than 700,000 individual viewers followed the action from emerging

territories, with fans in Nepal, Germany, France, Malaysia and Italy topping the charts for viewing minutes on ICC.tv.

Adding to the ICC's efforts to enhance the digital experience for fans, ICC Recapped, an artificial-intelligencepowered initiative deployed in partnership with NEAR, offered a new level of engagement. Fans were provided a summary of their supporting activities during the tournament such as how often their predictions were accurate and which players they voted for the most.

"The list of countries topping ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 viewing figures glimpsed at the potential for cricket's growth into new markets: Nepal, Malaysia, Japan, Korea, Germany and France."

A landmark ICC Champions Trophy

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#### **Hindi channels** launched on Instagram and Facebook

Ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in 2024, the ICC launched dedicated Hindi language social media channels on Instagram and Facebook, further helping cricket reach its diverse fanbase. Between them, the channels have attracted nearly 1.5 million followers, up from just under half a million at the start of 2025, and nearly 2.5 billion video views. Capturing powering moments with Hindi commentary and leaning into local and popular culture have proved particularly successful.

A suite of digital initiatives helped take the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 to fans all over the globe, with ICC.tv at the forefront. Video content was placed at the heart of a new ICC website and app, with ICC.tv also embedded in the main ICC website and app for

More than four million fans signed up to watch live matches on ICC.tv across the year, between them viewing more than 3.2 million hours of content, while

the first time.



#### Taking cricket to the world

the platform carried live coverage of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 into more than 80 non-traditional territories, offering unprecedented access to live matches, highlights and other content. The list of countries topping the viewing figures glimpsed at the potential for cricket's growth into new markets: Nepal, Malaysia, Japan, Korea, Germany and France.

The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 content also saw strong engagement, attracting a total of 1.7 billion video views - up 22% from the 2023 event.







# **GOVERNANCE**

The appointment of Jay Shah as the ICC's new Chairman was the key announcement of the year.

Jay Shah assumed the position of ICC Chairman on 1 December 2024, having been elected unopposed in August following former ICC Chair Greg Barclay's announcement that he would not seek a third term.

"I am committed to working closely with the ICC team and our member nations to further globalise cricket," said Shah on his election. "We stand at a critical juncture where it is increasingly important to balance the coexistence of multiple formats, promote the adoption of advanced technologies and introduce our marquee events to new global markets. Our goal is to make cricket more inclusive and popular than ever before."

Earlier in 2024, Imran Khwaja, Mubashshir Usmani and Mahinda Vallipuram were elected as Associate Member Directors for two-year terms at the 2024 ICC Annual Conference in Colombo. Khwaja was re-elected, while Usmani and Vallipuram replaced Pankaj Khimji and Neil Speight. Usmani was also appointed as the Chair of the Associate Members.

Usmani's appointment to the Board triggered an election for his Associate Member representative position on the Chief Executives' Committee (CEC). Following an election in September, Botswanan Sumod Damodar was elected to serve the rest of the term, which concludes at the 2025 ICC Annual Conference.

#### **Term-length** changes approved

In October 2024, the ICC Board recommended an amendment to the ICC Constitution to change the termlength/limits of the ICC Chair and the Independent Director to a maximum of two terms of three years, instead of three terms of two years, with the sixyear total limit remaining. The changes were accepted by ICC Members with effect from 1 December 2024.

October also saw Khwaja reappointed as ICC Deputy Chair, with his new tenure starting on 1 December 2024. Khwaja was first elected to the ICC Board in 2008, and has served as Deputy Chair since the position was introduced in 2017.

#### Membership Criteria noncompliance notices issued

Following the 2024 ICC Annual General Meeting, USA Cricket and Cricket Chile were formally put on notice and given 12 months to rectify their non-compliance with the ICC Membership Criteria. Neither Member was considered to have in place fit-for-purpose governance and administrative structure and systems.

The ICC Americas office has been supporting Cricket Chile in remedying their non-compliance, while the ICC Board set up a Normalisation Committee to oversee and monitor USA Cricket's compliance roadmap.



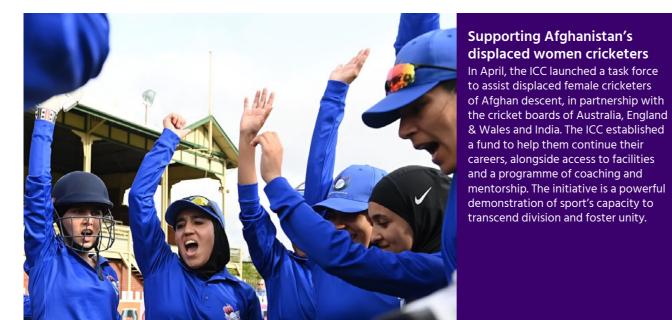
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Jay Shah	Chairman
твс	Independent Director
Geoff Allardice	Chief Executive
Mirwais Ashraf	Full Member Director, Afghanistan
Mike Baird	Full Member Director, Australia
Faruque Ahmed	Full Member Director, Bangladesh
Richard Thompson	Full Member Director, England and Wales
Devajit Saikia	Full Member Director, India
Brian MacNeice	Full Member Director, Ireland
Roger Twose	Full Member Director, New Zealand
Mohsin Naqvi	Full Member Director, Pakistan
Dr Mohammed Moosajee	Full Member Director, South Africa
Shammi Silva	Full Member Director, Sri Lanka
Dr Kishore Shallow	Full Member Director, West Indies
Tavengwa Mukuhlani	Full Member Director, Zimbabwe
Imran Khwaja	Associate Member Director, Deputy Chair
Mubashshir Usmani	Associate Member Director
Mahinda Vallipuram	Associate Member Director

Full Member Directors are appointed by the national cricket federation in their respective country. The three Associate Member Directors are elected for a two-year term by the Associate Members at the Annual Meeting of the Associates (current terms end in July 2026).

