



# ICC ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

### GREG BARCLAY

Welcome to the ICC Annual Report 2023/24, a year that saw the biggest event in our history – and a momentous announcement for the sport.

"This summer's Olympic Games will remind us of the Games' unmatched power to supercharge a sport's popularity – and we must make sure we make the most of LA28 to make new cricketing friends around the world."

Our work continues to be driven by our Strategy for Global Growth, and our ambitions in six priority areas to strengthen, grow and protect our sport around the world. You can read more about it on pages 8–9.

Two such areas are women's cricket and ICC events – and at the ICC Annual Conference in July, we made the landmark announcement that all future ICC events will feature equal men's and women's prize money. We had previously set ourselves a target of 2030 for ensuring equal prize money across comparable men's and women's tournaments, making it a significant achievement to reach parity six years ahead of schedule.

On the subject of ICC events, this was another momentous year. The ICC World Test Championship Final 2023 drew packed and enthusiastic crowds to the Oval, the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 provided a platform for the sport's future heroes – and the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in India was our largest event yet. Huge crowds in the stadiums were matched by record-breaking broadcast and digital numbers, including an extraordinary 16.9 billion video views on ICC platforms. Guided by our Strategy, we continue to build our digital presence to reach more fans than ever before.

Two of the other priority projects in our Strategy for Global Growth are the USA and the Olympic Games – and so it was a huge moment for cricket when

the Members of the International Olympic Committee confirmed in October that T20I cricket will make its Olympic debut at the Olympic Games LA28. The announcement arrived in the thick of our preparations for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, the first ever ICC event to be staged in the USA.

It is impossible to underestimate the potential of this moment for our sport. This summer's Olympic Games in Paris will remind us of the Games' unmatched power to supercharge a sport's popularity – and we must make sure we make the most of the unique opportunity offered by LA28 to make new cricketing friends around the world. As well as preparing for Los Angeles, which will feature both women's and men's T20I tournaments, we are already focused on ensuring cricket remains on the Olympic programme for the 2032 Games, held in a location with a tremendous cricketing heritage – Brisbane, Australia.

The benefits of cricket's inclusion in the Olympic Games are already being felt. Our first ever Olympic Inclusion Impact Report found that 92% of all Associate Members felt that inclusion in the Olympic Games will assist them in achieving their strategic ambitions, while 85% expect to receive additional benefits from governments and National Olympic Committees (NOCs) – with 12 Members having already received a total of USD 1.5m in government or NOC funding since the announcement.

Strengthen, growing and protecting the sport of cricket is very much a team effort, and I would like to pay tribute to everyone who has helped to make this last year such a success: my fellow Board members, the entire ICC team and our 108 Members around the world. The next 12 months promise much for our sport, and the road ahead is an exciting one.

**Greg Barclay**  
Independent Chair



## CEO'S REPORT GEOFF ALLARDICE

I'm delighted to introduce our latest Annual Report, surveying a hugely successful year for our sport – both on and off the field.

"One Day 4 Children has arisen from our partnership with UNICEF – and in May 2024, we were delighted to extend our partnership until 2027, with a focus on empowering women and girls through cricket."

Our year began with the much-anticipated match-up between Australia and India in the second ICC World Test Championship Final. Australia ran out worthy winners at the Oval to take their first WTC title – and then got the 2023–2025 cycle under way with victory in the first Ashes Test.

The first ICC World Test Championship Final in 2021 was played behind closed doors due to COVID-19, but there were no such restrictions in 2023. The Oval was packed to capacity, showing the public's continued enthusiasm for Test cricket – boosted by the increased competitiveness that the ICC World Test Championship is bringing to the format.

October then saw the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup return to India. Afghanistan and the Netherlands delivered seismic shocks to show the sport's strength in depth, but it was Australia who came out on top, breaking home fans' hearts in the final. It was a fittingly colourful climax to an outstanding tournament, and our thanks go to the local organising committee for delivering such a vibrant event.

The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 featured another in our successful series of One Day 4 Children events. This initiative has arisen from our partnership with UNICEF – and in May 2024, we were delighted to extend our partnership until 2027, with a focus on empowering women and girls through cricket. This focus can already be seen through the 2023

launch of Criio 4 Good, an educational programme delivered in partnership with the Indian Ministry of Education and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) that is reaching 1.5 million schools across India.

Back to the action: Australia made it three wins out of three ICC tournaments in January 2024 with victory in the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024. The U19 World Cups give the game's best young players international experience while showcasing the sport's future to fans, and I'm looking forward to seeing many of these young stars make their full international debuts in the coming years. Many thanks to the local organising committee in South Africa, which stepped in at short notice to host this excellent occasion.

Off the field, we continue to make great progress on growing the game worldwide – not least through the confirmation in October 2023 that T20I cricket will make its Olympic debut in 2028. We're now working with the LA28 Organising Committee and the International Olympic Committee on plans for the women's and men's Olympic tournaments – watch this space!

Criio, our flagship participation programme, is already introducing young people to the sport, with more than 3,320 criio facilitators now trained to deliver the programme – reaching more than 250,000 young people worldwide, with new initiatives launched everywhere from Mexico to

Mongolia during 2023/24. We're also continuing to use digital platforms to grow the game: there are now more than 36,000 registered users on the ICC Training and Education programme's Learning Management System. In our commitment to build Member self-sustainability, we have now trained 476 Coach and Umpire Tutors from 101 countries.

I'd like to pay tribute to all our partners for their outstanding commitment to the continued growth and success of the sport, with special thanks to Disney Star. This year, we confirmed new agreements with longstanding partners Emirates and Aramco, while DP World committed to become a Premier Partner. On the broadcast front, meanwhile, new agreements in the Caribbean and Latin America, the Middle East and North Africa, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia and New Zealand will ensure more fans than ever before can watch ICC events across all platforms.

Finally, my sincere thanks to go Greg Barclay and the Board, the ICC management and administration teams, and all our 108 Members worldwide. Here's to another fruitful year building, promoting and celebrating our great game around the world.

**Geoff Allardice**  
CEO

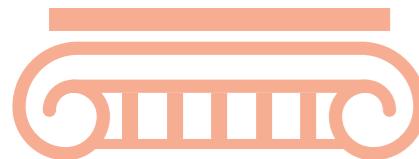
# ICC STRATEGY FOR GLOBAL GROWTH

The ICC's Global Growth Strategy is the roadmap for the future of cricket, expressly designed to strengthen, grow and protect our sport around the world.

This was a landmark year for the ICC and our Strategy for Global Growth – headlined by two major achievements that will supercharge the growth of cricket.

Developed in partnership with Members, the Strategy is built on the vision of more players, more fans and more nations enjoying cricket – and places women's cricket firmly at the heart of the ICC's long-term growth ambitions. It is underpinned by a digital transformation of the sport, supporting Members to connect directly with fans and build capacity.

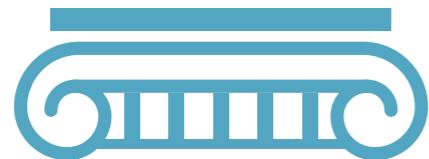
## THE THREE PILLARS



### STRENGTHEN

To strengthen the sport, the ICC will deliver competitive cricket with context for Members, and clear pathways for their growth and participation in top-level tournaments.

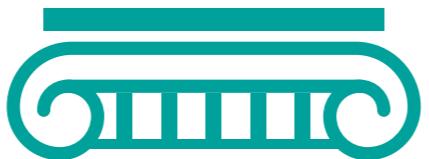
The ICC will invest in and grow women's cricket, and build cricket among Associate Members. Digital transformation will deepen fans' connection with the game, and the ICC will continue to develop ICC.tv, the direct-to-fan platform taking live cricket to more of the world. A mobile game will also be developed for fans.



### GROW

The ICC's focus will be on getting more people to play and engage with the game through criilo, its entry-level programme, as well as enhanced education programmes for those with a role in running the game – officials, coaches and ground staff.

Female participation will be prioritised and new key markets will be identified to drive growth, starting with a focus on the USA. Olympic inclusion is also recognised as an important route to grow the game globally.



### PROTECT

The third pillar is protecting the sport's integrity and ensuring trust among fans worldwide. The ICC will strive to provide an environment that is safe for all participants and upholds the spirit of cricket. A sport free of corruption and doping is recognised as being vital for the growth of the game.

In addition, the ICC Cricket 4 Good programme will be developed to harness the power of more than one billion fans to build a better future, and to empower women and girls through cricket.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY PROJECTS ACTIVITIES IN 2023-24



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ICC EVENTS

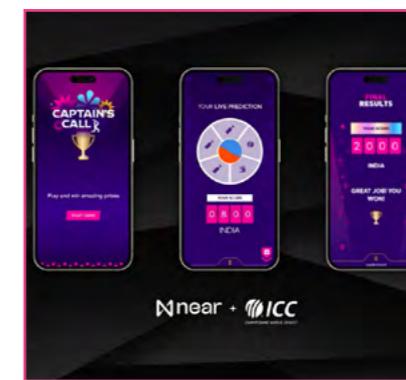
This year saw an announcement with enormous potential for our sport. In October 2023, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) confirmed that cricket will be returning to the Olympic Games at Los Angeles 2028, a move that will bring the sport to a global audience like never before. LA28 will feature both women's and men's competitions – opening the door to new generations of fans in every corner of the world.

The period covered by this Annual Report ends on the day before the start of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, the first ICC event to be hosted by the USA – a major moment for the nation's sports fans. This year saw cricket's profile ramp up via the World Cup Trophy Tour and the 'Out of this World' marketing campaign, with events everywhere from New York to Miami – hot on the heels of cricket being confirmed for the Los Angeles Olympics.

2023/24 started with packed houses for the ICC World Test Championship Final in London – and ended on the eve of the 20-team ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. In between, the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in India became the largest ever ICC World Cup; the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 showcased the future stars of the sport; and Full and Associate Members fought hard for upcoming World Cup spots at Global and Regional Qualifiers.



WOMEN'S CRICKET



DIGITAL



PARTICIPATION

Exactly 50 years after the first ever Cricket World Cup, the Women's Cricket World Cup 1973, women's cricket is thriving. 100% Cricket enjoyed more success: the third Future Leaders programme concluded, and a fourth is now confirmed. Scotland and Sri Lanka qualified for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024. And the ICC teamed up with the four other new Olympic sports to celebrate International Women's Day with the theme 'Inspire Inclusion'.

Digital remains central to the ICC's work to boost fan engagement – and record video views on ICC platforms (16.9 billion) and social media interactions (1.23 million) for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 show the strategy's success. New partnerships with the likes of NEAR Foundation are helping to enhance online experiences for fans, with new innovations prepared during the year for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Nathan Lyon takes the final wicket as Australia beat India at the Oval to win the ICC World Test Championship Final 2023





Ashleigh Gardner's second innings haul of 8-66 helps Australia claim victory in the Ashes Test at Nottingham

## JUNE 2023

**Australia's men take the ICC World Test Championship crown before opening their Ashes defence with victory at Edgbaston; Logan van Beek sets an ODI record in Harare**

Ollie Pope, Ben Duckett and Josh Tongue seal victory for England in their Test against Ireland at Lord's

Australia take seven wickets in the first session of the fifth day to clinch the ICC World Test Championship title with victory over India at the Oval

**Australia** become the first team in 39 years to have the top three batters in the ICC Men's Test Batting Rankings

Twin centuries from **Najmul Hossain Shanto** lay the foundations for Bangladesh's crushing 546-run Test win over Afghanistan

**Sikandar Raza** strikes Zimbabwe's fastest ODI century from just 54 balls in a victory over the Netherlands in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Qualifier

**Pat Cummins** strikes an unbeaten 44 to lift Australia to a thrilling two-wicket victory in the first Ashes Test at Edgbaston

**Robert Samuels** is appointed Interim Head Coach of the West Indies women's team for their series against Ireland

**Tammy Beaumont** becomes the first England woman to score a Test double-century with an innings of 208 against Australia at Nottingham



Logan van Beek slams a record 30 runs in the Super Over to steer the Netherlands to a miraculous win over the West Indies in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Qualifier



Chamari Athapaththu becomes the first Sri Lankan to top the ICC Women's ODI Rankings as she reaches number 1 with the bat



Abdullah Shafique's 201 and Noman Ali's seven-wicket haul seal victory for Pakistan over Sri Lanka by an innings and 222 runs, Sri Lanka's heaviest home Test defeat

## JULY 2023

### Sri Lanka and the Netherlands book their places at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023; Australia retain the men's and women's Ashes

Cricket West Indies (CWI) appoints Miles Bascombe as Director of Cricket for three years in succession to Jimmy Adams

Defeat by Scotland in the Qualifier means the West Indies fail to qualify for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

Australia survive a staggering 155 from Ben Stokes on the final day at Lord's to take a 2-0 Ashes lead after Jonny Bairstow is stumped in controversial fashion by Alex Carey

Ajit Agarkar is named India men's Chairman of Selectors

Andrew Balbirnie steps down as Ireland ODI and T20I captain, with Paul Stirling taking interim charge

Bas de Leede's five-for and 92-ball 123 against Scotland ensure the Netherlands qualify for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

Tamim Iqbal reverses his retirement decision after meeting Bangladesh's Prime Minister

Hayley Matthews takes a hat-trick and strikes 48 to help the West Indies to a clean sweep of Ireland in their T20I series

Sri Lanka finish the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Qualifier unbeaten after their bowlers script a big win in the final against the Netherlands

Chris Woakes, Mark Wood and Harry Brook keep England's Ashes hopes alive with victory by three wickets in the third Test at Leeds

The ICC announces equal prize money for men's and women's World Cups, including the U19 events

R Ashwin takes 12 wickets in the match to give India victory in the first Test against the West Indies at Roseau

Somerset seal their first T20 Blast title since 2005 as they defeat Essex in the final at Edgbaston

England win the ODI leg of the Women's Ashes, but Australia retain the urn as the series ends 8-8

Bangladesh women share their ODI series with India 1-1 following a tie in the final match

Australia's men retain the Ashes as weather thwarts England, with the final day of the Manchester Test rained off

India win their Test series 1-0 in the Caribbean after no play is possible on day five at the Queen's Park Oval

Syazrul Idrus becomes the first man to take seven wickets in a single T20I with figures of 7-8 for Malaysia against China

Ireland and Scotland seal their places in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 via the Europe Qualifier

Papua New Guinea qualify for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 as they top the East Asia Pacific Qualifier table

Stuart Broad takes the last two wickets as England win the fifth Test by 49 runs to square the Ashes series 2-2

## AUGUST 2023

### Pakistan top the ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings; Laura Wolvaardt becomes South Africa's captain

Inzamam-ul-Haq is named Pakistan's Chief Selector for the second time, having previously served between 2016 and 2019

**Brandon King** and **Nicholas Pooran** clinch a 3-2 T20I series win for the West Indies against India

**Ben Stokes** returns to England's ODI squad ahead of their defence of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup

**New Zealand** suffer their first loss in 39 outings against non-Test-playing nations across all formats as they lose a men's T20I to the UAE by seven wickets in Dubai

**Angelo Mathews** and **Chaturanga de Silva** ensure Kandy hold their nerve to take the Lanka Premier League (LPL) title

**Cricket South Africa** announce that their women's teams will receive the same match fees as the men

**India** win their T20I series against Ireland 2-0 as persistent drizzle washes out the third T20I

**Pakistan** climb to the top of the ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings as Rizwan and Shadab seal a 3-0 sweep of Afghanistan

**Oval Invincibles** win the Men's Hundred in England, with **Southern Brave** taking the women's crown

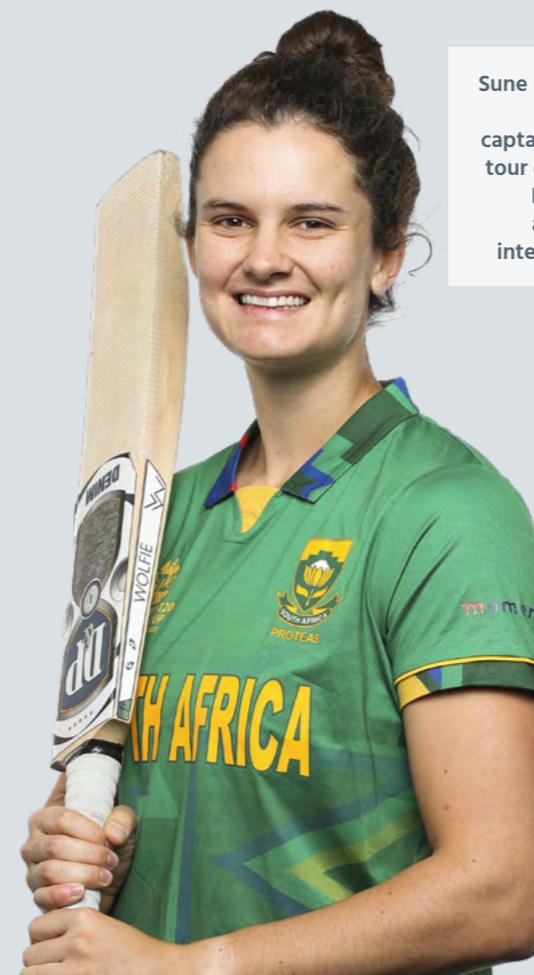
The ECB announces that the England's women's team will receive an increase in their match fees to ensure equality with their men's team

**Scott Weenink**, former first-class cricketer and Chair of the New Zealand Cricket Players' Association, is appointed CEO of New Zealand Cricket

**Viacom18** wins the global Indian cricket digital and TV media rights for USD 720 million, covering 88 matches between 2023 and 2028



Shakib Al Hasan returns as Bangladesh ODI captain for the Asia Cup and the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023



Sune Luus steps down as South Africa's captain ahead of their tour of Pakistan, with Laura Wolvaardt appointed as her interim replacement

## SEPTEMBER 2023

### India top the ICC Men's Team Rankings in all three formats; Pakistan's women sweep South Africa

**Australia** successfully chase 191 to win the third T20I at Durban and clinch a 3-0 series win over South Africa

**Pakistan women** win the third T20I by six runs to complete their first-ever whitewash against South Africa

**New Zealand** win the fourth match to ensure their T20I series in England ends 2-2

**South Africa women** gain some revenge for their T20I defeat by winning their ODI series in Pakistan 2-1

**Net Sciver-Brunt's** 120 from 74 balls helps England close out their ODI series with Sri Lanka 2-0

**Dawid Malan's** innings of 127 leads England to victory by 100 runs in the fourth ODI against New Zealand, clinching a 3-1 series win

**Marco Jansen** records career bests with both bat and ball as South Africa win the fifth ODI against Australia, clinching the series 3-2

**Mohammed Siraj** takes 6-21 in the Asia Cup final, routing Sri Lanka for 50 and setting up a 10-wicket victory for India

The schedule for the **ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024** in Sri Lanka is announced, with a new 'Super Six' format for the 16-team tournament

The ICC announces that seven Caribbean countries will team up with the USA to host the **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024**

Following victory over Australia in the Mohali ODI, **India** become just the second team in men's history to occupy the No.1 spot in the ICC Men's Team Rankings across all three formats

**Titas Sadu's** 3-6 in the final against Sri Lanka propels India to women's cricket gold at the Asian Games

**Imran Tahir** leads Guyana Amazon Warriors to their first Caribbean Premier League (CPL) title with victory over Trinbago Knight Riders in the final



**England** take their ODI series with Ireland 1-0, with the other two games ruined by rain

The **Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)** announce that Pakistan men's players will receive landmark central contracts that include a percentage of the PCB's revenue

**Sam Wells**, the former Otago all-rounder, is appointed New Zealand's Selection Manager, replacing Gavin Larsen

**Surrey** secure a 21st County Championship title in England

**Laura Wolvaardt's** unbeaten 124 leads South Africa to an ODI series win over New Zealand



## OCTOBER 2023

**The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 gets under way in India; T20I cricket is confirmed for its Olympic debut in 2028**

**Australia women** seal a 2-1 series victory in their T20I series with the West Indies, despite Hayley Matthews striking 79 in the final game

Centuries from Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra give New Zealand a convincing victory over champions England in the first match of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

**India** clinch the men's cricket gold medal in the Asian Games after rain forces a washout in the final against Afghanistan

**South Africa** set a new ICC Men's Cricket World Cup record by striking 428-5 in their victory over Sri Lanka

**Jake Fraser-McGurk** strikes a List-A record 29-ball century for South Australia against Tasmania, ending with 125 from 38 balls

**Mohammad Rizwan** and **Abdullah Shafique** both strike centuries as Pakistan successfully chase an ICC Men's Cricket World Cup record target of 345 to defeat Sri Lanka

**Quinton de Kock**'s second successive century leads South Africa to a total of 311 and a comfortable ICC Men's Cricket World Cup victory over Australia

**The International Olympic Committee (IOC)** accepts a recommendation to include T20 cricket in the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028

**Rohit Sharma** and **Jasprit Bumrah** lead India to another ICC Men's Cricket World Cup victory over Pakistan

**Afghanistan** upset England in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, with their spinners stopping England 69 runs short after Rahmanullah Gurbaz had led them to a competitive 284

**Nadine de Klerk**'s 3-24 enables South Africa's women to square their T20I series against New Zealand, which ends 1-1

**Scott Edwards** and **Roelof van der Merwe** inspire the Netherlands to a famous ICC Men's Cricket World Cup win against South Africa

**South Africa** rack up 399 against ICC Men's Cricket World Cup holders England and end up victorious by 229 runs

**Grace Harris** overcomes a broken bat to strike a new Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) record score of 136 not out as Brisbane Heat beat Perth Scorchers



**Hayley Matthews** smashes 132 from just 64 balls as West Indies women successfully chase 213 to win their second T20I against Australia at Sydney

**Amol Muzumdar** is named the India women's team's head coach

**Glenn Maxwell**'s ICC Men's Cricket World Cup record 40-ball century leads Australia to a crushing 309-run victory over the Netherlands

