The Indian Premier League (IPL) (also known as the TATA IPL for sponsorship reasons) is a men's Twenty20 (T20) cricket league that is annually held in India and contested by ten city-based franchise teams.[3][4] The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) founded the league in 2007. The competition is usually held between March and May every year, and has an exclusive window in the ICC Future Tours Programme; fewer international cricket tours take place during IPL seasons.