**Cricket Association of Nepal** is the official [governing body](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sport_governing_body) of the sport of [cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket) in [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal). Its current headquarters is in [Kathmandu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathmandu), [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal). Cricket Association of Nepal is Nepal's representative at the [International Cricket Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Cricket_Council) and is an associate member and has been a member of that body since 1988. It is also a member of the [Asian Cricket Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian_Cricket_Council). The association has selected [Mahendra Singh Dhoni](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahendra_Singh_Dhoni" \o "Mahendra Singh Dhoni) as their brand ambassador.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-2)

The board was dissolved by the government of Nepal in November 2014 on the grounds of incompetence and a three-member ad hoc committee was established with a new president designated by the government itself.[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-CricInfo-3)

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Nepal’s position at the top of the ACC rankings rests firmly on its overwhelmingly consistent performance at all levels of competition. At age-group level, they simply clean up. Wins in U-19 World Cups against Pakistan, New Zealand and South Africa have been based on disciplined, error-free cricket and they showed in their thrilling last-wicket victory over New Zealand in the 2006 event that they possess boundless desire for success.

Sri Lanka’s legendary batsman [Roy Dias](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roy_Dias) who took over as coach in 2001 has been the architect of Nepal’s triumphs and he has moulded a nation high on enthusiasm and short of experience into a fine competitive force. No greater evidence of his ability to maximise the skills of his charges can be seen than by the performance of the U-15 team in the 2006 ACC Elite Cup. Only two of the Nepal squad had ever played any form of competitive cricket before reaching Malaysia to play the event, two weeks later they had won it. The opposition wasn’t bad, far from it. It was just that Nepal did the basics and then just a little bit more, very well thanks to all that their coach had inspired them to learn.

The one level they have yet to master is that of the seniors, where they have so far found the seasoned talents of a full-strength Afghanistan just that little bit too much for them. But they’re pushing, they’re certainly pushing and the battle between them and Afghanistan should be fascinating in the years ahead.

A regime change at the Cricket Association of Nepal has led to the adoption of a more professional approach to development. Greater sponsorship and more focused domestic competitions have been the result. Work has already started on a national Academy, felt to be vital given the extremes of Nepal’s weather for indoor practice, which will be partly funded by the ACC. Nepal plays most of its international matches at the Tribhuwan University International Cricket Ground in the outskirts of Kathmandu. Other grounds include Engineering College Ground in Pulchowk. A host of other grounds are used for domestic tournamants including Tudikhel, Army School Ground and Lab School Ground. Various cricket academy has surfaced since 2010, like Sangrila Cricket Academy, Dhangadi Cricket Academy and Jhapa Cricket Academy. The National Cricket Academy started functioning since late 2011. CAN has partly funded two upcoming national cricket academies in Mulpani and Pokhara.

The current coach is [Pubudu Dassanayake](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pubudu_Dassanayake" \o "Pubudu Dassanayake) and he has added batting strength which had long been the Achilles' heel for Nepalese cricket. Under [Pubudu Dassanayake](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pubudu_Dassanayake" \o "Pubudu Dassanayake), Nepal has won World Cricket League 4 and 3 (twice). Nepal participated in the [2014 ICC World Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20) in [Bangladesh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh) in March 2014, where they produced some eye-catching performances & narrowly missed out on next round only upon net run rate. As a result, they were awarded T20 International status by the ICC along with the Netherlands.

[§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#Presidents)Presidents[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_Association_of_Nepal&action=edit&section=2" \o "Edit section: Presidents)]

* Binay Raj Panday (Interim) (Since November 2014) [[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-Govt_dissolves_CAN-1) He was appointed after the previous working committee formed under Tanka Angabuhang was dissolved by the Government.
* TB Shah (Interim) (June 2014 - November 2014)[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-CAN_top_brass_step_down-4)
* Tanka Angbuhaang (December 2011 - June 2014)[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal" \l "cite_note-CAN_top_brass_step_down-4)[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-5) He was politically appointed by the Maoist government of Nepal. He has no cricketing or sports administration background. During his reign he appointed new coach, made bilateral ties with minor cricket teams in India.
* Binay Raj Pandey (Sep 2006 - Dec 2011) [[6]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-6) A long serving cricket administrator with business background. He was forced out by Maoist government showing his failure to hold an election, a requirement of International Cricket Committee.
* Jay Kumar Nath Shah (since 1966 - Sep 2006= 40 years) [[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-7) One of the longest serving cricket association president in the world. He was forced out for failure to hold an election and improve the game in country.

[Paras Khadka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paras_Khadka) is the current captain and one of the biggest sports celebrities in Nepal. [Mehboob Alam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehboob_Alam" \o "Mehboob Alam) of Nepal holds world record in ICC sanctioned cricket games for taking all 10 wickets in limited over (50 overs) game. He took all 10 wickets against Mozambique in World Cricket League Division Five in [Jersey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey) in 2008. Cricket players are well recognized celebrities in the country. Former captain [Binod Das](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binod_Das) runs his own chat show in national television, with plenty of current players signed up by business houses as brand ambassadors.

[§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#Controversies)Controversies[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_Association_of_Nepal&action=edit&section=3" \o "Edit section: Controversies)]

Despite unprecedented success on the field, including victories over [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team) and [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan_national_cricket_team) at the [2014 ICC World Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20), Nepal went through some turmoil off the field in 2014 with a boycott of the national one-day tournament by the national players with the captain [Paras Khadka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paras_Khadka" \o "Paras Khadka) slamming the Cricket Association of Nepal for their treatment of national players.[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-Nat.27l_cricketers_boycott_every_tournament-8)

The board then came under an investigation by the [Commission for Investigation into Abuse of Authority](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commission_for_the_Investigation_of_Abuse_of_Authority_(CIAA)).[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-CIAA_begins_probe_against_CAN-9) Later, CIAA filed a case against 18 CAN members including the then President Tanka Aangabuhang, after finding them guilty of misusing around Rs. 14.31 million, which was to be used for developing the game in the country instead.[[10]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-CIAA_filed_corruption_case_against_CAN_office_bearers-10)[[11]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-CIAA_files_graft_case_against_18_individuals.2C_including_CAN_top_guns-11) This resulted in several CAN members stepping down from their posts on moral grounds.

In May, members of CAN filed a no-confidence motion against president Tanka Angbuhang Limbu, after the running of the [Nepal Premier League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_Premier_League) was outsourced to a private sports management firm.[[12]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-CAN_prez_Aangbuhang_under_pressure_to_quit-12)

In March, the CAN had said Nepal coach [Pubudu Dassanayake](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pubudu_Dassanayake" \o "Pubudu Dassanayake) would get a year's extension to his contract. However, he was only given a three-month extension, which ran out later June.[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-CAN_extends_Dassanayake_contract_only_3_months-13) The change in terms, CAN secretary Ashok Nath Pyakuryal said, was due to the board being under investigation. The coach left the country on June 4 due to unresolved contractual issues.[[14]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-Coach_bids_adieu_amid_contract_dispute-14)

But [Nepal Government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Nepal) intervened and handed Dassanayake a year’s extension. Dassanayake returned to Nepal on August 29 after being invited by the government and was reappointed coach of Nepal's senior and Under-19 cricket teams.[[15]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-Dassanayake_set_for_August_28_return-15)

After all these controversies in the year 2014, the Nepal Government dissolved the Angbuhang led CAN committee on 6 November and formed an ad hoc committee under former president Binaya Raj Panday on interim basis.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#cite_note-Govt_dissolves_CAN-1)

[§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal#Rhino_Fans)Rhino Fans[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_Association_of_Nepal&action=edit&section=4" \o "Edit section: Rhino Fans)]

Known as the Rhino Fans,[[16]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal" \l "cite_note-16) Nepal has one of the most passionate fan-base outside the full members. Each international home match gathers a crowd of 8,000 - 10,000. Some of the more crucial matches have had estimated attendance of more than 20,000. National televisions regularly broadcast live matches held in Nepal and often from abroad. Since 2012 they have started broadcasting some domestic matches as well.

