

Indian Premier League

The **Indian Premier League (IPL)**, also known as the **TATA IPL** for sponsorship reasons, is a men's $\underline{\text{Twenty20}}$ (T20) $\underline{\text{cricket}}$ league held annually in India. Founded by the $\underline{\text{BCCI}}$ (the Board of Control for Cricket in India) in 2007, the league features ten city-based $\underline{\text{franchise}}$ teams. $\underline{^{[3][4]}}$ The IPL usually takes place during the summer, between March and May each year. It has an exclusive window in the $\underline{\text{ICC}}$ Future Tours $\underline{\text{Programme}}$, resulting in fewer international cricket tours occurring during the IPL seasons. $\underline{^{[5]}}$

The IPL is by far the most popular cricket league in the world; in 2014, it ranked sixth in average attendance among all sports leagues. [6] In 2010, the IPL became the first sporting event to be broadcast live on YouTube. [7][8] Inspired by the success of the IPL, other Indian sports leagues have been established. [a][11][12][13] In 2022, the league's brand value was estimated at ₹90,038 crore (US\$11 billion). [14] According to the BCCI, the 2015 IPL season contributed ₹1,150 crore (US\$140 million) to India's GDP. [15] In December 2022, the IPL achieved a valuation of US\$10.9 billion, becoming a decacom and registering a 75% growth in dollar terms since 2020 when it was valued at \$6.2 billion, according to a report by the consulting firm D and P Advisory. [16] Its 2023 final became the most streamed live event on the internet, with 32 million viewers. [17]

In 2023, the league sold its media rights for the next 4 Seasons for US\$6.4 billion to $\underline{\text{Viacom18}}$ and $\underline{\text{Star Sports}}$, meaning each IPL match was valued at \$13.4 million. As of 2023, there have been sixteen seasons of the tournament. The current champions are the $\underline{\text{Chennai Super Kings}}$, who won the 2023 season after defeating the $\underline{\text{Gujarat}}$ Titans in the final.

History

Inspired by a rival

In 2007, Zee Entertainment Enterprises founded the Indian Cricket League (ICL). [21] The ICL was not recognized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) or the International Cricket Council (ICC). Moreover, the BCCI was unhappy about its committee members joining the ICL executive board. [22] In response, the BCCI increased the prize money for its domestic tournaments and imposed lifetime bans on players who joined the rival league, which it considered a rebel league. [23][24]

Foundation

On 13 September 2007, [25] following India's victory at the 2007 T20 World Cup, [26] the BCCI announced a franchise based Twenty20 cricket competition known as the Indian Premier League. The inaugural season was scheduled to start in April 2008, commencing with a "high-profile ceremony" in New Delhi. BCCI Vice-president Lalit Modi, who led the IPL initiative, provided details of the tournament, including its format, prize money, franchise revenue system, and squad composition rules. The league, to be managed by a seven-man governing council, would also serve as the qualifying mechanism for that year's Champions League Twenty20. [25]

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To determine team ownership, an auction for the franchises was held on 24 January 2008. The reserve prices for the eight franchises totalled \$400 million, [24] but the auction ultimately raised \$723.59 million. [27] The league officially commenced in April 2008, featuring Chennai Super Kings (CSK), Mumbai Indians (MI), Delhi Daredevils (DD), Kings XI Punjab (KXIP), Deccan Chargers (DC), Rajasthan Royals (RR), Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), and Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB). [28]

Following the ban on players who chose to participate in the ICL, the rival league shut down in 2009. [29][30]

Expansions and terminations

New franchises, <u>Pune Warriors India</u> and <u>Kochi Tuskers Kerala</u>, joined the league before the fourth season in 2011. The <u>Sahara Adventure Sports Group</u> purchased the Pune franchise for \$370 million, while <u>Rendezvous Sports World</u> bought the Kochi franchise for \$333.3 million. The Kochi franchise was terminated after just one season due to their failure to pay the BCCI the 10% bank guarantee element of the franchise fee.

In September 2012, the <u>Deccan Chargers</u> franchise agreement was terminated after the BCCI failed to find new owners. [33] In October, an auction was held for a replacement franchise; <u>Sun TV Network</u> won the bid for what became the <u>Hyderabad</u> franchise; [34] the team was named Sunrisers Hyderabad. [35]

Pune Warriors India withdrew from the IPL in May 2013 due to financial differences with the BCCI. [36] The BCCI officially terminated the franchise in October, and the league reverted to eight teams. [37]

In June 2015, the two-time champions <u>Chennai Super Kings</u> and the inaugural season champions <u>Rajasthan Royals</u> were suspended for two seasons following their involvement in a <u>spot-fixing and betting scandal</u>. The two teams were replaced for two seasons by franchises based in Pune and Rajkot. [39][40]

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the venue for the $\underline{2020}$ season was moved and games were played in the $\underline{\text{United Arab Emirates}}$. In August 2021, the BCCI announced two new franchises, based in two of six shortlisted cities, would join the league in the $\underline{2022}$ season. $\underline{^{[43][44]}}$ In closed bidding held in October, the RPSG Group and CVC Capital won the bids for the teams, paying ₹7,000 crore (US\$880 million) and ₹5,200 crore (US\$650 million), respectively. $\underline{^{[45][46]}}$ The teams were subsequently named $\underline{\text{Lucknow Super}}$ Giants and Gujarat Titans.

Several IPL franchise owners have expanded their business by acquiring teams in other franchise leagues, such as the <u>Caribbean Premier League</u> (CPL), South Africa's <u>SA20</u>, the UAE's <u>International League T20 (ILT)</u> and the USA's <u>Major League Cricket (MLC)</u>. These teams have been branded with similar names to their parent IPL franchises. [47]

Winners Indian Premier League

Season	Winners				
2008	Rajasthan Royals				
2009	Deccan Chargers				
2010	Chennai Super Kings				
2011	Chennai Super Kings (2)				
2012	12 Kolkata Knight Riders				
2013	2013 Mumbai Indians				
2014	Kolkata Knight Riders (2)				
2015	Mumbai Indians (2)				
2016	Sunrisers Hyderabad				
2017	Mumbai Indians (3)				
2018	Chennai Super Kings (3)				
2019	Mumbai Indians (4)				
2020	Mumbai Indians (5)				
2021	Chennai Super Kings (4)				
2022	Gujarat Titans				
2023	Chennai Super Kings (5)				
2024					



