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# ICC ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

### GREG BARCLAY

I'm delighted to welcome you to the ICC Annual Report for 2022-23 – and to introduce our survey of another successful year for our organisation and for the sport we love.

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**THE LAST 12 MONTHS HAVE BEEN A LANDMARK YEAR FOR THE WOMEN'S GAME AROUND THE WORLD, HIGHLIGHTED BY OUR BACK-TO-BACK WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUPS IN SOUTH AFRICA.”**

This Report offers the perfect opportunity to reflect on our progress against the ICC Strategy for Global Growth. Launched in November 2021, the strategy sets out six ambitions to strengthen, grow and protect the sport worldwide

Women's cricket is one of the strategy's six strategic priority projects. It's no exaggeration to say that the last 12 months have been a landmark year for the women's game around the world, highlighted by our back-to-back Women's T20 World Cups in South Africa.

The year 2023 began with the first ever ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup. With a total of 16 teams, including ICC World Cup debuts for Indonesia and Rwanda, it was our largest ever women's World Cup – showing progress against our ambition to expand all ICC events, another strategic priority project.

Some 240 young players enjoyed their first taste of ICC tournament action over 16 competitive days. Free admission to all matches offered spectators a unique opportunity to see tomorrow's stars today, and I was particularly delighted that more than 4,000 schoolchildren came along to enjoy the action.

Illustrating the strength in the U19 women's game, a number of ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup stars stayed in South Africa to compete in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023, which followed immediately afterwards. This colourful tournament proved to be the most watched ICC women's event yet staged, with more than 192 million global viewing hours. And it leaves a tremendous legacy in Africa, where the game continues to grow apace. Our thanks go to Cricket South Africa for their excellent work in hosting both tournaments.

The growth in elite women's cricket continued away from the World Cup stage, with Associate Members playing more women's T20I bilateral matches than men's T20Is in 2022 – a cricketing first. We're also continuing to encourage a new generation of female leaders off the pitch through our 100% Cricket Future Leaders mentorship programme. The third cohort of 25 participants started the programme in 2023,

bringing to 65 the total number of women who have benefited from this pioneering initiative.

The two women's World Cups in South Africa followed a spectacular ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022, delayed by COVID-19 but well worth the wait. Highlights included an unforgettable contest between India and Pakistan, a joyous coming-together of fans from two great cricketing nations. Sincere thanks go to Cricket Australia, who did an outstanding job as hosts.

World Cups and other future ICC events will be seen by greater audiences than ever thanks to our media rights deals, including several confirmed in the last 12 months. Our renewed partnership with Disney Star ensures it will broadcast all ICC cricket in India until 2027; Sky Sports and NOW will be the home of ICC events in the UK and Ireland until 2031; SuperSport will broadcast ICC events in 52 African territories; and Willow TV will serve viewers in the USA and Canada. With further agreements nearing completion, we're delighted to be working with our broadcast partners to bring our great sport to more fans than ever before.

The USA, indeed, is another strategic focus – not least with our ambition to see cricket added to future Olympic Games, starting with Los Angeles in 2028. This decision is pending – but we remain confident that the addition of cricket to the Olympic programme would be a win-win-win for the ICC, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and LA28, as the world's most diverse sport becomes part of the greatest show on earth.

I would like to end on a personal note by thanking the ICC Board for re-electing me as Chair in November 2022, and for their ongoing support. My thanks also go to all the ICC staff for their outstanding work – and I now look forward to another packed cricketing year ahead.

**Greg Barclay**  
Independent Chair



## CEO'S REPORT GEOFF ALLARDICE

The last 12 months have seen cricket emerge in good health from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the successful year we've enjoyed bodes extremely well for the future of our sport.

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**FANS ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF ICC EVENTS, AND THE PASSIONATE CROWDS WE SAW THIS YEAR SERVE AS TESTAMENT TO THE GROWING WORLDWIDE SUPPORT FOR CRICKET.”**

I've been heartened to see capacity crowds returning once more to international cricket as the pandemic finally recedes. Fans are the lifeblood of our sport, and the passionate crowds we saw this year at our trio of ICC World Cups serve as testament to the growing worldwide support for cricket.