### Beginnings[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=2" \o "Edit section: Beginnings)]

Cricket was introduced to Nepal in 1892 by the then ruling [Rana dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rana_dynasty" \o "Rana dynasty) after they returned from their visits to [England](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England). The game was exclusively played among the elite back then. The [Cricket Association of Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal) was formed in 1946 to promote cricket within the aristocrat community.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Encyclopedia_of_World_Cricket_by_Roy_Morgan-5)

When the Ranas were ousted from power in 1951, cricket began to spread to the rest of the population. In 1961, the [Cricket Association of Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal) (CAN) became part of the [National Sports Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Sports_Council_(Nepal)), to attempt to promote cricket in the whole of Nepal, though this tended to be limited to [Kathmandu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathmandu) until the 1980s.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Encyclopedia_of_World_Cricket_by_Roy_Morgan-5)

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#ICC_membership)ICC membership[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=3" \o "Edit section: ICC membership)]

Improvements to the communication and transport infrastructures in Nepal allowed the game to expand outside Kathmandu in the 1980s[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team" \l "cite_note-Encyclopedia_of_World_Cricket_by_Roy_Morgan-5) and Nepal became an Affiliate Member of the International Cricket Council in 1988.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal.27s_Profile_at_CricketArchive-1) A major development programme was begun in the early 1990s, with regional and district tournaments established and cricket being promoted in schools.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Encyclopedia_of_World_Cricket_by_Roy_Morgan-5)

Interest in cricket increased quickly, and demand to play was such that teams in tournaments had to be restricted until more facilities were built in the mid 90s.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Encyclopedia_of_World_Cricket_by_Roy_Morgan-5) Nepal became an Associate Member of the [International Cricket Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Cricket_Council) in 1996,[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal.27s_Profile_at_CricketArchive-1) which was the year The national side played for the first time, in the [ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Trophy) in [Kuala Lumpur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuala_Lumpur), in which Nepal finished fourth out of six teams in their first round group, beating [Brunei](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brunei_national_cricket_team) and [Japan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japan_national_cricket_team).

The facilities in Nepal had improved enough by 1998 to allow them to host that year's [ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Trophy) at grounds in [Lalitpur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lalitpur_District,_Nepal" \o "Lalitpur District, Nepal) and [Kirtipur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kirtipur" \o "Kirtipur) (at [TU Cricket Ground](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tribhuvan_University_International_Cricket_Ground)) and [Kathmandu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathmandu).[[6]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Pepsi_ACC_Trophy_1998-6) Nepal themselves were unsuccessful in the tournament, going without a win.

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Nepal cricket team during the [2013 ICC World Cricket League Division Three](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Three) in [Bermuda](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bermuda)

[](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Paras_khadka.JPG)

Captain [Paras Khadka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paras_Khadka" \o "Paras Khadka) batting during the [2013 ICC World Cricket League Division Three](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Three)

[](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Nepali_Fans.JPG)

Nepal fans in [Bermuda](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bermuda) during the[2013 ICC World Cricket League Division Three](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Three)

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#21st_century)21st century[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=4" \o "Edit section: 21st century)]

#### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#2000_.E2.80.93_2009)2000 – 2009[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=5)]

In 2000, Nepal's youth development policy began to pay off when the [Nepal Under-19 cricket team](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_Under-19_cricket_team) finished eighth in the [Under-19 World Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U/19_Cricket_World_Cup). The senior side had their best performance to date later in the year when they reached the semi-finals of the [2000 ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2000_ACC_Trophy) before losing to [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_cricket_team) at [Sharjah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharjah_Cricket_Association_Stadium" \o "Sharjah Cricket Association Stadium).[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Hong_Kong_v_Nepal.2C_ACC_Trophy_2000-7) They competed in the [ICC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ICC_Trophy) for the first time the following year. In the tournament in [Ontario](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ontario), they beat [Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany_national_cricket_team) and [Gibraltar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gibraltar_national_cricket_team), but a loss to eventual runners-up[Namibia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Namibia_national_cricket_team) prevented them from progressing past the first round.[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-ICC_Trophy_2001-8)

Nepal were runners-up to the [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team) in the [2002 ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2002_ACC_Trophy) in [Singapore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_United_Arab_Emirates.2C_ACC_Trophy_2002-9) and they hosted the ACC Emerging Nations Tournament in 2003, winning easily against [Bhutan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhutan_national_cricket_team) and the [Maldives](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maldives_national_cricket_team). They won so comprehensively that they were not invited back to the tournament the next time it was played in 2005.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Encyclopedia_of_World_Cricket_by_Roy_Morgan-5) [Raju Khadka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raju_Khadka" \o "Raju Khadka) became the first Nepalese cricketer to score an international [century](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Century_(cricket)), when he slammed an unbeaten 105 off just 50 balls against [Bhutan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhutan_national_cricket_team) in the tournament.[[10]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Bhutan.2C_ACC_Emerging_Nations_Tournament_2003-10)

Nepal played [first-class cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First-class_cricket) for the first time in 2004, playing in the [ICC Intercontinental Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ICC_Intercontinental_Cup) against the [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team) and [Malaysia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaysia_national_cricket_team). They beat [Malaysia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaysia_national_cricket_team),[[11]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Malaysia.2C_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup_2004-11) but drew with the [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team),[[12]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_United_Arab_Emirates.2C_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup_2004-12) failing to reach the semi-final stage. Nepal finished third in the [2004 ACC Fast Track Countries Tournament](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Fast_Track_Countries_Tournament), which qualified them for the [2005 ICC Intercontinental Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup),[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-ACC_Fast_Track_Countries_Tournament_2004-13) and finished 5th in the [2004 ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004_ACC_Trophy), which qualified them for the [repêchage tournament](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_Cricket_World_Cup_qualification" \l "World_Cup_Qualifying_Series_Division_2_2005" \o "2007 Cricket World Cup qualification) of the [2005 ICC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_ICC_Trophy). They finished third in this tournament after beating [Qatar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar_national_cricket_team)[[14]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Qatar.2C_ICC_World_Cup_Qualifying_Series_2005-14) in a play-off, meaning that they did not qualify for the [2005 ICC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_ICC_Trophy). [Shakti Gauchan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakti_Gauchan" \o "Shakti Gauchan) scored a century against [Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy_national_cricket_team) and stayed unbeaten on 106 off 103 balls in the tournament.[[15]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Italy_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Cup_Qualifying_Series_2005-15) They beat the [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team) and drew with [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team) in the [2005 ICC Intercontinental Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup), but missed out on qualification for the semi-finals by half a point. They were runners-up to the [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team) in the [2005 ACC Fast Track Countries Tournament](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Fast_Track_Countries_Tournament).[[16]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-ACC_Fast_Track_Countries_Tournament_2005_Points_Table-16)

In March 2006, Nepal played [Namibia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Namibia_national_cricket_team) in [Windhoek](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windhoek) in a play-off match to decide the final team in the [2006 ICC Intercontinental Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup). Nepal needed to win outright to qualify for the main tournament, but the match was drawn after there was no play on the first day.[[17]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Namibia_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup_2006-17) Later in the year, they toured [Pakistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan), playing against the Pakistan Cricket Academy[[18]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team" \l "cite_note-Nepal_in_Pakistan_2006-18) before playing in the [2006 ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_ACC_Trophy) in [Kuala Lumpur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuala_Lumpur).