**Bangladesh women** defeat Pakistan women for their first T20I series win over their rivals

**South Africa** win a thrilling ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 contest with Pakistan by one wicket to move to five wins in the competition

**Australia** defeat New Zealand in a thrilling ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 match, which ends with 769 runs scored

The ICC announces that the top seven sides at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, along with hosts Pakistan, will compete in the eight-team **ICC Champions Trophy 2025**

**Mohammed Shami** and **Jasprit Bumrah** demolish England to make it six wins out of six matches for India in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

**Inzamam-ul-Haq** steps down as Pakistan's Chief Selector

**Fazalhaq Farooqi** helps Afghanistan defeat Sri Lanka in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

**Paul Stirling** is appointed Ireland's white-ball captain

Bangladesh are knocked out of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 after **Shaheen Shah Afridi** and **Fakhar Zaman** fashion a big win for Pakistan

**Shaheen Shah Afridi** tops the ICC Men's ODI Bowling Rankings for the first time after becoming the fastest pace bowler to reach 100 ODI wickets



## NOVEMBER 2023

**Australia win the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023; India's Diana Edulji is among the inductees to the ICC Hall of Fame; there's joy at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 Africa Qualifier for Uganda and Namibia**

India qualify for the semi-finals of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 after their fast bowlers rout Sri Lanka for just 55 at Mumbai

Fakhar Zaman seals a stunning chase to keep Pakistan alive in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 as his unbeaten century helps defeat New Zealand via DLS

Defending champions England are knocked out of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 after defeat to Australia

Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews becomes the first player to be dismissed timed out in international cricket after he suffers a broken helmet strap against Bangladesh in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

Glenn Maxwell's extraordinary unbeaten 201 brings Australia victory over Afghanistan and earns them a place in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 semi-finals

Oman (below) and Nepal qualify for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 following Asia Qualifier semi-final wins over Bahrain and UAE respectively



New Zealand Cricket appoints its first woman chair as Diana Puketapu-Lyndon takes over from Martin Snedden

Meg Lanning retires from international cricket at the age of 31, having missed Australia's last three series due to a medical issue

India end the group stages of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 with a perfect nine wins out of nine as Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul smash hundreds to beat the Netherlands

Shaheen Shah Afridi is appointed Pakistan's T20I captain, with Shan Masood appointed Test captain in the wake of Babar Azam's resignation

India stroll into the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 final thanks to an ODI-record 50th century by Virat Kohli and seven wickets for Mohammed Shami as they defeat New Zealand

Australia edge South Africa in a low-scoring thriller to book their spot in an eighth ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 final

Wahab Riaz is appointed Pakistan's new Chief Selector, while Sohail Tanvir is appointed Chair of the Junior Selection Committee

Travis Head strikes a magnificent 137 to lead Australia to a sixth ICC Men's Cricket World Cup title with victory over hosts India at Ahmedabad

The ICC shifts the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 from Sri Lanka to South Africa as a direct consequence of Sri Lanka Cricket's recent suspension

The ICC announce they will introduce a clock to regulate the pace of play in men's ODI and T20I cricket

The ICC bans transgender players from women's international cricket, citing integrity and player safety

Pakistan's proposed tour of the Netherlands in 2024 is postponed indefinitely at the PCB's request

Uganda and Namibia qualify for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 from the Africa Qualifier in Namibia, while Zimbabwe miss out

Dominica pull out of hosting ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 matches, citing the country's inability to complete work on venues before the tournament begins



**Glenn Phillips (left) and Mitchell Santner** rescue New Zealand to level their Test series against Bangladesh following a nervy chase



**Shai Hope** hits a six to seal a 3-2 win for West Indies in their T20I series against England

**Dean Elgar** hits a commanding century before South Africa pacers rout India inside three days in the first Test at Centurion

**Pat Cummins** takes 10 wickets to inspire Australia to a tough victory over Pakistan in the second Test at Melbourne

**Annabel Sutherland** and **Phoebe Litchfield** seal Australia's ODI series victory over India in a tight finish

**Neil Brand** is named captain of a makeshift South Africa Test squad to New Zealand, with the tour clashing with the SA20

**Kusal Mendis** replaces Dasun Shanaka as Sri Lanka's ODI captain, with Wanindu Hasaranga set to lead the T20I side

**New Zealand** win a low-scoring, rain-hit third and final T20I to square their series against Bangladesh

## DECEMBER 2023

**Deepti Sharma leads India to Test victory against England; Ireland win an ODI series in Zimbabwe for the first time**

Tajul Islam's 10-wicket match haul, including a second-innings six-for, gives Bangladesh their first home Test win against New Zealand in Sylhet.

India wrap up a 4-1 T20I series win over Australia with victory by six runs in the final match at Bengaluru.

Aliya Riaz and Fatima Sana star as Pakistan defeat New Zealand to seal their first T20I series win outside Asia and Ireland.

Sunil Narine and Asif Ali lead New York Strikers to the Abu Dhabi T10 title.

Matthew Forde, Keacy Carty and Romario Shepherd shine as the West Indies seal a 2-1 ODI series win against England.

The ICC announces that the **ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024** will run from 19 January to 11 February in South Africa, having been relocated from Sri Lanka.

Deepti Sharma dominates as India women win their Test Match against England in seven sessions.

Nathan Lyon joins the 500-Test-wicket club as Australia crush Pakistan in Perth by 360 runs in the first Test.

Curtis Campher and Andrew Balbirnie help Ireland to their first ODI series victory in Zimbabwe.

Mitchell Starc becomes the most expensive player in Indian Premier League (IPL) auction history as he is signed by the Kolkata Knight Riders for nearly USD 3 million.

Dave Houghton resigns as Zimbabwe's Head Coach after the team fails to qualify for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

A century from Sanju Samson and four wickets for Arshdeep Singh give India a series win in their ODI series in South Africa.

**Sneha Rana (left)** and **Rajeshwari Gayakwad** spin out Australia as India's women record their first Test win against Australia in 11 matches since 1977.

## JANUARY 2024

**Nat Sciver-Brunt and Pat Cummins are crowned ICC Cricketers of the Year; West Indies' Shamar Joseph stuns Australia**

Dhananjaya de Silva replaces Dimuth Karunaratne as Sri Lanka's Test captain

Retiring opener David Warner helps Australia clinch a 3-0 Test series win against Pakistan

Vaibhav Suryavanshi makes his first-class debut for Bihar aged just 12 years 284 days

Alyssa Healy and Annabel Sutherland help Australia bounce back from Test defeat by completing the white-ball double in India

Wanindu Hasaranga takes 7-19, the fifth-best bowling figures in ODI history, as Sri Lanka win their ODI series against Zimbabwe

David Teeger is removed as South Africa captain for the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024, with Cricket South Africa anticipating protests for his pro-Israel comments

Finn Allen's record-breaking 137 seals a T20I series win for New Zealand against Pakistan with two games left



Queentor Abel of Kenya (right) and Bas de Leede of the Netherlands win the ICC Women's and Men's Associate Cricketers of the Year Awards



West Indies paceman Shamar Joseph becomes the 23rd bowler to take a wicket with his first ball in Test cricket when he dismisses Australia's Steve Smith

India win an epic T20I contest after two Super Overs against Afghanistan

Josh Hazlewood's nine wickets and Travis Head's 119 lead Australia to victory in the first Test against the West Indies at Adelaide

Wanindu Hasaranga's 4-15 leads Sri Lanka's rout of Zimbabwe in the deciding third game of their T20I series

Mickey Arthur, Grant Bradburn and Andrew Puttik resign from their PCB coaching roles

Harry Brook pulls out of England's tour of India for personal reasons, with Dan Lawrence announced as his replacement

Visa issues leave England without Shoaib Bashir on arrival in India; Virat Kohli announces he will miss the first two Tests for personal reasons

Mohsin Naqvi replaces Zaka Ashraf as PCB Chair

Pat Cummins and Nat Sciver-Brunt are named as the ICC Cricketers of the Year

Virat Kohli wins the ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year, with teammate Suryakumar Yadav winning the men's T20I award

Spencer Johnson and Josh Brown lead Brisbane Heat to their second Big Bash League (BBL) title

Shamar Joseph takes seven wickets to bowl the West Indies to a magical win over Australia at Brisbane

Ollie Pope's 196 and Tom Hartley's debut seven-for script a sensational England win in the first Test against India at Hyderabad

The ICC Board lifts Sri Lanka Cricket's suspension

Beth Mooney overcomes illness to steer Australia to a 2-1 T20I series victory against South Africa

Mitchell Marsh and Ashleigh Gardner take top honours at the Australian Cricket Awards



Annabel Sutherland's double-century leads Australia to a women's Test record total of 575-9 declared as they defeat South Africa by an innings in the one-off Perth Test

## FEBRUARY 2024

**Australia win another ICC World Cup; Australia's women set a Test record**

Agni Chopra sets a new record with centuries in each of his first four first-class matches

Angelo Mathews strikes 141 to help Sri Lanka win their one-off Test against Afghanistan at the Sinhalese Sports Club in Colombo

Mohsin Naqvi is elected Chair of the PCB for three years

Rachin Ravindra's 240 and Kane Williamson's twin centuries lead New Zealand to victory in the first Test against a depleted South African team

Jasprit Bumrah becomes the first Indian fast bowler to top the ICC Men's Test Bowling Rankings after helping India level their Test series with England

Pathum Nissanka becomes the first Sri Lankan to score an ODI double-century with an unbeaten 210 in the first ODI against Afghanistan at Kandy

Sunrisers Eastern Cape win the SA20 with victory by 89 runs over Durban Super Giants

Glenn Maxwell equals the world record with his fifth T20I ton, an unbeaten 55-ball 120 as Australia defeat the West Indies in Adelaide

Australia win the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup for the fourth time with a 79-run victory over India at Benoni

Najmul Hossain Shanto is named Bangladesh captain in all formats

The West Indies win the third T20I against Australia at Perth but lose the series 2-1

Mohammad Nabi of Afghanistan ends the five-year reign of Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan atop the ICC Men's ODI All-Rounder Rankings

Kane Williamson's unbeaten second-innings 133 leads New Zealand to victory at Hamilton and a first-ever series win over South Africa

Nicholas Pooran leads a dominant MI Emirates team to the International League T20 title

Yashasvi Jaiswal equals the world record with 12 sixes in his unbeaten 214 as India win the Rajkot Test against England by a record 434 runs

Lalchand Rajput takes over as UAE's Head Coach

Afghanistan win the final T20I against Sri Lanka at Dambulla, but lose the series 2-1

Australia win their 100th T20I and clinch a 3-0 series sweep with victory by 27 runs against New Zealand at Auckland

Shubman Gill and Dhruv Jurel clinch India's Test series victory against England with victory in the fourth Test at Ranchi



Namibia's Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton smashes the fastest T20I hundred from just 33 balls against Nepal



## MARCH 2024

**James Anderson takes his 700th Test wicket; there's a first ever Test win for Ireland**

**Tamim Iqbal and Kyle Mayers** help Barisal win the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) title for the first time, defeating Comilla in the final

**Nathan Lyon** takes 10 wickets as Australia win the first Test against New Zealand at Wellington

**Hamilton Masakadza** steps down as Zimbabwe's Director of Cricket after the team fails to qualify for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024

England's **James Anderson** becomes the first seam bowler to take 700 Test wickets when he dismisses Kuldeep Yadav of India on the third day of the Dharamsala Test



**R Ashwin** takes nine wickets in his 100th Test as India beat England in Dharamsala by an innings and 64 runs, sealing the series 4-1

**Alex Carey's** unbeaten 98 leads Australia's successful chase of 279 to win the Christchurch Test and defeat New Zealand 2-0

**Mumbai** end an eight-year wait and win the Ranji Trophy for the 42nd time, defeating Vidarbha in the final by 169 runs

The ICC makes the between-overs stop clock a permanent feature in ODIs and T20Is

**Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)** win the Women's Premier League (WPL) title, defeating Delhi Capitals after Sophie Molineux takes three wickets in an over to restrict RCB's target to 114

**Tanzid Hasan's** 84 helps Bangladesh win the third ODI against Sri Lanka by four wickets at Chattogram, taking the series 2-1

**Islamabad United** scramble to a two-wicket win over Multan Sultans in a thrilling Pakistan Super League (PSL) final

**Afghanistan** clinch their T20I series against Ireland with a 57-run victory in the third and decisive game at Sharjah

**Cricket Australia** postpones Australia's T20I series against Afghanistan due to 'human rights' issues

MS Dhoni hands over the captaincy of Chennai Super Kings to **Ruturaj Gaikwad**

**Western Australia** win the Sheffield Shield for the third season in a row after a 377-run victory over Tasmania in the final at the WACA

Twin centuries by **Dhananjaya de Silva** and **Kamindu Mendis** lead Sri Lanka to a 328-run victory over Bangladesh in the first Test at Sylhet

**Wellington** take the Plunket Shield title after a final-day washout against Northern Districts

**Kim Garth** and **Ellyse Perry** seal Australia's 3-0 ODI series sweep over Bangladesh

**Sunrisers Hyderabad** make 277 against Mumbai Indians, the highest total in IPL history – in the first Twenty20 game worldwide to feature more than 500 runs

**Sharuddoula Ibne Shahid** becomes the first Bangladeshi appointed to the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires

**Babar Azam** returns as Pakistan's white-ball captain, replacing Shaheen Shah Afridi in charge of the T20I team

## APRIL 2024

**Chamari Athapaththu** enjoys a month to remember; Vanuatu's women stun Zimbabwe

**Sri Lanka** wrap up a 192-run victory in the second Test at Chattogram to complete a 2-0 series sweep against Bangladesh

**Chamari Athapaththu**'s innings of 73 in the decisive third match helps Sri Lanka win a T20I series against South Africa for the first time

**Tayla Vlaeminck**'s 3-12 helps Australia's women to bowl out Bangladesh for 78, completing a 3-0 sweep in their T20I series

Glamorgan's **Sam Northeast** scores an unbeaten 335 against Middlesex, setting a record for the highest individual score at Lord's

**Sophie Devine** scores a century as New Zealand win the final ODI against England, but lose the series 2-1

Against Durham, Warwickshire's **Alex Davies**, **Rob Yates** and **Will Rhodes** become the first top three to all pass 150 in the same first-class innings

**Corey Anderson**'s half-century in the final match helps USA win their T20I series against Canada 4-0



**Sunrisers Hyderabad** set a new IPL record with a total of 287-3 against Royal Challengers Bengaluru in a game that produces 549 runs

**Chamari Athapaththu**'s 195\* trumps Laura Wolvaardt's 184\* in a record women's ODI run chase of 302, helping Sri Lanka to draw their series with South Africa 1-1

**Stuart Law** is appointed Head Coach of the USA men's team

**Ireland** confirms the postponement of their men's bilateral series against Australia, originally scheduled for late August

**Yuzvendra Chahal** becomes the first bowler to take 200 wickets in the IPL

**Hayley Matthews**' 141 completes a 3-0 ODI series sweep for West Indies against Pakistan

Indonesia's **Rohmalia Rohmalia** smashes the women's T20I bowling record, taking 7 for 0 on her international debut against Mongolia

Contributions from **Babar Azam** and **Shaheen Shah Afridi** ensure that Pakistan draw their five-match T20I series with New Zealand 2-2 with one match rained off

**Jason Gillespie** is appointed Head Coach of Pakistan men's Test team, with **Gary Kirsten** named as Head Coach of the white-ball sides

**Cricket Australia** announces a ten-year action plan to increase investment, interest and participation in women's cricket

## MAY 2023

**Sri Lanka** and **Scotland** book spots at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024; the USA prepare for the imminent ICC Men's T20 World Cup with a stunning series win over Bangladesh

**Aqib Ilyas** takes over from Zeeshan Maqsood as Oman captain ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024

**Australia** replace **India** atop the ICC Men's Test Team Rankings after the annual update, with India topping the men's rankings in both ODI and T20I cricket

**Hayley Matthews**' innings of 78 helps the West Indies win their T20I series with Pakistan 4-1

**Chamari Athapaththu**'s innings of 102 helps Sri Lanka beat Scotland in the final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 Qualifier

**Radha Yadav** and **Smriti Mandhana** inspire India to a 5-0 T20I series sweep over Bangladesh

**Zimbabwe** win the final T20I match against Bangladesh by eight wickets but lose the series 4-1

**Pakistan** come from behind to take their T20I series in Ireland 2-1 with victory in the final game in Dublin



**Danni Wyatt**'s innings of 87 helps set up England's victory over Pakistan in the final T20I at Leeds, sealing a 3-0 series win

**Kolkata Knight Riders**' bowlers dismiss Sunrisers Hyderabad for just 113 to set up victory in the IPL final

The **West Indies** win the third T20I against South Africa by eight wickets at Sabina Park, taking the series 3-0

**Nat Sciver-Brunt**'s century and two wickets in the final game clinch a 2-0 ODI series for England over Pakistan

**Phil Salt** and **Jos Buttler** help England seal a rain-affected 2-0 T20I series victory over Pakistan



# RETIREMENTS

## ALL INTERNATIONAL

Ayesha Naseem Pakistan  
Bernadine Bezuidenhout South Africa/New Zealand

Bismah Maroof Pakistan

Shane Dowrich West Indies

Dean Elgar South Africa

Alex Hales England

Javeria Khan Pakistan

Shauna Kavanagh Ireland

Kycia Knight West Indies

Kyshona Knight West Indies

Meg Lanning Australia

Gyanendra Malla Nepal

Danielle McGahey Canada

Anisa Mohammed West Indies

Colin Munro New Zealand

Nahida Khan Pakistan

Sunil Narine West Indies

Noor Ali Zadran Afghanistan

Shakera Selman West Indies

Lahiru Thirimanne Sri Lanka

Sornnarin Tippoch Thailand

Neil Wagner New Zealand

Wahab Riaz Pakistan

Mary Waldron Ireland

David Willey England

## TESTS

Moeen Ali England

## ODIs

Quinton de Kock South Africa  
Naveen-ul-Haq Afghanistan

## TESTS & ODIs

David Warner Australia

## FIRST-CLASS CRICKET

Heinrich Klaassen South Africa  
Dawid Malan England  
Matthew Wade Australia

## ALL CRICKET

Asad Shafiq Pakistan  
Stuart Broad England  
Alastair Cook England  
Steven Davies England  
Faiz Fazal India  
Aaron Finch Australia  
Steven Finn England  
Gurkereet Singh Mann India  
Alex Hartley England  
Simon Kerrigan England  
Dhawal Kulkarni India  
Shaun Marsh Australia  
Tim Murtagh Ireland  
Collins Obuya Kenya  
Hamish Rutherford New Zealand  
Katherine Sciver-Brunt England  
Saurabh Tiwary India

## UMPIRING

Marais Erasmus South Africa



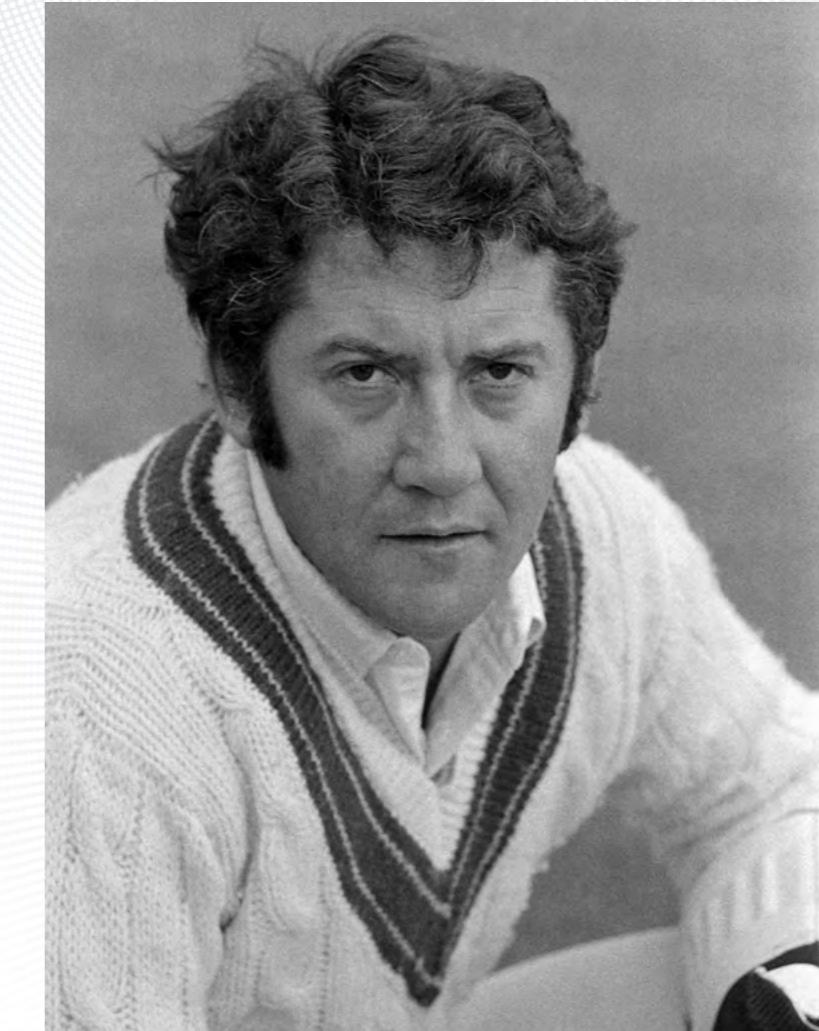
# OBITUARIES

### Mohammad Ikram Rabbani died 1 Jun 2023

He umpired the Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at Sialkot in 1991, as well as six ODIs between 1984 and 1995.