A match during the 2008 IPL inaugural season in Chennai



Crowd during a match of the $\underline{2023}$ IPL season in Kolkata

Indian Premier League	CPL	SA20	<u>ILT</u>	MLC
Chennai Super Kings		Joburg Super Kings		Texas Super Kings
Delhi Capitals		Pretoria Capitals	Dubai Capitals	
Gujarat Titans				
Kolkata Knight Riders	Trinbago Knight Riders		Abu Dhabi Knight Riders	Los Angeles Knight Riders
Lucknow Super Giants		Durban's Super Giants		
Mumbai Indians		MI Cape Town	MI Emirates	MI New York
Punjab Kings	Saint Lucia Kings			
Rajasthan Royals	Barbados Royals	Paarl Royals		
Royal Challengers Bengaluru				
Sunrisers Hyderabad		Sunrisers Eastern Cape		

Organization

The IPL's headquarters are located in the Cricket Centre, next to the <u>Wankhede Stadium</u> in <u>Churchgate</u>, Mumbai. The Governing Council is responsible for the league's functions, including the organization of tournaments. As of April 2023, its members included: [48]

- Arun Singh Dhumal Chairman^{[49][50]}
- Jay Shah Secretary of the BCCI
- Ashish Shelar Treasurer, BCCI
- Avishek Dalmiya
- Pragyan Ojha Indian Cricketers' Association's representative
- Alka Rehani Bhardwaj Comptroller and Auditor General of India nominee

Player acquisition, squad composition, and salaries

A team can acquire players through the annual player auction, trading with other teams during trading windows, and signing replacements for unavailable players. Players sign up for the auction [51] and set their base price and are bought by the highest-bidding franchise. <u>Unsold players</u> at the auction can become replacement signings. Trades require player consent, and any contract differences are covered by the franchise. There are typically three trading windows: two before the auction and one before the tournament. No trading is allowed outside these windows or during the tournament, but replacements can be signed before or during the event.

Other notable rules, as of the 2020 season, include:

- The salary cap of the entire squad must not exceed ₹85 crore (US\$11 million).
- Under-19 players cannot be picked unless they have previously played first-class or List A cricket.

Player contracts run for one year but can be extended by one or two years if the franchises take up the option. Since the 2014 season, player contracts have been denominated in the <u>Indian rupee</u>, before which the contracts were in the <u>US dollar</u>. Overseas players can be remunerated in the currency of the player's choice, at the exchange rate on either the contract due date or the actual payment date. [54] Before the 2014 season, Indian domestic players were not included in the player auction pool. They could be signed up by franchises at a discrete amount while a fixed sum of ₹10 lakh (US\$13,000) to ₹30 lakh (US\$38,000) would be deducted per signing from the franchise's salary purse. This received significant opposition from franchise owners, who complained richer franchises were "luring players with under-the-table deals." The IPL later decided to include domestic players in the player auction. [55]

The BCCI give 10% of foreign players' salaries to their country's national cricket board. [56]

According to a 2015 survey by Sporting Intelligence and *ESPN The Magazine*, the average IPL salary when <u>pro-rated</u> is US\$4.33 million per year, the second-highest of sports leagues in the world. Because players in the IPL are contracted only for the duration of the tournament – less than two months – the weekly IPL salaries are extrapolated *pro data* to obtain an average annual salary, unlike other sports leagues in which players are contracted by a single team for the entire year. [57]

According to a report by <u>The Telegraph</u>, IPL players are paid 18% of the revenue, which is the lowest amount compared to other major sports leagues, in which players receive at least 50% of the revenue. The <u>Federation of International Cricketers' Associations</u> said that IPL players must be paid fairly. [58][59][60]

Prize money

The 2022 season of the IPL offered total prize money of ₹46.5 crore (equivalent to ₹49 crore or US\$6.2 million in 2023), with the winning team netting ₹20 crore (equivalent to ₹21 crore or US\$2.7 million in 2023) and the second-placed team ₹13 crore (equivalent to ₹14 crore or US\$1.7 million in 2023). League rules mandate that half of any prize money must be distributed amongst the franchise's players. $\frac{[63]}{[63]}$

Unique rules and variations

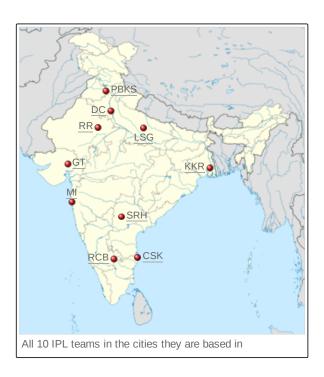
The IPL has several rules which vary from the established Laws of cricket or those used in other Twenty20 (T20) leagues:

- IPL games incorporate <u>television timeouts</u>. Each team is given a two-and-a-half-minute "strategic <u>time-out</u>" during each innings. One must be taken by the bowling team at the end of either 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th <u>over</u> and the other by the batting team at the end of either 13th, 14th, 15th or 16th over. A penalty may be imposed if umpires find teams misusing this privilege. [64]
- Since the 2018 season, the <u>Decision Review System</u> (DRS) has been used in all IPL matches, allowing each team two opportunities in each innings to review an on-field umpire's decision. From the <u>2023 season</u>, this was extended to allow the review of wides and no-balls.
- If the bowling team does not complete its overs in the allocated time, it may place only four fielders outside of the fielding restrictions circle for the remainder of the innings, or the match referee may impose financial sanctions on the bowling team after the match, with players fined a proportion of their match fee. [67]
- Teams can use a <u>substitute</u>, termed an "impact player", from a list of five players named as possible substitutes. The substitution can be made before the start of the innings, when a wicket falls, when a batter retires or at the end of an over. Both teams can introduce a substitute once per match. [68][69]
- Teams can declare their playing eleven to the match referee before or after the toss.
- A five-run penalty is imposed if a fielder or wicket-keeper makes an unfair movement while the bowler is bowling
 and the ball is designated as dead ball. [70][66][68]
- Teams can include a maximum of four overseas players in their playing eleven. If a team wants an overseas player as impact player, then it must include a maximum of three overseas players in their playing eleven. [69]
- Teams must include 25 players, with a maximum of eight overseas players.
- From the <u>2024 season</u>, bowlers will be allowed to deliver two bouncers an over. This change in playing conditions was trialled during the 2023–24 Syed Mushtag Ali Trophy, India's domestic T20 tournament. [72]

Teams

Current Teams

As of the 2024 season, the league has ten teams based in cities across India.