In the [2006 ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_ACC_Trophy), Nepal bowled [Myanmar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myanmar_national_cricket_team) out for just 10 off 12.1 overs after Nepal won the toss and sent Myanmar in; no batsman scored more than one, the innings included five ducks, and extras top scored with five (three leg byes and two wides). [Mehboob Alam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehboob_Alam" \o "Mehboob Alam) and [Binod Das](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binod_Das) picked up seven wickets and three wickets respectively.[[19]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Myanmar_v_Nepal.2C_ACC_Trophy_2006-19) In reply, Nepal hit three off the first ball, followed by three wides that went for five, and then hit another three from the second legitimate delivery to win by ten wickets. Some critics called it the greatest mismatch in the history of international cricket[[20]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team" \l "cite_note-The_greatest_mismatch_in_international_history.3F-20) and the score of 10 is the lowest in any level of men's international cricket. They finished fourth in the tournament after losing to [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan_national_cricket_team) in a play-off.[[21]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Afghanistan_v_Nepal.2C_ACC_Trophy_2006-21) They won the [ACC Premier League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Fast_Track_Countries_Tournament) in 2006.[[22]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-ACC_Premier_League_2006_Points_Table-22)

They played in the [2007 ACC Twenty20 Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_ACC_Twenty20_Cup) in [Kuwait](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuwait), where they finished fourth in their first round group.[[23]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-ACC_Twenty20_Cup_2007-23)

In May 2008, Nepal traveled to [Jersey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey) to play in [2008 ICC World Cricket League Division Five](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Five) of the [World Cricket League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Cricket_League). [Mehboob Alam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehboob_Alam" \o "Mehboob Alam) set the world record by taking all ten wickets in the match against [Mozambique](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozambique_national_cricket_team). He got his name in the [Guinness World Records](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guinness_World_Records) for becoming the first bowler to take all 10 wickets in an ICC international cricket match with limited overs.[[24]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-First_bowler_to_take_10_wickets_in_a_limited_overs_international-24) Nepal topped Group A after the group qualifying matches but lost to [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan_national_cricket_team) in the semi-final[[25]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Afghanistan_v_Nepal.2C_WCL_Division_Five_2008-25) and finished third overall after defeating the [USA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_national_cricket_team) in the playoff for third place.[[26]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_USA.2C_WCL_Division_Five_2008-26) With only the top two from this tournament qualifying for [2008 ICC World Cricket League Division Four](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Four) in [Tanzania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tanzania) later in the year, Nepal missed out on the chance to take their [2011 World Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_Cricket_World_Cup) dream any further. Later, Nepal appeared in the [2008 ACC Trophy Elite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008_ACC_Trophy_Elite) and finished fourth after losing to the [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team) in the semi-final[[27]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_UAE.2C_ACC_Trophy_Elite_2008-27) and to [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan_national_cricket_team) in the playoff for third place.[[28]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Afghanistan_v_Nepal.2C_ACC_Trophy_Elite_2008-28)

Nepal finished fifth in the [2009 ACC Twenty20 Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009_ACC_Twenty20_Cup) after beating [Singapore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_national_cricket_team) by 9 wickets in the playoff for fifth place.[[29]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Singapore.2C_ACC_T20_Cup_2009-29) In a group match against [Kuwait](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuwait_national_cricket_team), Nepal needed 7 runs off the last ball to win.[Binod Bhandari](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binod_Bhandari), making his debut for the national team, hit a last-ball six to tie the match. Eventually Nepal won the match in [bowl-out](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bowl-out).[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Playerspeak:_Binod_Bhandari_Batsman-30)

#### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#2010_.E2.80.93_2014)2010 – 2014[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=6)]

Nepal won their first major tournament, beating [USA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_national_cricket_team) in the final of [2010 ICC World Cricket League Division Five](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Five) held at [Kathmandu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathmandu) in February 2010.[[31]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Vishvakarma_bowls_Nepal_to_title-31) [Sharad Vesawkar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharad_Vesawkar" \o "Sharad Vesawkar) scored a century and stayed unbeaten on 105 off 134 balls against [Fiji](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fiji_national_cricket_team) in the tournament.[[32]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Fiji.2C_WCL_Division_Five_2010-32) Nepal played very well in [2010 ACC Trophy Elite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_ACC_Trophy_Elite), winning all the matches in group stage and beating [Malaysia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaysia_national_cricket_team) in the semi-final by 8 runs[[33]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Malaysia_v_Nepal.2C_ACC_Trophy_Elite_2010-33) but lost the final against an [ODI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_Day_International) team [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan_national_cricket_team) by 95 runs and finished runners-up.[[34]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Afghanistan_v_Nepal.2C_ACC_Trophy_Elite_2010-34) Nepal came third in [2010 ICC World Cricket League Division Four](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Four), thus remaining in Division Four for[2012 ICC World Cricket League Division Four](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Four).[[35]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Tanzania.2C_WCL_Division_Four_2010-35) In November, Nepal appeared in [2010 Asian Games](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_at_the_2010_Asian_Games) and lost against [Sri Lanka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka_national_cricket_team) in the quarter-final.[[36]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Sri_Lanka.2C_Asian_Games_2010-36) It was the first match Nepal had played against a Full Member nation.

In December 2011, Nepal hosted the [2011 ACC Twenty20 Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_ACC_Twenty20_Cup) and finished fourth, thus qualifying for the [2012 ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier).[[37]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Oman.2C_ACC_T20_Cup_2011-37)

Nepal finished seventh in the [2012 ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier) after defeating [Kenya](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenya_national_cricket_team)[[38]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Kenya_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier_2012-38) and [Papua New Guinea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Papua_New_Guinea_national_cricket_team)[[39]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_PNG.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier_2012-39) in play-offs. [Shakti Gauchan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakti_Gauchan" \o "Shakti Gauchan) took the first international [hat-trick](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hat-trick) for Nepal against[Denmark](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denmark_national_cricket_team) in the tournament.[[40]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Denmark_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier_2012-40) In September 2012, Nepal appeared in [2012 ICC World Cricket League Division Four](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Four), where [Subash Khakurel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subash_Khakurel" \o "Subash Khakurel) and [Anil Mandal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anil_Mandal) both scored century. [Subash Khakurel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subash_Khakurel" \o "Subash Khakurel)scored 115 off 142 balls against [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_national_cricket_team)[[41]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_USA.2C_WCL_Division_Four_2012-41) and [Anil Mandal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anil_Mandal) scored 113 off 134 balls against [Denmark](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denmark_national_cricket_team).[[42]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Denmark_v_Nepal.2C_WCL_Division_Four_2012-42) In a match against [Malaysia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaysia_national_cricket_team), [Shakti Gauchan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakti_Gauchan" \o "Shakti Gauchan) set up Nepal's convincing victory with a new record. The left-arm orthodox spinner's figures of 10-8-2-3 is the best economical bowling spell ever in limited over encounters.[[43]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Malaysia_v_Nepal.2C_WCL_Division_Four_2012-43)[[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-WCL_4:_Magical_Shakti_sets_up_big_win-44) Nepal won all the six matches of the tournament and progressed to [2013 ICC World Cricket League Division Three](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Three). Nepalese players won [man of the match](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Man_of_the_match) awards in all the six matches Nepal played and [Basanta Regmi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basanta_Regmi" \o "Basanta Regmi) won the player of the tournament award after taking a total of 21 wickets in the tournament.[[45]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_crush_USA_in_the_final-45) In October, Nepal competed in [2012 ACC Trophy Elite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ACC_Trophy_Elite) and had to share the trophy with the [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team) after a thrilling tied final in [Sharjah Cricket Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharjah_Cricket_Association_Stadium" \o "Sharjah Cricket Association Stadium), [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates) on 12 October 2012. [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team) posted 241, a target that looked in Nepal's sight after their 94-run opening stand. However, they lost wickets consistently, and eventually needed 12 off the last over with just two wickets in hand. [Shakti Gauchan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakti_Gauchan" \o "Shakti Gauchan) smacked [Shadeep Silva](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shadeep_Silva" \o "Shadeep Silva)'s left-arm for a six, but could manage only one run off the last ball, hence ending a splendid final match in a tie.[[46]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal.2C_UAE_share_ACC_Elite_title_after_thrilling_tie-46) Skipper[Paras Khadka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paras_Khadka) scored an unbeaten 106 off just 77 balls against [Kuwait](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuwait_national_cricket_team), his maiden century for Nepal, in the tournament.[[47]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Kuwait_v_Nepal.2C_ACC_Trophy_Elite_2012-47)