### Ethna Rouse 29 Dec 1937 – 7 Jun 2023

A left-hander from Christchurch, she played in the first Test of New Zealand's 1971/72 tour of South Africa, scoring 1 and 35, and three ODIs in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 1973 in England, with a highest score of 48 against England at Exmouth. After enjoying a 19-year career with Canterbury, she also served as an umpire and coach, and introduced a young Debbie Hockley to cricket after persuading her to play for the Western club as an 11-year-old.



### Peter Allan 31 Dec 1935 – 22 Jun 2023

A pace bowler capable of extracting uncomfortable lift, he was at one stage Queensland's all-time leading Sheffield Shield wicket-taker and remains the only player from his state to claim all 10 wickets in a Shield innings, taking 10-61 against Victoria at the MCG in January 1966. He played one Test for Australia, making his debut in the opening clash of the 1965/66 Ashes series at the Gabba, taking two wickets in England's first innings.

### Roy Swetman 25 Oct 1933 – 21 Jul 2023

A compact and efficient wicketkeeper and a useful lower middle-order batter, he was picked for two England tours – Australia and New Zealand in 1958/59 and the Caribbean the following winter. He kept competently in 11 Tests on those two trips and against India in the intervening summer, scoring 254 runs and making 26 dismissals. His subsequent chances were limited and he retired aged 28, before returning to play two seasons with Nottinghamshire and three summers with Gloucestershire.

### Brian Taber 29 Apr 1940 – 21 Jul 2023

Safe and calm under pressure, he was considered one of Australia's greatest ever wicketkeepers. He made his Test debut against South Africa in Johannesburg in December 1966, finishing the match with seven catches and a stumping. In all, he represented Australia on 16 occasions between 1966 and 1970, taking 56 catches, making four stumpings and scoring 353 runs at just over 16. After retirement, he managed the Australian U19 men's team and served as New South Wales's Chairman of Selectors.

**Raphick Jumadeen****12 Apr 1948 – 25 Jul 2023**

A tall left-arm spinner renowned for his accuracy, he played 12 Tests for the West Indies between 1972 and 1979, taking 29 wickets at an average of 39.34. As Clive Lloyd's all-pace attack came to the fore, his opportunities were limited and he took part in just one full series, against India in 1975/76. Having scored just 28 runs in his first 11 Tests, he struck a maiden half-century in his final innings at Kanpur. After his playing career, he went into coaching and administration and served on the national selection panel.

**Ijaz Butt****10 Mar 1938 – 3 Aug 2023**

He played eight Tests for Pakistan as a wicketkeeper between 1959 and 1962, scoring 279 runs and making

five dismissals. He was the manager of the Pakistan team for a tour of Australia in 1982 and headed the selection committee a couple of times. After serving from 1984 to 1988 as the Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, the precursor to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), he was the Chair of the PCB between 2008 and 2011, during which time Pakistan won the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2009 in England.

**Tony White****20 Nov 1938 – 16 Aug 2023**

An attacking middle-order batter and medium-pace bowler who could also bowl off-spin, he won a place on the West Indies' 1963 tour of England as a replacement for Willie Rodrigues, but didn't play a Test. He toured England in 1963 and later

played two Tests against Australia in 1965, top-scoring with 57 not out on debut at Sabina Park to help West Indies to victory. However, he was dropped following a disappointing game at Port-of-Spain.

**Naushad Ali****1 Oct 1943 – 20 Aug 2023**

A wicketkeeper-batter, he played all six matches of his Test career for Pakistan against New Zealand in 1965, scoring 156 runs in 11 innings and claiming nine catches behind the stumps. He toured England in 1971 as the reserve wicketkeeper behind Wasim Bari, but didn't add to his Test caps. Retiring from the Pakistan army with the rank of Colonel, he also served as Manager of the Pakistan men's team and as an ICC Match Referee in five Tests and 13 ODIs.

**Heath Streak****16 Mar 1974 – 3 Sep 2023**

The son of Denis, who played cricket for Rhodesia, he became a major figure in the successful Zimbabwe team of the 1990s. Representing Zimbabwe in 65 Tests and 189 ODIs between 1993 and 2005, he remains their leading bowler, with 216 Test wickets and 239 ODI wickets. He was also adept with the bat, scoring 1,990 Test runs and adding 2,943 in ODI cricket, as well as captaining the side in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2003. After retirement, he served as bowling coach for various teams around the world, and also as Zimbabwe's Head Coach.

**Piloo Reporter****24 Sep 1938 – 3 Sep 2023**

He umpired 14 Tests and 22 ODIs between 1984 and 1994, including seven matches in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 1992. In November 1986, he stood in the Lahore Test between Pakistan and the West Indies with fellow Indian VK Ramaswamy, the first instance of neutral umpires standing in international cricket.

**Peter Carlstein****28 Oct 1938 – 12 Oct 2023**

A fine fielder and gifted right-handed batter, he played eight Tests for South Africa between 1958 and 1964, but consistency eluded him and he scored just 190 runs at 14.61. He struck two double-centuries in three matches in the 1962/63 domestic season, part of a first-class career that lasted 25 years. He was touring New Zealand when his wife and three of his children died in a car accident, but he subsequently married the nurse who helped his surviving two-year-old daughter back to health.

**Paul Reynolds****23 May 1973 – 18 Oct 2023**

He umpired eight ODIs and 12 T20Is between 2018 and 2023, as well as six women's ODIs and 14 women's T20Is.

**Clyde Butts****8 July 1957 – 8 Dec 2023**

A prolific off-spinner for Guyana on the Caribbean domestic circuit, he played seven Tests for West Indies between 1985 and 1988, getting married on the rest day of his Test debut against New Zealand at Georgetown. He ended with 10 wickets at an average of 59.50, and was denied further opportunities at international level due to the West Indies' reliance on fast bowlers. After retirement, he served as Manager of the West Indies U19 men's team, and was Chairman of Selectors when West Indies won the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2012.

**Peter Lashley****11 Feb 1937 – 4 Sep 2023**

A tenacious middle-order batter who became an opener later in his career, he played 18 seasons for Barbados. Making his debut for West Indies in the historic tied Test against Australia in Brisbane in 1960, he went on to play four Tests, scoring 159 runs at an average of 22.71. Following his playing career, Lashley became involved in the administration of the game as a prominent member of the Barbados Cricket Association's Board of Management.

**Bishan Bedi****25 Sep 1946 – 23 Oct 2023**

One of the game's greatest left-arm spinners, he represented India in 67 Tests and 10 ODIs from 1967 to 1979. Together with Bhagwath Chandrasekhar, Erapalli Prasanna and Srinivas Venkataraghavan, he made up the celebrated spin quartet that dominated Indian cricket in the 1970s. He led India in 22 Tests and won six, including the historic 1976 victory over West Indies at Port-of-Spain when India chased a target of 403. At the time of his retirement, he was India's highest wicket-taker in Tests with 266 at an average of 28.71.



**Joe Solomon****26 Aug 1930 – 8 Dec 2023**

A late starter to first-class cricket, he struck centuries in each of his first three innings, which earned him a call-up to the West Indies squad to tour India. He is most remembered for his role in the Test against Australia at the Gabba in 1960, when his direct hit caught Ian Meckiff short of his crease – resulting in the first ever tied Test. In total, he played 27 Tests between 1958 and 1965, scoring 1,326 runs at an average of 34 and taking four wickets with his occasional leg-breaks.

**KS Giridharan****16 Sep 1949 – 10 Dec 2023**

He umpired the Test between India and Zimbabwe at Nagpur in 2000, as well as five ODIs between 1994 and 1999.

**Derek Stirling****5 Oct 1961 – 13 Dec 2023**

A burly right-arm fast-medium bowler, he played all three Tests for New Zealand in Pakistan in late 1984, taking 4-88 in the third Test in Karachi. Part of the victorious New Zealand tourists to England in 1986, he ended his career with 13 wickets in six Tests at 46.23 apiece, adding six more in six ODI appearances. After retirement, he served as Chairman of the Hawke's Bay Cricket Association and was heavily involved in coaching age-group cricket.

**Doug Padgett****20 Jul 1934 – 20 Jan 2024**

Yorkshire's then-youngest-ever debutant at the age of 16 years 321 days in 1951, he was a correct right-hand batter who played two Tests for England against South Africa in 1960. He became an integral member of one of the most successful Yorkshire sides in the history of the game, winning seven County Championship titles in 10 years. He passed 1,000 runs in a season on 12 occasions, with a best of 2,181 in 1959. After retiring in 1971, he moved into coaching and 18 of his protégés went on to win England caps.

**Datta Gaekwad****27 Oct 1928 – 13 Feb 2024**

India's oldest living Test cricketer at the time of his passing, he was known for his sound defence and played 11 Tests between 1952 and 1961, captaining the side on the 1959 tour of England. He finished with 350 Test runs at 18.42, with a top score of 52 against West Indies at New Delhi in 1959. He was a stalwart in domestic cricket for Baroda, leading them to the Ranji Trophy in 1957/58. His son Anshuman also represented India.

**Mike Procter****15 Sep 1946 – 17 Feb 2024**

One of his country's greatest players, he found his international career cut short due to South Africa's sporting isolation in the 1970s and 1980s. He was limited to just seven Tests, all of which came against Australia in 1966/67 and 1969/70, in which he claimed 41 wickets at 15.02, bowling high-class seam and swing. Also a formidable ball-striker who once struck six centuries in successive first-class innings, he was a stalwart for Gloucestershire between 1968 and 1981. After South Africa's readmission to international cricket, he served as the team's Head Coach and later served as an ICC Match Referee between 2002 and 2008.

**Shaun George****25 Jan 1968 – 24 Feb 2024**

He played 17 first-class matches for Eastern Province and Transvaal between 1987 and 1991 but became much better known as an umpire. He stood in 60 ODIs and 50 T20Is between 2010 and 2023, and in three ICC Women's World Cups, including in the 2017 final between England and India at Lord's.

**Robin Hobbs****8 May 1942 – 17 Mar 2024**

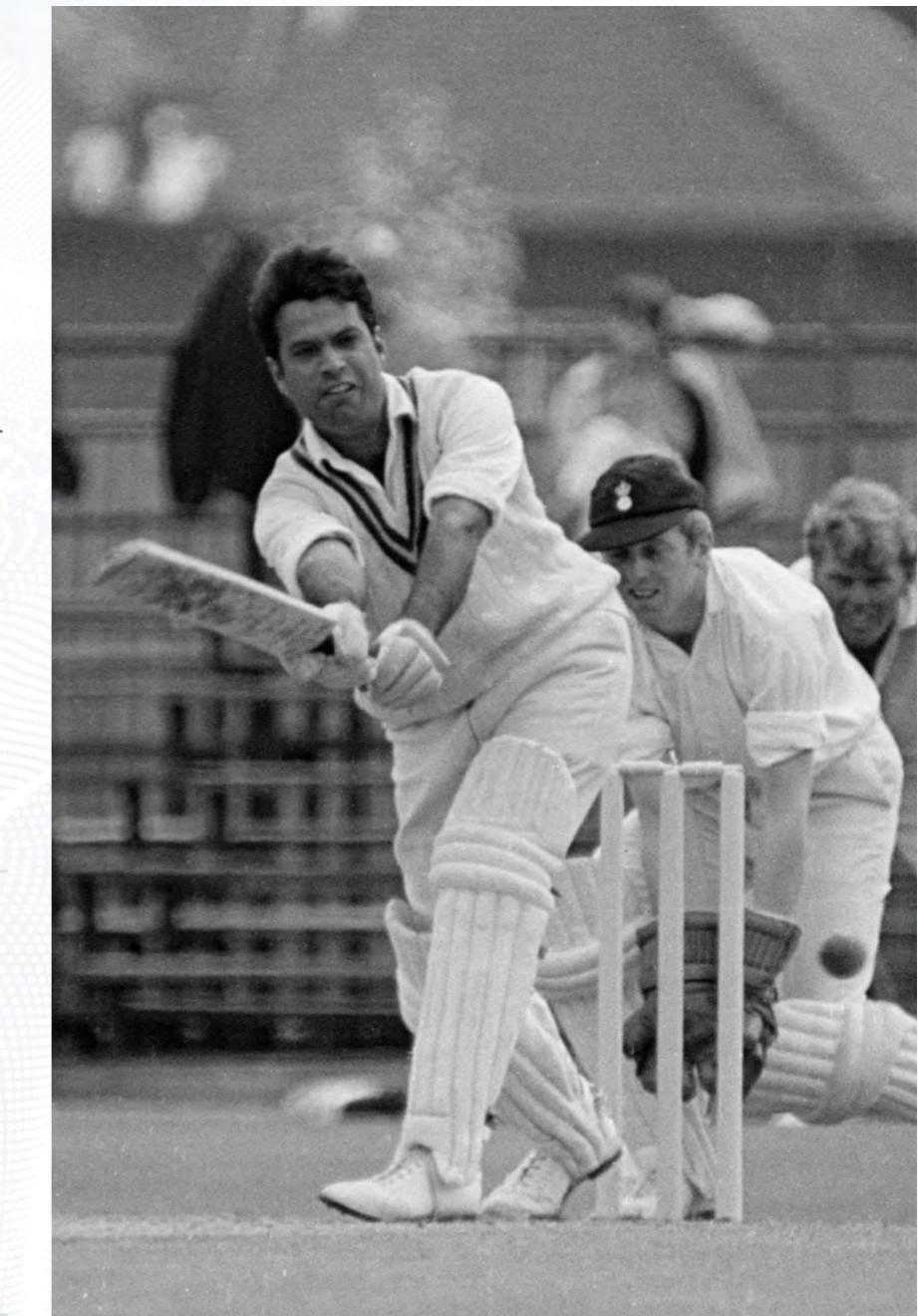
Having made his England debut against India at Headingley in 1967, he claimed 12 wickets in seven Tests over the course of the next four years and was the last specialist leg-spinner to play for England until Ian Salisbury's debut against Pakistan in 1992. He became a key member of Essex's squad and ended his career with more than 1,000 first-class wickets. His 46-ball century against the touring Australians in 1975 secured him the Walter Lawrence Trophy for the season's fastest hundred.

**Shaharyar Khan****29 Mar 1934 – 23 Mar 2024**

After a distinguished political career, he managed the Pakistan side to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 1999 in England, then took over from Tauqir Zia as Chair of the PCB in December 2003. He held the post until October 2006, helping to introduce the domestic T20 competition, then returned to the role in 2014, overseeing the men's team's rise to the top of the ICC Men's Test Team Rankings.

**Kaia Arua****27 Oct 1990 – 4 Apr 2024**

A flowing left-arm wrist spinner and intelligent stroke-player, she led Papua New Guinea in 39 T20Is, winning 29 and losing only nine. Her 59 wickets at 10.20 apiece were a national record at the time of her death, and her figures of 5-7 against Japan in 2019 were the second-best in her country's history. She added 341 runs with the bat at an average of 22.73. She was also a regular figure in FairBreak tournaments, representing the Falcons in 2022 and 2023.

**Saeed Ahmed****1 Oct 1937 – 20 Mar 2024**

An all-rounder who made a name for himself by his grace and fiery temperament, he played 41 Tests for Pakistan between 1958 and 1973. In December 1959, he reached 1,000 Test runs in just 11 Tests and 20 innings, which remains a national record. He captained the side for three drawn Tests against England in 1969 and ended his career with 2,991 runs at an average of 40.01, as well as taking 22 wickets with his off-spin. His half-brother Younis Ahmed also represented Pakistan in international cricket.

**Derek Underwood****8 Jun 1945 – 15 Apr 2024**

Arguably the greatest spin bowler in England's Test history, he claimed 297 wickets in 86 Tests between 1966 and 1982. Nicknamed 'Deadly' by his team-mates, his whippy left-arm action was renowned for its accuracy, and he was lethal on rain-affected wickets – never more so than in the 1968 Ashes Test at the Oval, when he clinched victory for England with just six minutes to spare. He played his entire first-class career at Kent, winning 11 trophies, and was elected to the ICC Hall of Fame in 2009.

**Jack Alabaster****11 Jul 1930 – 9 Apr 2024**

Considered among the best leg-spinners to come out of New Zealand, he played 21 Tests, taking 49 wickets at 38.02 between 1955 and 1972. The last surviving member of New Zealand's first Test-winning side, he took a career-best match haul of 8 for 180 in New Zealand's first victory abroad as they defeated South Africa at Cape Town in 1962, ending the five-Test series with 22 wickets. His final Test wicket was Garry Sobers at Port-of-Spain, before he retired to continue his teaching career.

**Jack Clarke****30 Mar 1954 – 10 Apr 2024**

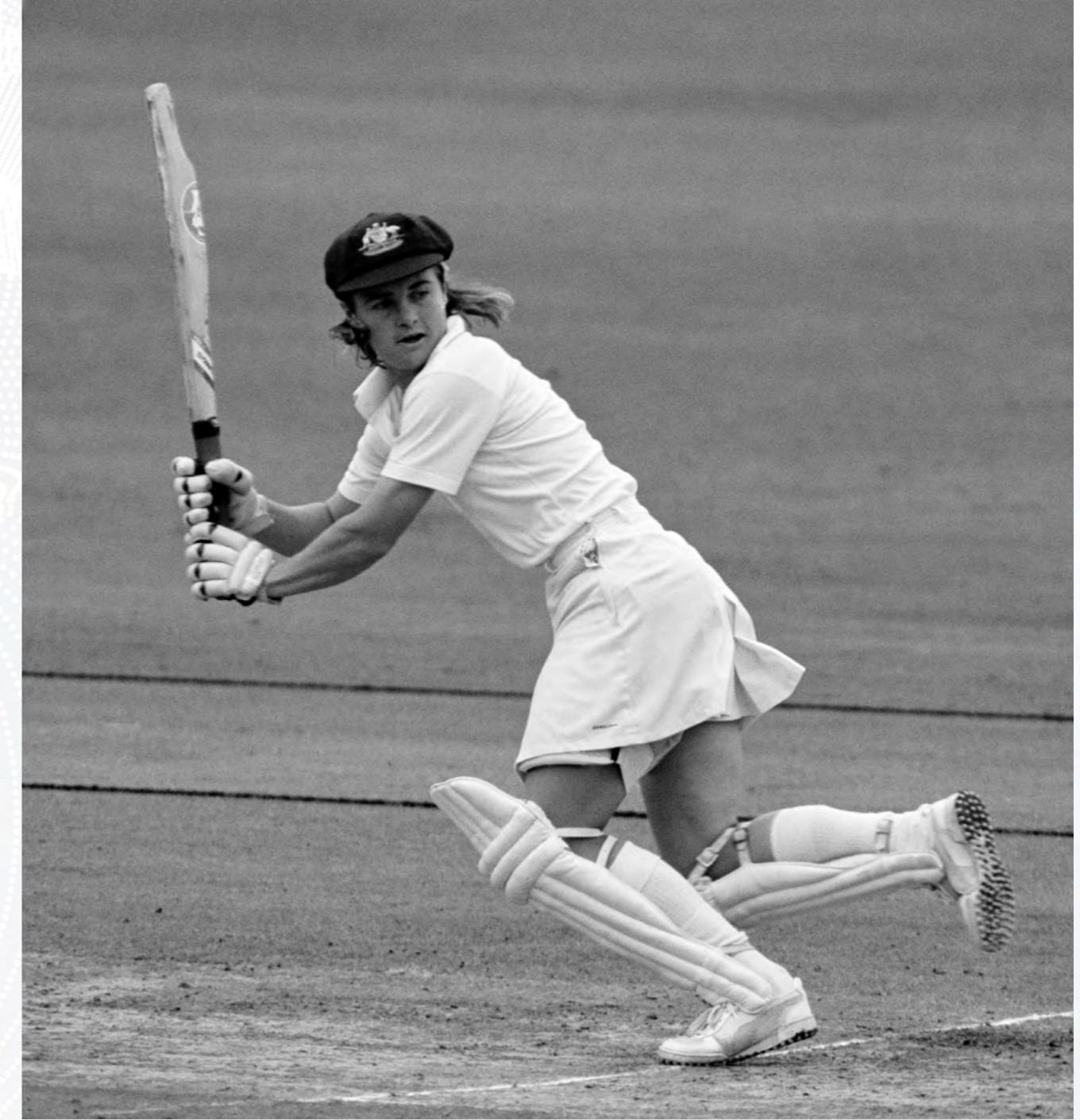
A lawyer by profession, he joined the Cricket Australia (CA) board in 1999 and was its Chair from October 2008 until 2011, during which time the Big Bash League was launched. He also commissioned the Argus Review into the performance of the Australian team following the 2010/11 home Ashes series defeat that led to a reshaping of CA's high-performance arm.

**Raman Subba Row****29 Jan 1932 – 18 Apr 2024**

A solid left-handed opener who could also bat in the middle order, he won 13 Test caps, making a century in his first Test overseas and then scoring two Ashes hundreds in 1961. He retired at the end of that summer, but remained close to the game, managing England's tour to India in 1981/82 and chairing the Test & County Cricket Board (TCCB) from 1985 to 1990. Awarded the CBE for services to cricket in 1991, he served as an ICC Match Referee in 41 Tests and 119 ODIs between 1992 and 2001.

**Patsy Lovell****3 May 1954 – 27 Apr 2024**

An off-spinning all-rounder who enjoyed a long career with Surrey, she played all nine of England's matches in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 1988, including the final defeat to Australia. Over the course of her career, she played ten ODIs, scoring 41 runs and taking eight wickets, with a best of 3-15 against the Netherlands at Melbourne.

**Lindsay Reeler****18 Mar 1961 – April 2024**

Born in Northern Rhodesia before moving to Australia as a 10-year-old, she played ten Tests and 23 ODIs before a knee injury forced her to retire from the game at just 27. She scored 510 Test runs at an average of 39.23, with one century – 110 not out against England in 1987 – and two wickets. She remains the fastest woman to score 1,000 ODI runs. Her last ODI appearance was in the final of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 1988 at the MCG, when she scored an unbeaten 59 to help Australia to victory.