Our first ICC World Cup this year was one to remember – the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia, which captivated fans worldwide in October and November 2022. The flexibility and patience showed by hosts Cricket Australia in the wake of the pandemic was greatly appreciated by everyone in the ICC family, and the tournament itself threw up some unforgettable matches: New Zealand's stunning win against the hosts, India's last-ball triumph against Pakistan in front of 90,000 at the MCG, and finally England becoming the first men's team to hold both ODI and T20I World Cups simultaneously.

I was particularly proud to see the inaugural ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup come to life in South Africa in January 2023 after being delayed by the pandemic. It was a wonderful 16 days of competition, enjoyed by everyone who saw it in person or via our comprehensive broadcast coverage, and our congratulations go to India for being worthy winners.

We are already seeing the benefits of this first ever ICC U19 Women's World Cup across the game, with Members introducing new girls' competitions to feed into future tournaments. Many nations will be hoping to follow in the footsteps of Rwanda and Indonesia, for whom the event represented their first ever appearances at an ICC World Cup – with Rwanda securing a memorable first ever World Cup win by beating Zimbabwe.

The tournament also featured the first ever ICC 100% Cricket Mentorship Programme, a tournament first. The programme connected each of the 16 teams with world-class stars such as Mignon du Preez, Sana Mir and Trisha Chetty, who offered guidance, support and advice on everything from on-field performance to menstrual health. The initiative is perfectly aligned with our wider ambitions to promote girls' cricket and grow the wider women's game under the umbrella of 100% Cricket.

The first ever ICC U19 Women's World Cup was followed by the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023, also in South Africa, which drew large and enthusiastic crowds – and, thanks to our media rights agreements, was seen by more people worldwide than any previous ICC women's tournament. Congratulations to champions Australia on their three-peat, and many thanks to Cricket South Africa for hosting such a superb tournament.

The year also saw the continuation of the ICC World Test Championship, with Australia and India topping the two-year table and qualifying for the final in June 2023 (just outside the period covered by this Annual Report). Like the first edition, qualification for the 2023 final went right down to the wire with a number of teams in contention. This pioneering worldwide competition continues to go from strength to strength, and we are already excited for the next two-year cycle that got under way with the Ashes in June 2023.

Away from the World Cup stage, we have continued to support the growth of the game at grassroots level, developing and providing a wealth of training and education resources to support Members and encourage more participation. No fewer than 18,000 people worldwide have now registered online to study ICC courses since their launch in October 2021, and 250 worldwide ICC tutors have helped 6,300 people to complete the entry-level ICC Coaching Foundation Certificate and a further 1,000 people to complete ICC Coaching Course Level 1.

It just remains for me to thank the Board and Chair Greg Barclay for their ongoing support, the entire ICC team, and all our 108 Members around the world. I look forward to working with you all on what promises to be another exciting year for cricket.

**Geoff Allardice**  
CEO

# ICC STRATEGY FOR GLOBAL GROWTH

Designed to strengthen, grow and protect the sport, the ICC's Global Growth Strategy continues to inform and inspire the development of cricket around the world.

In the second year after its launch in November 2021, this year saw the ICC's new Strategy for Global Growth continue to pay dividends around the world.

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.

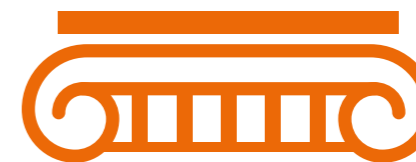
## THE THREE PILLARS



### 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.

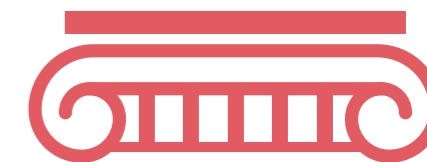
The ICC will invest in and grow women's cricket, and build cricket among Associate Members. Digital transformation will deepen fans' connection with the game, and the ICC will continue to develop ICC.tv, the direct-to-fan platform taking live cricket to more of the world. A mobile game will also be developed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



### GROW

The ICC's focus will be on getting more people to play and engage with the game through criio, 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.

