

Virat Kohli (Hindi pronunciation: born 5 November 1988) is an Indian [international cricketer](#) who plays [Test](#) and [One Day International](#) (ODI) cricket for the [Indian national team](#). A former [captain](#) in all formats, Kohli retired from [Twenty20 International](#) (T20I) following India's win at the [2024 T20 World Cup](#). He is a right-handed [batsman](#) and an occasional unorthodox right arm quick [bowler](#). Kohli is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time and the greatest batsman in the modern era. He represents [Royal Challengers Bengaluru](#) in the [Indian Premier League](#) (IPL) and [Delhi](#) in [domestic cricket](#). He holds the record as the highest run-scorer in [IPL](#), ranks third in [T20I](#), third in [ODI](#), and stands as the fourth-highest in international cricket.^[4] He also holds the record for scoring the most centuries in ODI cricket and stands second in the [list of most international centuries scored](#). Kohli was a key member of the Indian team that won the [2011 Cricket World Cup](#), [2013 Champions Trophy](#) and [2024 T20 World Cup](#) and captained India to win the [ICC Test mace](#) three consecutive times in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

In 2013, Kohli was ranked number one in the [ICC rankings](#) for ODI batsmen. In 2015, he achieved the summit of T20I rankings.^[6] In 2018, he was ranked top Test batsman, making him the only Indian cricketer to hold the number one spot in all three formats of the game. He is the first player to score 20,000 runs in a decade. In 2020, the [International Cricket Council](#) named him the male cricketer of the decade.