# STRENGTHEN



Australia's trio of ICC titles during 2023/24 included the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

# CRICKET

The introduction of a ‘stop clock’ in ODI and T20I cricket to assist with the pace of play was a major change to the Playing Conditions in 2023–24, a year that also saw Marais Erasmus and Chris Broad finish their careers on the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires and Referees.

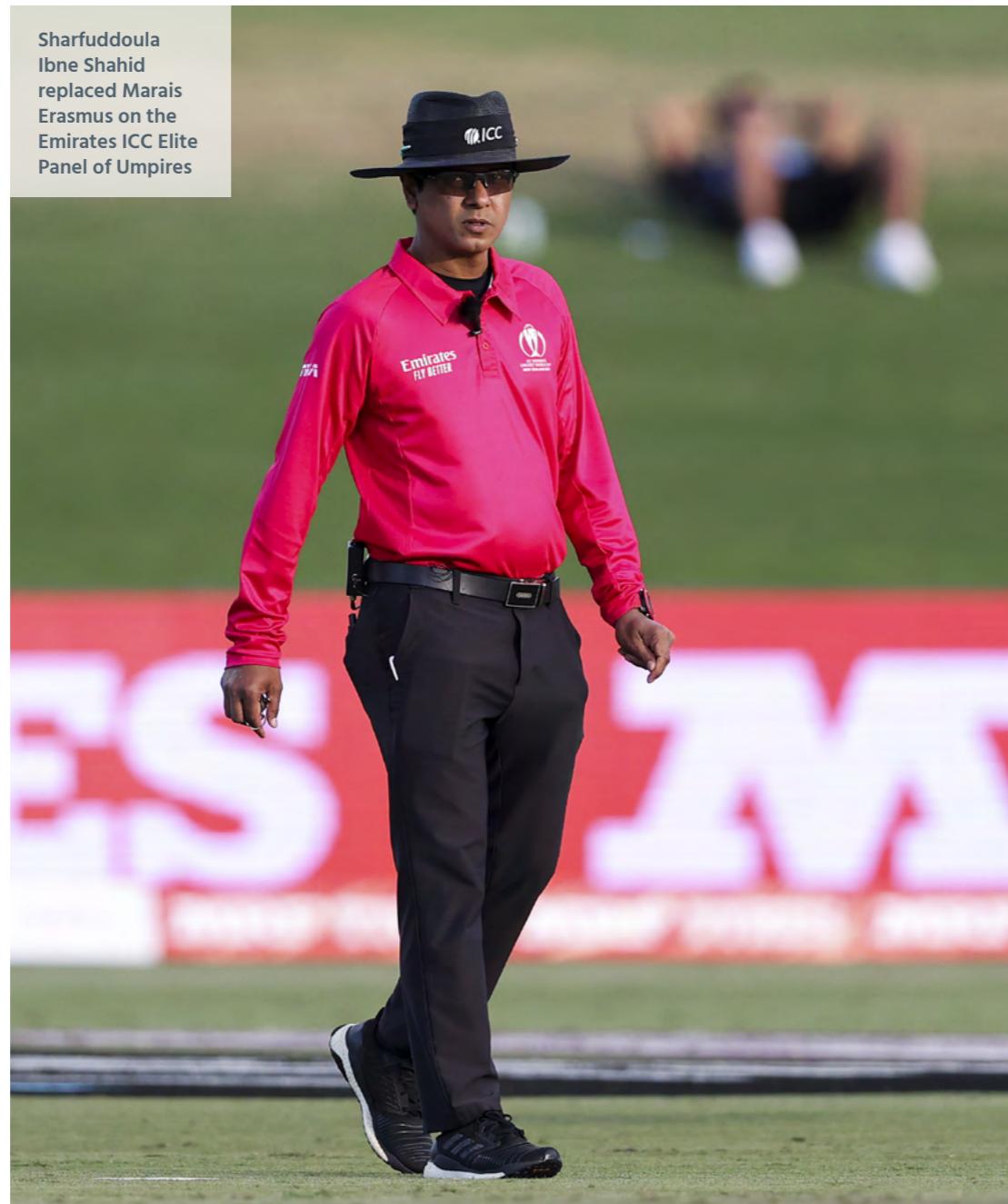
## Changes to ICC Playing Conditions

The annual review of the ICC Playing Conditions for international cricket for 2023/24 was conducted at the start of the year. The changes were recommended by the ICC Men’s Cricket Committee, led by Sourav Ganguly; endorsed by the ICC Women’s Cricket Committee, led by Clare Connor; and finally ratified by the ICC Chief Executives’ Committee.

Following a successful trial period in bilateral international cricket in late 2023 to early 2024, the ICC agreed to approve the implementation of a ‘stop clock’ as a mandatory playing condition in all men’s ODI and T20I matches played between Full Members. The stop clock requires the fielding side to be ready to start the next over within 60 seconds of the previous over being completed, with a timer clock counting up from zero being displayed to participants.

## Emirates ICC Elite Panels of Match Referees and Umpires

The ICC’s high-performance officiating programme is rapidly evolving, with stated ambitions for the development pathway and its support structure



Sharuddoula Ibne Shahid replaced Marais Erasmus on the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires

to become more transparent, supportive, effective and inclusive in the years ahead.

One key improvement occurred this year when the ICC introduced a degree of neutral umpires for women’s bilateral cricket from January 2024. The ICC now appoints one neutral umpire to matches in an ICC Women’s Championship series, as well as a neutral umpire in T20I series matches connected with an ICC Women’s Championship series.

To this point, all neutral umpires assigned in this way have been women,

and importantly these umpires are receiving equal match-day fees as their colleagues on the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires. It has also meant that the umpires involved in these series are now wearing ICC ‘Emirates Fly Better’ team kit rather than home board apparel, which is presenting women’s cricket more professionally and uniformly with other ICC officials.

Some significant departures from the officiating ranks also occurred in 2023/24, with umpire Marais Erasmus and match referee Chris Broad finishing their careers with the ICC. Erasmus

departs having featured in 82 men’s Test matches, 123 men’s ODIs, 43 men’s T20Is and 18 women’s T20Is, while Broad tally finished on 123 men’s Test matches, 361 men’s ODIs, 139 men’s T20Is, as well as 15 women’s T20Is. We thank them for their sizeable contributions and many years of dedicated service.

The vacancy left by Erasmus on the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires was filled by Sharuddoula Ibne Shahid from Bangladesh. In achieving this appointment, Shahid became the first umpire from his country to be included on the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires.



Chris Broad was presented with an award for 20 years on the Emirates ICC Elite Panel in May 2023

## Prize money parity

In July 2023, the ICC Board announced parity in prize money for men's and women's cricket events. The decision was made during the ICC Annual Conference held in Durban, South Africa, and marked a significant milestone in the ICC's endeavours to achieve prize money parity by 2030 – surpassing the predetermined timeline. Teams will now receive equal prize money for finishing in similar positions at comparable events, as well as the same amount for winning a match at those events.

## Women's gender eligibility criteria

The ICC Board approved new gender eligibility regulations for the international game in November 2023 following a nine-month consultation process with the sport's stakeholders. The new policy is based on the following principles (in order of priority): protection of the integrity of the women's game, safety, fairness and inclusion. They mean that any male to female participants who have been through any form of male puberty will not be eligible to participate in the international women's game regardless of any surgery or gender reassignment treatment they may have undertaken.

The review, which was led by the ICC Medical Advisory Committee chaired by Dr Peter Harcourt, and whose recommendations were endorsed by the ICC Women's Cricket Committee, relates solely to gender eligibility for international women's cricket. Gender eligibility at domestic level is a matter for each individual Member Board, and may be impacted by local legislation. The regulations will be reviewed within two years.

## ICC CRICKET COMMITTEES

### ICC MEN'S CRICKET COMMITTEE

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Sourav Ganguly     | Chair                                    |
| Roger Harper       | Past players                             |
| Mahela Jayawardene |  |
| VVS Laxman         | Current players' representatives         |
| Daniel Vettori     |  |
| Gary Stead         | Full Member team coach representative    |
| Jay Shah           | Full Member representative               |
| Joel Wilson        | Umpire representative                    |
| Ranjan Madugalle   | Match Referee representative             |
| TBC                | Marylebone Cricket Club representative   |
| Kyle Coetzer       | Associate Member representative          |
| Shaun Pollock      | Media representative                     |
| Greg Barclay       | Ex officio (ICC Chair)                   |
| Geoff Allardice    | Ex officio (ICC Chief Executive Officer) |
| David Kendix       | Statistician                             |
| Clive Hitchcock    | Committee secretary                      |

### ICC WOMEN'S CRICKET COMMITTEE

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Clare Connor       | Chair  |
| Warren Deutrom     | Chief Executives' Committee representatives                                |
| Jonathan Grave     |  |
| Catherine Campbell | Full Member representatives  |
| Tania Malick       |  |
| Shan Kader         | Associate Member representative  |
| TBC                | Independent member   |
| Sana Mir           | Elected players' representative  |
| Lisa Sthalekar     | Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA) representative |
| Ben Sawyer         | Coaches' representative  |
| Natalie Germanos   | Media representative   |
| Greg Barclay       | Ex officio (ICC Chair)   |
| Geoff Allardice    | Ex officio (ICC Chief Executive Officer)                                   |
| Snehal Pradhan     | Committee secretary  |



### DECISION REVIEW SYSTEM STATISTICS 2023/24

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Correct decisions before DRS           | 92.14%     |
| Correct decisions after DRS            | 98.70%     |
| Increase in correct decisions from DRS | 6.56%      |
| Decisions reviewed                     | 25.24%     |
| Of which - LBW                         | 76.50%     |
| Of which - caught                      | 23.50%     |
| Reviews upheld                         | 26.83%     |
| LBW reviews upheld                     | 23.51%     |
| Caught reviews upheld                  | 37.65%     |
| Average time for DRS review            | 78 seconds |
| Average time for LBW review            | 82 seconds |
| Average time for caught review         | 70 seconds |
| LBW reviews retained                   | 21.51%     |

## PLAYING DAYS – MEN

1 JUNE 2023 – 31 MAY 2024

### FULL MEMBERS

| TEAM         | TEST | ODIs | T20Is | TOTAL |
|--------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| AFGHANISTAN  | 11   | 25   | 17    | 53    |
| AUSTRALIA    | 56   | 22   | 14    | 92    |
| BANGLADESH   | 22   | 26   | 19    | 67    |
| ENGLAND      | 46   | 18   | 11    | 75    |
| INDIA        | 37   | 26   | 20    | 83    |
| IRELAND      | 6    | 13   | 19    | 38    |
| NEW ZEALAND  | 25   | 20   | 23    | 68    |
| PAKISTAN     | 21   | 17   | 18    | 56    |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 13   | 18   | 8     | 39    |
| SRI LANKA    | 22   | 35   | 10    | 67    |
| WEST INDIES  | 15   | 19   | 16    | 50    |
| ZIMBABWE     | 0    | 13   | 22    | 35    |

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – ODIs & T20Is

| TEAM        | ODIs | T20Is | TOTAL |
|-------------|------|-------|-------|
| CANADA      | 7    | 9     | 16    |
| NAMIBIA     | 4    | 23    | 27    |
| NEPAL       | 15   | 28    | 43    |
| NETHERLANDS | 21   | 9     | 30    |
| OMAN        | 7    | 25    | 32    |
| SCOTLAND    | 10   | 12    | 22    |
| UAE         | 12   | 30    | 42    |
| USA         | 6    | 7     | 13    |
| CANADA      | 7    | 9     | 16    |
| NAMIBIA     | 4    | 23    | 27    |
| NEPAL       | 15   | 28    | 43    |
| NETHERLANDS | 21   | 9     | 30    |



### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – T20Is

| TEAM           | T20Is | TOTAL |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| ARGENTINA      | 2     | 2     |
| AUSTRIA        | 14    | 11    |
| BAHRAIN        | 18    | 18    |
| BELGIUM        | 13    | 8     |
| BERMUDA        | 5     | 5     |
| BHUTAN         | 12    | 12    |
| BOTSWANA       | 15    | 15    |
| BULGARIA       | 7     | 5     |
| CAMBODIA       | 19    | 17    |
| CAMEROON       | 3     | 3     |
| CAYMAN ISLANDS | 4     | 4     |
| CHILE          | 2     | 2     |
| CHINA          | 11    | 10    |
| COSTA RICA     | 5     | 4     |
| CROATIA        | 6     | 5     |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | 3     | 2     |
| DENMARK        | 6     | 6     |
| ESTONIA        | 2     | 1     |
| ESWATINI       | 5     | 3     |
| FRANCE         | 14    | 11    |
| GAMBIA         | 2     | 2     |
| GERMANY        | 14    | 12    |
| GHANA          | 17    | 17    |
| GIBRALTAR      | 8     | 5     |
| GUERNSEY       | 5     | 4     |
| HONG KONG      | 31    | 30    |
| HUNGARY        | 5     | 4     |
| INDONESIA      | 21    | 17    |
| ISLE OF MAN    | 3     | 2     |
| ITALY          | 5     | 5     |
| JAPAN          | 25    | 22    |
| JERSEY         | 10    | 9     |
| KENYA          | 27    | 27    |
| KUWAIT         | 23    | 23    |
| LESOTHO        | 5     | 3     |

| TEAM             | T20Is | TOTAL |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| LUXEMBOURG       | 13    | 9     |
| MALAWI           | 5     | 5     |
| MALAYSIA         | 25    | 25    |
| MALDIVES         | 16    | 14    |
| MALI             | 3     | 3     |
| MALTA            | 19    | 13    |
| MEXICO           | 7     | 6     |
| MONGOLIA         | 9     | 7     |
| MOZAMBIQUE       | 4     | 4     |
| MYANMAR          | 7     | 7     |
| NIGERIA          | 18    | 18    |
| PANAMA           | 4     | 4     |
| PAPUA NEW GUINEA | 18    | 17    |
| PHILIPPINES      | 12    | 10    |
| QATAR            | 18    | 18    |
| ROMANIA          | 13    | 10    |
| RWANDA           | 42    | 39    |
| SAUDI ARABIA     | 24    | 24    |
| SERBIA           | 6     | 4     |
| SIERRA LEONE     | 16    | 16    |
| SINGAPORE        | 10    | 10    |
| SPAIN            | 2     | 1     |
| SWITZERLAND      | 7     | 6     |
| TANZANIA         | 24    | 21    |
| THAILAND         | 19    | 19    |
| TURKEY           | 4     | 3     |
| UGANDA           | 37    | 34    |
| VANUATU          | 11    | 11    |

## PLAYING DAYS – WOMEN

1 JUNE 2023 – 31 MAY 2024

### TESTS, ODIs & T20Is

| TEAM             | TESTS | ODIs | T20Is | TOTAL |
|------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| AUSTRALIA        | 12    | 17   | 15    | 44    |
| BANGLADESH       | -     | 12   | 19    | 31    |
| ENGLAND          | 8     | 12   | 17    | 37    |
| INDIA            | 7     | 6    | 17    | 30    |
| IRELAND          | -     | 11   | 19    | 30    |
| NETHERLANDS      | -     | 2    | 22    | 23    |
| NEW ZEALAND      | -     | 12   | 14    | 26    |
| PAKISTAN         | -     | 15   | 19    | 34    |
| PAPUA NEW GUINEA | -     | 5    | 13    | 17    |
| SCOTLAND         | -     | 5    | 18    | 23    |
| SOUTH AFRICA     | 3     | 15   | 15    | 33    |
| SRI LANKA        | -     | 9    | 18    | 27    |
| THAILAND         | -     | 2    | 21    | 23    |
| USA              | -     | 2    | 10    | 12    |
| WEST INDIES      | -     | 9    | 11    | 20    |
| ZIMBABWE         | -     | 6    | 21    | 27    |



### T20Is

| TEAM         | T20Is | TOTAL |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| ARGENTINA    | 14    | 12    |
| AUSTRIA      | 10    | 6     |
| BAHRAIN      | 7     | 7     |
| BELGIUM      | 4     | 2     |
| BHUTAN       | 7     | 7     |
| BOTSWANA     | 25    | 20    |
| BRAZIL       | 11    | 9     |
| CAMEROON     | 7     | 7     |
| CANADA       | 6     | 6     |
| CHILE        | 3     | 3     |
| CHINA        | 7     | 7     |
| COOK ISLANDS | 11    | 9     |
| DENMARK      | 6     | 4     |
| ESTONIA      | 4     | 3     |
| ESWATINI     | 3     | 3     |
| FIJI         | 11    | 9     |
| FRANCE       | 9     | 8     |
| GERMANY      | 3     | 2     |
| GIBRALTAR    | 3     | 2     |
| GREECE       | 9     | 8     |
| GUERNSEY     | 10    | 6     |
| HONG KONG    | 19    | 19    |
| INDONESIA    | 17    | 12    |
| ISLE OF MAN  | 10    | 7     |
| ITALY        | 10    | 10    |
| JAPAN        | 16    | 16    |
| JERSEY       | 8     | 6     |
| KENYA        | 20    | 17    |
| KUWAIT       | 15    | 15    |

| TEAM         | T20Is | TOTAL |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| LESOTHO      | 10    | 7     |
| LUXEMBOURG   | 9     | 7     |
| MALAWI       | 4     | 4     |
| MALAYSIA     | 23    | 23    |
| MALDIVES     | 3     | 3     |
| MALTA        | 4     | 3     |
| MONGOLIA     | 8     | 5     |
| MOZAMBIQUE   | 10    | 7     |
| MYANMAR      | 10    | 10    |
| NAMIBIA      | 14    | 13    |
| NEPAL        | 21    | 21    |
| NIGERIA      | 23    | 21    |
| NORWAY       | 4     | 3     |
| OMAN         | 3     | 3     |
| PHILIPPINES  | 3     | 3     |
| QATAR        | 7     | 7     |
| ROMANIA      | 9     | 8     |
| RWANDA       | 30    | 24    |
| SAMOA        | 11    | 10    |
| SERBIA       | 5     | 5     |
| SIERRA LEONE | 11    | 11    |
| SINGAPORE    | 9     | 9     |
| SWEDEN       | 6     | 5     |
| TANZANIA     | 16    | 16    |
| TURKEY       | 2     | 2     |
| UGANDA       | 24    | 23    |
| UAE          | 24    | 24    |
| VANUATU      | 17    | 15    |

# AUSTRALIA ON TOP OF THE WORLD

Australia claimed their first ICC World Test Championship title with a comfortable win in the 2023 Final over India – and the two sides are once more leading the chase for the 2025 crown.



The ICC World Test Championship Final returned to English shores two years after its inaugural edition – and following New Zealand's triumph in 2021, this time it was Australia who came out on top at the Oval.

India reached the final for the second edition in succession, but once more came out second best – defeated by an Australian Test side operating close to the peak of their powers.

## A crucial toss

When the coin came down on the morning of Wednesday 7 June 2023, it fell India's way – and Rohit Sharma chose to bowl.

Sharma believed that the cool, cloudy conditions gave India's quicks a good chance of making in-roads, and so it proved. When Marnus Labuschagne was bowled by Mohammad Shami's first ball after lunch, Australia were wobbling at 76–3.

But by that time, the clouds had parted, the temperature had warmed up – and Travis Head and Steve Smith made hay while the sun shone. Head (pictured right) brought up his century in just 106 balls en route to a glorious 163, while Smith played the anchor role to bring up his 31st Test ton. A punchy 48 from wicketkeeper Alex Carey helped the Australians to a formidable total of 469.

India needed a steady start – but after the second ball of just the 19th over, their top four were back in the pavilion with just 71 on the board. Rohit Sharma was pinned in front by Pat Cummins, Virat Kohli fended a brutal Mitchell Starc ball to second slip, and both Shubman Gill and Cheteshwar Pujara were bowled playing no shot.

Ajinkya Rahane's 89 led India's recovery, aided by Ravindra Jadeja (48) and Shardul Thakur (51). However, when Mohammed Shami gloved a hook to keeper Carey, India's total of 296 gave Australia a first-innings lead of 173.

## An insurmountable lead

India made early in-roads in Australia's second dig, and runs didn't come easily. When Cameron Green fell on the morning of day four to leave



## ICC World Test Championship Final 2023

7–11 June 2023, The Oval

### Australia

**469** (Head 163, Smith 121, Siraj 4-108) & **270-8d** (Carey 66\*, Jadeja 3-58)

### India

**296** (Rahane 89, Thakur 51, Cummins 3-83) & **234** (Kohli 49, Lyon 4-41)

**AUSTRALIA WON BY 209 RUNS**

**Player of the Match**  
Travis Head (Australia)

Australia at 167-6, a lead of 340, India felt they had a sniff.

However, another useful knock from Carey, aided this time by a quickfire 41 from Starc, once more took the game away from the Indians. Carey was unbeaten on 66 when Cummins declared at 270-8, setting India an improbable 444 to win.

India's top order fared better second time around, ending day four on 164-3. But when Virat Kohli edged an expansive drive to a diving Steve Smith at second slip the next morning, India subsided quickly, losing their last seven wickets for just 55 runs to leave Australia as comfortable winners.

"We feel like we played awesome cricket for the last two years," said Pat Cummins, Australia's captain. "So to be there at the end holding the trophy feels really well deserved."



## The road to Lord's

Just five days after Australia's triumph at the Oval, the new ICC World Test Championship cycle got under way at Edgbaston with the first match in the Ashes – and Australia picked up where they left off, an unbroken ninth-wicket stand of 55 between Pat Cummins and Nathan Lyon leading them to a two-wicket victory over England.

Halfway through the cycle, Australia and India once again top the table. Australia's 10-point deduction for a slow over-rate in the Old Trafford Test has dropped them into second behind India – but their record of eight wins in 12 Tests still leaves them well clear of New Zealand (three wins, three losses) and Sri Lanka (two wins, two losses). A 19-point deduction for slow over-rates during the Ashes leaves England propping up the table.