#### The following also served as Directors during the 2024–2025 period:

DIRECTOR	DESIGNATION	DEPARTURE
Pankaj Khimji	Associate Member Director	July 2024
Neil Speight	Associate Member Director	July 2024
Indra Nooyi	Independent Director	July 2024
Nazmul Hassan	Full Member Director, Bangladesh	August 2024
Lawson Naidoo	Full Member Director, South Africa	September 2024
Greg Barclay	Chair	November 2024







## ICC CHIEF EXECUTIVES' COMMITTEE

CHAIR		ASSOCIATE MEMBER REI	PRESENTATIVES
Geoff Allardice	CEO, ICC	Rashpal Bajwa	
FULL MEMBER REPRESEN	NTATIVES	Umair Butt	
Naseeb Khan	Afghanistan	Mubashshir Usmani	
Todd Greenberg	Australia	EX OFFICIO	
Nizamuddin Chowdhury	Bangladesh	Jay Shah	Chairman, ICC
Richard Gould	England and Wales	Sourav Ganguly	Chair, ICC Men's Cricket Committee
Arun Singh Dhumal	India	Clare Connor	Chair, ICC Women's Cricket Committee
Warren Deutrom	Ireland		
Scott Weenink	New Zealand	The following also serv	ved during the 2024–2025 period:
Sumair Ahmad Syed	Pakistan	COMMITTEE MEMBER	DESIGNATION
Ashley De Silva	Sri Lanka	Nick Hockley	Australia Representative
Pholetsi Moseki	South Africa	Salman Naseer	Pakistan representative
Chris Dehring	West Indies	Johnny Grave	West Indies representative
Givemore Makoni	Zimbabwe	Mubashshir Usmani	Associate Member representative

#### **ICC MEMBERS**

#### FULL MEMBERS 12

Afghanistan	Bangladesh	India
Australia	England & Wales	Ireland

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Austria	Cook Islands	Gibraltar	Malawi	Papua New Guinea	South Korea
Bahamas	Costa Rica	Greece	Malaysia	Peru	Spain
Bahrain	Côte d'Ivoire	Guernsey	Maldives	Philippines	Suriname
Belgium	Croatia	Hong Kong, China	Mali	Portugal	Sweden
Belize	Cyprus	Hungary	Malta	Qatar	Switzerland
Bermuda	Czechia	Indonesia	Mexico	Romania	Tajikistan
Bhutan	Denmark	Iran	Mongolia	Rwanda	Tanzania
Botswana	Estonia	Isle of Man	Mozambique	Saint Helena	Thailand
Brazil	Eswatini	Israel	Myanmar	Samoa	Türkiye
Bulgaria	Falkland Islands	Italy	Namibia	Saudi Arabia	Turks & Caicos Islands
Cambodia	Fiji	Japan	Nepal	Scotland	Uganda
Cameroon	Finland	Jersey	Netherlands	Serbia	United Arab Emirates
Canada	France	Kenya	Nigeria	Seychelles	USA
Cayman Islands	Gambia	Kuwait	Norway	Sierra Leone	Uzbekistan
Chile	Germany	Lesotho	Oman	Singapore	Vanuatu

ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES		
Rashpal Bajwa		
Umair Butt		
Mubashshir Usmani		
EX OFFICIO		
Jay Shah	Chairman, ICC	
Sourav Ganguly	Chair, ICC Men's Cricket Committee	
Clare Connor	Chair, ICC Women's Cricket Committee	

New Zealand	South Africa	West Indies
Pakistan	Sri Lanka	Zimbabwe



# INTEGRITY

## Protecting cricket and everyone involved in the game remains a fundamental commitment of the ICC, which continues to guard against corruption and doping.

## Anti-corruption

The ICC Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) initiated 115 investigations across a broad spectrum of incidents during 2024–25, with 93 investigations (some initiated before the 12-month period) active as of 31 May 2025.

Five cases filed in September 2023 under the Emirates Cricket Board Anti-Corruption Code in relation to the 2021 Abu Dhabi T10 were concluded between July and November 2024:

- Shadab Ahmed accepted an agreed sanction and was banned for two years, with six months suspended (July 2024).
- Ashar Zaidi accepted an agreed sanction and was banned for five years, with 12 months suspended (July 2024).
- Parag Sanghavi accepted an agreed sanction and was banned for two years, with 12 months suspended (July 2024).
- Krishan Kumar Chaudhary accepted an agreed sanction and was banned for two years, with 12 months suspended (August 2024).
- Sunny Dhillon was banned for six years following a tribunal hearing (November 2024).