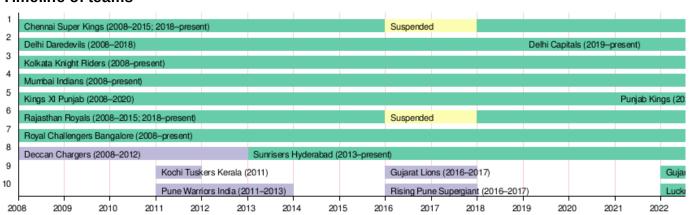


Team	City	State	Home ground	Debut	Captain	Head coach	Owner(s)
Chennai Super Kings	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	M. A. Chidambaram Stadium	2008	Ruturaj Gaikwad	Stephen Fleming	Chennai Super Kings Cricket Ltd.
Delhi Capitals	New Delhi	<u>Delhi</u>	Arun Jaitley Stadium	2008	Rishabh Pant	Ricky Ponting	GMR Sports Pvt. Ltd. JSW Sports Pvt. Ltd.
Gujarat Titans	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	Narendra Modi Stadium	2022	Shubman Gill	Ashish Nehra	CVC Capital Partners
Kolkata Knight Riders	Kolkata	West Bengal	Eden Gardens 2008 Shreyas		Shreyas Iyer	Chandrakant Pandit	Knight Riders Sports Pvt.
Lucknow Super Giants	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	BRSABV Ekana Stadium	2022	KL Rahul	Justin Langer	RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group
Mumbai Indians	<u>Mumbai</u>	Maharashtra	Wankhede Stadium	2008	Hardik Pandya	Mark Boucher	Indiawin Sports Pvt. Ltd.
Punjab Kings	Mullanpur	Punjab	Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium	2008	Shikhar Dhawan	Trevor Bayliss	KPH Dream Cricket Pvt. Ltd.
Rajasthan Royals	Jaipur	Rajasthan	Sawai Mansingh Stadium	2008	Sanju Samson	Kumar Sangakara	The Royals Sports Group
Royal Challengers Bengaluru	Bengaluru	Karnataka	M. Chinnaswamy Stadium	2008	Faf du Plessis	Andy Flower	United Spirits
Sunrisers Hyderabad	Hyderabad	Telangana	Rajiv Gandhi Stadium	2013	Pat Cummins	Daniel Vettori	SUN TV Network

Defunct teams

Team	City	State	Home ground	Debut	Dissolved	Owner(s)
Deccan Chargers	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh ^[73]	Rajiv Gandhi Stadium	2008	2012	T. VenkattramReddyGayatri Reddy
Kochi Tuskers Kerala	Kochi	Kerala	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium	2011	2011	 Kochi Cricket Pvt Ltd
Pune Warriors India	Pune	Maharashtra	Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium	2011	2013	 Subrata Roy
Rising Pune Supergiant	Pune	Maharashtra	Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium	2016	2018	 Sanjiv Goenka
Gujarat Lions	Rajkot	Gujarat	Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium	2016	2018	 Keshav Bansal

Timeline of teams



Tournament seasons and results

Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians have each won five titles, the most in the tournament. Kolkata Knight Riders have won two titles, [74] while Rajasthan Royals, Deccan Chargers, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Gujarat Titans have each won a single title. [75][76][77]

The reigning champions are the Chennai Super Kings, who defeated the Gujarat Titans by five wickets in the 2023 IPL final to secure their fifth title. [20]

Number of titles

Team	Title(s)	Runner- up	Seasons won	Seasons runner-up	No. of playoffs played	No. of seasons played
Chennai Super Kings	5 5		2010, 2011, 2018, 2021, 2023	2008, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2019	12	14
Mumbai Indians	3		<u>2013</u> , <u>2015</u> , <u>2017</u> , <u>2019</u> ,	2010	10	16
Kolkata Knight Riders	2		<u>2012,</u> <u>2014</u>	2021	7	16
Rajasthan Royals		1	2008	2022	5	14
Sunrisers Hyderabad			2016	2018	6	11
Gujarat Titans	1		2022	2023	2	2
Deccan Chargers [†]		_	2009	-	2	5
Royal Challengers Bengaluru		3		<u>2009,</u> <u>2011,</u> <u>2016</u>	8	16
Punjab Kings	_		<u> </u>	2014	2	16
Delhi Capitals		1		2020	3	16
Rising Pune Supergiant [†]				2017	1	2