India's five-Test tour of Australia in late 2024 may well prove pivotal in determining who goes through to the Final, which is scheduled for June 2025 at Lord's. Other potentially key series on a busy Test calendar include New Zealand's two-Test tour of Sri Lanka in September/October.

The top run-scorers and wicket-takers in the cycle so far are almost exclusively drawn from the top two sides. There are three Australians in the list of the top-five run-scorers – but only India's tyro batter Yashav Jaiswal (pictured below right) has so far topped the 1,000-run mark, with three centuries boosting his average to nearly 70. The top four wicket-takers, meanwhile, are all Aussies – led by Josh Hazlewood (pictured above right), whose 51 scalps have so far come at a devastating strike rate of 37.57.



West Indies stunned Australia with victory at the Gabba in January 2024



## ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP 2023–25 STANDINGS

| POS | TEAM         | M  | W | L | D | PEN | PTS | %     |
|-----|--------------|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|-------|
| 1   | INDIA        | 9  | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2   | 74  | 68.51 |
| 2   | AUSTRALIA    | 12 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 10  | 90  | 62.50 |
| 3   | NEW ZEALAND  | 6  | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0   | 36  | 50.00 |
| 4   | SRI LANKA    | 4  | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 24  | 50.00 |
| 5   | PAKISTAN     | 5  | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2   | 22  | 36.66 |
| 6   | WEST INDIES  | 4  | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0   | 16  | 33.33 |
| 7   | SOUTH AFRICA | 4  | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0   | 12  | 25.00 |
| 8   | BANGLADESH   | 4  | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0   | 12  | 25.00 |
| 9   | ENGLAND      | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 19  | 21  | 17.50 |

## ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP 2023–25 RESULTS & FIXTURES

|     | AUS      | BAN      | ENG      | IND         | NZ       | PAK         | SA       | SL       | WI    |
|-----|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|-------|
| AUS |          | -        | -        | 11/24-01/25 | -        | 3-0         | -        | -        | 1-1   |
| BAN | -        |          | -        | -           | 1-1      | -           | 10-11/24 | 0-2      | -     |
| ENG | 2-2 (1)  | -        |          | -           | -        | -           | -        | 08-09/24 | 07/24 |
| IND | -        | 09-10/24 | 4-1      |             | 10-11/24 | -           | -        | -        | -     |
| NZ  | 0-2      | -        | 11-12/24 | -           |          | -           | 2-0      | -        | -     |
| PAK | -        | 08-09/24 | 10/24    | -           | -        |             | -        | -        | 01/25 |
| SA  | -        | -        | -        | 1-1         | -        | 12/24-01/25 |          | 11-12/24 | -     |
| SL  | 01-02/25 | -        | -        | -           | 09-10/24 | 0-2         | -        |          | -     |
| WI  | -        | 11-12/24 | -        | 0-1 (1)     | -        | -           | 08/24    | -        |       |

## ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP 2023–25 TOP PERFORMERS

MOST RUNS

|                            | M  | I  | NO | R     | Avg   | HS   | 100 | 50 |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|-------|-------|------|-----|----|
| YASHAVI JAISWAL (India)    | 9  | 16 | 1  | 1,028 | 68.53 | 214* | 3   | 4  |
| USMAN KHAWAJA (Australia)  | 12 | 24 | 1  | 943   | 41.00 | 141  | 1   | 5  |
| ZAK CRAWLEY (England)      | 10 | 19 | 0  | 887   | 46.68 | 189  | 1   | 6  |
| MITCHELL MARSH (Australia) | 10 | 18 | 2  | 750   | 46.87 | 118  | 1   | 6  |
| STEVE SMITH (Australia)    | 12 | 24 | 3  | 738   | 35.14 | 110  | 1   | 4  |

MOST WICKETS

|                            | M  | O     | R     | W  | Avg   | BBI  | 5I | 10M |
|----------------------------|----|-------|-------|----|-------|------|----|-----|
| JOSH HAZLEWOOD (Australia) | 11 | 319.2 | 1,043 | 51 | 20.45 | 5-31 | 3  | 0   |
| PAT CUMMINS (Australia)    | 12 | 361.4 | 1,258 | 48 | 26.20 | 6-91 | 4  | 1   |
| MITCHELL STARC (Australia) | 11 | 324.0 | 1,362 | 48 | 28.37 | 5-78 | 1  | 0   |
| NATHAN LYON (Australia)    | 9  | 289.1 | 937   | 43 | 21.79 | 6-65 | 1  | 1   |
| RASHWIN (India)            | 8  | 265.3 | 911   | 42 | 21.69 | 7-71 | 4  | 1   |

All standings and statistics correct as of 31 May 2024



## AUSTRALIA RECLAIM THE CUP

Australia stunned hosts India at a packed Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad to win the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 – their sixth title overall, and their fifth in the last seven editions.

India came into the final as hot favourites after going unbeaten in the group stage and winning their semi-final at a canter. But once again, Australia found a way to get the job done, knocking off a modest target of 241 with seven overs in hand.

### A dominant display

More than 92,000 fans packed the Narendra Modi Stadium for the final, and the vast majority hoped and expected to see the hosts crowned champions. Put in by Pat Cummins, India got off to a flier – but a breathtaking catch from Travis Head to dismiss Rohit Sharma slammed on the brakes. From 76-1 midway through the 10th over, India scored at barely four runs an over the rest of the way, with a run out ending their innings at 240.

Australia didn't have it all their own way. Shami and the effervescent Jasprit Bumrah left the Aussies three down inside seven overs, Marnus Labuschagne joining Travis Head in the middle with just 47 on the board. But

the sea of blue-shirted supporters in the crowd were stunned by what became a match-winning partnership – anchored by Labuschagne's 110-ball 58\* and dominated by Head, who brought up his century at just better than a run a ball.

By the time Head mowed Mohammed Siraj to deep midwicket, the game was up. Australia needed just two to win, and Glenn Maxwell took care of business on the first ball he faced.

"We saved our best for last," said Cummins after the match. "A couple of big-match players stood up – and we're pretty chuffed."

### From four to two

The two sides had reached the final in a pair markedly different semi-finals – one with a blazing display of batting aggression, the other by edging home in a low-scoring thriller.

The first semi-final in Mumbai saw India cement their status as favourites with



Travis Head's outstanding century led Australia to the title in Ahmedabad



Mohammad Shami's 7-57 in the semi-final helped propel India to the final

a World Cup record. Led by Virat Kohli's 117, his 50th ODI hundred, India racked up 397-4 from 50 overs against New Zealand – the largest ever total in an ICC Men's Cricket World Cup knockout-stage match. Mohammed Shami's 7-57 then sealed a 70-run victory and a place in the final.

The other semi-final was a much closer affair. Choosing to bat first, South Africa made 212 thanks chiefly to a battling 101 from David Miller. The Proteas' bowlers took wickets throughout the Australians' reply – but their total ultimately proved too low, and the Aussies eventually snuck home by three wickets with 16 balls in hand.

### The best of the rest

The tournament had got under way in Ahmedabad on 5 October 2023 with a repeat of the previous final between England and New Zealand – and the Kiwis got revenge for their loss in 2019 with a nine-wicket demolition. Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra's unbroken stand of 273 set New Zealand on the road to a group-stage record of five wins and four losses – enough for a semi-final spot. England, meanwhile, slumped to six losses in their first seven matches as they meekly surrendered their crown.

Hosts India got under way against Australia, who were bowled out for just 199 after winning the toss in Chennai. Three of India's top four fell for ducks inside two overs – but the sole survivor was Virat Kohli, who joined KL Rahul in a 165-run fourth-wicket partnership that turned the game India's way en route to a six-wicket victory.

India went on to rack up a perfect nine wins from nine group-stage matches, highlighted by a 302-run victory against Sri Lanka – thanks to a haul of five for 18 from Mohammed Shami, the tournament's leading wicket-taker.



Afghanistan came within a whisker of the semi-finals

It was the second largest margin of victory in ICC Men's Cricket World Cup history, bettered only by Australia's 309-run destruction of the Netherlands a week earlier.

For their part, the Aussies finished the group stage with seven wins, the most extraordinary of them a three-wicket triumph against Afghanistan – propelled by 201\* in just 128 balls from Glenn Maxwell. The win secured their place in the knockout stages alongside India, New Zealand and South Africa, who finished second in the group stage despite a shock loss to the Dutch.

The Kiwis' place in the semis was secured when England beat Pakistan, who finished the group stage in an agonising fifth place. Sixth place went to tournament surprise packages Afghanistan, whose four victories included wins over England, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. After England in seventh, the table was rounded out by Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Netherlands, each of whom ended with two wins from nine matches. Bangladesh's superior net run rate lifted them into eighth – and with it, qualification for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025.

## ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023: Team of the Tournament



**Quinton de Kock**  
South Africa (wk)



**Rohit Sharma**  
India (capt)



**Virat Kohli**  
India



**Daryl Mitchell**  
New Zealand



**KL Rahul**  
India



**Glenn Maxwell**  
Australia



**Ravindra Jadeja**  
India



**Jasprit Bumrah**  
India



**Dilshan Madushanka**  
Sri Lanka



**Adam Zampa**  
Australia



**Mohammed Shami**  
India



**Gerald Coetzee**  
South Africa (12<sup>th</sup> player)

**ICC MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP 2023 GROUP STAGE**

| AFG | AUS              | BAN              | ENG              | IND             | NED              | NZ               | PAK              | SA               | SL              |                  |
|-----|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| AFG |                  | AUS<br>3 wickets | BAN<br>6 wickets | AFG<br>69 runs  | IND<br>8 wickets | AFG<br>7 wickets | NZ<br>149 runs   | AFG<br>8 wickets | SA<br>5 wickets | AFG<br>7 wickets |
| AUS | AUS<br>3 wickets |                  | AUS<br>8 wickets | AUS<br>33 runs  | IND<br>6 wickets | AUS<br>309 runs  | AUS<br>5 runs    | AUS<br>62 runs   | SA<br>134 runs  | AUS<br>5 wickets |
| BAN | BAN<br>6 wickets | AUS<br>8 wickets |                  | ENG<br>137 runs | IND<br>7 wickets | NED<br>87 runs   | NZ<br>8 wickets  | PAK<br>7 wickets | SA<br>149 runs  | BAN<br>3 wickets |
| ENG | AFG<br>69 runs   | AUS<br>33 runs   | ENG<br>137 runs  |                 | IND<br>100 runs  | ENG<br>160 runs  | NZ<br>9 wickets  | ENG<br>93 runs   | SA<br>229 runs  | SL<br>8 wickets  |
| IND | IND<br>8 wickets | IND<br>6 wickets | IND<br>7 wickets | IND<br>100 runs |                  | IND<br>160 runs  | IND<br>4 wickets | IND<br>7 wickets | IND<br>243 runs | IND<br>302 runs  |
| NED | AFG<br>7 wickets | AUS<br>309 runs  | NED<br>87 runs   | ENG<br>160 runs | IND<br>160 runs  |                  | NZ<br>99 runs    | PAK<br>81 runs   | NED<br>38 runs  | SL<br>5 wickets  |
| NZ  | NZ<br>149 runs   | AUS<br>5 runs    | NZ<br>8 wickets  | NZ<br>9 wickets | IND<br>4 wickets | NZ<br>99 runs    |                  | PAK<br>21 runs*  | SA<br>190 runs  | NZ<br>5 wickets  |
| PAK | AFG<br>8 wickets | AUS<br>62 runs   | PAK<br>7 wickets | ENG<br>93 runs  | IND<br>7 wickets | PAK<br>81 runs   | PAK<br>21 runs*  |                  | SA<br>1 wicket  | PAK<br>6 wickets |
| SA  | SA<br>5 wickets  | SA<br>134 runs   | SA<br>149 runs   | SA<br>229 runs  | IND<br>243 runs  | NED<br>38 runs   | SA<br>190 runs   | SA<br>1 wicket   |                 | SA<br>102 runs   |
| SL  | AFG<br>7 wickets | AUS<br>5 wickets | BAN<br>3 wickets | SL<br>8 wickets | IND<br>302 runs  | SL<br>5 wickets  | NZ<br>5 wickets  | PAK<br>6 wickets | SA<br>102 runs  |                  |

**GROUP TABLE**

|                | P | W | L | PTS | NRR    |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----|--------|
| 1 INDIA        | 9 | 9 | 0 | 18  | 2.570  |
| 2 SOUTH AFRICA | 9 | 7 | 2 | 14  | 1.261  |
| 3 AUSTRALIA    | 9 | 7 | 2 | 14  | 0.841  |
| 4 NEW ZEALAND  | 9 | 5 | 4 | 10  | 0.743  |
| 5 PAKISTAN     | 9 | 4 | 5 | 8   | -0.199 |
| 6 AFGHANISTAN  | 9 | 4 | 5 | 8   | -0.336 |
| 7 ENGLAND      | 9 | 3 | 6 | 6   | -0.572 |
| 8 BANGLADESH   | 9 | 2 | 7 | 4   | -1.087 |
| 9 SRI LANKA    | 9 | 2 | 7 | 4   | -1.419 |
| 10 NETHERLANDS | 9 | 2 | 7 | 4   | -1.825 |

**ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Semi-finals**

**India** (397-4, 50 overs) beat **New Zealand** (327, 48.5 overs) by 70 runs

**South Africa** (212, 49.4 overs) lost to **Australia** (215-7, 47.2 overs) by three wickets

**ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Final**

19 November 2023, Ahmedabad

**India**  
**240** (50 overs; Rahul 66, Kohli 54, Starc 3-55)

**Australia**  
**241-4** (43 overs; Head 137, Labuschagne 58\*)

**AUSTRALIA WON BY SIX WICKETS**

**Player of the Match**  
Travis Head (Australia)

**ICC MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP 2023 TOP PERFORMERS**  
**TOP PERFORMANCES**

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Player of the Tournament</b>    | Virat Kohli (India)                               |
| <b>Player of the Match - Final</b> | Travis Head (Australia)                           |
| <b>Highest total</b>               | 428-5 (50 overs), South Africa v Sri Lanka        |
| <b>Lowest total</b>                | 55 (19.4 overs), Sri Lanka v India                |
| <b>Most runs, match</b>            | 771, Australia v New Zealand                      |
| <b>Biggest victory</b>             | 309 runs, Australia v Netherlands                 |
| <b>Highest individual score</b>    | 201*, Glenn Maxwell (Australia) v Afghanistan     |
| <b>Fastest century</b>             | 40 balls, Glenn Maxwell (Australia) v Netherlands |
| <b>Best bowling</b>                | 7-57, Mohammed Shami (India) v New Zealand        |
| <b>Most dismissals (wk)</b>        | 20, Quinton de Kock (South Africa)                |
| <b>Most catches (fielders)</b>     | 11, Daryl Mitchell (New Zealand)                  |

**MOST RUNS**

|                                | I  | No | R   | Avg   | SR     | HS   | 100 | 50 |
|--------------------------------|----|----|-----|-------|--------|------|-----|----|
| VIRAT KOHLI (India)            | 11 | 1  | 765 | 95.62 | 90.31  | 117  | 3   | 6  |
| ROHIT SHARMA (India)           | 11 | 0  | 597 | 54.27 | 125.94 | 131  | 1   | 3  |
| QUINTON DE KOCK (South Africa) | 10 | 0  | 594 | 59.40 | 107.02 | 174  | 4   | 0  |
| RACHIN RAVINDRA (New Zealand)  | 10 | 1  | 578 | 64.22 | 64.22  | 123* | 3   | 2  |
| DARYL MITCHELL (New Zealand)   | 9  | 1  | 552 | 69.00 | 69.00  | 134  | 2   | 2  |

**MOST WICKETS**

|                                | M  | O    | R   | W  | Avg   | Econ | BBI  | 5I |
|--------------------------------|----|------|-----|----|-------|------|------|----|
| MOHAMMED SHAMI (India)         | 7  | 48.5 | 257 | 24 | 10.70 | 5.26 | 7-57 | 3  |
| ADAM ZAMPA (Australia)         | 11 | 96.0 | 515 | 23 | 22.39 | 5.36 | 4-8  | 0  |
| DILSHAN MADUSHANKA (Sri Lanka) | 9  | 78.2 | 525 | 21 | 25.00 | 6.70 | 5-80 | 1  |
| JASPRIT BUMRAH (India)         | 11 | 91.5 | 373 | 20 | 18.65 | 4.06 | 4-39 | 0  |
| GERALD COETZEE (South Africa)  | 8  | 63.3 | 396 | 20 | 19.80 | 6.23 | 4-44 | 0  |



# AUSTRALIA TAKE THIRD ICC TITLE OF 2023/24

Australia produced an emphatic display to claim their fourth ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup title in South Africa – and their first since 2010.

The final of the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 mirrored both the ICC World Test Championship Final 2023 and the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 – with India taking on Australia. And once again, Australia got the better of their opponents in emphatic fashion to make it a hat-trick of ICC titles in 2023/24.

## Fine margins

Australia opted to bat in the final at Willowmoore Park, and four scores of 40+ from the top order helped them to a tournament final record total of 253. Playing in their fifth consecutive final, India then had no answer to Australia's formidable pace attack, spearheaded by Player of the Match Mahli Beardman (3-15). Losing wickets steadily, India eventually subsided for 174 to leave Australia as comfortable winners.

The emphatic nature of the result belied the drama of the semi-finals, the first of which saw India chase down 245 to beat hosts South Africa by two wickets. After the Proteas' Tristan Luus and Kwena Maphaka had ripped through India's top order, captain Uday Saharan and Sachin Dhas delivered a record-breaking fifth-wicket stand of 171 to lift India into the final.



Australia's one-wicket triumph against Pakistan in the second semi-final was similarly thrilling. Tom Straker's 6-24 left Australia chasing just 180 to win, but it took a 10th-wicket stand of 17 from Raf MacMillan and Callum Vidler to get them over the line.

## Lasting legacies

The competition's 41 matches took place across five host venues staging the action: Mangaung Oval in Bloemfontein, Kimberley Oval

Indies' narrow victory over England, and Nepal and New Zealand's one-wicket victories over Afghanistan in the group stage.

## ICC U19 MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP 2024 TOP PERFORMERS TOP PERFORMANCES

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Player of the Tournament</b>    | Kwena Maphaka (South Africa)             |
| <b>Player of the Match - Final</b> | Mahli Beardman (Australia)               |
| <b>Highest total</b>               | 326-5 (50 overs), India v USA            |
| <b>Highest individual score</b>    | 147*, Snehit Reddy (New Zealand) v Nepal |
| <b>Most runs</b>                   | 397, Uday Saharan (India)                |
| <b>Best bowling</b>                | 7-29, Tazeem Ali (England) v Zimbabwe    |
| <b>Most wickets</b>                | 21, Kwena Maphaka (South Africa)         |
| <b>Most dismissals (wk)</b>        | 15, Saad Baig (Pakistan)                 |
| <b>Most catches (fielders)</b>     | 6, three players                         |

in Kimberley, JB Marks Oval in Potchefstroom, Buffalo Park in East London and Willowmoore Park in Benoni.

The tournament was originally scheduled to take place in Sri Lanka before being relocated to South Africa in November – and the new hosts made the most of the opportunity to reach new fans.

Cricket South Africa and the ICC collaborated to engage a network of schools across the host provinces. Nearly 25,000 children attended matches, while more than 1,500 were given the chance to be flag bearers or anthem mascots on matchdays. A further 11,000 children joined in the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup Trophy Tour, while more than 700 participated in Cricket 4 Good clinics.

As ever, the tournament was an opportunity for the game's future stars to announce themselves on the international stage. Player of the Tournament Kwena Maphaka topped the wicket-taking charts with 21, including three five-wicket hauls, while India skipper Uday Saharan's tournament-high 397 runs also earned him a place in the Team of the Tournament alongside exciting talent spanning six nations.



## ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 Semi-finals

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>South Africa</b> | (244-7, 50 overs)<br>lost to<br><b>India</b> (248-8, 48.5 overs)<br>by two wickets    |
| <b>Pakistan</b>     | (179, 48.5 overs)<br>lost to<br><b>Australia</b> (181-9, 49.1 overs)<br>by one wicket |

## ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 Final

11 February 2024, Benoni

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Australia</b> | <b>253-7</b> (50 overs;<br>H Singh 55, Limbani 3-38)                  |
| <b>India</b>     | <b>174</b> (43.5 overs; A Singh 47,<br>Beardman 3-15, MacMillan 3-43) |

**AUSTRALIA WON BY 79 RUNS**

**Player of the Match**  
Mahli Beardman (Australia)

## ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Team of the Tournament

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | <b>Lhuan-dre Pretorius</b><br>South Africa (wk)         |
|  | <b>Harry Dixon</b><br>Australia                         |
|  | <b>Musheer Khan</b><br>India                            |
|  | <b>Hugh Weibgen</b><br>Australia (capt)                 |
|  | <b>Uday Saharan</b><br>India                            |
|  | <b>Sachin Dhas</b><br>India                             |
|  | <b>Nathan Edward</b><br>West Indies                     |
|  | <b>Callum Vidler</b><br>Australia                       |
|  | <b>Ubaid Shah</b><br>Pakistan                           |
|  | <b>Kwena Maphaka</b><br>South Africa                    |
|  | <b>Saumy Pandey</b><br>India                            |
|  | <b>Jamie Dunk</b><br>Scotland (12 <sup>th</sup> player) |

# ICC TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

Full and Associate Members alike battled for places at future ICC World Cups during 2023/24 – with several Associates securing their first ever spots at major ICC tournaments.



Bas de Leede's 123 led the Netherlands past Scotland at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Qualifier

## ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Qualifier

Zimbabwe welcomed 10 teams for the final event in the qualification pathway for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023. Taking place in Harare and Bulawayo from 18 June to 9 July 2023, the tense tournament

featured four Full Members and six Associate Members competing for just two qualifying places at the World Cup proper (covered in detail on page 52).