• Praveen Jayawickrama accepted a ban of one year, with six months suspended (September 2024), following charges in August 2024

Two further cases concluded in 2024-25:

• Shohaly Akhter accepted an agreed sanction and was banned for five years (February 2025), after becoming the first female player to be charged under the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

under the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

As cricket grows globally, the ICC continues to proactively respond to new risks through evolving initiatives and a commitment to education. To help consolidate rules and provide added clarity, a new global version of the ICC Anti-Corruption Code was launched in June 2024. Other developments during 2024-25 included:

- ACU education briefings to 2,369 cricket event participants;
- regional integrity workshops;
- the launch of the Associate Member Integrity Action Plan 2025–29; and
- the strengthening of external partnerships, including with law enforcement, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), other sporting integrity bodies and the International Olympic Committee ahead of cricket's inclusion at LA28.

#### Anti-doping

Education remains a core plank of the ICC's approach to anti-doping. Alongside delivering education sessions to approximately 700 players and event staff across 2024–25, the ICC launched a dedicated awareness campaign -Integrity Is My Legacy – during the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025, reinforcing the importance of fair play through interactive, fun-based learning. The campaign will feature at all ICC U19 World Cups going forward, with plans to expand it to other events.

The ICC collected 513 samples (70% men, 30% women) across 2024-25. Of these, 62% were no-notice, outof-competition tests, reflecting the ICC's commitment to effective and unpredictable testing.

A revised whereabouts system came into effect on 1 July 2024, enhancing testing strategy and intelligenceled approaches. Eight players were elevated into the ICC's International Registered Testing Pool, requiring them to submit whereabouts information on a quarterly basis.

There were seven anti-doping violations recorded in domestic cricket, involving players competing in the Caribbean, England, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa and Sri Lanka. Four involved substances classified under the 'substance of abuse' category, while

### EVENTS COVERED BY THE ICC ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT

52 Tests	
<b>121</b> ODIs	
<b>151</b> T20Is	
ICC EVENTS	
ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, USA & West Indies	28 May – 1 Jul 2024
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, Scotland	16-26 Jul 2024
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, Netherlands	11-21 Aug 2024
ICC Men's T20 World Cup Asia Sub-Regional Qualifier A, Malaysia	30 Aug - 9 Sep 2024
ICC Cricket World Cup League 2, Canada	16 Sep – 3 Oct 2024
ICC CWC Challenge League A, Nairobi	25 Sep – 5 Oct 2024
ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024, UAE	26 Sep – 21 Oct 2024
ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Sub-Regional Qualifier B, Kenya	17-26 Oct 2024
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, USA	25 Oct – 17 Nov 2024
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, Oman	1-16 Nov 2024
ICC Women's T20 World Cup Asia Qualifier, UAE	6-13 Nov 2024
ICC CWC Challenge League B, Uganda	6-16 Nov 2024
ICC Men's T20 World Cup Asia Sub-Regional Qualifier B, Qatar	19-28 Nov 2024
ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025, Malaysia	11 Jan – 3 Feb 2025
ICC Cricket World Cup League B, Hong Kong	6-16 Feb 2025
ICC Cricket World Cup League B, Oman	8-23 Feb 2025
ICC Champions Trophy 2025, Pakistan & UAE	15 Feb – 10 Mar 2025
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, Namibia	5–15 Mar 2025
ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifier, Pakistan	5-19 Apr 2025
ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup Asia Qualifier, Nepal	13-19 Apr 2025
North American Cup, Bermuda	19-27 Apr 2025
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, Netherlands	4-16 May 2025
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, USA	17-27 May 2025
ACC TOURNAMENTS	
ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup 2024, Sri Lanka	19-28 Jul 2024
ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2024, Oman	18-27 Oct 2024
ACC U19 Men's Asia Cup 2024, UAE	29 Nov - 8 Dec 2024
ACC U19 Women's Asia Cup 2024, Malaysia	15-22 Dec 2024
CONTRACTED DOMESTIC FRANCHISE LEAGUES	
Lanka Premier League 2024, Sri Lanka	1-21 Jul 2024
Women's Caribbean Premier League 2024, West Indies	22-29 Aug 2024
Men's Caribbean Premier League 2024, West Indies	29 Aug – 6 Oct 2024
Abu Dhabi T10 2024, Abu Dhabi	21 Nov – 2 Dec 2024
Lanka T10 Super League 2024, Sri Lanka	12-22 Dec 2024
International League T20 2025, UAE	11 Jan – 9 Feb 2025

one involved a refusal to submit to sample collection.

#### Security

The ICC strives to make events safer for all, and this year supported the delivery of three major global sporting events, two of which were moved from their original host nations. A thorough review of safety and security protocols has supported hosts to plan for and mitigate risks. Thorough briefing and debriefing at all events and collaboration with international sports federations has enabled cricket to recognise and adopt best practices, and to continuously evolve its approach.

## Safeguarding

The ICC continues to ensure the welfare of everyone involved in ICC events guided by the ICC's comprehensive Safeguarding Regulations, freely available on the ICC website. The ICC advertises its secure safeguarding reporting line through wide-ranging communication strategies, including posters, advisory notes, tournament handbooks and staff handbooks working closely, where relevant, with local organising committees. The ICC also provides advice to ICC Member boards to support them in developing similar protections and processes.

## **Reinforcing a**

strategic approach The ICC Integrity Unit formalised its strategy in 2025, renewing its commitment to protecting cricket by fostering a culture where safety, respect and integrity are embedded at every level of the game. Central to the unit's approach are effective education, awareness-building. the provision of timely and relevant information, and close collaboration with ICC Members.