Nepal competed in [2013 ACC Twenty20 Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ACC_Twenty20_Cup) held at home grounds in [Kirtipur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kirtipur" \o "Kirtipur) and [Lalitpur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patan,_Lalitpur" \o "Patan, Lalitpur). Nepal easily marched towards the final of the tournament with high class performance from their captain,[Paras Khadka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paras_Khadka), and the team thrashed the [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team) by 6 wickets.[[48]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_UAE.2C_ACC_T20_Cup_2013-48) Nepal had earlier qualified for [2013 ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier), reaching the semi-final of the tournament. Nepal had to be satisfied with runners-up status after losing to an [ODI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_Day_International) team [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan_national_cricket_team) by 7 wickets.[[49]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Afghanistan.2C_ACC_T20_Cup_2013-49) The Nepalese team was supported by a huge fan following throughout this tournament with an average turnout of 15,000 - 20,000 (about 25,000 in the semi-final and final) during their matches while hundreds of thousands watched live on television – undoubtedly the largest public support outside the Test-playing nations.[[50]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-And_the_award_goes_to.E2.80.A6_the_crowd.21-50) Nepal won the [2013 ICC World Cricket League Division Three](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Three) held in [Bermuda](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bermuda) and qualified for the [2014 World Cup Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Cricket_World_Cup_Qualifier).[[51]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Airee.2C_Vesawkar_carry_Nepal_to_Div_3_title-51) Nepal also played in [2013 ACC Emerging Teams Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ACC_Emerging_Teams_Cup), where under-23 age level teams of the four Test nations – [Bangladesh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh_national_cricket_team), [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India_national_cricket_team), [Pakistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan_national_cricket_team) and [Sri Lanka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka_national_cricket_team) took part along with the [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team), [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan_national_cricket_team) and the hosts [Singapore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_national_cricket_team).[[52]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-ACC_Emerging_Teams_Cup_2013-52) Nepal finished third in [2013 ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier) held in [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates)[[53]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_signs_off_with_third-place_finish-53) and qualified for the [2014 ICC World Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20), defeating [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team) off the last ball of the thrilling quarter-final.[[54]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_enters_ICC_World_Twenty20_with_thrilling_win-54)

Nepal missed out on qualification for the [2015 World Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Cricket_World_Cup), finishing ninth in the [2014 World Cup Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Cricket_World_Cup_Qualifier) in [New Zealand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand) in January.[[55]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Uganda.2C_World_Cup_Qualifier_2014-55) Nepal were the best of the three associate teams on display in Group A of the [2014 ICC World Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20). They comprehensively beat [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team),[[56]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Hong_Kong_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_2014-56) held their own with the bat against [Bangladesh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh_national_cricket_team)[[57]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Bangladesh_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_2014-57) and pulled off a strong win against [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan_national_cricket_team),[[58]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Afghanistan_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_2014-58) their first since 2004 in any format against their old rivals.[[59]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Two_wins_a_great_achievement_for_Nepal:_Khadka-59) Nepal's bowlers did not bowl a single wide or no ball throughout the tournament.[[60]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Most_extras_conceded_by_a_team_in_WT20_2014-60) Nepal were also the only team to not concede 140 in an innings in the tournament.[[61]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Most_runs_conceded_by_a_team_in_WT20_2014-61) Nepal finished third in the [2014 ACC Premier League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ACC_Premier_League), where they beat [ODI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_Day_International) teams [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team)[[62]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Khakurel_stars_as_Nepal_beats_UAE-62) and [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team), and qualified for the [2014 ACC Championship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ACC_Championship).[[63]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_qualify_for_two-day_event-63) In September, Nepal participated in the [2014 Asian Games](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_at_the_2014_Asian_Games) but failed to qualify beyond quarter-finals.[[64]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Asian_Games:_Afghanistan_ends_Nepal.E2.80.99s_medal_hopes-64) Nepal won the [2014 ICC World Cricket League Division Three](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Three) held in [Malaysia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaysia) and qualified for the [2015 ICC World Cricket League Division Two](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Two).[[65]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Pun.2C_Malla_and_Budhaayer_shine_as_Nepal_wins_Pepsi_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_3-65) [Gyanendra Malla](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gyanendra_Malla" \o "Gyanendra Malla) scored his maiden century, 114 off 125 balls, against [Singapore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_national_cricket_team) in the tournament.[[66]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Singapore.2C_WCL_Division_Three_2014-66)

In November, Nepal toured [Sri Lanka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka), as [Sri Lanka Cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka_Cricket) approved a request from the [Asian Cricket Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian_Cricket_Council) to support the region's Non-Test playing countries,[[67]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-HONG_KONG_AND_NEPAL_TOUR_SRI_LANKA-67) where they played two three-day matches against [Sri Lanka Cricket Combined XI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka_Cricket_Combined_XI).[[68]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Kurunegala_Combined_XI_v_Nepal.2C_Nepal_tour_of_Sri_Lanka_2014-68)[[69]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Sri_Lanka_Cricket_Combined_XI_v_Nepal.2C_Nepal_tour_of_Sri_Lanka_2014-69) and a [Twenty20 International series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#T20I_status_and_series) against [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team).

#### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#2015_.E2.80.93_present)2015 – present[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=7" \o "Edit section: 2015 – present)]

Nepal finished fourth in the [2015 ICC World Cricket League Division Two](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Two) in [Namibia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Namibia)[[70]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_3rd_Place_Playoff:_Kenya_v_Nepal.2C_WCL_Division_Two_2015-70) and qualified for the [2015–17 ICC World Cricket League Championship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015%E2%80%9317_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Championship).[[71]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Kenya_and_Nepal_will_take_their_places_in_the_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Championship-71) But Nepal failed to secure promotion to Division One and qualification to [2015–17 ICC Intercontinental Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015%E2%80%9317_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup) after finishing third in the round-robin stage.[[72]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Redemption_for_Netherlands.2C_regret_for_Nepal-72)[[73]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-WCL_Division_Two_2015_Points_Table-73) [Basanta Regmi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basanta_Regmi" \o "Basanta Regmi) became the first bowler to take 100 wickets in the [World Cricket League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Cricket_League). He achieved this feat after taking 2 wickets against [Netherlands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netherlands_national_cricket_team) in the tournament.[[74]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Regmi_completes_100_wickets_in_WCL-74)

## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#T20I_status_and_series)T20I status and series[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=8" \o "Edit section: T20I status and series)]

On 28 June 2014, the [ICC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Cricket_Council) awarded [T20I](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty20_International) status to Nepal, who took part and performed exceptionally well in the [2014 ICC World Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20).[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Results_of_ICC_Board_meeting_in_Melbourne-2)[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal.2C_Netherlands_get_T20_international_status-3) Nepal had already played three [T20I](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty20_International) matches before gaining the status, as [ICC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Cricket_Council) had earlier announced that all matches at the [2014 ICC World Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20) would have [T20I](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty20_International) status.[[75]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Big_stage_for_two_debutants-75)

Nepal played their first ever [Twenty20 International series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_cricket_team_against_Nepal_in_Sri_Lanka_in_2014%E2%80%9315) against [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team) in November 2014 in [Sri Lanka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka). Initially the series was scheduled for three matches[[76]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team" \l "cite_note-ACC_SCHOLARSHIPS_CONTINUE_FOR_UMPIRES_AND_ANALYSTS-76) but only one match was played because of continuous rain and poor ground conditions.[[77]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Hong_Kong_overcome_Kami_record-77) Nepal lost the match but [Sompal Kami](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sompal_Kami" \o "Sompal Kami) put in impressive performance by scoring 40 off 31 balls,[[78]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Hong_Kong_v_Nepal.2C_Nepal_tour_of_Sri_Lanka_2014-78) coming in at No. 10. This is a world-record for the highest score made by a batsman at that position.[[79]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Highest_score_by_a_No._10_batsman_in_Twenty20_International_cricket-79)

## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#Tournament_history)Tournament history[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=9" \o "Edit section: Tournament history)]

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#World_Cup)[World Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_World_Cup)[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=10)]

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| [**World Cup record**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_World_Cup) | | | | | | | | |
| **Year** | **Round** | **Position** | **GP** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **NR** |  |
| [England](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England) [1975](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1975_Cricket_World_Cup) | *Not eligible* | | | | | | | | | |
| [England](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England) [1979](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1979_Cricket_World_Cup) |
| [England](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England) [1983](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1983_Cricket_World_Cup) |
| [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India)[Pakistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan) [1987](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1987_Cricket_World_Cup) |
| [Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia) [New Zealand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand) [1992](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1992_Cricket_World_Cup) |
| [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) [Pakistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan) [Sri Lanka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka) [1996](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1996_Cricket_World_Cup) |
| [England](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England) [1999](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1999_Cricket_World_Cup) |
| [South Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa) [2003](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2003_Cricket_World_Cup) | *Did not qualify* | | | | | | | | | |
| [West Indies Cricket Board](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Indies_Cricket_Board) [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_Cricket_World_Cup) | *Not eligible* | | | | | | | | | |
| [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) [Sri Lanka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka) [Bangladesh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh) [2011](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_Cricket_World_Cup) |
| [Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia) [New Zealand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand) [2015](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Cricket_World_Cup) | *Did not qualify* | | | | | | | | | |
| [England](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England) [2019](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Cricket_World_Cup) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |  |  |
| **Total** | **0 Titles** |  | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |  |  |  |

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| [**World Twenty20 record**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ICC_World_Twenty20) | | | | | | | | |
| **Year** | **Round** | **Position** | **GP** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **NR** |  |
| [South Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa) [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_ICC_World_Twenty20) | *Not eligible* | | | | | | |  |
| [England](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England) [2009](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009_ICC_World_Twenty20) |  |
| [West Indies Cricket Board](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Indies_Cricket_Board) [2010](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_ICC_World_Twenty20) |  |
| [Sri Lanka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka) [2012](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ICC_World_Twenty20) | *Did not qualify* | | | | | | |  |
| [Bangladesh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh) [2014](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20) | First round | 12/16 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |
| [India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) [2016](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_ICC_World_Twenty20) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| **Total** | **0 Titles** |  | **3** | **2** | **1** | **0** | **0** |  |

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#World_Cup_Qualifier)[World Cup Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_World_Cup_Qualifier)[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=12)]

* [1979](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1979_ICC_Trophy) to [1986](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1986_ICC_Trophy) inclusive: Not eligible – Not an ICC member
* [1990](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1990_ICC_Trophy): Not eligible – ICC affiliate member
* [1994](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1994_ICC_Trophy): Not eligible – ICC affiliate member
* [1997](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1997_ICC_Trophy): Did not participate
* [2001](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2001_ICC_Trophy): First round
* [2005](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_ICC_Trophy): Did not qualify
* [2009](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009_Cricket_World_Cup_Qualifier): Not eligible – In Division Five
* [2014](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Cricket_World_Cup_Qualifier): 9th place

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier)[ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier)[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=13)]

* [2012](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier): 7th place
* [2013](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier): 3rd place (Qualified for [2014 ICC World Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20))
* [2015](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier): Qualified

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#World_Cricket_League)[World Cricket League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Cricket_League)[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=14)]

* [2008 Division Five](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Five): 3rd place
* [2010 Division Five](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Five): **Champions**
* [2010 Division Four](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Four): 3rd place
* [2012 Division Four](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Four): **Champions**
* [2013 Division Three](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Three): **Champions**
* [2014 World Cup Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Cricket_World_Cup_Qualifier): 9th place
* [2014 Division Three](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Three): **Champions**
* [2015 Division Two](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Two): 4th place
* [2015–17 Championship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015%E2%80%9317_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Championship): Qualified

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#ICC_Intercontinental_Cup)[ICC Intercontinental Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ICC_Intercontinental_Cup)[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=15)]

* [2004](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup): First round
* [2005](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup): First round
* [2006–07](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup): Did not qualify
* [2007–08](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007%E2%80%9308_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup): Did not participate
* [2009–10](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009%E2%80%9310_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup): Not eligible – In Division Five
* [2011–13](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011%E2%80%9313_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup): Not eligible – In Division Four
* [2015–17](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015%E2%80%9317_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup): Did not qualify

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#ACC_Championship)[ACC Championship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Championship)[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=16)]

* [2014](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ACC_Championship): Called-off

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#ACC_Fast_Track_Countries_Tournament)[ACC Fast Track Countries Tournament](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Fast_Track_Countries_Tournament)[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=17)]

* [2004](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Fast_Track_Countries_Tournament): 3rd place
* [2005](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Fast_Track_Countries_Tournament): Runners-up
* [2006](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Fast_Track_Countries_Tournament): **Winners**

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#ACC_Premier_League)[ACC Premier League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Premier_League)[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=18)]

* [2014](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ACC_Premier_League): 3rd place

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#ACC_Trophy)[ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Trophy)[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=19)]

* [1996](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1996_ACC_Trophy): First round
* [1998](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1998_ACC_Trophy): First round
* [2000](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2000_ACC_Trophy): Semi-finals
* [2002](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2002_ACC_Trophy): Runners up
* [2004](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004_ACC_Trophy): 5th place
* [2006](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_ACC_Trophy): 4th place
* [2008](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008_ACC_Trophy_Elite): 4th place
* [2010](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_ACC_Trophy_Elite): Runners-up
* [2012](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ACC_Trophy_Elite): **Winners** (Shared trophy with [UAE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team))