Finals

Vasu		Final		Final	Player of the
Year	Winner	Result	Runner-up	Final venue	season
2008	Rajasthan Royals 164/7 (20 overs)	RR won by 3 wickets (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.co m/ipl/engine/match/336040.html)	Chennai Super Kings 163/5 (20 overs)	DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai	Shane Watson (RR)
2009	Deccan Chargers 143/6 (20 overs)	DEC won by 6 runs (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.co m/ipl2009/engine/match/392239.html)	Royal Challengers Bangalore 137/9 (20 overs)	Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg	Adam Gilchrist (DEC)
2010	Chennai Super Kings 168/5 (20 overs)	CSK won by 22 runs (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.co m/ipl2010/engine/match/419165.html)	Mumbai Indians 146/9 (20 overs)	DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai	Sachin Tendulkar (MI)
2011	Chennai Super Kings 205/5 (20 overs)	CSK won by 58 runs (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.co m/indian-premier-league-2011/engine/ match/501271.html)	Royal Challengers Bangalore 147/8 (20 overs)	M. A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai	Chris Gayle (RCB)
2012	Kolkata Knight Riders 192/5 (19.4 overs)	KKR won by 5 wickets (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.co m/indian-premier-league-2012/engine/ match/548381.html)	Chennai Super Kings 190/3 (20 overs)	M. A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai	Sunil Narine (KKR)
2013	Mumbai Indians 148/9 (20 overs)	MI won by 23 runs (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.co m/ci/engine/match/598073.html)	Chennai Super Kings 125/9 (20 overs)	Eden Gardens, Kolkata	Shane Watson (RR)
2014	Kolkata Knight Riders 200/7 (19.3 overs)	KKR won by 3 wickets (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.com/indian-premier-league-2014/engine/match/734049.html)	Kings XI Punjab 199/4 (20 overs)	M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru	Glenn Maxwell (KXIP)
2015	Mumbai Indians 202/5 (20 overs)	MI won by 41 runs (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.co m/indian-premier-league-2015/engine/ match/829823.html)	Chennai Super Kings 161/8 (20 overs)	Eden Gardens, Kolkata	Andre Russell (KKR)
2016	Sunrisers Hyderabad 208/7 (20 overs)	SRH won by 8 runs (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.com/ci/engine/match/981019.html)	Royal Challengers Bangalore 200/7 (20 overs)	M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru	Virat Kohli (RCB)
2017	Mumbai Indians 129/8 (20 overs)	MI won by 1 run (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.co m/ci/engine/match/1082650.html)	Rising Pune Supergiant 128/6 (20 overs)	Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Hyderabad	Ben Stokes (RPS)
2018	Chennai Super Kings 181/2 (18.3 overs)	CSK won by 8 wickets (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.co m/series/8048/game/1136620)	Sunrisers Hyderabad 178/6 (20 overs)	<u>W</u> ankhede Stadium, <u>Mumbai</u>	Sunil Narine (KKR)
2019	Mumbai Indians 149/8 (20 overs)	MI won by 1 run (scorecard) (http://www.espncricinfo.co m/series/8048/game/1181768)	Chennai Super Kings 148/7 (20 overs)	Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Hyderabad	Andre Russell (KKR)
2020	Mumbai Indians 157/5 (18.4 overs)	MI won by 5 wickets (scorecard) (https://www.espncricinfo.co m/series/8048/game/1237181)	Delhi Capitals 156/7 (20 overs)	Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai	Jofra Archer (RR)
2021	Chennai Super Kings 192/3 (20 overs)	CSK won by 27 runs (scorecard) (https://www.iplt20.com/mat ch/2021/60)	Kolkata Knight Riders 165/9 (20 overs)	Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai	Harshal Patel (RCB)
2022	Gujarat Titans 133/3 (18.1 overs)	GT won by 7 wickets (scorecard) (https://www.iplt20.com/mat ch/2022/531)	Rajasthan Royals 130/9 (20 overs)	Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad	Jos Buttler (RR)
2023	Chennai Super Kings	CSK won by 5 wickets (DLS-method) (scorecard) (https://www.espncricinfo.co	Gujarat Titans 214/4 (20 overs)	Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad	Shubman Gill (GT)

	171/5 (15 overs)	m/ci/engine/match/1370353.html)		
202	1		M. A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai	

Teams' performances

Seasons

Season (No. of teams)	2008 (8)	<u>2009</u> (8)	<u>2010</u> (8)	2011 (10)	<u>2012</u> (9)	<u>2013</u> (9)	<u>2014</u> (8)	2015 (8)	<u>2016</u> (8)	<u>2017</u> (8)	2018 (8)	<u>2019</u> (8)	<u>2020</u> (8)	<u>2021</u> (8)	2022 (10)	2023 (10)	2024 (10)
Chennai Super Kings	RU	SF	С	С	RU	RU	РО	RU	Susp	ended	С	RU	7th	С	9th	С	5th
Delhi Capitals / Delhi Daredevils	SF	SF	5th	10th	РО	9th	8th	7th	6th	6th	8th	РО	RU	РО	5th	9th	6th
Gujarat Titans							-	_							С	RU	8th
Kolkata Knight Riders	6th	8th	6th	РО	С	7th	С	5th	РО	РО	РО	5th	5th	RU	7th	7th	
Lucknow Super Giants							-	-							РО	РО	7th
Mumbai Indians	5th	7th	RU	РО	РО	С	РО	С	5th	С	5th	С	С	5th	10th	РО	10th
Punjab Kings / Kings XI Punjab	SF	5th	8th	5th	6th	6th	RU	8th	8th	5th	7th	6th	6th	6th	6th	8th	9th
Rajasthan Royals	С	6th	7th	6th	7th	РО	5th	РО	Susp	ended	РО	7th	8th	7th	RU	5th	
Royal Challengers Bengaluru	7th	RU	3rd	RU	5th	5th	7th	РО	RU	8th	6th	8th	РО	РО	РО	6th	
Sunrisers Hyderabad			_			РО	6th	6th	С	РО	RU	РО	РО	8th	8th	10th	
Deccan Chargers [†]	8th	С	4th	7th	8th						-	_					
Kochi Tuskers Kerala [†]		_		8th							_						
Pune Warriors / Pune Warriors India†		-		9th	9th	8th						_					
Gujarat Lions [†]		_							РО	7th				_			
Rising Pune Supergiant [†]				-	_				7th	RU				-			

• Current teams are listed alphabetically. Defunct teams are listed by order of entry to the league, then alphabetically.

■ C: champions

■ RU: runner-up

[†] Team now defunct

- 3rd: team won the 3rd place playoff. A third-place playoff only took place in 2010
- 4th: team lost the 3rd place playoff
- SF or PO: team qualified for the semi-final or playoff stage of the competition

Position of teams in IPL

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
2008	<u>RR</u> (C)	KXIP	CSK (R)	DD	MI	KKR	RCB	DC		
2009	DD	CSK	RCB (R)	DC (C)	KXIP	RR	MI	KKR		
2010	MI (R)	DC	CSK (C)	RCB	DD	KKR	RR	KXIP		
2011	RCB (R)	CSK (C)	МІ	KKR	KXIP	RR	DC	KTK	PWI	DD
2012	DD	KKR (C)	MI	CSK (R)	RCB	KXIP	RR	DC	PWI	
2013	CSK (R)	MI (C)	RR	SRH	RCB	KXIP	KKR	PWI	DC	
2014	KXIP (R)	KKR (C)	CSK	МІ	RR	SRH	RCB	DC		
2015	CSK (R)	MI (C)	RCB	RR	KKR	SRH	DC	KXIP		
2016	GL	RCB (R)	SRH (C)	KKR	MI	DC	RPS	KXIP		
2017	MI (C)	RPS (R)	SRH	KKR	KXIP	DC	GL	RCB		
2018	<u>SRH</u> (R)	<u>CSK</u> (C)	KKR	RR	MI	RCB	KXIP	DC		
2019	MI (C)	CSK (R)	DC	SRH	KKR	KXIP	RR	RCB		
2020	MI (C)	DC (R)	SRH	RCB	KKR	KXIP	CSK	RR		
2021	DC	<u>CSK</u> (C)	RCB	KKR (R)	MI	PBKS	RR	SRH		
2022	<u>GT</u> (C)	<u>RR</u> (R)	LSG	RCB	DC	PBKS	KKR	SRH	CSK	MI
2023	<u>GT</u> (R)	<u>CSK</u> (C)	LSG	MI	RR	RCB	KKR	PBKS	DC	SRH
2024	KKR	SRH	RR	RCB	CSK	DC	LSG	GT	KXIP	MI

indicates qualified for playoffs

(C) = Eventual champion; (R) = Runner-up.