# **BEST IN CLASS**

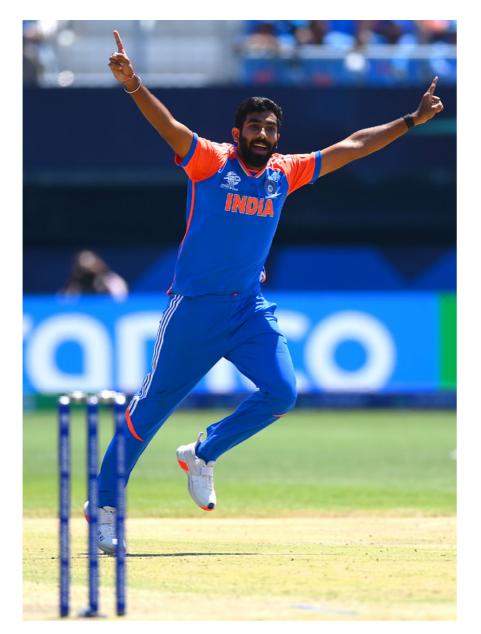
Jasprit Bumrah and Amelia Kerr topped the bill at the ICC Awards 2024, recognised for their outstanding achievements alongside eight other winners and five ICC Teams of the Year.

Jasprit Bumrah closed a momentous 12 months by winning both the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year and the ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year award. It was just reward for a year in which he took 71 Test wickets at a staggering average of just 14.92, and picked up the Player of the Tournament award at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

Amelia Kerr became the first New Zealander to win the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year, having inspired the White Ferns to their first ICC Women's T20 World Cup title. Across 2024, Kerr hit 387 runs and took 29 wickets, feats that saw the all-rounder also named the ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year.

"It feels really good. As a child, I'd seen some of my childhood heroes win this award. It's always a privilege when you get such an honour."

Jasprit Bumrah ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year





Arshdeep Singh was crowned ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year. Singh was India's leading T20 wicket-taker at an average of just 15.31 – particularly impressive given that he predominantly bowls in powerplay and death overs.

Azmatullah Omarzai of Afghanistan and Smriti Mandhana of India won the ICC Men's and Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year Awards respectively. Omarzai finished 2024 as his country's second-highest run-scorer and wickettaker, while Mandhana scored an incredible 747 runs in 13 matches. Kamindu Mendis of Sri Lanka and Annerie Dercksen of South Africa were recognised for breakthrough years with the ICC Men's and Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year awards. A pair of captains – Namibia's Gerhard Erasmus and the United Arab Emirates' Esha Oza – were named ICC Men's and Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year.

**Richard Illingworth** won the ICC Umpire of the Year category for a third consecutive time, and the

fourth overall.

"For me, individual awards aren't something you think about much, but this is an extremely special one. It's nice to be able to contribute for New Zealand. I guess all any cricketer wants is to work hard and put out performances for their teammates."

Amelia Kerr ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year

ICC Awards 2024 Men's Cricketer of the Year Jasprit Bumrah (India)

Women's Cricketer of the Year Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)

Men's Test Cricketer of the Year Jasprit Bumrah (India)

Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year Smriti Mandhana (India)

Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year Azmatullah Omarzai (Afghanistan)

Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year Arshdeep Singh (Jndia)

**Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year** Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)

Emerging Men's Cricketer of the Year Kamindu Mendis (Sri Lanka)

Emerging Women's Cricketer of the Year Annerie Dercksen (South Africa)

Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year Gerhard Erasmus (Namibia)

Women's Associate Cricket of the Year Esha Oza (UAE)

**Umpire of the Year** Richard Illingworth (England)



## **ICC MEN'S T20I TEAM OF THE YEAR**

- 1. Rohit Sharma India (capt, pictured)
- 2. Travis Head Australia
- 3. Phil Salt England
- 4. Babar Azam Pakistan
- 5. Nicholas Pooran West Indies (wk)
- 6. Sikandar Raza Zimbabwe
- 7. Hardik Pandya Indian
- 8. Rashid Khan Afghanistan
- 9. Wanindu Hasaranga Sri Lanka
- 10. Jasprit Bumrah India
- 11. Arshdeep Singh India

## **ICC WOMEN'S T20I TEAM OF THE YEAR**

- 1. Laura Wolvaardt South Africa (capt)
- 2. Smriti Mandhana India
- 3. Chamari Athapaththu Sri Lanka
- 4. Hayley Matthews West Indies
- 5. Nat Sciver-Brunt England
- 6. Melie Kerr New Zealand
- 7. Richa Ghosh India (wk)
- 8. Marizanne Kapp South Africa
- 9. Orla Prendergast Ireland
- 10. Deepti Sharma India
- 11. Sadia Iqbal Pakistan

## **ICC MEN'S TEST TEAM OF THE YEAR**

- 1. Yashasvi Jaiswal India
- 2. Ben Duckett England
- 3. Kane Williamson New Zealand
- 4. Joe Root England
- 5. Harry Brook England
- 6. Kamindu Mendis Sri Lanka
- 7. Jamie Smith England (wk)
- 8. Ravindra Jadeja India
- 9. Pat Cummins Australia (capt, pictured)
- 10. Matt Henry New Zealand
- 11. Jasprit Bumrah India