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#ACC_Twenty20_Cup)[ACC Twenty20 Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Twenty20_Cup)[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=20)]

* [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_ACC_Twenty20_Cup): Group stage
* [2009](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009_ACC_Twenty20_Cup): 5th place
* [2011](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_ACC_Twenty20_Cup): 4th place
* [2013](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ACC_Twenty20_Cup): Runners-up
* [2015](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_ACC_Twenty20_Cup): Did not participate

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#Asian_Games)[Asian Games](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_at_the_Asian_Games)[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=21)]

* [2010](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_at_the_2010_Asian_Games): Quarter-finals
* [2014](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_at_the_2014_Asian_Games): Quarter-finals

## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#Records_and_Statistics)Records and Statistics[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=22" \o "Edit section: Records and Statistics)]

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#International_records)International records[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=23" \o "Edit section: International records)]

* Nepal bowled out [Myanmar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myanmar_national_cricket_team) for just 10 off 12.1 overs in [2006 ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_ACC_Trophy) and chased the target of 11 in just 0.2 overs. The score of 10 was the lowest in any level of men's international cricket. Nepal set two records of bowling out the opponent for minimum number of runs and chasing the target in minimum overs, both in the same match.[[19]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Myanmar_v_Nepal.2C_ACC_Trophy_2006-19)
* Nepal's highest One Day score: 397/8 (50.0 ov) against [Bhutan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhutan_national_cricket_team), 2003 ACC Emerging Nations Tournament[[10]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Bhutan.2C_ACC_Emerging_Nations_Tournament_2003-10)
* Nepal's highest Twenty20 score: 210/5 (20.0 ov) against [Singapore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_national_cricket_team), [2013 ACC Twenty20 Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ACC_Twenty20_Cup)[[80]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Singapore.2C_ACC_Twenty20_Cup_2013-80)
* Highest individual One Day score: 115 off 142 balls by [Subash Khakurel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subash_Khakurel" \o "Subash Khakurel) against [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_national_cricket_team), [2012 ICC World Cricket League Division Four](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Four)[[41]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_USA.2C_WCL_Division_Four_2012-41)
* Highest individual Twenty20 score: 88 off 41 balls by [Mehboob Alam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehboob_Alam" \o "Mehboob Alam) against [Saudi Arabia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi_Arabia_national_cricket_team), [2011 ACC Twenty20 Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_ACC_Twenty20_Cup)[[81]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Saudi_Arabia.2C_ACC_Twenty20_Cup_2011-81)
* Best One Day innings bowling: 10/12 (7.5 ov) by [Mehboob Alam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehboob_Alam" \o "Mehboob Alam) against [Mozambique](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozambique_national_cricket_team), [2008 ICC World Cricket League Division Five](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Five). He set the world record for becoming the first bowler to take all 10 wickets in an ICC international cricket match with limited overs. The accomplishment has only happened professionally in two other instances, both in [Test cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Test_cricket) with unlimited overs.[[82]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Mozambique_v_Nepal.2C_WCL_Division_Five_2008-82)[[24]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-First_bowler_to_take_10_wickets_in_a_limited_overs_international-24)
* Best Twenty20 innings bowling: 4/11 (3.0 ov) by [Dipendra Chaudhary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dipendra_Chaudhary" \o "Dipendra Chaudhary) against [Kuwait](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuwait_national_cricket_team), [2009 ACC Twenty20 Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009_ACC_Twenty20_Cup)[[83]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Kuwait_v_Nepal.2C_ACC_Twenty20_Cup_2009-83)
* Hat-trick: By [Shakti Gauchan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakti_Gauchan" \o "Shakti Gauchan) against [Denmark](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denmark_national_cricket_team), [2012 ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier)[[40]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Denmark_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier_2012-40)
* Best economy rate in an innings: 0.20 (Bowling figures: 10–8–2–3) by [Shakti Gauchan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakti_Gauchan" \o "Shakti Gauchan) against [Malaysia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaysia_national_cricket_team), [2012 ICC World Cricket League Division Four](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Four). He achieved extraordinary figures of 10-8-2-3, which is the best economical bowling spell ever in limited over matches.[[43]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Malaysia_v_Nepal.2C_WCL_Division_Four_2012-43)
* [Sompal Kami](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sompal_Kami)'s 40 runs off 31 balls in the [Twenty20 International series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_cricket_team_against_Nepal_in_Sri_Lanka_in_2014%E2%80%9315) against [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team) is the world record for the highest run scored by a No. 10 batsman in [Twenty20 International](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty20_International)format.[[78]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Hong_Kong_v_Nepal.2C_Nepal_tour_of_Sri_Lanka_2014-78)[[79]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Highest_score_by_a_No._10_batsman_in_Twenty20_International_cricket-79)
* Nepal set a unique record by not bowling a single wide or no ball throughout the tournament in [2014 ICC World Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20).[[60]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Most_extras_conceded_by_a_team_in_WT20_2014-60)

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#Twenty20_International)Twenty20 International[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=24" \o "Edit section: Twenty20 International)]

*Main article:*[*List of Nepal Twenty20 International records*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Nepal_Twenty20_International_records)

* Nepal's highest score: 149/8 (20.0 ov) against [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team), [2014 ICC World Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20)[[84]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_T20I_Highest_innings_totals-84)[[56]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Hong_Kong_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_2014-56)
* Highest individual score: 56 off 53 balls by [Subash Khakurel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subash_Khakurel" \o "Subash Khakurel) against [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan_national_cricket_team), [2014 ICC World Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20)[[85]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_T20I_Highest_individual_score-85)[[58]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Afghanistan_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_2014-58)
* Best bowling figures in an innings: 3/9 (4.0 ov) by [Shakti Gauchan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakti_Gauchan" \o "Shakti Gauchan) against [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team), [2014 ICC World Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20)[[86]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_T20I_Best_bowling_figures_in_an_innings-86)[[56]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Hong_Kong_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_2014-56)

| **T20I records versus other nations**[[87]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_T20I_Result_Summary-87) | | | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Opposition** | **M** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **NR** | **Win%** | **First Win** |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/9a/Flag_of_Afghanistan.svg/23px-Flag_of_Afghanistan.svg.png [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan_national_cricket_team) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100.00% | 20 March 2014 |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/f9/Flag_of_Bangladesh.svg/23px-Flag_of_Bangladesh.svg.png [Bangladesh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh_national_cricket_team) | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/5b/Flag_of_Hong_Kong.svg/23px-Flag_of_Hong_Kong.svg.png [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 50.00% | 16 March 2014 |
| **Total**[[88]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-T20I_Result_Summary-88) | **4** | **2** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **50.00%** |  |
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### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#First_Class)First Class[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=25" \o "Edit section: First Class)]

* Nepal's highest innings total: 287/7d against [United Arab Emirates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team), [2005 ICC Intercontinental Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup)[[89]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_First-class_Highest_innings_totals-89)[[90]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_United_Arab_Emirates.2C_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup_2005-90)
* Highest individual score in an innings: 89 by [Sharad Vesawkar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharad_Vesawkar" \o "Sharad Vesawkar) against [United Arab Emirates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team), [2005 ICC Intercontinental Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup)[[91]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_First-class_Highest_individual_score-91)[[90]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_United_Arab_Emirates.2C_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup_2005-90)
* Highest individual score in a match: 101 (89 and 12) by [Sharad Vesawkar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharad_Vesawkar" \o "Sharad Vesawkar) against [United Arab Emirates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team), [2005 ICC Intercontinental Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup)[[92]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_First-class_Highest_individual_score_in_a_match-92)[[90]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_United_Arab_Emirates.2C_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup_2005-90)
* Best bowling figures in an innings: 6/29 by [Binod Das](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binod_Das) against [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team), [2005 ICC Intercontinental Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup)[[93]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_First-class_Best_bowling_figures_in_an_innings-93)[[94]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Hong_Kong.2C_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup.2C_2005-94)
* Best bowling figures in a match: 7/37 by [Binod Das](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binod_Das) against [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team), [2005 ICC Intercontinental Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup)[[95]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_First-class_Best_bowling_figures_in_a_match-95)[[94]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Nepal_v_Hong_Kong.2C_ICC_Intercontinental_Cup.2C_2005-94)