All Time Standings

This section shows records from the league stage only (i.e. excluding playoffs & finals) from 2008–2024. Stats are correct as of conclusion of league stage of IPL 2024.

Current teams

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Team	Total	First	Latest	Best result	Played	Won	Lost	Tied+W	Tied+L	NR	Win%
Chennai Super Kings	15	2008	2024	Champions (2010, 2011, 2018, 2021, 2023)	239	138	98	0	1	2	57.74
Mumbai Indians	17	2008	2024	Champions (2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020)	261	142	115	2	2	0	54.40
Kolkata Knight Riders	17	2008	2024	Champions (2012, 2014)	250	128	117	1	3	0	52.20
Gujarat Titans	3	2022	2024	Champions (2022)	45	28	17	0	0	0	62.22
Rajasthan Royals	15	2008	2024	Champions (2008)	220	109	105	2	1	2	50.92
Sunrisers Hyderabad	11	2013	2024	Champions (2016)	179	86	89	1	3	0	49.54
Royal Challengers Bengaluru	17	2008	2024	Runners-up (2009, 2011, 2016)	255	121	127	2	1	4	48.80
Punjab Kings	17	2008	2024	Runners-up (2014)	246	109	133	3	1	0	45.12
Delhi Capitals	17	2008	2024	Runners-up (2020)	252	112	134	3	1	2	44.44
Lucknow Super Giants	3	2022	2024	Eliminator (2022, 2023)	44	24	19	0	0	1	54.54
Deccan Chargers	5	2008	2012	Champions (2009)	75	29	46	0	0	0	38.66
Rising Pune Supergiant	2	2016	2017	Runners-up (2017)	30	15	15	0	0	0	50.00
Gujarat Lions	2	2016	2017	Qualifier 2 (2016)	30	13	16	0	1	0	45.00
Kochi Tuskers Kerala	1	2011	2011	Group Stage (2011)	14	6	8	0	0	0	42.85
Pune Warriors India	3	2011	2013	Group Stage (<u>2011</u> , <u>2012</u> , <u>2013</u>)	46	12	33	0	0	1	26.67

Team now defunct

Records and statistics

A summary of the most notable statistical records associated with the tournament is provided below:

As of 19 May 2024

	Batting Records							
Most runs	<u>Virat Kohli</u> (RCB)	7,971						
Highest score	Chris Gayle (RCB)	175* vs Pune Warriors (23 April 2013)						
Highest partnership	Virat Kohli & AB de Villiers (RCB)	229 vs Gujarat Lions (14 May 2016)						
Most sixes	Chris Gayle (KKR/RCB/PBKS)	357						
Most fours	Shikhar Dhawan (DD/MI/DC/SRH/PBKS)	768						
Most centuries	<u>Virat Kohli</u> (RCB)	8						
Most half centuries	David Warner (SRH/DC)	66						
Most runs in a season	<u>Virat Kohli</u> (RCB)	973 (2016)						
Bowling Records								
Most wickets	Yuzvendra Chahal (MI/RCB/RR)	204						
Best bowling average	Lasith Malinga (MI)	19.79 (Minimum 1000 balls)						
Best bowling figures	Alzarri Joseph (MI)	6/12 vs Sunrisers Hyderabad (6 April 2019)						
	Fielding							
Most dismissals (wicket-keeper)	MS Dhoni (CSK/RPS)	190						
Most catches (wicket-keeper)	MS Dhoni (CSK/RPS)	148						
Most stumpings (wicket-keeper)	MS Dhoni (CSK/RPS)	42						
Most catches (fielder)	Virat Kohli (RCB)	114						
	Other records							
Most matches	MS Dhoni (CSK/RPS)	264						
Most matches as captain	MS Dhoni (CSK/RPS)	226						
Most matches won as captain	MS Dhoni (CSK/RPS)	133						
	Team records							
Highest total	Sunrisers Hyderabad	287/3 (20) vs Royal Challengers Bengaluru (15 April 2024)						
Lowest total	Royal Challengers Bengaluru	49 (9.4) vs Kolkata Knight Riders (23 April 2017)						

Source: records extracted from ESPNcricinfo^[78]

Awards

Orange Cap

The Orange Cap is awarded to the highest run-scorer at the end of each season. It is an ongoing competition with the current highest-run scorer wearing the cap whilst fielding. The eventual winner keeps the cap for the season. Brendon McCullum was the first player to wear the Orange Cap and Shaun Marsh the inaugural winner of the award. Australian batsman David Warner has won the award three times, more than any other player. Shubman Gill of Gujarat Titans, who scored 890 runs during the 2023 season, is the most recent winner of the award.

Purple Cap

The Purple Cap is awarded to the highest wicket-taker at the end of each season. It is an ongoing competition and the bowler who is the leading wicket-taker wears a purple cap whilst fielding. The eventual winner keeps the cap for the season. Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Dwayne Bravo are the only players to have won the award twice. Mohammed Shami of Gujarat Titans who took 28 wickets during the 2023 season, is the most recent winner of the award.

Most Valuable Player

The Most Valuable Player award, formerly called the "Man of the Tournament" until the 2012 season, is awarded using a ratings system introduced in 2013. Shubman Gill won the award in 2023.

Fair Play Award

The Fair Play Award is given after each season to the team considered to have the best fair play record. After each match, the two onfield umpires and the <u>third umpire</u> score the performance of both teams, with the highest-scoring team at the end of the season receiving the award. The 2023 winners were <u>Delhi Capitals</u>.

Emerging Player Award

The Emerging Player Award was presented to the best under-19 player in 2008 and the best under-23 player in 2009 and 2010. In 2011 and 2012, the award was known as "Rising Star of the Year," and in 2013 the "Best Young Player of the Season." Since 2014, the award has been called the Emerging Player of the Year. Mustafizur Rahman is the only foreign player to win this award. The 2023 winner was Yashasvi Jaiswal.