## **ICC MEN'S ODI TEAM OF THE YEAR**

- 1. Saim Ayub Pakistan
- 2. Rahmanullah Gurbaz Afghanistan
- 3. Pathum Nissanka Sri Lanka
- 4. Kusal Mendis Sri Lanka (wk)
- 5. Charith Asalanka Sri Lanka (capt)
- 6. Sherfane Rutherford West Indies
- 7. Azmatullah Omarzai Afghanistan
- 8. Wanindu Hasaranga Sri Lanka
- 9. Shaheen Shah Afridi Pakistan
- 10. Haris Rauf Pakistan
- 11. AM Ghazanfar Afghanistan

## **ICC WOMEN'S ODI TEAM OF THE YEAR**

- 1. Smriti Mandhana India (pictured)
- 2. Laura Wolvaardt South Africa (capt)
- 3. Chamarti Athapaththu Sri Lanka
- 4. Hayley Matthews West Indies
- 5. Marizanne Kapp South Africa
- 6. Ashleigh Gardner Australia
- 7. Annabel Sutherland Australia
- 8. Amy Jones England (wk)
- 9. Deepti Sharma India
- 10. Sophie Ecclestone England
- 11. Kate Cross England

## **ICC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH**

	Men	Women
June 2024	Jasprit Bumrah India	Smriti Mand
July 2024	Gus Atkinson England	Chamari Ath
August 2024	Dunith Wellalage Sri Lanka	Harshitha Sa
September 2024	Kamindu Mendis Sri Lanka	Tammy Beau
October 2024	Noman Ali Pakistan	Amelia Kerr
November 2024	Haris Rauf Pakistan	Danni Wyatt
December 2024	Jasprit Bumrah India	Annabel Sut
January 2025	Jomel Warrican West Indies	Beth Moone
February 2025	Shubman Gill India	Alana King A
March 2025	Shreyas Iyer India	Georgia Voll
April 2025	Mehidy Hasan Miraz Bangladesh	Kathryn Bry
May 2025	Muhammad Waseem UAE	Chloe Tryon



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# **ICC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS 2023**

In July 2024, six global winners were recognised for their contributions to growing and strengthening cricket from a shortlist of regional awardees that represented 21 Associate Members.

Launched in 2002, the ICC Development Awards honour the contributions of the ICC's Associate Member nations to growing and strengthening cricket around the world, whether through innovative development programmes or through inspiring efforts on the field of play. The winners are selected by the

ICC Development Awards Panel, which includes former international cricketers. and representatives from ICC Full Members and ICC global partners.

Following the announcement of regional winners in April 2024, the global winners were crowned in July 2024.

#### ICC Digital Fan Engagement of the Year

Global winner: Cricket Association of Nepal, for substantial growth on their digital channels, including an incredible 400%+ increase in the reach of their Facebook channels.

#### **Regional winners**

Africa: Cricket Namibia Americas: Bermuda Cricket Board Asia: Cricket Association of Nepal East Asia Pacific: Persatuan Cricket Indonesia Europe: Koninklijke Nederlandse **Cricket Bond** 

#### **ICC Associate Member Men's Team Performance of the Year**

Global winner: Netherlands, for their efforts in qualifying for and competing at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in India, which included victories over Bangladesh and South Africa.

**Regional winners** Africa: Sierra Leone Americas: Canada Asia: Oman East Asia Pacific: Indonesia Europe: Netherlands

#### **ICC Associate Member Women's Team Performance of the Year**

Global winner: United Arab Emirates, for an impressive unbeaten spell during which they triumphed at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 Asia Qualifier in Malaysia.

Africa: Sierra Leone Americas: Argentina

Europe: Scotland



#### **ICC Development Initiative** of the Year

**Global winner: Mexico Cricket Association,** for multiple projects – including sending a team to the Street Child Cricket World Cup in India, and their unique Cricket in Prisons programme, through which sessions are provided to enhance the rehabilitation of inmates in Mexico City

Africa: Nigeria Cricket Federation Americas: Mexico Cricket Association Asia: Oatar Cricket Association East Asia Pacific: Cricket PNG **Europe:** Federazione Cricket Italiana

#### in underserved areas. **Regional winners** Africa: Sierra Leone Cricket Association Americas: Mexico Cricket Association Asia: Bahrain Cricket Federation

Europe: Cricket Scotland



Asia: United Arab Emirates East Asia Pacific: Indonesia



#### **ICC Cricket 4 Good Social Impact** Initiative of the Year

Global winner: Cricket Scotland, for their groundbreaking partnership with the Breaking Boundaries charity to transform the lives of disadvantaged young people. It provides playing opportunities for women and disabled people, and runs free sessions

East Asia Pacific: Samoa Cricket

#### 100% Cricket Female Initiative of the Year

Global winner: Oman Cricket, for the Cricket4Her programme. The programme provides participation opportunities for women and girls, emphasising development and empowerment, as well as a valuable pathway to playing competitive cricket.

#### **Regional winners**

Africa: Sierra Leone Cricket Association Americas: Costa Rica Cricket Federation Asia: Oman Cricket East Asia Pacific: Japan Cricket Association Europe: Cricket Belgium



# **GREATS OF THE GAME**

Three more cricketing legends were inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame in 2024.

England's Alastair Cook, India's Neetu David and South Africa's AB de Villiers are the latest names to be added to the list of icons that have received cricket's highest individual honour: a place in the ICC Hall of Fame.