Round 1 saw the elimination of one of the Full Members, Ireland, alongside Nepal, UAE and the USA.

The shocks continued in the Super Six stage, with two-time champions West Indies eliminated following a seven-wicket loss to Scotland. Sri Lanka booked their ticket to India with ease, going unbeaten throughout the tournament. And the second qualifier was the Netherlands, who beat Scotland by four wickets thanks to a stellar all-round display from Bas de Leede (5-52, 123).

## ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 Regional Qualifiers

The second half of 2023 saw the completion of the line-up for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. With 12 teams qualified through their results at the previous ICC Men's T20 World Cup, their places in the ICC Men's T20 Team Rankings (as of 14 November 2022) and their status as tournament hosts, five Regional Qualifiers determined the final eight teams to make the grade:

- **Scotland and Ireland** booked their places at the Europe Qualifier (20–28 July 2023, Scotland), with Scotland topping the table with a 100% record.
- **Papua New Guinea** qualified by winning the East Asia Pacific Qualifier (22–29 July 2023, Papua New Guinea).



Scotland qualified for their first ever ICC Women's T20 World Cup via the Global Qualifier

• **Canada** won the Americas Qualifier (30 September – 7 October 2023, Bermuda), edging out Bermuda to ensure they would make their tournament debut.

• **Oman and Nepal** made it through the Asia Qualifier (30 October – 5 November 2023, Nepal), with Oman beating Nepal in the final via a Super Over.

• **Namibia and Uganda** became the 19th and 20th qualifiers through the Africa Qualifier (22–30 November 2023, Namibia), with Uganda set to make their ICC Men's World Cup debut.

## ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 Global & Regional Qualifiers

The qualification pathway to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 was also completed during the year, with the final two teams joining the eight sides already qualified through their performances at the previous World Cup, the ICC Women's T20 Team Rankings and their status as hosts.

The first stage saw eight teams join Ireland and Sri Lanka at the Global Qualifier via five Regional Qualifiers:

• **UAE and Thailand** came out on top at the Asia Qualifier (31 August – 9 September 2023, Malaysia).

• **Vanuatu** won six games out of six to win the East Asia Pacific Qualifier (1–8 September 2023, USA).

• **USA** also went unbeaten to qualify via the Americas Qualifier (4–11 September 2023, USA).

• **Scotland and the Netherlands** topped the table at the Europe Qualifier (6–12 September 2023, Spain).

• **Zimbabwe and Uganda** came through the Africa Qualifier (9–17 December 2023, Uganda).

## ICC U19 World Cup Qualification

### ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024

The second half of 2023 saw four teams secure spots at the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 through Regional Qualifiers: **New Zealand** (East Asia Pacific, 12–21 June), **Namibia** (Africa, 23–29 July), **Scotland** (Europe, 6–12 August) and the **USA** (Americas, 11–18 August). For the tournament itself, see page 58

### ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025

Qualification for the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2024 got under way with the East Asia Pacific Qualifier in May 2024 – and by winning the tournament, **Samoa** secured their first ever spot at any ICC senior or U19 World Cup.



# WORLD CUP PREPARATIONS

The biggest ever ICC Men's T20 World Cup, the first ICC World Cup to be held in the USA, presented a huge opportunity to engage a generation of new fans in the Americas and beyond.



Chris Gayle led the pre-event celebrations in Barbados

Twenty teams, 55 matches, 28 days and nine host venues across the USA and the West Indies: the ninth edition of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, starting in June 2024, was set to be the biggest yet.

Perfecting the off-field elements of the tournament was just as important as ensuring success on the pitch. The ICC worked throughout 2023/24 to maximise the impact of the first senior Cricket World Cup to be played in the USA, maximising the opportunity to grow the game and attract new fans.

## A milestone for US cricket

There were an estimated 30 million cricket fans in the USA in 2024, and the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 was set to make many more. With cricket confirmed to make its Olympic debut at Los Angeles 2028, there's never been a better time to maximise cricket's reach in the USA.

Three of the nine host venues for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 venues were located in the country, included the purpose-built Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in Long Island, New York. The 34,000-seater modular stadium's modular design



Liam Plunkett and Dwayne Bravo started the countdown in New York's Times Square

was the first of its kind for an international cricket ground, and the venue was confirmed in 2024 to host eight matches – including the highly anticipated clash between India and Pakistan. Ahead of the opening game, tournament ambassador Usain Bolt was joined by cricketing legends and Team USA sports stars for a first look at the new stadium.

## Spreading the word

A number of ICC marketing initiatives helped to build anticipation and attract new audiences ahead of the World Cup.

The public ticket ballot for the event went live on 1 February 2024, and saw unprecedented demand. During the seven-day ballot, the ICC received

over three million ticket applications from more than 161 countries – with the India v Pakistan fixture in New York oversubscribed more than 200 times.

Then on 22 February 2024, with 100 days to go until the start of the tournament, the ICC launched its 'Out of this World' campaign. Giant cricket balls landed at locations in nine host cities – including



**Yuvraj Singh took the trophy to Miami**

in Times Square in New York, where stars Dwayne Bravo and Liam Plunkett joined fans for a launch ceremony; and in Bridgetown, Barbados, where Tournament Ambassador Chris Gayle took part in a spectacular street parade.

An official 'Out of this World' campaign film was launched, featuring various T20 players, as well as the official tournament anthem, sung by global music stars Sean Paul and Kes. The 100-days-to-go landmark also saw the remaining tickets go on general sale.

### A global occasion

A ceremony was held at the Empire State Building in New York on 19 March 2024, where Chris Gayle and USA's Ali Khan lit up the famous

building to mark the launch of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 Trophy Tour. The tour went on to visit 15 countries across four continents, including emerging cricketing nations such as Argentina, Brazil and Canada – providing a chance for fans to catch a glimpse of the biggest trophy in T20 cricket.

The ICC partnered with other sports to help promote the tournament. Yuvraj Singh took the trophy on a walk of the Formula 1 Miami Grand Prix racetrack, before it was lined up alongside the National Basketball Association (NBA) Larry O'Brien Trophy and the Miami Grand Prix Trophy. A video collaboration between the ICC and the NBA featuring India captain Rohit Sharma then went viral, attracting more than 40 million views.



**ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 Global Ambassadors**

**Usain Bolt**  
Eight-time Olympic gold medallist  
11-time world champion  
Men's 100m and 200m world record-holder

**Chris Gayle**  
Most capped West Indies cricketer  
Two-time ICC Men's T20 World Cup winner  
Scored the first ever T20I century

**Yuvraj Singh**  
Enjoyed a 17-year international career for India  
Won the ICC triple crown: the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, ICC Men's T20 World Cup and the ICC Champions Trophy

**Shahid Afridi**  
Former Pakistan captain  
Player of the Tournament at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2007 – and then won the tournament in 2009

## COMMERCIAL

The continued appeal and growing reach of cricket was reflected in partnership extensions, new agreements and the start of a new broadcast rights cycle – supporting the ICC's mission to deliver for existing cricket lovers and attract new fans to the sport.



### Enhancing ICC coverage

The ICC produced live coverage for all matches at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in India. The event was followed by millions, setting new benchmarks for engagement and viewership and becoming the biggest ICC Cricket World Cup ever. Highlights were also available on ICC digital channels.

### A new era of cricket broadcasting

The ICC signed multiple broadcasting rights deals as part of the 2024–2031 rights cycle – following the deals signed in 2022/23, including Disney Star in India, Sky Sports in the UK, SuperSport in Sub-Saharan Africa and Willow in the USA. These high-profile agreements promise to bring the game to new audiences – while also ensuring fans across the world can continue to watch cricket on premium platforms.

### Caribbean & Latin America

ESPN will broadcast all 12 men's ICC events and all four U19 men's events between now and 2031 to 51 territories across the Caribbean and Latin America

through a mix of TV channels and digital platforms. The partnership also includes all four women's ICC events and two U19 women's events until the end of 2027.

### Asia

Multiple deals were agreed for rights in Asia up until the end of 2025:

- **MTV Channel (Private) Limited** has secured the Sri Lankan rights for all ICC competitions, which will be accessible via free-to-air TV and online.

- **The Pakistan Television Corporation** and **Tower Sports** have been awarded non-exclusive TV and digital rights to bring six ICC global events to fans in Pakistan.

The ICC made plans during 2023/24 to enhance coverage of the sport during the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, which got underway on 1 June 2024. ICC TV coverage was set to feature the first use in cricket of an AI-powered vertical feed, optimised for mobile viewing. Other planned enhancements included the use of aerial cabled camera Spidercam (pictured above), drone and buggy camera, Hawk-Eye ball tracking and analysis, player tracking, AI-powered virtual field models and other new initiatives.



The ICC's broadcasting and media rights agreements are bringing the sport to fans all over the world

- **Nagorik TV and Banglalink** respectively won the TV and online rights to broadcast those same six ICC global events in Bangladesh.

#### Australia

**Amazon's Prime Video** will be the home of ICC cricket until the end of 2027 – offering a total of 448 live games at no extra cost to Prime members.

#### New Zealand

**Sky** will be the home of all ICC men's and women's events until the end of 2028 following a five-year deal. Sky

Sport will also show the *No Boundaries* review show after all New Zealand's senior men's team matches.

#### Middle East & North Africa

**vision** signed a four-year exclusive agreement to bring the world's best cricket to its subscribers – covering the next four years of ICC men's and women's events.

#### UK & Republic of Ireland

The **BBC** was announced as the audio rights partner for 2024–27 for the UK and the Republic of Ireland. It will also

provide high-quality live commentary of all major ICC events through the Audio World Feed, accessible to fans globally via the ICC's digital platforms.

### Empowering partnerships

The year saw a number of ICC partners extend their agreements and other new partners come on board – testament to the increasing visibility and popularity of cricket worldwide.

- **Emirates** the ICC announced a new eight-year agreement in 2024, extending a decades-long partnership

to cover 28 ICC events through to 2031. The expanded partnership will see Emirates deliver new content for fans, including fielding highlights from each ICC World Cup and in-flight cricket content.

- **Aramco** and the ICC also extended their global partnership following a successful initial 18 months. Aramco will continue as an ICC Premier Partner for all ICC men's, women's and U19 events to 2027 – continuing to boost engagement with fans worldwide through initiatives such as the Aramco Player of the Match and Tournament Awards.



• **DP World** announced as an ICC Premier Partner ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, upgrading to the top tier of the portfolio following a successful opening period of the partnership. DP World helped facilitate the transport of grass pitches for the tournament – and a key element of the new partnership will be the Beyond Boundaries Initiative, which provides equipment to grassroots clubs.

- **Coca-Cola** demonstrated their commitment to cricket in December 2023 with an eight-year extension

and expansion of their global partnership, which now covers all men's and women's events to 2031.

- **IndusInd Bank** signed on as an ICC Global Partner in 2023, starting their partnership for ICC men's global events by providing fans at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 with unique matchday experiences.

- **Mastercard** became an ICC Global Partner for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, offering cardholders merchandise deals and an exclusive ticket pre-sale window.

# GROW



The ICC and UNICEF  
renewed their  
partnership in 2024



# DEVELOPMENT

Increasing participation and developing expertise are crucial to growing cricket across the world.



The Netherlands stunned South Africa at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

## criiio continues to grow

criiio, the ICC's flagship participation programme, continued introducing people to the sport during 2023/24. Highlights included:

- **Nigeria and Rwanda** saw significant increases in junior participation, with more than 15,000 children engaged through a plan to reach remote areas and improve female participation.
- **Mongolia** now presents criiio activities that are regularly enjoyed by more than 400 young people.
- **Qatar** introduced 1,220 students to criiio – nearly half of them female.
- **Italy** saw criiio equipment distributed to more than 100 schools.
- **Germany** hosts regular U12 criiio festivals, with 40+ facilitators trained in criiio.

Argentina, Brazil and Mexico have also all developed processes to produce their own criiio equipment – and in Mexico, 2023/24 also saw the inclusion of criiio on the curricula of two universities and the launch of a Cricket 4 Good programme in women's prisons in Mexico City.

Development funding from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has allowed the ICC to customise criiio to different countries, such as through branding and translation. This bespoke approach has increased junior and female participation, and has also improved the outcomes of community programmes. In tandem, the ICC is continuing to use its central equipment support budget to help Members launch or grow their own youth participation programmes – everywhere from Serbia to Peru. Another highlight in 2023/24 was the launch of Criiio 4 Good – for which see page 74.

## Streaming cricket to the world

The live streaming of pathway event matches on ICC.tv continued to play a key role in engaging global fans in cricket. Going forward, ICC major events will also be streamed on ICC.tv in certain territories in Europe and southeast Asia, providing fans with further opportunities to watch cricket.



pathway event matches streamed between July 2023 and May 2024



views



unique viewers



## Training and education

The ICC's training and education initiatives remain vital to developing cricket globally. Nearly 19,000 new users from across 140 nations registered for the ICC Training and Education platform between June 2023 and May 2024, with a total of 12,758 online or hybrid courses completed during the same period.

One such initiative is the ICC's new Umpire Foundation Certificate course, which launched in July 2023 and was completed by more than 5,000 people in its first 10 months. It was followed in February 2024 by the launch of the more advanced Umpire Level 1 Course, encompassing an in-person assessment from a certified tutor, completed by 273 people in its first 100 days. Reinforcing our commitment to building Member self-sustainability in the delivery of ICC Training and Education courses, we have now trained over 450 Coach and Umpire Tutors from 101 countries.

Training and education programmes are now being delivered at Member board level, further helping to increase the impact of cricket education globally. Some 35 in-person courses were completed in the last 12 months, benefitting more than 700 people.

## Female participation

The ICC has developed a new female-specific soft-ball participation product, which will be piloted in 2024 among 11 Members. Learnings will then help shape the roll-out to the wider membership.

The ICC is also working with Members on their own programmes to grow female participation – such as Oman Cricket's 'Cricket 4 Her' and the Belgium Cricket Federation's 'Soft Box Cricket'.

## Empowering female leadership

The third edition of the ICC's 100% Cricket Future Leaders Programme drew to a successful conclusion in 2024. See page 76.

Another highlight of the year was the first 100% Cricket Female Leaders' Summit, held by ICC Europe in October 2023. Some 15 women – including the CEOs of Associate Members such as Finland, Greece and the Netherlands – came together at Lord's to share their experiences and expertise. The Summit followed on the heels of a special Leadership Day held in September by ICC East Asia Pacific at the ICC Women's

T20 World Cup Qualifier, where squads received training from experts on several key topics specific to the growth of the women's game.

## A year of breakthroughs

A number of ICC Associate Members made headlines on the international stage across the year.

The Netherlands made it to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, beating West Indies in the Qualifier, then recorded victories over Bangladesh and South Africa in the tournament.

The ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 was set to feature more Associate Members than any previous ICC World Cup – including debutants Uganda and the USA, who announced their potential with a 2-1 series victory over Bangladesh in May 2024, their first T20I series victory over an ICC Full Member.

In the women's game, Samoa qualified for the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025 in May, becoming the first Samoan team to reach an ICC World Cup – while Scotland's victory over Ireland secured their place at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024, another first.



# INITIATIVES

New mascots and branding launched during 2023/24 exemplify the ICC's efforts to ensure cricket's appeal continues to grow – while the organisation's partnership with UNICEF is leveraging the power of the sport to bring about positive change.

## ICC and UNICEF extend partnership

The ICC and UNICEF, the United Nations' Children's Fund, announced an extension of their successful partnership in May 2024.

The collaboration will continue until at least 2027, focused on helping accelerate gender equality by empowering women and girls through cricket. The ICC and UNICEF plan to work together to encourage participation in cricket and to help effect positive

social change across the world. The new agreement builds on the organisations' successful eight-year partnership, which in 2023/24 included the launch of the Criollo 4 Good programme and a 'One Day 4 Children' event at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.



#### Criio 4 Good

The ICC and UNICEF teamed up with the Indian Ministry of Education and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in September to launch a new educational programme – Criio 4 Good.

Criio 4 Good comprises eight online modules, each focusing on a different life skill and each promoting gender equality. The modules feature animated videos that put across their messages through the power of cricketing examples, and are available free of charge in English, Hindi and Gujarati.

The programme was kick-started by Smriti Mandhana, vice-captain of the Indian women's team, who delivered the first modules to more than 1,000

schoolchildren at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, venue of the opening game of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023. The ICC will engage over 1.5 million schools across India through the programme with the help of the Indian Ministry of Education, building on the legacy left by the event.

#### One Day 4 Children

The ICC, UNICEF, the BCCI and Sri Lanka Cricket again utilised the global platform of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 by presenting a 'One Day 4 Children' event on 2 November 2023, when Sri Lanka took on India at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

The sell-out crowd took part in a moving stand of solidarity, wearing

**"The ICC is a powerful ally in UNICEF's efforts to advance gender equality. It is especially exciting to see the ICC's rapid development of women's cricket tournaments, which will result in more powerful women role models in the world of sports."**

**Catherine Russell**  
UNICEF Executive Director



One Day 4 Children took place in Mumbai



Australia (above) and South Africa (left) led Cricket 4 Good clinics in India

LED wristbands that contributed to a stadium-wide light show to amplify the message behind the day: building a better world for girls and boys and promoting gender equality. Fans were encouraged to donate to UNICEF, with ICC partners contributing donations.

#### A World Cup makeover

The ICC unveiled a new visual identity for the ICC Men's and Women's T20 World Cups in 2023, with the new branding used for the first time for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

The new ICC T20 World Cup logo seeks to embody the relentless pace and energy that defines T20I cricket. The T20 lettering takes the shape of a swinging bat, with a surrounding dynamic zig-zag

pattern representing a cricket ball. The logo will be updated for each World Cup to include elements inspired by the host country, giving each edition its own distinct look and feel.

#### New ICC anthem

The ICC unveiled a new part of its brand identity in May 2024 – the ICC anthem. Written and produced by the Grammy Award-winning composer Lorne Balfe, the anthem was recorded at the iconic Abbey Road Studios in London.

The unique score celebrates the spirit of cricket, reinforcing the ICC's identify and acting as a recognisable and inspiring part of the cricket experience. It will now be heard at all ICC matches across the world.



#### 1.5m schools

Criio 4 Good programme to reach 1.5 million schools across India

**"The goal was to echo the spirit of every boundary crossed and wicket taken in this wonderful sport."**

**Lorne Balfe**  
ICC anthem composer

#### Blaze and Tonk make an entrance

The ICC's new mascot duo made their debuts at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023. The perpetual mascot programme means Blaze and Tonk will make appearances at all major ICC events, men's and women's, engaging and entertaining younger fans.

Blaze, the fast-bowling female mascot, represents speed and strength, and is equipped with lightning-quick fireballs. Tonk, meanwhile, is a power-hitting male mascot with an electrifying range of shots. Their names chosen by fans, Blaze and Tonk represent the diversity, energy and passion of the global cricketing community, and will delight fans for many World Cups to come.



# 100% CRICKET

The ICC's flagship campaign to increase the visibility of women's cricket, promote gender equity and support women in cricket celebrated another successful 12 months.

100% Cricket is the ICC's campaign to promote women's cricket. As part of their partnership renewal with the ICC, Emirates have committed to supporting a number of 100% Cricket initiatives.

## 100% Cricket Future Leaders Programme

The third edition of the 100% Cricket Future Leaders Programme came to an end in February 2024, with the 25 participants – pictured opposite – ready to make their mark in cricket. The programme pairs aspiring women

with mentors that support their development, with the aim of growing the number of women in leadership positions in global cricket. The fourth edition will focus on administration and coaching, addressing the low numbers of female leaders in these areas.

## 100% Cricket online

Following the success of the 100% Cricket Superstars series highlighting leading players under 28, the ICC has commissioned further content to promote the world's best female players:

- **100% Cricket Superstars** now includes interview features with the players in the original 100% Cricket Superstars series. A total of 23 videos will be delivered over the next two years – the first two having garnered more than 1 million Instagram views.

- **100% Cricket Icons** will profile the leading female cricketers in the sport, with 12 videos over the next year.

- **100% Cricket Heroes** will highlight women who contribute to cricket off the field, with 12 videos due to be produced over the next 12 months.



## International Women's Day

The ICC teamed up this year with the international federations governing the four other sports joining the Olympic programme for the Los Angeles 2028 Games – baseball/softball, flag

football, lacrosse and squash – to create an inspirational video marking International Women's Day (8 March). Featuring Indian vice-captain Smriti Mandhana as cricket's representative, the video garnered 8.1 million views on Instagram.