Maximum Sixes Award

The Maximum Sixes Award is presented to the player who hits the most sixes at the end of the season. [86]

Finances

Title sponsorship

From 2008 to 2012, the IPL title sponsor was DLF, India's largest real estate developer, which bid ₹200 crore (US\$25 million) for the rights for five seasons. [89] After the 2012 season, PepsiCo bought the title sponsorship rights for ₹397 crore (US\$50 million) for the next five seasons^[90] but terminated the deal in October 2015, two years before the expiry of the contract, due to the twoseason suspension of the Chennai and Rajasthan franchises from the league. [91] The BCCI transferred the title sponsorship rights for the remaining two seasons of the contract to Chinese smartphone manufacturer for ₹200 Vivo crore (US\$25 million).[92]

Title sponsorship fees^[87]

Sponsor	Period	Estimated annual sponsorship fee
DLF	2008–2012	₹40 crore (US\$5.0 million)
Pepsi	2013–2015	₹79.2 crore (US\$9.9 million)
Vivo	2016, 2017	₹100 crore (US\$12.5 million)
VIVO	2018, 2019, 2021	₹440 crore (US\$55.1 million)
Dream11	2020	₹222 crore (US\$27.8 million)
Toto	2022–2023	₹335 crore (US\$42.0 million)
<u>Tata</u>	2024–2028	₹500 crore (US\$62.6 million) ^[88]

In June 2017, Vivo retained the rights for the next five seasons

from 2018 to 2022 with a winning bid of ₹2,199 crore (US\$280 million). [93][94] On 4 August 2020, Vivo canceled the title sponsorship rights due to the military stand-off between India and China at the Line of Actual Control in July 2020. [95] The withdrawal was also a result of Vivo's market losses due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; Vivo intended to return as the title sponsor for the following three years. [96] Dream11 became the title sponsors for the 2020 IPL for an amount of ₹222 crore (equivalent to ₹261 crore or US\$33 million in 2023). [97] Vivo returned as the title sponsor for the 2021 IPL season [98] but withdrew again, and was replaced by the Tata Group for the next two seasons. [99] InsideSport reported the BCCI would receive ₹498 crore (US\$62 million) for the 2022 and 2023 seasons from title sponsors. Vivo had previously agreed to pay a higher amount for the last two seasons of its sponsorship contract due to the league's expansion from the 2022 season. According to InsideSport, due to the new deal's structure, Tata would pay ₹335 crore (US\$42 million) per year while Vivo would pay the deficit of ₹163 crore (US\$20 million) per season. [100][101]

Saudi Aramco brought the rights to advertise on the Purple and Orange caps in 2022. [102]

Payments to foreign national boards

The BCCI pays ten per cent of the auctioned value of players to their national cricket boards. In January 2018, IPL chairman Rajiv Shukla said the IPL would double the amount paid to cricket boards that made their players available for an entire season. [103] In 2022, Australian Cricketers' Association expressed its unhappiness about this. [104]

Brand value

The IPL tournament rapidly grew in value between 2016 and 2018. Financial experts valued the IPL at US\$4.16 billion in 2016; that number grew to \$5.3 billion in 2017 and \$6.13 billion in 2018. A report from Duff & Phelps said one of the contributing factors in the rapid growth of the IPL's value was a new television deal with Star India Private Limited, which engaged more viewers because the IPL was transmitted to regional channels in eight languages; under the previous deal, the transmissions were limited to sports networks with English-language commentary. [105][106]

According to an independent report conducted by Brand Finance, a London-based company, after the conclusion of the <u>2017 Indian Premier League</u>, the IPL's business value grew by 37% to an all-time peak of \$5.3 billion, exceeding the five-billion-dollar mark for the first time in a season. According to the company's director Savio D'Souza:

Now in its 11th season, the Indian Premier League is here to stay. The league has delivered financially for the players, franchisees, sponsors, and India as a whole, prompting a strong desire among stakeholders to value it appropriately. To ensure continued development, management, and team owners must explore innovative ways of engaging fans, clubs, and sponsors. [107]

In December 2022, the IPL became a <u>decacom</u> valued at US\$10.9 billion, registering a 75% growth in dollar terms since 2020 when it was valued at \$6.2 billion, according to a report by consulting firm D & P Advisory. [16]

Year Team 2023 2022 2021 **Brand value** Ref **Brand value** Ref **Brand value** Ref [108] Mumbai Indians ₹9,962 crore (US\$1.2 billion) \$83M \$80M \$74M \$76M Chennai Super Kings ₹8,811 crore (US\$1.1 billion) Kolkata Knight Riders ₹8,428 crore (US\$1.1 billion) \$77M \$66M Lucknow Super Giants \$32M N/A ₹8,236 crore (US\$1.0 billion) Delhi Capitals ₹7,930 crore (US\$993.1 million) \$62M \$56M [109][110][108] [109] Royal Challengers Bengaluru ₹7,853 crore (US\$983.5 million) \$68M \$50M Rajasthan Royals ₹7,662 crore (US\$959.5 million) \$61M \$34M Sunrisers Hyderabad ₹7,432 crore (US\$930.7 million) \$49M \$52M Punjab Kings ₹7,087 crore (US\$887.5 million) \$45M \$36M Gujarat Titans ₹6,512 crore (US\$815.5 million) \$47M N/A

Brand value

In 2022, the BCCI took insurance of $\ref{5,000}$ crore (US\$630 million) for the IPL. This insurance policy involves all stakeholders, including broadcasters, ancillary services providers, and sponsors. The BCCI is covered in the case of any revenue losses due to weather, riots, and other unforeseen events. [111]

Broadcasting

2023-2027: Star Sports and JioCinema

The next cycle of IPL media rights will last from 2023 to 2027 and will be put to auction. [112] In this auction, the broadcasting rights were divided into four packages. Package A was for domestic television rights, and Package B was for domestic digital rights. Package C was for the digital rights of eighteen non-exclusive matches, and Package D was for international television and digital rights, further divided into four groups. On 13 June 2022, it was reported the packages for domestic television and streaming rights had fetched at least ₹397.75 billion (nearly US\$5.1 billion) in total, doubling the value of the 2018–2022 contract. [112]

