**INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE(IPL) SCHEDULE ANALYSIS**

1. It is a professional Twenty20 cricket league in India contested during April and May of every year by teams representing Indian cities of some states.
2. The league was founded by Board of Control for Cricket in India(BCCI) in 2008 after the success of Inaugural T20 world cup in 2007.



1. The 2007 world cup team mostly consisted of only young players and they were success in winning the world cup. So, to encourage the young cricketing talent of India BCCI took the initiative of organizing the IPL.

**Schedule preparation:**

1. The schedule is released after a few weeks of the completion of the player auction.
2. Schedule is prepared in such a way that it should benefit both the franchise and the cricket board.
3. The timings of the match are scheduled in such a way that it will not affect the audience as well as digital viewers.
4. The schedule is prepared based upon the number of teams.
5. There are currently eight (8) teams participating this tournament.
6. All matches are 20 overs per side.
7. Each team plays each other twice in home and away which is round-robin tournament.
8. Scheduled is prepared in such a way that weekends should have at least 24 matches and final should be played on Sunday.
9. The IPL venues are decided by the corresponding team management.
10. The matches are scheduled at 8p.m during week days and during weekends that is on Saturdays and Sundays four matches are played each day i.e., one is at 4:00 pm. and other is at 8:00 pm.
11. Recently there is a proposal by official IPL broadcaster Star India. But all the eight teams have opposed for the change in timings.
12. All the week day matches are scheduled at 8pm. Because most of the people in India will be working till 6:30pm. To 7:00pm. It will be easy for them to turn up to the match.
13. During weekend (Saturday and Sunday) matches the 1st match takes place at 4:00pm. Because each innings takes one and half hour to complete. So, it nearly takes three and half hours to complete a match
14. There is at least 1 or 2 days gap between each team's match.
15. The winner of the previous season should host the inaugural match and the grand final of the next season in their respective home ground.
16. If in case of inaugural tournament, the first match is scheduled based upon the fan base of the teams. The fan base depends on the players present in the team.

E.g.: In 2008 inaugural IPL the first match is played between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Kolkata Knight Riders because at that time Rahul Dravid is the captain of India and Sourav Ganguly is the

1. Every schedule is prepared only after the complete biding is done. Since the attendance and viewers for the matches depends on the fan base of the respective team schedule preparation is done after bidding.
2. A common weekday will have only one IPL match a day.
3. There will be six regular weekends (sat and sun) for every IPL season and every weekend will have 4 matches i.e. two on Saturday and two on Sunday.
4. Every team attends on of the four matches held in weekends. This concludes that all the eight teams will play a match on weekend.
5. Initially the skeleton of the schedule i.e. all the weekend matches are designed and are given to all the eight team owners and the matches are rearranged if there are any issues pointed out by the owners.
6. Later basing on the weekend matches all the weekday matches are designed so that ratio of matches played by each team and the travel to other cities needed by the team members for the matches are balanced.
7. For example, a match between team-A and team-B hosted at team-A's home ground is not held with just a day gap after a match between team-C and team-B hosted at team-C's home ground as the time gap of one day is not sufficient for the team-B players to travel from team-A's home to team-C's home and practice for the next match. At least a gap of two days is needed for such long-distance matches.
8. All the matches are held at 8 p.m. in the evening because of the reason that any working audience can only attend the match either at the stadium or at home only after the completion of their office hours. So, a gap of an hour is given from the general closing working hours to the start of a match.
9. All the home matches of every team are decided on two main factors. These are based on the factors of fanbase attendance and the free dates available for the team owners.
10. The schedule of the matches also considers the pre-announced movie release dates and the known festival, holiday and occasion dates.
11. Scheduling a local match on a local movie release date results in low digital attendance and direct attendance at stadium. Scheduling a local match on the day of local holiday or on a local festival day will result is huge attendance of fans.
12. Digital fan base also plays a major role in the preparation of schedule as a bigger amount of TRP changes on digital platforms like Hotstar for a wrongly scheduled match. For example, a match between Kolkata and Chennai is never held during working hours as these both teams have the highest digital fan base.