The ICC Hall of Fame recognises the achievements of cricket's greatest players. Each year, a panel of existing Hall of Famers, media representatives and executives from the Federation of International Cricketers' Association and the ICC come together to select a new group of inductees.





#### ALASTAIR COOK (ENGLAND) INTERNATIONAL CAREER: 2006–2018

161 Tests 12,472 runs at 45.35, 1 wicket 92 ODIs 3,204 runs at 36.40 4 T20Is 61 runs at 15.25

Alastair Cook will go down as one of Test cricket's finest opening batters. From his century on debut to retiring as England's highest run-scorer and leading century-maker, he became a model of consistency over more than a decade at the top of the order. His world



INTERNATIONAL CAREER: 1976–1993 10 Tests 25 runs at 6.25, 41 wickets at 18.90

NEETU DAVID (INDIA)

97 ODIs

74 runs at 4.93, 141 wickets at 16.34 Neetu David enters the ICC Hall of Fame having set new benchmarks for women's cricket. The spin bowler became the first Indian female to claim 100 ODI wickets, while her total of 141 remains her country's second-highest in women's ODI cricket. Her ODI bowling average

#### AB DE VILLIERS (SOUTH AFRICA) **INTERNATIONAL CAREER: 2004–2018**

114 Tests

8,765 runs at 50.66, 222 catches, 5 stumpings 228 ODIs 9,577 runs at 53.50, 176 catches, 5 stumpings 78 T20Is

1,672 runs at 26.12, 65 catches, 7 stumpings

AB de Villiers, three-time ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year, will long be regarded as one of cricket's most dynamic and destructive batters, delivering across all three formats of the game with the bat and the gloves.

His 20,014 international runs included setting records for the fastest half-century, century and 150 in ODI cricket, while his 278 not out against Pakistan in 2010 was the highest individual score by a South African in Test cricket at the time. His versatility and range of shots earned him the nickname 'Mr 360'. After retiring from international cricket, he went on to become a prolific run-scorer in T20 leagues worldwide.

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record 159 consecutive Test appearances are a testament to the patience, technique and mental toughness that defined his game.

Cook played a pivotal role in two of England's greatest overseas victories: he scored 766 runs in the 2010/11 Ashes series to help England to their first win in Australia for 24 years; and a year later he captained the side to a first series win in India for 28 years.

When you read the list of people that you're joining, it's a great list to have joined. I feel very privileged."



is the best of any bowler to have taken at least 100 wickets – male or female – to this day.

David also became the first bowler to take an eight-wicket haul in women's Test cricket, with 8-53 against England in 1995 – figures that remain a world record. Since retirement, she has continued to contribute to the game as selection chair of India's women's team.

This comes after a lifetime of dedication to this great sport and it caps a very special journey for me."

I know I would have achieved nothing without the help and support of so many teammates, coaches and support staff."





# THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL LIMITED SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2024

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## **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT**



It is an honour to present my second report on behalf of the Audit Committee, following the Audit Committee Meeting in April 2025.

This year saw us welcoming new ICC Chairman Jay Shah to the Audit Committee. His experience gives us a considerable advantage across all our functions, and we hope to benefit from his presence in every way possible.

We also welcomed fellow directors Mirwais Ashraf, Mike Baird, Dr Mohammed Moosajee and Mahinda Vallipuram to the Audit Committee, and Elaine Jones as an independent member. Their expertise and knowledge significantly aided the discharge of the committee's role as a collective throughout the period.

The ICC Audit Committee met on two occasions between 1 June 2024 and 31 May 2025. The Committee continued to focus on ensuring that the ICC's internal systems and controls are effective and responsive to a challenging external environment, while evolving in line with an ever-increasing need to be more efficient in all operational matters. The Committee continued to discuss a number of important issues, including corporate taxation and cyber security, which remain high-risk areas in a multi-jurisdictional and geographically widespread organisation such as the ICC.

Throughout this period, the ICC management apprised us on business operations, evolving corporate risks and their management, ethics, and code-of-conduct-related processes.

We also welcomed the newly appointed external auditor, KPMG, who presented their first report and succeeded EY, who had served the ICC for a number of years

As per the Committee's Terms of Reference, we are required to review the audited financial statements and the external auditor's report and make appropriate recommendations. At the April meeting, we reviewed and discussed the external audit report and draft statements for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. The review included assessing the accounting principles, significant estimates, the auditor's independence and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

As part of our core role, we also evaluated the external auditor's performance and independence and the impact of any non-audit services on their objectivity.

The first meeting of every year also requires us to endorse the Statement of Internal Control (issued by the management) to the ICC Board in order to provide them with the necessary assurances regarding the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control framework. This statement is prepared after due consideration of, the results of the audits undertaken by the internal audit department, the extent to which audit recommendations have been implemented, the integrity of the ICC's risk management process; minutes of key ICC committees, and discussions and reviews carried out alongside other relevant areas of ICC business throughout the 12-month period.

In my closing remarks, I express my gratitude to the ICC Chair, directors, Head of Internal Audit and management, who continue to show the utmost cooperation and support in enabling the Committee to achieve its objectives.