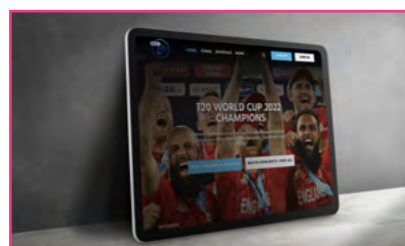


### PROTECT

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 2022-23



### DIGITAL

The ICC's digital work broadened in 2022-23, forging new collaborations and connecting with more fans. New technology, innovative partnerships and more inclusive content expanding the global reach of women's and men's cricket produced great success around four key areas: new audiences, direct relationships with fans, women's cricket coverage and engaging the world's brightest minds.



### OLYMPICS

The ICC continues to pursue cricket's inclusion in future Olympic Games, with Los Angeles 2028 the immediate target. The addition of the sport to the Olympic programme would be a huge win for the game and the Olympic Movement, drawing more fans into both the magic of the Olympics and the joy of cricket – and would follow the success of the women's T20I tournament at another multi-sport event, the Commonwealth Games 2022.



### ICC EVENTS

No fewer than 19 teams competed on the ICC World Cup stage in 2022-23 – including a record seven ICC Associate Members, with Indonesia and Rwanda both making their first appearances at any ICC World Cup when they took to the field in South Africa for the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023. Qualifying is now under way for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, which will be the largest ever – featuring 20 teams from every ICC region.



### WOMEN'S CRICKET

Women's cricket continued to make great strides. The inaugural ICC U19 Women's and the ICC Women's T20 World Cups further built momentum: the ICC Women's T20 World Cup was the most watched ICC women's event ever, and both events are creating a wonderful legacy for women's cricket in South Africa. The 100% Cricket campaign is also expanding, with everything from the third 100% Future Leaders intake to a new programme on health education.



### USA

The game continues to grow in the USA, with planning underway for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 and a new broadcast agreement signed in May 2023 with Willow TV, which is set to ensure fans in the USA and Canada will be able to enjoy all major ICC men's and women's events on broadcast and digital channels until the end of 2027. On the field, the USA returned to the ICC World Cup stage at the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023.



### PARTICIPATION

criio, the ICC's flagship participation programme, reached more people than ever in 2022-23. Equipping Members with a fun-first, school and community group-based cricketing curriculum, the programme is expanding via the criio Facilitator Training Programme, which launched in May 2022 and ramped up during 2022-23. criio is allied to the ICC's wider Training and Education programmes, an increasingly key tool for increasing participation.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



Australia beat hosts South Africa at Newlands Cricket Ground to win their third consecutive ICC Women's T20 World Cup



## JUNE 2022

**Shakib Al Hasan** returns as Bangladesh Test captain, taking over from Mominul Haque

**Joe Root's** 115\* seals England's victory over New Zealand at Lord's in the first Test of the Brendon McCullum era

New Zealand's **Kane Williamson** misses the second Test against England after testing positive for COVID-19

Australia women's captain **Meg Lanning** and the late **Shane Warne** are honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List

The India subcontinent TV and digital rights for the **Indian Premier League (IPL)** seasons 2023-27 are sold for USD 5.1 billion

**Jonny Bairstow's** 77-ball century leads England to a memorable win at Nottingham and a 2-0 series lead over New Zealand

**Dave Houghton** is appointed Head Coach of Zimbabwe

The England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) charges **Yorkshire** and several individuals over historic racism allegations

**England's** men rewrite the ODI record books with a mammoth 498-4 in a crushing win over the Netherlands in Amstelveen

**Richie Berrington** (pictured) succeeds Kyle Coetzer as captain of Scotland

**Marizanne Kapp's** 150 and **Nat Sciver-Brunt's** unbeaten 169 ensure that the women's Test between England and South Africa at Taunton ends in a draw