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#List_A)List A[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=26)]

* Nepal's highest score: 243/8 (41.0 ov) against [Canada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada_national_cricket_team), [2014 World Cup Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Cricket_World_Cup_Qualifier)[[96]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_List_A_Highest_innings_totals-96)[[97]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Canada_v_Nepal.2C_World_Cup_Qualifier_2014-97)
* Highest individual score: 91[\*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Not_out) off 116 balls by [Gyanendra Malla](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gyanendra_Malla" \o "Gyanendra Malla) against [Kenya](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenya_national_cricket_team), [2015 ICC World Cricket League Division Two](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Two)[[98]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_List_A_Highest_individual_score-98)[[99]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Kenya_v_Nepal.2C_WCL_Division_Two_2015-99)
* Best bowling figures in an innings: 5/26 (10.0 ov) by [Karan KC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karan_KC) against [Canada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada_national_cricket_team), [2015 ICC World Cricket League Division Two](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Two)[[100]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_List_A_Best_bowling_figures_in_an_innings-100)[[101]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Canada_v_Nepal.2C_WCL_Division_Two_2015-101)

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#Twenty20)Twenty20[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=27" \o "Edit section: Twenty20)]

* Nepal's highest score: 186/4 (19.4 ov) against [Kenya](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenya_national_cricket_team), [2013 ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier)[[102]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_T20_Highest_innings_totals-102)[[103]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Kenya_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier_2013-103)
* Highest individual score: 68 off 62 balls by [Paras Khadka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paras_Khadka" \o "Paras Khadka) against [Hong Kong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong_national_cricket_team), [2012 ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier)[[104]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_T20_Highest_individual_score-104)[[105]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_Hong_Kong_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier_2012-105)
* Best bowling figures in an innings: 4/16 (4.0 ov) by [Basanta Regmi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basanta_Regmi" \o "Basanta Regmi) against [United Arab Emirates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates_national_cricket_team), [2013 ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier)[[106]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_T20_Best_bowling_figures_in_an_innings-106)[[107]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Scorecard_of_UAE_v_Nepal.2C_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier_2013-107)

## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#Players)Players[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=28" \o "Edit section: Players)]

The following list contains players contracted by [Cricket Association of Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal) for year 2015.[[108]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_confirm_central_contracts_for_players-108)

The final 14 players in Nepal's squad for the [2015 ICC World Cricket League Division Two](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Two) are represented by **bold**.[[109]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#cite_note-Nepal_squad_-_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Division_Two.2C_2014.2F15-109)

**Key**

* C/G - Contract Grade

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Age** | **Batting style** | **Bowling style** | **C/G** |
| **Captain and All-rounder** | | | | |
| [**Paras Khadka**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paras_Khadka) | 27 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Right-arm medium-fast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_bowling), [off break](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Off_break) | A |
| **Vice-captain and Top-order Batsman** | | | | |
| [**Gyanendra Malla**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gyanendra_Malla) | 24 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) |  | A |
| **Opening batsmen** | | | | |
| [Pradeep Airee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pradeep_Airee) | 22 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Right-arm medium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_bowling) | C |
| [**Naresh Budhayer**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naresh_Budhayer) | 23 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Right-arm off break](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Off_break) | B |
| [Anil Mandal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anil_Mandal) | 24 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) |  | C |
| **Wicket-keeper and Opening Batsman** | | | | |
| [**Subash Khakurel**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subash_Khakurel) | 21 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) |  | A |
| **Middle-order batsmen** | | | | |
| [**Binod Bhandari**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binod_Bhandari) | 25 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) |  | B |
| [Rajesh Pulami](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajesh_Pulami) | 22 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Legbreak](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legbreak) [googly](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Googly" \o "Googly) | D |
| [Raju Rijal](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Raju_Rijal&action=edit&redlink=1) | 18 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) |  | D |
| [**Sharad Vesawkar**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharad_Vesawkar) | 26 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Right-arm off break](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Off_break) | A |
| **All-rounders** | | | | |
| [Mehboob Alam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehboob_Alam) | 33 | [Left-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Left-arm medium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_bowling) | C |
| [**Shakti Gauchan**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakti_Gauchan) | 30 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Left-arm orthodox spin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Left-arm_orthodox_spin) | A |
| [**Sompal Kami**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sompal_Kami) | 19 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Right-arm fast-medium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_bowling) | B |
| [**Sagar Pun**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sagar_Pun) | 22 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Right-arm off break](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Off_break) | B |
| [**Basanta Regmi**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basanta_Regmi) | 28 | [Left-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Left-arm orthodox spin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Left-arm_orthodox_spin) | A |
| [**Aarif Sheikh**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aarif_Sheikh) | 17 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Right-arm medium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_bowling) | C |
| **Pace Bowlers** | | | | |
| [**Amrit Bhattarai**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amrit_Bhattarai) | 24 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Left-arm medium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_Bowling) | B |
| [Ramnaresh Giri](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Ramnaresh_Giri&action=edit&redlink=1) | 18 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Right-arm medium fast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_bowling) | D |
| [**Karan KC**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karan_KC) | 23 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Right-arm fast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_bowling) | D |
| [Jitendra Mukhiya](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jitendra_Mukhiya) | 22 | [Right-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Right-arm medium fast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_bowling) | C |
| **Spin Bowlers** | | | | |
| [**Bhuwan Karki**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhuwan_Karki) | 21 | [Left-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Left-arm orthodox spin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Left-arm_orthodox_spin) | B |
| [Rahul Vishwakarma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rahul_Vishwakarma) | 22 | [Left-handed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_(cricket)) | [Left-arm orthodox spin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Left-arm_orthodox_spin) | C |

## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team#Future_series.2Ftournaments)Future series/tournaments[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nepal_national_cricket_team&action=edit&section=29" \o "Edit section: Future series/tournaments)]

* Nepal will play a 31.3 overs per side [Phillip Hughes Memorial Match](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phillip_Hughes_Memorial_Match) against Australia Invitational team on 11 April 2015.
* Nepal will participate in the [2015 ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_ICC_World_Twenty20_Qualifier) in July in [Ireland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ireland) and [Scotland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scotland).
* Nepal will participate in the [2015–17 ICC World Cricket League Championship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015%E2%80%9317_ICC_World_Cricket_League_Championship).

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[Cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket) is the second most popular sport in [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal), catching up with [football](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Association_Football) as the country's most popular sport thanks largely to the spread of television to the rural communities and qualification of the[national team](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team) in the [2014 ICC World T20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_ICC_World_Twenty20) in [Bangladesh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh).