## 100% Cricket on LinkedIn

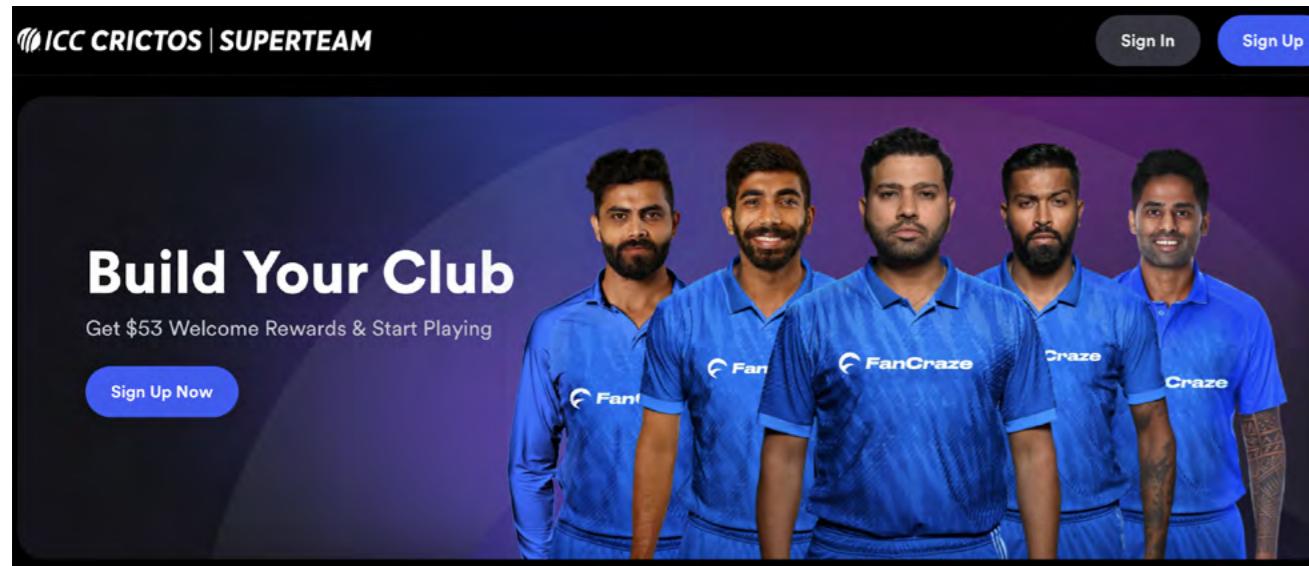
The ICC has re-engaged the 100% Cricket LinkedIn group, growing an online women's cricket community. Membership has more than quadrupled in eight months, from 344 to over 1,600.



to assist Members in running their own education sessions. Health education continues to be a focus at ICC women's events. Menstrual health education sessions feature at all ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup pathway events in 2024, and will also feature at the tournament itself in 2025. While the focus for women's health in 2023 was on educating players, the focus in 2024 is on providing coaches with resources to support female players. At the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 Qualifier, for instance, the ICC held a session for the benefit of coaches and staff. The session was attended by more than 50 staff across the 10 teams and received strong positive feedback. This consultation process will continue at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024.

**Continued focus on women's health**

The ICC organised its first women's health webinar in August 2023. 'Menstruation and Performance' was attended by more than 80 attendees around the world, the majority from ICC Members, and is available on the ICC's 100% Cricket website. The ICC has also developed a free-to-download menstrual health information sheet, designed



## DIGITAL

The ICC continued its efforts to improve the digital coverage of cricket's major events – inviting new generations of fans to engage with the sport in the ways that suit their lifestyles while recording the most video views on ICC platforms ever.

### Evolving content with the latest technology

The build-up to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 heralded the launch of a new partnership aimed at enhancing how fans are able to interact with ICC competitions.

NEAR Foundation, a Swiss-based non-profit organisation, became the ICC's Official Blockchain Partner, leveraging its Web3 ecosystem to deepen engagement. A new app launched for the event offered fans

new levels of engagement through strategy prediction games, where the action on the field determined their scores and rewards. Since then, the ICC's partnership with the NEAR Foundation has continued to harness Web3 and blockchain technology to develop innovative ways to engage with cricket – such as the ICC Fan Passport, which launched ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. Through the Fan Passport, fans can take part in challenges and earn rewards, from WhatsApp stickers to an all-expenses-paid trip to an ICC final.

The launch in 2022 of Crichtos, digital collectables created by FanCraze, previously highlighted the benefits for the ICC of embracing new developments in the digital world. Building on the success of Crichtos, the ICC and FanCraze announced a multi-year partnership extension in May 2024 – with the first milestone being the launch of the ICC Crichtos SuperTeam Web3 fantasy game ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. Fans don't only get the chance to win exciting rewards through the game – they can also test their



### Stump camera takes the crown

The second edition of the Nium Next In Hackathon took place in 2023, inviting teams around the world to submit their ideas for how to revolutionise cricket.

More than 22,000 entries from across 119 countries were received, double the number of registrations from the first edition – and of the seven teams shortlisted to present their ideas at an event at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, the winner was StumpEye, a pioneering wireless stump camera. StumpEye has the potential to provide batting and bowling analysis, as well as allowing grassroots cricket to easily benefit from Decision Review System (DRS) technology.



cricket knowledge and compete with others around the world.

May 2024 saw the ICC roll out a range of innovations for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, helping to boost the reach of the tournament. ICC.tv was set to offer direct-to-fan streaming for the first time in 83 territories, providing access to highlights and additional content on top of live-streamed matches. Live radio commentary of every game was also set to be available through the ICC website and app.

The ICC also launched a new dedicated website for the tournament – t20worldcup.com – alongside a mobile app. The new platforms utilise AI-produced video content to take the action straight to the fans, alongside live scores, highlights and other event information.

# PROTECT



Associate Member  
Oman enjoyed an  
outstanding year in  
T20I and ODI cricket



## GOVERNANCE

Two significant announcements made at the ICC Annual Conference 2023 marked fundamental changes to the financial landscape of international cricket that will help to drive the growth of the game.

### Historic move to equal prize money

The ICC announced in July 2023 that equal prize money would be offered for all future men's and women's ICC events.

The change comes well ahead of schedule, with the ICC having previously committed to achieving prize money equity by 2030. Teams will now receive equal prize money for finishing in equivalent positions at comparable events, and will also now receive the same amount for winning a match at those events.

"This is a significant moment in the history of our sport, and I am delighted that men's and women's cricketers competing at ICC global events will now be rewarded equally," said ICC Chair Greg Barclay.

It's the latest step in consistent increases in the prize money on offer for ICC women's events. The winners of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 received USD 1 million in prize money, for instance, five times the amount offered in 2018; while the USD 3.5 million awarded to the winners of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 represented an increase of USD 1.5 million on the 2017 edition.

"Since 2017, we have increased prize money at women's events every year with a clear focus on reaching equal prize money," said Barclay. "From here on in, winning the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup will carry the same prize money as winning the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup – and the same for T20 and U19 World Cups too."

### Largest-ever investment cycle agreed

The ICC Board also confirmed the financial distribution model for the next four years, representing unprecedented levels of investment into cricket. Each

ICC Member will receive significantly enhanced base-level funding, while there will also be a ring-fenced strategic investment fund dedicated to supporting growth initiatives in line with the ICC's Global Growth Strategy.

"The success of our media rights and commercial programme for our next four-year cycle means we are able to invest more money than ever before into our sport," explained Barclay. "This is by far the largest level of investment ever to go into cricket. It's a once-in-a-generation opportunity for our Members to accelerate growth and engage more players and fans and drive competitiveness."



## ICC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Greg Barclay       | Independent Chair                         |
| Geoff Allardice    | Chief Executive                           |
| Indra Nooyi        | Independent Director                      |
| Mirwais Ashraf     | Full Member Director, Afghanistan*        |
| Mike Baird         | Full Member Director, Australia*          |
| Nazmul Hassan      | Full Member Director, Bangladesh*         |
| Richard Thompson   | Full Member Director, England & Wales*    |
| Jay Shah           | Full Member Director, India*              |
| Brian MacNeice     | Full Member Director, Ireland*            |
| Roger Twose        | Full Member Director, New Zealand*        |
| Mohsin Naqvi       | Full Member Director, Pakistan*           |
| Lawson Naidoo      | Full Member Director, South Africa*       |
| Shammi Silva       | Full Member Director, Sri Lanka*          |
| Dr Kishore Shallow | Full Member Director, West Indies*        |
| Tavengwa Mukuhlani | Full Member Director, Zimbabwe*           |
| Imran Khwaja       | Associate Member Director+, Deputy Chair+ |
| Pankaj Khimji      | Associate Member Director+                |
| Neil Speight       | Associate Member Director+                |

\* Full Member Directors are appointed by the National Cricket Federation in their respective country.

+ The three Associate Member Directors are elected for a two-year term by the Associate Members at the Annual Meeting of the Associates (current terms end in July 2024).

### The following individuals also served as Directors during the 2023 to 2024 period:

| DIRECTOR       | DESIGNATION                        | DEPARTURE     |
|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Najam Sethi    | Full Member Director, Pakistan*    | June 2023     |
| Ross McCollum  | Full Member Director, Ireland*     | December 2023 |
| Martin Snedden | Full Member Director, New Zealand* | December 2023 |
| Zaka Ashraf    | Full Member Director, Pakistan*    | January 2024  |



### Sri Lanka Cricket ban lifted

The ICC Board suspended Sri Lanka Cricket's (SLC) ICC membership in November 2023 as a result of SLC breaching its obligations as a Member, in particular in relation to ensuring no government involvement in its governance, regulation or administration. On 28 January 2024 the ban was lifted with immediate effect, with the Board satisfied that SLC were no longer in breach of those obligations.



## ICC CHIEF EXECUTIVES' COMMITTEE

| CHAIR                       |                                      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Geoff Allardice             | CEO, ICC                             |
| FULL MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES |                                      |
| Naseeb Khan                 | Afghanistan                          |
| Nick Hockley                | Australia                            |
| Nizamuddin Chowdhury        | Bangladesh                           |
| Richard Gould               | England & Wales                      |
| Arun Singh Dhumal           | India                                |
| Warren Deutrom              | Ireland                              |
| Scott Weenink               | New Zealand                          |
| Salman Naseer               | Pakistan                             |
| Pholetsi Moseki             | South Africa                         |
| Ashley de Silva             | Sri Lanka                            |
| Jonathan Grave              | West Indies                          |
| Givemore Makoni             | Zimbabwe                             |
| EX OFFICIO                  |                                      |
| Greg Barclay                | Chair, ICC                           |
| Sourav Ganguly              | Chair, ICC Men's Cricket Committee   |
| Clare Connor                | Chair, ICC Women's Cricket Committee |

**The following individuals also served as Committee Members during the 2023 to 2024 period:**

| COMMITTEE MEMBER | DESIGNATION                     |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| David White      | New Zealand Representative      |
| Sumod Damodar    | Associate Member Representative |

## ICC MEMBERS

### FULL MEMBERS 12

|             |                 |         |             |              |             |
|-------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Afghanistan | Bangladesh      | India   | New Zealand | South Africa | West Indies |
| Australia   | England & Wales | Ireland | Pakistan    | Sri Lanka    | Zimbabwe    |

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 96

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

# INTEGRITY

The ICC Integrity Unit continues to protect cricket – guarding against corruption, fighting against doping and educating participants at all levels about safeguarding our sport.

## Anti-Corruption Unit

The ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) remains committed to preventing, disrupting, investigating and prosecuting corruption in cricket, and protecting the game at all levels. The ACU initiated 143 investigations across a broad spectrum of incidents during 2023/24, and 74 investigations were ongoing as of 31 May 2024.

Charges were filed in September 2023 against eight individuals under the Emirates Cricket Board Anti-Corruption Code in relation to the Abu Dhabi T10 2021: Krishan Kumar Chaudhary, Parag Sanghvi, Ashar Zaidi, Rizwan Javed, Saliya Saman, Sunny Dhillon, Nasir Hossain and Shadab Ahmed. Nasir Hossain accepted the charges and was banned for two years (six months suspended) in January 2024, while Rizwan Javed was banned for 17.5 years in February 2024.

Two further cases concluded in 2023/24:

- In August 2023, the ICC banned Marlon Samuels (West Indies) for six years after he was found guilty of four offences under the Emirates Cricket Board Anti-Corruption Code in relation to the Abu Dhabi T10 2019.
- In April 2024, the ICC banned Devon Thomas (West Indies) for five years (18 months suspended) after he accepted seven breaches of the

Anti-Corruption Codes of Sri Lanka Cricket, the Emirates Cricket Board and the Caribbean Premier League.

The ICC also imposed an indefinite Exclusion Order on Kris Shah (aka Kris LT Shah, Laxmichand, Kaushal, Karan, Sanjay and Sachin) from 16 April 2024. Shah has been involved in various attempts to solicit cricketers to engage in corrupt conduct in return for payment, posing a genuine threat to the integrity of the sport.

The ACU continues to work with law enforcement globally, using its powers

to prevent and disrupt individuals who threaten the sport. Partnerships with other sports integrity units have been further enhanced through exchanges of current trends and best practice.

Education remains vital to protecting cricket and preventing corruption, not least the key message that the sport's integrity is everyone's responsibility. The ICC Global Development Team continues to proactively support efforts in their respective regions, including the provision of education at ICC Pathway events and the promotion of key reporting mechanisms.



## EVENTS COVERED BY THE ICC ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>ICC World Test Championship Final 2023, UK</b>                      | 7-11 Jun 2023        |
| <b>ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Qualifier, Zimbabwe</b>            | 18 Jun - 9 Jul 2023  |
| <b>ICC Men's T20 World Cup Asia B Sub-Regional Qualifier, Malaysia</b> | 26 Jul - 1 Aug 2023  |
| <b>ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 Asia Qualifier, Malaysia</b>         | 31 Aug - 9 Sep 2023  |
| <b>ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, India</b>                         | 5 Oct - 19 Nov 2023  |
| <b>ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 Asia Qualifier, Nepal</b>              | 30 Oct - 5 Nov 2023  |
| <b>ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifier, Namibia</b>               | 22-30 Nov 2023       |
| <b>ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024, South Africa</b>              | 19 Jan - 11 Feb 2024 |
| <b>ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, Nepal &amp; UAE</b>           | 15 Feb - 9 Mar 2024  |
| <b>ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League Play-Off, Malaysia</b> | 22 Feb - 3 Mar 2024  |
| <b>ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 Qualifier, UAE</b>                   | 25 Apr - 7 May 2024  |

## ACC TOURNAMENTS

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| <b>ACC Women's Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2023, Hong Kong, China</b> | 12-21 Jun 2023       |
| <b>ACC Asia Cup 2023, Pakistan &amp; Sri Lanka</b>                | 30 Aug - 17 Sep 2023 |
| <b>ACC Men's Premier Cup 2024, Oman</b>                           | 12-21 Apr 2024       |

## CONTRACTED DOMESTIC LEAGUES

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| <b>Global T20 Canada 2023, Canada</b>       | 20 Jul - 6 Aug 2023  |
| <b>Zim Afro T10 League 2023, Zimbabwe</b>   | 21-29 Jul 2023       |
| <b>Lanka Premier League 2023, Sri Lanka</b> | 30 Jul - 20 Aug 2023 |
| <b>Abu Dhabi T10 League 2023, UAE</b>       | 28 Nov - 9 Dec 2023  |
| <b>International League T20 2024, UAE</b>   | 19 Jan - 17 Feb 2024 |

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>African Games 2023, Ghana</b> | 8-23 Mar 2024 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|

The ACU provided awareness and support at 56 Tests, 125 ODIs, 202 T20Is, 12 ICC tournaments, five other international tournaments and five domestic franchise leagues in 2023/24.

Anyone with information about corruption in cricket should contact the ICC ACU Hotline on +971 56 545 8909 or [contactACU@icc-cricket.com](mailto:contactACU@icc-cricket.com).

## Anti-Doping

The ICC's drug testing programme collected and analysed 443 samples in 2023/24, of which 319 (72%) were out-of-competition tests and 124 (28%) were in-competition matchday tests. This included tests conducted at the

ICC World Test Championship Final 2023, the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2023 Qualifier, the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 and the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 Qualifier, and pre-competition tests at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) audited the ICC's anti-doping programme to assess its compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards. The ICC is pleased to report it has addressed all corrective actions identified in the audit.

The ICC's anti-doping education programme continues to support and empower players worldwide, delivering



anti-doping education to almost 1,000 players and support staff in 2023/24.

There were two anti-doping rule violations in the last year:

- Vaibhav Sharma (New Zealand) was suspended for 48 months for possession and use or attempted use of anabolic androgenic steroids (nandrolone, testosterone, trenbolone and clenbuterol).
- Chris Wright (England) was suspended for nine months for the presence and use or attempted use of an anabolic androgenic steroid (ostarine).

## Security and safeguarding

The ICC continues to ensure the welfare of everyone involved in ICC events – guided by the ICC's comprehensive Safeguarding Regulations, freely available on the ICC website.

The ICC advertises its secure safeguarding reporting line through wide-ranging communication strategies, including posters, advisory notes, tournament handbooks and staff handbooks – working closely, where relevant, with local organising committees. The ICC also provides advice to ICC Member Boards to support them in developing similar protections and processes.

# THE STARS OF 2023

Pat Cummins and Nat Sciver-Brunt picked up the top honours at the ICC Awards 2023, recognised for their outstanding achievements during the calendar year – alongside 11 other award winners and the five ICC Teams of the Year.



**Nat Sciver-Brunt** picked up the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year award for the second year running, and the England all-rounder's consistent success with both ball and bat also saw her nominated in the ODI category. Sciver-Brunt is just the third woman

to have won the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy twice, and the first to do so in consecutive years.

**Pat Cummins** won the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year award, becoming the fifth Australian to receive the

"It feels pretty special. I wasn't expecting it as I was coming up against some players that have done so well in 2023. I'm really pleased and pretty proud."

**Nat Sciver-Brunt**  
ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year

Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy. Cummins' phenomenal year included leading his side to silverware in both the ICC World Test Championship Final and the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, as well as retaining the Ashes in England.

## Top performers crowned

**Usman Khawaja**, Cummins' teammate, was named ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year following 12 months in which he scored 1,210 runs at an average of 52.60.

**Virat Kohli** and **Chamari Athapaththu** won the ICC Men's and Women's



"It has been a big year, lots of wonderful team success. To get this individual honour is huge and I am pretty amazed. In terms of individual accolades, it is right up there."

**Pat Cummins**  
ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year

ODI Cricketer of the Year Awards. Kohli's fourth ODI Award followed a year that brought 1,377 runs, six tons – and the record for most ODI centuries, passing fellow Indian legend Sachin Tendulkar. Athapaththu, meanwhile, became the first female Sri Lankan to win an ICC Award after scoring 415 runs in eight matches.

**Hayley Matthews** and **Suryakumar Yadav** were honoured with the ICC Women's and Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year Awards. Matthews, the West Indies captain, ended the year as the format's leading female run-scorer with an even 700. Yadav, meanwhile, won the award for the second year running

after a year in which he made 733 runs at an average of 48.86 and a strike rate of 155.95.

**Rachin Ravindra**, the New Zealand all-rounder, and **Phoebe Litchfield**, the Australian left-hander were named the ICC Men's and Women's Emerging Cricketers of the Year respectively; while Kenya's **Queentor Abel** and **Bas de Leede** of the Netherlands won the ICC Women's and Men's Associate Cricketers of the Year Awards.

**Richard Illingworth** was recognised with the ICC Umpire of the Year award for the third time, while **Zimbabwe Cricket** were announced as the winners

of the ICC Spirit of Cricket award for the sportsmanship their players displayed following victory over the West Indies at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Qualifier in June.

Award winners were determined by votes from the ICC Voting Academy – an independent panel made up of prominent media representatives – and hundreds of thousands of cricket fans from around the world, who submitted their choices throughout January.

Alongside the individual awards, men's and women's players representing 11 international teams made up the five 2023 ICC Teams of the Year.

## ICC WOMEN'S ODI TEAM OF THE YEAR

1. **Phoebe Litchfield** Australia
2. **Chamari Athapaththu** Sri Lanka (capt)
3. **Ellyse Perry** Australia
4. **Amelia Kerr** New Zealand
5. **Beth Mooney** Australia (wk)
6. **Nat Sciver-Brunt** England
7. **Ashleigh Gardner** Australia
8. **Annabel Sutherland** Australia
9. **Nadine de Klerk** South Africa
10. **Lea Tahuhu** New Zealand
11. **Nahida Akter** Bangladesh



## ICC MEN'S ODI TEAM OF THE YEAR

1. **Rohit Sharma** India (capt)
2. **Shubman Gill** India
3. **Travis Head** Australia
4. **Virat Kohli** India
5. **Daryl Mitchell** New Zealand
6. **Heinrich Klaasen** South Africa (wk)
7. **Marco Jansen** South Africa
8. **Adam Zampa** Australia
9. **Mohammed Siraj** India
10. **Kuldeep Yadav** India
11. **Mohammed Shami** India

## ICC WOMEN'S T20I TEAM OF THE YEAR

1. **Chamari Athapaththu** Sri Lanka (capt)
2. **Beth Mooney** Australia (wk)
3. **Laura Wolvaardt** South Africa
4. **Hayley Matthews** West Indies
5. **Nat Sciver-Brunt** England
6. **Amelia Kerr** New Zealand
7. **Ellyse Perry** Australia
8. **Ashleigh Gardner** Australia
9. **Deepti Sharma** India
10. **Sophie Ecclestone** England
11. **Megan Schutt** Australia

## ICC MEN'S T20I TEAM OF THE YEAR

1. **Yashasvi Jaiswal** India
2. **Phil Salt** England
3. **Nicholas Pooran** West Indies (wk)
4. **Suryakumar Yadav** India (capt)
5. **Mark Chapman** New Zealand
6. **Sikandar Raza** Zimbabwe
7. **Alpesh Ramjani** Uganda
8. **Mark Adair** Ireland
9. **Ravi Bishnoi** India
10. **Richard Ngarava** Zimbabwe
11. **Arshdeep Singh** India



## ICC MEN'S TEST TEAM OF THE YEAR

1. **Usman Khawaja** Australia
2. **Dimuth Karunaratne** Sri Lanka
3. **Kane Williamson** New Zealand
4. **Joe Root** England
5. **Travis Head** Australia
6. **Ravindra Jadeja** India
7. **Alex Carey** Australia (wk)
8. **Pat Cummins** Australia (capt)
9. **R Ashwin** India
10. **Mitchell Starc** Australia
11. **Stuart Broad** England



## ICC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

|                | Men                                | Women                                |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| June 2023      | <b>Wanindu Hasaranga</b> Sri Lanka | <b>Ashleigh Gardner</b> Australia    |
| July 2023      | <b>Chris Woakes</b> England        | <b>Ashleigh Gardner</b> Australia    |
| August 2023    | <b>Babar Azam</b> Pakistan         | <b>Arlene Kelly</b> Ireland          |
| September 2023 | <b>Shubman Gill</b> India          | <b>Chamari Athapaththu</b> Sri Lanka |
| October 2023   | <b>Rachin Ravindra</b> New Zealand | <b>Hayley Matthews</b> West Indies   |
| November 2023  | <b>Travis Head</b> Australia       | <b>Nahida Akter</b> Bangladesh       |
| December 2023  | <b>Pat Cummins</b> Australia       | <b>Deepti Sharma</b> India           |
| January 2024   | <b>Shamar Joseph</b> West Indies   | <b>Amy Hunter</b> Ireland            |
| February 2024  | <b>Yashasvi Jaiswal</b> India      | <b>Annabel Sutherland</b> Australia  |
| March 2024     | <b>Kamindu Mendis</b> Sri Lanka    | <b>Maia Bouchier</b> England         |
| April 2024     | <b>Muhammad Waseem</b> UAE         | <b>Hayley Matthews</b> West Indies   |
| May 2024       | <b>Gudakesh Motie</b> West Indies  | <b>Chamari Athapaththu</b> Sri Lanka |



# ICC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

21 Associate Members were honoured for their work towards growing the game of cricket on and off the field in 2023.

The ICC's Development Awards recognise the contributions of the ICC's Associate Member nations to growing and strengthening cricket worldwide.