On behalf of the Audit Committee,

Vijay Malhotra

Chair, Audit Committee 1 June 2025 Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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## IDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

ON THE SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL LIMITED

#### OPINION

The summary consolidated financial statements, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the summary consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in Members' funds and cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of The International Cricket Council Limited ("the company") and its subsidiaries ("the Group") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements, on the basis described in Note 2.

#### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards) applied in the preparation of the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group. Reading the summary consolidated financial statements and our report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated financial statements and our report thereon.

#### OTHER MATTER

The consolidated financial statements and the summary consolidated financial statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those consolidated financial statements and the summary consolidated financial statements on 26 March 2024.

#### THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OUR REPORT THEREON

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated 24 April 2025.

#### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary consolidated financial statements on the basis described in Note 2.

#### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

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**Richard Ackland** Registration No.: 1015 Dubai, United Arab Emirates 24 April 2025

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PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	2024 USD'000	2023 USD'000
Event related activities		
Revenue from ICC Events	728,474	839,147
Costs relating to ICC Events	(231,674)	(246,489)
Other activities		
Other revenue and income	12,831	40,623
Interest and investment income	35,282	22,367
General and administrative expenses	(44,897)	(57,595)
Finance costs	(7,163)	(4,287)
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	(146)	24
Net gain on financial assets	1,331	2,224
Strategic investment cost	(20,000)	_
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	474,038	596,014
Other comprehensive income for the year	_	_
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	474,038	596,014

## SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF		
FINANCIAL POSITION	2024 USD/000	2023 USD'000
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ASSETS		
Non-current assets	543,656	90,294
Current assets (excluding bank balances and cash)	743,260	901,602
Bank balances and cash	132,411	131,502
TOTAL ASSETS	1,419,327	1,312,726
LIABILITIES		
Deposit received (non-current)	164,240	162,745
Other non-current liabilities	8,713	8,146
Advances from commercial partners (non-current)	19,937	_
Deposit received (current)	8,137	7,484
Accounts payable and accruals	72,789	85,899
Advances from commercial partners (current)	565,761	481,898
Dividend payable, net	-	275,035
Associate Member Fund	15,221	11,700
TOTAL LIABILITIES	854,798	1,032,907
REPRESENTED BY		
Members' Funds		
Allocable surplus	445,030	_
General reserves	119,499	90,491
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	564,529	90,491
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' FUNDS	1,419,327	1,123,398

The summary consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 24 April 2025 and were signed on their behalf by:

Jay Shah Chairman

The attached notes 1 to 6 form part of these summary consolidated financial statements.

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Geoff Allardice Chief Executive Officer



PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS	Allocable surplus USD'000	General reserve USD'000	Total USD'000
As at 1 January 2023	841,661	71,338	912,999
Total comprehensive income for the year	596,014	_	596,014
Transfers	(19,153)	19,153	_
Dividends	(1,418,522)	_	(1,418,522)
At 31 December 2023/1 January 2024	_	90,491	90,491
Total comprehensive income for the year	474,038	_	474,038
Transfers	(29,008)	29,008	_
At 31 December 2024	445,030	119,499	564,529

## SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF	2024	20
CASH FLOWS	USD'000	USD'0
Net surplus for the year	474,038	596,0
Adjustments pertaining to non-cash and non-operating items	(11,789)	(37,
Working capital adjustments	(292,527)	(332,
Net cash flows from operating activities	169,722	226,3
Net cash flows from/(used in) investing activities	106,222	(289,4
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(275,035)	
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	909	(63,0
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	131,502	194,6
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 DECEMBER	132,411	131,5
SIGNIFICANT NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS		
Adjustment of dividend against advance to Members	_	1,143,4



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#### NOTES TO SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **1** ACTIVITIES

The International Cricket Council Limited (the "Company" or "ICC") is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital, it is incorporated in British Virgin Islands. The registered office of ICC is at Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. There are currently 108 Members.

The ICC Group's principal place of business is at Street 69, Dubai Sports City, Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road, P.O. Box 500070, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The international Cricket Council Limited ("the ICC Group") comprises the Company and its subsidiaries as indicated in Note 2 to the summary consolidated financial statements.

The International Cricket Council Limited ("ICC") is the international governing body for International Test Match, International One-Day and International Twenty20 cricket. The ICC is primarily responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operations and the development of international cricket. This extensive remit includes management of the ICC Code of Conduct, the playing conditions and all other regulatory functions and services relevant to the international game, provision of qualified and independent Match Officials for Tests, One Day and Twenty20 Internationals and initiating and implementing key policy decisions for the benefit of the game.

#### FINANCIAL MODEL: 2015-2023 CYCLE

In June 2017, the Members approved a financial model for the period 2015-2023 whereby ICC, amongst others, retrospectively discontinued the contribution cost and test cricket fund, and replaced it with a new model of distribution of surplus (i.e. dividends/distributions) to the Members. As a result, management had reversed the liabilities towards the contribution cost and test cricket fund to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income during the year 2017 and classified the amounts paid to Members as per the new financial model as advances to Members.

In 2023, these advances have been offset against the surplus distributed to Members with the first tranche of such distribution (i.e., dividends) amounting to USD 300 million declared during the year 2020 and the second/final tranche amounting to USD 1,418.5 million declared during the year 2023, both with the approval of the Board of Directors.