**Jonny Bairstow** inspires England to a seven-wicket win in the third Test at Leeds and a 3-0 series sweep of New Zealand

**Enoch Nkwe** is appointed South Africa's Director of Cricket



## JULY 2022

**Jasprit Bumrah** strikes a Test world record 35 runs from one Stuart Broad over as India take on England at Edgbaston

**Joe Root** and **Jonny Bairstow** score unbeaten centuries as England draw the Test series with India 2-2

**Prabath Jayasuriya's** 12 wickets and 206\* from **Dinesh Chandimal** (pictured) give Sri Lanka a series-levelling win in Galle against Australia

**Sikandar Raza** takes 4 for 8 as Zimbabwe win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Qualifier B with a 37-run victory over the Netherlands at Bulawayo

**Abdullah Shafique's** epic 160\* leads Pakistan to glory as they chase 342 to beat Sri Lanka at Galle

**Jonathan Trott** is named Head Coach of Afghanistan

**Sam Northeast** scores 410\* as Glamorgan stun Leicestershire in the County Championship

The Board of **Cricket Scotland** resigns before the publication of an independent report into racism

**India** are announced as the hosts of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025

**Sri Lanka** level their Test series with Pakistan with a 246-run victory at Galle

Cricket returns to the **Commonwealth Games** after a 24-year absence with a women's T20 competition at Birmingham 2022

## AUGUST 2022

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) shortlists cricket for possible inclusion in the **Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028**

**Tamim Iqbal** (pictured) becomes the first Bangladesh batter to reach 8,000 ODI runs during the first ODI against Zimbabwe

**Richard Thompson** is appointed ECB Chair for the next five years

**Beth Mooney's** 61 helps **Australia** to gold in the Commonwealth Games, with **India** taking silver and **New Zealand** bronze

**Lisa Keightley** steps down as Head Coach of England women

**Meg Lanning** announces that she is taking an indefinite break from cricket for personal reasons

**Alana King** takes a hat-trick as Trent Rockets defeat Manchester Originals in the women's Hundred in England

**Ian Chappell** ends his 45-year commentary career

Seven Tests, 135 ODIs and 159 T20Is are announced in the first ICC women's international **Future Tours Programme**

**Anrich Nortje** inspires South Africa to victory over England inside three days at Lord's

A review into English cricket led by **Andrew Strauss** proposes a smaller Championship top tier and a revamped 50-over competition

**Ben Stokes** strikes a century as England win by an innings at Old Trafford to level their Test series against South Africa

The ICC confirms that **Disney Star** will be the home of ICC cricket in India for the next four years, with an agreement covering TV and digital rights to men's and women's global events up to 2027





## SEPTEMBER 2022

A “freak” broken leg suffered playing golf puts **Jonny Bairstow** out of the third Test against South Africa and the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2022

**Marizanne Kapp** (pictured) stars again as Oval Invincibles retain their women’s Hundred title

**Lewis Gregory** seals men’s Hundred victory for Trent Rockets with 11 runs in three balls after **Sam Cook**’s four wickets

The third Test between **England and South Africa** is suspended in a mark of respect following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II

**Bhanuka Rajapaksa**, **Wanindu Hasaranga** and **Pramod Madushan** help Sri Lanka to the Asia Cup crown

**Zak Crawley**’s unbeaten 69 leads England to a nine-wicket win and 2-1 series triumph over South Africa

The **ICC** announces that an extra fielder would be required inside the fielding circle in the case of a slow over rate in ODI cricket

Sri Lanka part ways with Director of Cricket **Tom Moody**

The Oval is announced as the host of the **ICC World Test Championship** final in 2023

The **ECB’s High-Performance Review** recommends a six-team County Championship Division One and a reduction of games in the T20 Blast