The regional winners for the 2023 edition were announced in April 2024, with 21 nations spanning all corners

## ICC Development Initiative of the Year

**Africa** Nigeria Cricket Federation, for providing competitive playing opportunities for boys and girls through their U17 Cricket Championship

**Americas** Mexico Cricket Association, for their innovative programme bringing cricket to Mexico City prisons

**Asia** Qatar Cricket Association, for building participation through criilo and other national projects

**East Asia Pacific** Cricket PNG, for their Malolo Cricket initiative for 12- to 18-year-olds

**Europe** Federazione Cricket Italiana, for their 'Now Let's Play Together!' scheme introducing cricket to schools (pictured)



**ICC Associate Member Women's Performance of the Year**  
**Africa** Sierra Leone, for their performances in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 qualification pathway (pictured)

**Americas** Argentina, for their record-breaking feats against Chile

**Asia** UAE, for their impressive performances en route to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 Qualifier

**East Asia Pacific** Indonesia, for reaching the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023

**Europe** Scotland, for their historic ODI victory over Ireland in October 2023

**ICC Associate Member Men's Performance of the Year**  
**Africa** Sierra Leone, for landmark U19 victories over Nigeria and Uganda

**Americas** Canada, winners of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 Americas Qualifier

**Asia** Oman, for their successful year in ODI and T20I cricket (pictured)

**East Asia Pacific** Indonesia, whose year included bronze at the South East Asian Games

**Europe** Netherlands, for big wins at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Qualifier and the tournament proper



## ICC Digital Fan Engagement of the Year

**Africa** Cricket Namibia, for their #Cricket4All media campaign

**Americas** Bermuda Cricket Board, for efforts to establish the World of Americas Cricket website

**Asia** Cricket Association of Nepal, for their growth in popularity on social media

**East Asia Pacific** Persatuan Cricket Indonesia, for their 'Cricket Insights' newsletter

**Europe** Koninklijke Nederlandse Cricket Bond, for their innovative campaign to identify net bowlers ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 (pictured)

**ICC Associate Member Cricket 4 Good Social Impact Initiative of the Year**

**Africa** Sierra Leone Cricket Association, for their 'Cricket for Change' initiative

**Americas** Mexico Cricket Association, for their Street Child project teaching cricket to disadvantaged children

**Asia** Bahrain Cricket Federation, for activities to mark the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Trophy Tour

**East Asia Pacific** Samoa Cricket, for their 'Healthy Nanas' programme using cricket as a vehicle for social change (pictured)

**Europe** Cricket Scotland, for increasing access to cricket for women, girls and disability groups

**ICC Associate Member 100% Cricket Female Cricket Initiative of the Year**

**Africa** Sierra Leone Cricket Association, for International Women's Day initiatives

**Americas** Costa Rica Cricket Federation, for their collaboration with the National Institute for Women on a 'Mothers and Daughters' programme

**Asia** Oman Cricket, for their 'Cricket4Her' programme of tournaments and skills development

**East Asia Pacific** Japan Cricket Association, for driving competition through the Women's Japan Premier League (pictured)

**Europe** Cricket Belgium, for developing women's cricket infrastructure and expanding networks of players and volunteers



# THE GREATEST HONOUR

Three legends of the game were inducted to the ICC Hall of Fame during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.

Aravinda de Silva, Diana Edulji and Virender Sehwag became the latest cricketing icons to receive the sport's greatest individual honour – induction into the ICC Hall of Fame. The trio were celebrated in a special on-field ceremony at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai during India's victory over New Zealand in the semi-finals of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.

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

(FICA) and the ICC come together to select a new group of inductees. This year's class included three revolutionary figures from the sport's rich history, with de Silva joining as inductee #110, Edulji as #111 and Sehwag #112.

**"These three figures have revolutionised the sport in their own way, and have provided fans with some of the most unforgettable moments in recent memory."**

**Geoff Allardice**  
ICC CEO



**ARAVINDA DE SILVA**  
INTERNATIONAL CAREER: 1984–2003

**93 Tests**  
6,361 runs at 42.97, 29 wickets  
**308 ODIs**  
9,284 runs at 34.90, 106 wickets

Aravinda de Silva is a true legend of Sri Lankan cricket, not least for the central role he played at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 1996. De Silva was named Player of the Match in the Final, and is still the only man to take three wickets and score a century in an ICC World

Cup Final. Career highlights included a crucial 75 to help bring Sri Lanka their maiden Test victory in 1985; a then-national record innings of 267 in 1991; and ending his Test career with a double century in his final innings and a wicket with his final ball.



**"To my coaches, teachers, fans and supporters – your relentless belief in me has fuelled my drive to succeed."**



**DIANA EDULJI**  
INTERNATIONAL CAREER: 1976–1993

**20 Tests**  
404 runs, 63 wickets at 25.77  
**34 ODIs**  
211 runs, 46 wickets at 16.84

Diana Edulji became the first Indian woman to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Across a 17-year international career, the all-rounder played in three ICC Women's Cricket World Cups, captaining her country at two of them. Domestically, Edulji played a pioneering role

in setting up the Railways team, a powerhouse of Indian women's cricket with whom she won 11 national titles. She retired after the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2003 as the second-highest wicket-taker across all forms of women's international cricket.



**"It's not only a proud moment for me, my family and friends – but also for the BCCI and Indian women's cricket."**

**VIRENDER SEHWAG**  
INTERNATIONAL CAREER: 1999–2015

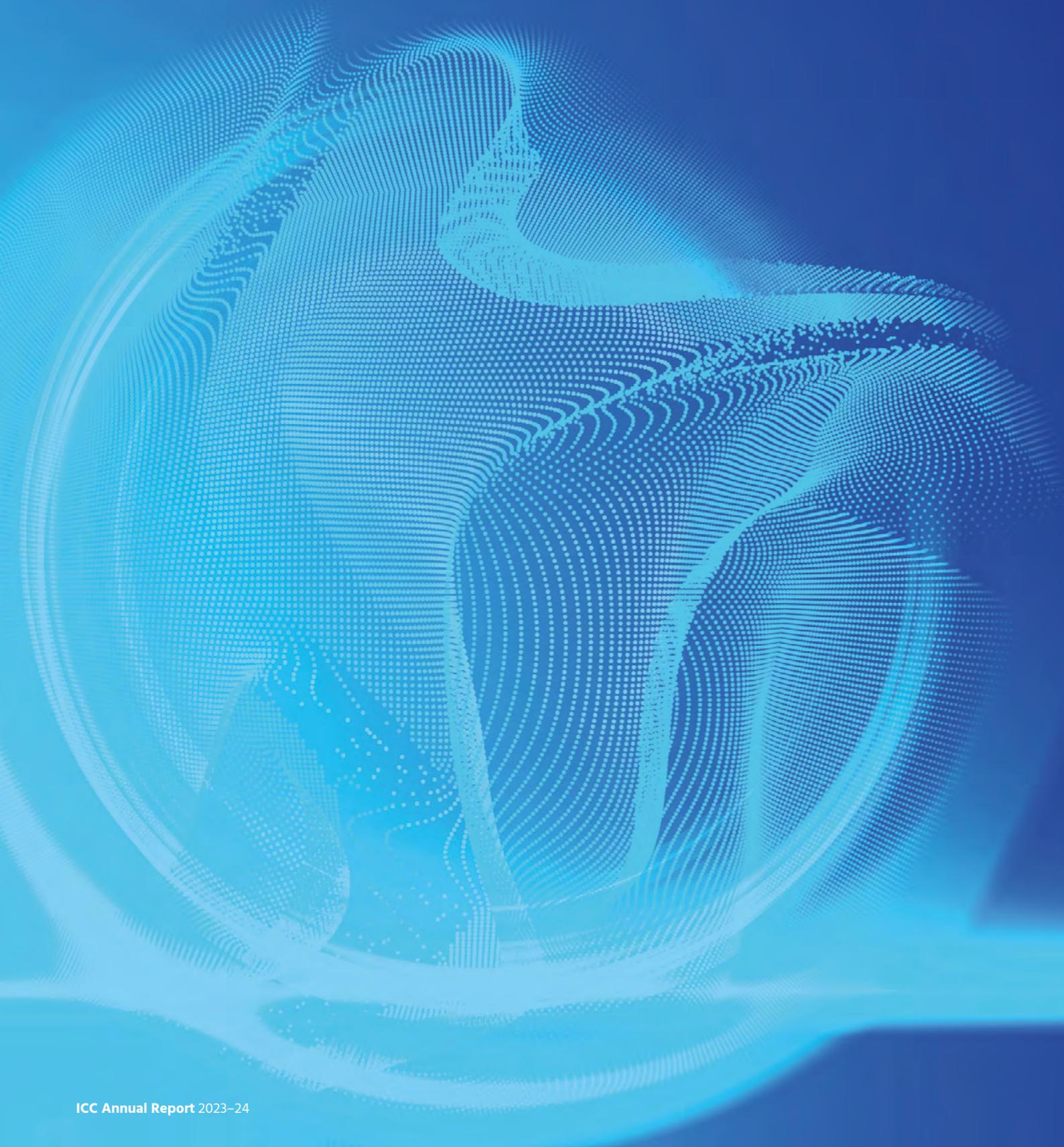
**104 Tests**  
8,586 runs at 49.34, 40 wickets  
**251 ODIs**  
8,273 runs at 35.05, 96 wickets  
**19 T20Is**  
394 runs at 21.88

Virender Sehwag is another ICC Men's Cricket World Cup winner, hammering 175 in India's opening game en route to the 2011 title. It's just one highlight of an international career that featured more than 17,000 runs. Originally a middle-order batter, Sehwag moved up the order after a century on his Test debut in

South Africa. He went on to redefine the role of the opener in Test cricket, scoring more runs at a greater rate than anyone else in Test history – including India's first ever Test triple hundred, an epic 309 against Pakistan in 2004.



**"I feel extremely grateful for having spent a great part of my life doing what I loved most – 'hitting the cricket ball.'"**



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**SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED  
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31 DECEMBER 2023

## REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE



It is an honour to have been appointed Chair of the Audit Committee in August 2023, and to present you with my first report following my second ICC Audit Committee Meeting in March 2024.

It has been a privilege overseeing the Committee so far. In my capacity as an incoming Chair, I wish to congratulate Mr Narayan and Mr Ahmar on the successful completion of their tenure and on providing valuable contributions as Chair and Independent Member respectively. I wish them well for the future.

In addition to this change, during the period, we also welcomed Dr Kishore Shallow and Brian MacNeice on to the Audit Committee as a Member Director, and his experience and knowledge were a significant benefit to us as a collective throughout the period.

The ICC Audit Committee met on two occasions between 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024. Between meetings, controls and regulations around the various strands of ICC business remained effective and responsive.

Throughout this period, we were appraised by the ICC management on business operations, updates to the risk register, and ethics and code-of-conduct-related processes.

As per the Committee's Terms of Reference, we are required as members to review the Audited Financial Statements and External Auditor's report, and make appropriate recommendations. At our last meeting in March, we reviewed and discussed the report and draft statements for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. The review included assessing the accounting principles used, significant estimates made, the auditor's independence and the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

One of our core roles is to assess the objectivity and independence of the External Auditors and highlight any conflicts of interest. We confirm that we have periodically evaluated their performances and independence, and the impact on any non-audit services on their objectivity.

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

In my closing remarks, I express my gratitude to the Chair, Directors and ICC management, who continue to show the utmost cooperation and support to enable the Committee to achieve its objectives.

On behalf of the Audit Committee,

**Vijay Malhotra**  
Chair, Audit Committee  
1 June 2024  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ICC

### OPINION

The summary consolidated financial statements of The International Cricket Council Limited ("ICC") and its subsidiaries (the "ICC Group"), which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the summary consolidated statement of comprehensive income, summary consolidated statement of changes in Members' Funds and summary consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the complete audited consolidated financial statements of ICC Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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

### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards applied in the preparation of the audited consolidated financial statements of ICC Group for the year ended 31 December 2023. Reading the summary consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated financial statements and auditor's report thereon.

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

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated 26 March 2024. That report also includes an emphasis of matter section relating to the below:

- i) adjustment of withholding tax from the dividend payable not yet confirmed by the Member that draws attention to Note 15a to the audited consolidated financial statements of ICC Group for the year ended 31 December 2023. Refer Note 4 to the summary consolidated financial statements for the disclosure of such adjustment.
- ii) ongoing dispute between a Member and the Group concerning a deduction from the distributions made by the Group to the Member that draws attention to Note 20 (d) to the audited consolidated financial statements of ICC Group for the year ended 31 December 2023. Refer Note 5 to the summary consolidated financial statements for the disclosure of the status of discussions between a Member and the Group.

The summary consolidated financial statements and the audited consolidated financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited consolidated financial statements of ICC Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements from the complete audited consolidated financial statements in accordance with the basis described in Note 2.

### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements of ICC Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

For Ernst & Young,

**Ashraf Abu Sharkh**  
Partner • Registration No: 690  
26 March 2024  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

## SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

|  | 2023<br>USD'000  | 2022<br>USD'000 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Event related activities</b>                |                  |                 |
| Revenue from ICC Events                        | <b>839,147</b>   | 412,862         |
| Costs relating to ICC Events                   | <b>(246,489)</b> | (168,262)       |
| <b>Other activities</b>                        |                  |                 |
| Other revenue                                  | <b>40,623</b>    | 11,746          |
| Interest and investment income – net           | <b>22,367</b>    | 7,321           |
| General and administrative expenses            | <b>(57,595)</b>  | (43,829)        |
| Finance costs                                  | <b>(4,287)</b>   | (3,405)         |
| Foreign exchange gain / (loss)                 | <b>24</b>        | (637)           |
| Net gain / (loss) on financial assets          | <b>2,224</b>     | (7,421)         |
| <b>NET SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION</b>             | <b>596,014</b>   | 208,375         |
| Taxation                                       | <b>—</b>         | —               |
| <b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>                | <b>596,014</b>   | 208,375         |
| Other comprehensive income for the year        | <b>—</b>         | —               |
| <b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b> | <b>596,014</b>   | 208,375         |

## SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

|   | 2023<br>USD'000  | 2022<br>USD'000 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                     |                  |                 |
| Non-current assets                                | <b>85,294</b>    | 860,633         |
| Current assets (excluding bank balances and cash) | <b>512,602</b>   | 153,105         |
| Bank balances and cash                            | <b>525,502</b>   | 298,988         |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                               | <b>1,123,398</b> | 1,312,726       |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                |                  |                 |
| Deposit received (non-current)                    | <b>162,745</b>   | 53,990          |
| Other non-current liabilities                     | <b>8,146</b>     | 7,230           |
| Deposit received (current)                        | <b>7,484</b>     | 101,456         |
| Accounts payable, accruals and provisions         | <b>85,899</b>    | 67,221          |
| Advances from sponsors                            | <b>481,898</b>   | 169,830         |
| Dividend payable                                  | <b>275,035</b>   | —               |
| Associate Member Fund                             | <b>11,700</b>    | —               |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                          | <b>1,032,907</b> | 399,727         |
| <b>REPRESENTED BY</b>                             |                  |                 |
| <b>Members' Funds</b>                             |                  |                 |
| Allocable surplus                                 | <b>—</b>         | 841,661         |
| Reserves  | <b>90,491</b>    | 71,338          |
| <b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>                       | <b>90,491</b>    | 912,999         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>       | <b>1,123,398</b> | 1,312,726       |

The audited consolidated financial statements of ICC Group were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 March 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:

Greg Barclay  
Chair

Geoff Allardice  
Chief Executive Officer

The attached notes 1 to 5 form part of these summary consolidated financial statements.

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## SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS

|   | Allocable surplus<br>USD'000 | General reserve<br>USD'000 | Total<br>USD'000 |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| As at 1 January 2022                    | 625,436                      | 79,188                     | 704,624          |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | 208,375                      | —                          | 208,375          |
| Transfers                               | 7,850                        | (7,850)                    | —                |
| At 31 December 2022                     | 841,661                      | 71,338                     | 912,999          |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | 596,014                      | —                          | 596,014          |
| Transfers                               | (19,153)                     | 19,153                     | —                |
| Dividends (Note 1)                      | (1,418,522)                  | —                          | (1,418,522)      |
| <b>At 31 December 2023</b>              | <b>—</b>                     | <b>90,491</b>              | <b>90,491</b>    |

## SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

|  | 2023<br>USD'000 | 2022<br>USD'000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Net surplus before taxation  | 596,014         | 208,375         |
| Non-cash adjustments to reconcile surplus to net cash flows            | (15,307)        | 6,181           |
| Working capital adjustments  | (165,445)       | 4,145           |
| Payments for employees' end of service benefits, income tax and others | (772)           | (311)           |
| <b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>                        | <b>414,490</b>  | 218,390         |
| Net cash flows used in investing activities                            | (275,546)       | (101,051)       |
| Net cash flows used in financing activities                            | (202,042)       | (156,522)       |
| <b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>                           | <b>(63,098)</b> | (39,183)        |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January                                 | 194,600         | 233,783         |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 DECEMBER</b>                        | <b>131,502</b>  | 194,600         |
| <b>SIGNIFICANT NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS</b>                               |                 |                 |
| Adjustment of dividend against advance to members                      | 1,143,487       | —               |

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# SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## NOTES TO SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1 ACTIVITIES

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

The ICC Group's principal place of business is at Street 69, Dubai Sports City, Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road, P.O. Box 500070, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. ICC Group ("the ICC Group") comprises the Company and its subsidiaries as indicated in Note 2 to the summary consolidated financial statements. The International Cricket Council Limited ("ICC") is the international governing body for International Test Match, International One-Day and International Twenty20 cricket. The ICC is primarily responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operations and the development of international cricket. This extensive remit includes management of the ICC Code of Conduct, the playing conditions and all other regulatory functions and services relevant to the international game, provision of qualified and independent Match Officials for Tests, One Day and Twenty20 Internationals and initiating and implementing key policy decisions for the benefit of the game.

#### FINANCIAL MODEL: 2015–2023 CYCLE

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

These advances have been offset against the surplus earlier distributed to members which had been classified as advance to members in the summary consolidated statement of financial position; a) the first tranche of such distribution (i.e., dividends) amounting to USD 300 million was declared during the year 2020 with the approval of the Board of Directors; b) the second/final tranche amounting to USD 1,419 million declared during the year 2023 with the Board of Directors having approved the declaration and method of calculation. The net dividend amount owing to members after the offset is USD 275 million as at 31 December 2023.

#### FINANCIAL MODEL: 2024–2027 CYCLE

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

### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary consolidated financial statements have been derived from the audited annual consolidated financial statements of the ICC Group which were approved by the Board on 15 March 2024. These summary consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue on 15 March 2024.

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

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

# SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

## NOTES TO SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)

#### CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

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

| Name of the subsidiary                         | Country of incorporation | Percentage shareholding                      |  | Principal activities  |
|--|--------------------------|--|--|---|
|  |                          | 2023   | 2022   |   |
| ICC Business Corporation FZ LLC (IBC)          | United Arab Emirates     | 100%   | 100%   | To manage the commercial rights relating to cricket events of ICC from 1 July 2015.   |
| ICC Development (International) Limited (IDI)* | British Virgin Islands   | 100%   | 100%   | To manage the commercial rights relating to cricket events of ICC up until 30 June 2015.  |
| ICC Americas                                   | United States of America | No shares issued.<br>ICC is the sole member. | No shares issued.<br>ICC is the sole member. | To administer, develop, co-ordinate and promote the sport of cricket throughout the Americas region.                                |
| International Cricket Council FZ-LLC           | United Arab Emirates     | 100%   | 100%   | To provide administrative services to ICC group companies. From 1 January 2019, this includes managing the ICC Development Program. |

The following are the Subsidiaries of IDI:

| Name of the subsidiary | Country of incorporation | Percentage shareholding |      | Principal activities                        |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------|---|
|                        |                          | 2023                    | 2022 |   |
| IDI Mauritius Ltd*     | Mauritius                | 100%                    | 100% | To manage certain commercial rights of IDI. |

\* IDI and its subsidiary IDI Mauritius Ltd is expected to be liquidated upon completion of certain formalities. These entities do not undertake any significant commercial transactions.

# SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## NOTES TO SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 3 DISCLOSURES RELATING TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited consolidated financial statements of the ICC Group are available at the Headquarters of the ICC in Dubai Sports City. For the material accounting policies and detailed notes to the consolidated financial statements please refer to the audited consolidated financial statements.

### 4 DIVIDEND PAYABLE

|                  | 2023<br>USD'000 | 2022<br>USD'000 |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dividend payable | <b>275,035</b>  | —               |

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

During 2023, the Group has adjusted an amount of USD 116.5 million in respect of the withholding tax on Media Rights payments for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 against the share of dividend payable to a member which has not yet been confirmed by that member.

### 5 MEMBER DISPUTES

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

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