#### FINANCIAL MODEL: 2024–2027 CYCLE

In July 2023, the Members approved a financial model for the period 2024–2027 aligning it with the ICC's largest revenue stream, the Indian media rights agreement. The principles of the new financial model are largely in line with the previous model with the incorporation of a Strategic Investment Fund and Contingency Allocation.

#### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary consolidated financial statements have been derived from the audited annual consolidated financial statements of the ICC Group which were approved by the Board on 24 April 2025. These summary consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue on 24 April 2025.

The audited consolidated financial statements are available at the Headquarters of the ICC in Dubai Sports City. The summary consolidated financial statements are presented in considerably less detail than the annual audited consolidated financial statements for the convenience of readers and are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements.

The summary consolidated financial statements have been presented in US Dollars, which is the functional currency of the Company. All values are rounded to the nearest thousand (USD'000) except otherwise stated.

## SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## NOTES TO SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)

#### CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The aforementioned financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB).

The aforementioned financial statements are prepared on a historical cost basis, except for certain financial assets and derivative financial instruments that have been measured at fair value.

For the material accounting policies and detailed notes to the consolidated financial statements please refer to the audited consolidated financial statements.

The aforementioned financial statements comprise the financial statements of the ICC and its following subsidiaries ("the ICC Group"):

Name of the subsidiary	Country of incorporation	Percentage shareholding		Principal activities
ICC Business Corporation FZ LLC ('IBC')	United Arab Emirates	100%	100%	To manage the commercial rights relating to cricket events of ICC from 1 July 2015.
ICC Development (International) Limited (IDI)*	British Virgin Islands	100%	100%	To manage the commercial rights relating to cricket events of ICC up until 30 June 2015.
ICC Americas	United States of America	No shares issued. ICC is the sole member.	No shares issued. ICC is the sole member.	To administer, develop, co-ordinate and promote the sport of cricket throughout the Americas region.
International Cricket Council FZ-LLC ('FZ LLC')	United Arab Emirates	100%	100%	To provide administrative services to ICC group companies. From 1 January 2019, this includes managing the ICC Development Program.

IDI is expected to be liquidated upon completion of certain formalities. The entity does not undertake any significant commercial transactions.

#### 3 NET DIVIDEND PAYABLE

#### Dividend payable

Refer Note 1 for the dividend payable owing to Members as at 31 December 2023.

During 2023, the Group had adjusted an amount of USD 116.5 million in respect of the withholding tax on Media Rights payments for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 against the share of dividend payable to a Member. During 2024, the Group has received a refund of USD 61.5 million in relation to the above withholding tax which has been passed on to the Member. The Member has not disputed this adjustment of withholding tax on media rights payments for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 against the share of dividend payable.

2024 USD′000	2023 USD′000
_	275,035



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#### NOTES TO SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 4 MEMBER DISPUTES

During the year 2019, the Group had adjusted the amount of USD 23.75 million due from a Member in respect of the withholding tax on Media Rights agreement for the ICC World Twenty20 2016 against their share of distributions as per the directive of the Board of Directors. The decision was based on the Board of Directors' assessment of the enforceability of the terms of the Host agreement dated 12 October 2014 between the Group and the Member.

In February 2020, the Member notified the Group via an independent legal counsel that the Member does not accept the offset of the withholding tax of USD 23.75 million and their liability for such taxes (together "the disputes"). The disputes were referred to the ICC Dispute Resolution Committee in April 2020, and proceedings thereof are yet to commence as of the date of authorisation of these consolidated financial statements.

#### 5 LOAN IN RELATION TO MEN'S T20 EVENT (STRATEGIC INVESTMENT COST)

As of 31 December 2024, the loan in relation to Men's T20 event held in USA represents Board approved interest bearing loan of USD 22,000 thousand (2023: USD 9,000 thousand). The Group has provided for the amount considered doubtful of USD 20,000 thousand (2023: USD Nil).

#### **6 UAE CORPORATE INCOME TAX**

On December 9, 2022, the UAE Ministry of Finance released the Federal Decree-Law No. 47 of 2022 on the Taxation of Corporations and Businesses to enact a Federal corporate tax regime ('CT Law') in the UAE. The CT law is effective for accounting periods beginning on or after June 1, 2023.

The Cabinet of Ministers Decision No. 116/2022 effective from January 2023, has confirmed the threshold of income over which the 9% tax rate would apply, and the CT Law is considered to be substantively enacted. A rate of 9% will apply to taxable income exceeding AED 375.000. A rate of 0% will apply to taxable income not exceeding AED 375,000.

One of the exempt persons specified under Article 4 of the CT Law is a Qualifying Public Benefit Entity ("QPBE"). The CT Law defines a 'Qualifying Public Benefit Entity' as an entity that meets the conditions set out in Article 9 of the CT Law and that is listed in a decision issued by the Cabinet at the suggestion of the Ministry. The Group management has applied for an exemption from CT Law for IBC and FZ LLC since based on management's assessment, even though IBC and FZ LLC have not yet been included as part of list of exempted entities in a decision issued by the authorities, the management believes that these entities meet all the other conditions set out in Article 9 of the CT Law. Considering all the substantive conditions required to meet the exemption criteria have been met for the year ended 31 December 2024, no provision has been recognized towards CT Law in these consolidated financial statements. The Group management has further represented the matter to the relevant UAE authorities to request that IBC and FZ LLC are granted exemption from the CT Law for the year ended 31 December 2024.