Nepal's playing season runs from September to November and starts again in March before finishing in May. The National Cricket Academy, NCA was formally opened in January 2013 by the [Cricket Association of Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal) to guide emerging players and to provide continuous training facilities to the [men's national team](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team), [under-19 team](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_Under-19_cricket_team) and the [women's national team](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_women%27s_cricket_team).[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-acc_nepal-1)

As of December 2012, there were 429 senior cricket clubs and 227 junior cricket clubs in [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal).[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-acc_nepal-1)

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## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#History)History[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_in_Nepal&action=edit&section=1" \o "Edit section: History)]

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#Beginnings)Beginnings[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_in_Nepal&action=edit&section=2" \o "Edit section: Beginnings)]

[Cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket) was introduced to [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal) by the ruling [Rana dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rana_dynasty" \o "Rana dynasty) following the return of members from studies in [England](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England) in the 1920s. Though the game was kept very much for themselves and other members of the elite, the [Cricket Association of Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal) was formed in 1946 to promote cricket amongst the aristocracy.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-EWC-2)

When [King Tribhuvan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tribhuvan_of_Nepal) overthrew the Rana regime in 1951, [cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket) began to spread to the rest of the population. In 1961, in an effort to promote cricket in the whole of [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal), the [Cricket Association of Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal) became part of the [National Sports Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Sports_Council_(Nepal)). Nevertheless, the game tended to be limited to [Kathmandu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathmandu) until the 1980s.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-EWC-2)

### [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#ICC_and_ACC_Membership)ICC and ACC Membership[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_in_Nepal&action=edit&section=3" \o "Edit section: ICC and ACC Membership)]

Improvements to the communication and transport infrastructure in [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal) allowed the game to expand outside [Kathmandu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathmandu) in the 1980s,[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-EWC-2) and [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal) became an Affiliate Member of the [ICC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Cricket_Council) in 1988.[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-CAP-3) A major development programme was begun in the early 1990s, with regional and district tournaments established and [cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket) being promoted in schools.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-EWC-2) [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal) became an Associate Member of the[ACC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian_Cricket_Council) in 1990 and became a full member in 1994.

Interest in [cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket) increased quickly in the 1990s, and demand to play was such that the number of teams in tournaments had to be restricted until more facilities were built.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-EWC-2) [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal) became an Associate Member of the [ICC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Cricket_Council) in 1996,[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-CAP-3) which was the year the national side played for the first time, in the [ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Trophy) in [Kuala Lumpur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuala_Lumpur). [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team) finished fourth out of six teams in their first round group in this competition, beating [Brunei](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brunei_national_cricket_team) and [Japan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japan_national_cricket_team).[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-ACC96-4)

## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#Governing_Body)Governing Body[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_in_Nepal&action=edit&section=4" \o "Edit section: Governing Body)]

*Main article:*[*Cricket Association of Nepal*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal)

The [Cricket Association of Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_Association_of_Nepal) is the official [governing body](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sport_governing_body) of the sport of [cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket) in [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal). It was formed in 1946.

## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#Competitions)Competitions[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_in_Nepal&action=edit&section=5" \o "Edit section: Competitions)]

* 1947 General Madan instituted the 'Bishnu Trophy' for league tournaments.
* 1952 Madan Memorial Shield instituted.
* 1966 Maharaj Kumar Jugal Kishwore Trophy instituted.
* 1965 Ram Muni Trophy instituted
* 1980 Jai Trophy instituted by the National Sports Council.
* 2000 District & Regional level Under-17 Tournaments initiated.
* 2014 NPL, a franchise-based Twenty20, One Day & Two Day event, was initiated.

## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#Cricket_Grounds)Cricket Grounds[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_in_Nepal&action=edit&section=6" \o "Edit section: Cricket Grounds)]

There are 65 grounds in [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal) with 17 turf wickets.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-acc_nepal-1) International matches can be played only at the [Tribhuvan University International Cricket Ground](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tribhuvan_University_International_Cricket_Ground" \o "Tribhuvan University International Cricket Ground).[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-cricktarchv-5) A new international standard ground is under construction at [Mulpani](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mulpani,_Kathmandu" \o "Mulpani, Kathmandu), [Kathmandu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathmandu) and another is going to be built at [Pokhara](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pokhara" \o "Pokhara) with some help from the [Asian Cricket Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian_Cricket_Council).[[6]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-republica-6)

The following are the major [cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket) stadiums in [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal).

* [Tribhuvan University International Cricket Ground](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tribhuvan_University_International_Cricket_Ground), [Kirtipur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kirtipur" \o "Kirtipur), [Kathmandu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathmandu) - the ground has hosted first-class matches and has occupied over 20,000 spectators in the past
* Pulchowk Engineering Cricket Ground, Pulchowk, [Lalitpur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lalitpur_District,_Nepal" \o "Lalitpur District, Nepal) - hosted the [ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian_Cricket_Council_Trophy)
* Sainik Awasiya Maha Vidyalaya Ground, Sallaghari, [Bhaktapur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhaktapur" \o "Bhaktapur)
* Rangashala Cricket Ground, [Pokhara](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pokhara" \o "Pokhara), [Kaski](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaski_District" \o "Kaski District)
* Fapla Cricket Ground, [Dhangadi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dhangadi" \o "Dhangadi), [Kailali](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kailali_District" \o "Kailali District)
* District Sports Development Committee Ground, [Mahendranagar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahendranagar,_Mahakali" \o "Mahendranagar, Mahakali), [Kanchanpur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanchanpur_District" \o "Kanchanpur District)
* [Mulpani Cricket Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mulpani_Cricket_Stadium), [Mulpani](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mulpani,_Kathmandu" \o "Mulpani, Kathmandu), [Kathmandu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathmandu) - under construction

## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#Men.27s_National_Team)Men's National Team[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_in_Nepal&action=edit&section=7" \o "Edit section: Men's National Team)]

*Main article:*[*Nepal national cricket team*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team)

The [Nepal National Cricket Team](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_cricket_team) represents [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal) in international cricket matches.

They have been participating in international matches since 2013, including every [ACC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ACC_Trophy) tournament,[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-EWC-2) the [2001 ICC Trophy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2001_ICC_Trophy)[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-ICCT01-7) and two [ICC Intercontinental Cups](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ICC_Intercontinental_Cup).[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-EWC-2)

[Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal) also has an [Under-19 Cricket Team](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepali_U-19_cricket_team).

## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#Women.27s_National_Team)Women's National Team[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_in_Nepal&action=edit&section=8" \o "Edit section: Women's National Team)]

*Main article:*[*Nepal national women's cricket team*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_women%27s_cricket_team)

The [Nepal National Women's Cricket Team](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal_national_women%27s_cricket_team) represents [Nepal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal) in international women's [cricket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket) matches. They made their international debut in the ACC Women's Tournament in [Malaysia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaysia) in July 2007.

## [§](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#Domestic_Cricket)Domestic Cricket[[edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cricket_in_Nepal&action=edit&section=9" \o "Edit section: Domestic Cricket)]

Domestic cricket is divided into 9 regions ([Kathmandu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathmandu), [Janakpur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Janakpurdham), [Birgunj](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birgunj), [Baitadi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baitadi_district), [Biratnagar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biratnagar), [Bhairahawa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siddharthanagar), [Nepalgunj](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepalgunj), [Pokhara](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pokhara) and [Mahendranagar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahendranagar,_Mahakali) along with the [APF](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armed_Police_Force_(Nepal)) and the [Nepal Army](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepalese_Army)). The men's and women's teams from these regions compete in [One Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_day_cricket) and [Twenty20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty20) matches in various age groups. [[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-8)[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_in_Nepal#cite_note-9)

Similarly, from 2014 onwards a franchise based event comprising Twenty20, One Day and Two Day tournaments was initiated.