The next day, it was announced that Star Sports had renewed its contract for television rights by winning package A, and that a $\underline{\text{Viacom18}}$ consortium had exclusively acquired the streaming rights by winning both Package B and C. The two contracts for Package A and B are cumulatively valued at around US\$6.2 billion; with the new contracts, the IPL overtook the $\underline{\text{Premier League}}$ in English football as the second highest-valued sports media property worldwide, behind only the $\underline{\text{NFL}}$, whose new media contracts taking effect in the $\underline{\text{2023 season}}$ cumulatively fetched US\$111 billion. $\underline{\text{[114][115][116][117]}}$

In February 2023, Viacom18 announced it would stream the 2023 IPL for free on $\underline{\text{JioCinema}}$ with feeds in 12 languages, including English and regional languages, and in $\underline{\text{4K resolution}}$. $\underline{\text{[118][119][120]}}$ The same month, $\underline{\text{The Walt Disney Company}}$ reported its loss of the IPL had contributed to a net loss of 2.4 million $\underline{\text{Disney+}}$ subscribers worldwide, primarily in India. $\underline{\text{[121][122]}}$

Ahead of the 2023 IPL, Star launched HD feeds of Star Sports 1 in Tamil and Telugu and announced its free-to-air channel <u>Star Utsav Movies</u> would carry twelve matches. It was anticipated viewership of Star Sports' broadcasts may not be heavily impacted by the Jio deal due to its existing market reach (including as rights holder of India's home matches) and viewers who preferred linear television due to being less familiar with <u>over-the-top services</u>, or concerns over technical issues associated with such services. JioCinema reported the IPL had 1.4 billion views on the service over the opening weekend, which was higher than the entirety of the 2022 season on Disney+ Hotstar. [123][124] The 2023 final set a record for the most concurrent viewers of a livestreamed event, peaking at over 32 million viewers (surpassing a record of 25.3 million set by Hotstar during the 2019 Cricket World Cup). [125][126]

List of broadcasters

Territory	Channels and Online streaming	Years
<u> India</u>	Star Sports 1 HD Star Sports 1 Hindi HD Star Sports 1 Kannada Star Sports 1 Tamil HD Star Sports 1 Telugu HD Star Gold HD Star Bharat SD Star Utsav Movies SD Star Jalsa Movies SD Star Suvarna Plus SD Star Vijay Super SD	<u>2024–2027</u>
	Jio Cinema (Internet)	2024–2027
Afghanistan Afghanistan	ATN HD ATN News HD	2024
	Ariana Television (Internet)	2024
Australia Australia	Foxtel Fox Cricket Kayo Sports	2023–present ^[1]
	Kayo Freebies (Internet)	2023–present ^[1]
Bangladesh	T Sports HD	2024
	T Sports APP	2024
Indonesia	<u>Vidio</u> (Internet)	2023 ^[127]
New Zealand	Colors TV	2024–present
C Pakistan	Tapmad APP	2024
■ Ireland United Kingdom	Sky Sports DAZN	2023–present
South Africa	SuperSport	2023 ^[1]
Sri Lanka	Supreme TV	2023–present
	The Papare.com	
United States	Willow TV	2023 ^[1]
$\underline{\text{Middle East}}$ and North Africa	Times Internet	<u>2023^[1]</u>

Controversies

IPL spot fixing

In the 2012 IPL spot-fixing case, the BCCI gave a lifetime ban to Deccan Chargers player TP Sudhindra and suspended four other players. In a sting operation, Pune Warriors India player Mohnish Mishra was recorded stating that IPL franchise owners pay their players through black money. Mishra had later apologized for his incorrect statement. On 20 May 2012, police detained Rahul Sharma and Wayne Parnell when they were caught during a raid at a rave party at a suburb of Mumbai; both the players denied taking drugs or drinking alcohol. However, it was later proven that in reality, they had taken banned drugs after police tested their urine and blood samples in a lab.

In the 2013 IPL spot-fixing and betting case, Delhi police arrested players Ajit Chandila, Ankeet Chavan and S. Sreesanth on allegations of spot-fixing; they received a lifetime ban from the BCCI. Police also arrested Gurunath Meiyappan, Chennai Super Kings' team principal and son-in-law of then BCCI president N. Srinivasan, for illegally betting on IPL matches and passing team information to the bookmakers. [133][134]

The Lodha Committee, appointed by the Supreme Court of India, banned Rajasthan Royals (RR) and Chennai Super Kings (CSK) for two years. The CSK's team principal Meiyappan was found guilty of betting and bringing the IPL and the game into disrepute. After this, the BCCI banned Meiyappan from involving in the game. Justice RM Lodha said that due to all this fixing-betting matter, the reputation of the game had been hurt quite grievously. "Disrepute has been brought to cricket, the BCCI and the IPL to such an extent that there are doubts abound in the public whether the game is clean or not," Justice Lodha said. He further elaborated his Committee's observations and said it had proved beyond doubt that Gurunath Meiyappan, the CSK's team principal, was heavily involved in betting on his team. [135]

Strategic timeouts

In its $\underline{3rd\ season}$ in 2010, the IPL administration brought a new rule: "strategic $\underline{timeout}$ " of seven minutes and fifty seconds duration in each inning. Franchises and $\underline{Sachin\ Tendulkar}$ disapproved of it. Many saw it as the BCCI's use of 'extended drinks break' to earn money; it faced widespread backlash. Then IPL president said that the rule is intended to allow teams to make strategies amid the game. Still, critics disagreed with this argument and said that the strategic time-out is a way to generate money. Later, the BCCI reduced its duration but still applied it.

These timeouts boost the IPL's revenue; every 10-second slot gets sold for ₹5 lakhs or more. $\frac{[136][138]}{138}$ Due to these time-outs, an IPL match halts four times for more than 10 minutes. As per Sunil Gavaskar, along with many other reasons, strategic timeouts delay the IPL matches, and they do not end at the stipulated time of 3 hours and 10 minutes, instead end after 4 hours. $\frac{[139]}{139}$ Amid the Super Giants against Mumbai Indians eliminator game in $\frac{2023}{199}$, on-air he uttered, "How many times batsmen get out after a strategic timeout," indicating that it plays negative role in immediate fall of wickets by disrupting concentration of the batters. $\frac{[140]}{199}$

Some cricketers have criticized strategic timeouts for interrupting the flow of play. In the past, it even faced <u>Public Interest Litigation</u> (PIL) with the possibility that ST breaks were being used by bookies to connect with the players. In the past, IPL's stakeholders admitted that STs are unavoidable because they give the BCCI and broadcasters additional time for more ads. In 2013, after a <u>spot-fixing</u> matter, then-president <u>N. Srinivasan</u> got sacked due to a pending inquiry, and <u>Jagmohan Dalmia</u> got appointed as interim president. Dalmia expressed openly that he wants to end STs and take other measures to restrain malpractices in the IPL. [136]