**Rory Burns** helps Surrey clinch victory over Yorkshire, and with it the County Championship title

**Bangladesh** and **Ireland** qualify for the ICC Women’s T20 World Cup 2023

Half-centuries from **Smriti Mandhana** and **Deepti Sharma** at Lord’s help India to seal a 3-0 ODI series win over England

The ECB offers to host Test series between **India** and **Pakistan**

The ICC announces that the winners of the **ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2022** will receive prize money of USD 1.6 million



## OCTOBER 2022

**Dawid Malan** and **Chris Woakes** star with bat and ball as England clinch their T20I series in Pakistan 4-3 on their first international tour of the country for 17 years

India’s **Jasprit Bumrah** is ruled out of the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2022 with a back injury

**Shimron Hetmyer** is dropped from the West Indies’ T20 World Cup squad over a missed flight

It is announced that the **Commonwealth Games Victoria 2026** will include a women’s T20 competition

**Natthakan Chantham** inspires Thailand to a stunning upset victory over Pakistan in the Women’s Asia Cup

**John Campbell** of the West Indies is banned for four years for an anti-doping rule violation

**Thailand** qualify for the Women’s Asia Cup semi-finals for the first time

The ICC bans **Mehar Chhayakar** for 14 years on corruption charges

**Namibia** kick off the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2022 with a famous upset win over Sri Lanka

**Scotland**’s bowlers help their side to a huge 42-run upset against West Indies at the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2022

**Pat Cummins** is named as Australia’s ODI captain, with a “wider” leadership group underneath

Wrong’uns prove the right answer for UAE’s **Karthik Meiyappan** (pictured), who takes the first hat-trick of the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2022 against Sri Lanka

**Ireland** knock out the West Indies with a commanding victory by nine wickets at Hobart

**Virat Kohli**’s unbeaten 82 help India defeat Pakistan in front of 90,000 people at the MCG

**Richard Gould** is appointed as Chief Executive of the ECB

**Phil Simmons** quits as West Indies coach after their “unfathomable” ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2022 exit

**Ireland** stun England in a rain-affected game in Melbourne

**Zimbabwe** defeat Pakistan by one run in Perth

**Bangladesh** beat Zimbabwe after the final delivery has to be re-bowled in another exciting World Cup finish



## NOVEMBER 2022

**Virat Kohli** becomes the highest run-scorer in ICC Men's T20 World Cup history, overtaking Mahela Jayawardene's total of 1,016 runs

**Sidra Ameen** sets a new Pakistan ODI batting record with 176 not out as her side beat Ireland by 128 runs at Lahore

**Mohammad Nabi** steps down as Afghanistan captain

A shock defeat to the Netherlands ends **South Africa's** ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 campaign

**Pakistan** make light work of New Zealand to storm into the ICC Men's T20 World Cup final

**Alex Hales** and **Jos Buttler** carry England into the final with a 10-wicket defeat of India

**Greg Barclay** is re-elected as the ICC's Independent Chair

**Sam Curran** and **Ben Stokes** (pictured, with Liam Livingstone) are the heroes as England win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup for the first time with victory over Pakistan in the final

The launch of **Major League Cricket** in the United States of America is set for July 2023 in Dallas, Texas

**Jon Lewis** is named Head Coach of England women

**Australia** clinch a 3-0 ODI series win over England with a huge 221-run victory at Melbourne

**Nicholas Pooran** steps down as the West Indies' white-ball captain

The ICC announces a new format for the **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024**, with four groups of five teams as part of an expanded 20-team event

**Afghanistan** effectively seal their place in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 after a no-result against Sri Lanka in Pallekele

Maharashtra's **Ruturaj Gaikwad** hits seven sixes in an over, a first in List A cricket, in a Vijay Hazare Trophy quarter-final against Uttar Pradesh in Ahmedabad



## DECEMBER 2022

**Marnus Labuschagne** scores 204 and 104 not out as Australia defeat the West Indies by 164 runs at Perth

England's top four of **Zak Crawley**, **Ben Duckett**, **Ollie Pope** and **Harry Brook** all score centuries on the first day of the Rawalpindi Test against Pakistan