Incidents with players

In the 2008 edition, after a game, <u>Harbhajan Singh</u>, who was playing for Mumbai Indians, slapped <u>S. Sreesanth</u>. The IPL fined and banned him from the remaining entire edition. However, years later, he apologized to Sreesanth for it on TV and said that he was ashamed for doing it. [141][142]

In a 2022 interview, Yuzvendra Chahal revealed two incidents of physical harassment that happened with him, while he was with Mumbai Indians. In 2013, at a party of the team in a building, a drunken teammate took him to the balcony, overpowered him and hung him from the 15th floor of the building. Yuzvendra said he narrowly survived that day. In another incident, two teammates including Andrew Symonds tied him, gagged his mouth and threw him in a room of the hotel. He remained the whole night alone in that room. When the hotel room service arrived in the morning, they untied his hands and legs. He did not reveal the names of the offenders involved in the first incident. Reacting to these revelations, Virender Sehwag expressed that he wanted Yuzvendra to reveal the offender's name and furious Ravi Shastri expressed that the offender should be banned. In the wanted Yuzvendra to reveal the offender's name and furious Ravi Shastri expressed that the offender should be banned.

In 2010, the BCCI banned Ravindra Jadeja from the IPL for one year after he violated the IPL guidelines by not signing a renewal contract with his team Rajasthan Royals, and instead negotiated a more lucrative contract with other teams through the back door. [147]

Rajasthan Royals ownership dispute

In April 2010, the BCCI president Shashank Manohar said in a press conference that the IPL governing council didn't know who the owners of Rajasthan Royals (RR) and the Punjab team are. The initial bid for RR was made by a person named Manoj Bhandale. After that, other firms from Mauritius were added as shareholders. In response, Shilpa Shetty tweeted that she was a proprietor of RR. Regarding the Punjab team, Manohar revealed that in the team bidding event, only Preity Zinta was interested in buying that team. She said that she would form a firm. She did it and signed a bid agreement with the BCCI. However, Preity did not have a single share in her name in that firm. Manohar alleged that Shetty and Zinta violated the agreement as prior permission of the BCCI is mandatory before transferring ownership shares with other people. [148]

N. Srinivasan's ownership of CSK

In 2010, an e-mail leaked in Indian media, according to an *Economic Times* article, said that former IPL president Lalit Modi helped then-BCCI president N. Srinivasan to buy Andrew Flintoff in the auction for his team Chennai Super Kings (CSK). Srinivasan was criticized for owning an IPL team due to his conflict of interests. Former BCCI president A. Muthiah filed a lawsuit against Srinivasan in the Supreme Court of India; he claimed that Srinivasan altered the BCCI's rules to allow himself to purchase a team. The Lodha Committee banned CSK from the IPL for two years when their team principal, Gurunath Meiyappan, was found guilty of betting and providing inside information to bookies. The supreme court criticized Srinivasan for buying an IPL team while serving as the BCCI president; a judge commented, "How can a BCCI chief own a team?". However, he still own the team and his daughter Rupa Gurunath often appear in stadiums amid CSK's games.

Australian players' dispute with their board

Due to the BCCI giving one-tenth of foreign players' salaries to their respective country's national cricket boards, a dispute between Australian cricketers and Cricket Australia started. The Australian Cricketers' Association also opposed the arrangement. [152]

Shashi Tharoor and Sunanda Pushkar's sweat equity in RSW

In 2010, the IPL president revealed that the Minister of State for External Affairs Shashi Tharoor's wife Sunanda Pushkar has sweat equity share in Rendezvous Sports World (RSW), the proprietor of Kochi Tuskers Kerala team. Opposition party BJP agitated against the Indian National Congress. Later, it was revealed that Pushkar has ₹70 crore equity in RSW. Tharoor offered to leave his equity, but many within the Congress party felt that by doing this, Tharoor pleaded guilty. Due to pressure, the Congress party demanded his resignation. He was the first minister of United Progressive Alliance 2 who got slammed for his illegal moves. [153]

Slow over rates

The IPL frequently gets criticism due to the slow pace of its matches. During the 2023 season, <u>Jos Buttler</u> mentioned on Twitter to speed up the pace of the play. An IPL match should end within 3:10 hours of the stipulated time, but it often ends after 4 hours. As per Gavaskar, strategic timeouts, reserve players running on the field with drinks and messages amid games, and batsmen asking for helmets result in these delays. The introduction of strategic timeouts was also suspected to be for monetary reasons since it allows for more ad slots. [138] Field umpires sometimes penalize teams by restricting them to field just four fielders outside the 30-yard area, or match referees penalize by cutting captain's − team members' match fees, but it has not solved the problem. Games often run at a slow speed and finish late. During the 2024 season, Rishabh Pant, captain of Delhi Capitals, and Shubman Gill of Gujarat Titans were fined ₹12 lakhs each for their teams' slow over rates during matches against the Chennai Super Kings. [154] Millions of viewers feel that IPL matches should be fast-paced. [155]

Negative impact on international cricket

Former India captain <u>Kapil Dev</u> claimed that there was an increasing risk of injury to Indian players from playing in the IPL. He felt that some players avoided the national team's matches, yet appear in all of their IPL fixtures. [156]

Exclusion of Pakistani players

Following the November 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai and the attack on Sri Lankan team in March 2009, geopolitical tensions surged between India and Pakistan. It led to several outcomes, one led to Pakistani players being unofficially forbidden to play in the IPL. [157] While they had been selected by several teams for the inaugural IPL season (2008), their contracts were terminated before the 2009 edition. This situation endured "due to political tensions". [158] Among critics of BCCI and IPL owners is Imran Khan, who has said they "take it out on Pakistan players". He accused the BCCI of "arrogance" but also stated that "Pakistan should not worry about it" [159]

Explanatory notes

a. Indian cricket leagues established using similar formats to the IPL include the <u>Women's Premier League</u> and various <u>domestic state-level leagues</u>. Leagues established in other sports include the association football <u>Indian Super League</u>, the <u>Pro Kabaddi League</u> and <u>Pro Volleyball League</u> Other international leagues have also adopted elements of the IPL and been influenced by the business model used.

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