New Zealand's **Lea Tahuhu** (pictured) and **Hayley Jensen** bowl Bangladesh out for 32 in the first T20I in Christchurch

**England** clinch an incredible victory in the dying light in Rawalpindi to go 1-0 up in their Test series in Pakistan

**Ishan Kishan** reaches 200 in just 126 balls against Bangladesh at Chattogram, the fastest double-hundred in ODI history

**India's** women hand Australia their first defeat of 2022 with a Super Over victory in their T20I meeting at Mumbai

**England** seal their Test series against Pakistan with a thrilling 26-run victory in the second Test at Multan

**Andrew Flintoff** has to be airlifted to hospital after a car crash during filming for the TV series *Top Gear*

**Arjun Tendulkar** scores a century on his Ranji Trophy debut, emulating his father Sachin

**Kane Williamson** steps down as New Zealand's Test captain

**Manoj Prabhakar** steps down as Head Coach of Nepal's men

**Sydney Thunder** are bowled out for just 15 by Adelaide Strikers in the Big Bash

After becoming England's youngest Test cricketer, **Rehan Ahmed** takes a five-wicket haul to help England to a 3-0 sweep in Pakistan

**Ramiz Raja** is removed as Chair of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)

The **IPL** announces that it would introduce an "Impact Player" substitute for the 2023 season

**West Indies** women are bowled out for just 43 as they slump to a 5-0 defeat in their T20I series against England

Pakistan Chief Selector **Mohammad Wasim** is sacked and all PCB committees formed after 2019 are disbanded

**Sam Curran** became the most expensive player in IPL history as Punjab Kings sign the all-rounder for USD 2.25 million

**Shahid Afridi** is named interim Chief Selector of Pakistan men's team

**David Warner** strikes a double century against South Africa at Melbourne in his 100th Test

**Russell Domingo** resigns as Bangladesh Head Coach

**Rashid Khan** replaces Mohammad Nabi as Afghanistan T20I captain

**Rishabh Pant** is hospitalised after being seriously injured in a car crash

## JANUARY 2023

A statue is unveiled at the Sydney Cricket Ground of former Australia captain **Belinda Clark**, the first statue of a female cricketer in the world

Bad light has the final say in the Karachi Test, as **Pakistan** end on 304-9 chasing 319 to defeat **New Zealand**

**Suryakumar Yadav's** 45-ball century leads India to a 91-run victory in the third T20I at Rajkot, and with it a 2-1 series win over Sri Lanka

**Mark Coles** returns as Head Coach of Pakistan women

**Vrinda Rathi, N Janani** and **V Gayathri** make history by becoming the first women to officiate in the Ranji Trophy

The inaugural **ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023** gets under way in South Africa

**India** bowl out Sri Lanka for just 73 to complete a record 317-run victory and a 3-0 ODI series whitewash at Hiru

**Henriette Ishimwe** (pictured) picks up four wickets in four balls as Rwanda stun Zimbabwe in the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023

**Ben Stokes, Babar Azam** and **Jos Buttler** are named captains of the ICC men's Teams of 2022, with Stokes also named ICC Test Cricketer of the Year

**Harmanpreet Kaur** and **Sophie Devine** are named captains of the ICC women's ODI and T20I Teams of 2022 respectively

**Babar Azam** collects the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy awarded to the ICC's Men's Cricketer of the Year

**Nat Sciver-Brunt** wins the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy as the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year

The ICC names an all-woman panel of match officials for the **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023**

The ICC announces its first direct deal with **Sky Sports**, which is confirmed as the home of ICC cricket in the UK and Ireland until the end of 2031

India win the inaugural **ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup**, beating England by seven wickets in the final at Potchefstroom

## FEBRUARY 2023

**Dane van Niekerk** is left out of South Africa's squad for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023, with **Sune Luus** made captain

**Kraigg Brathwaite** and **Tagenarine Chanderpaul** (pictured) both bat for all five days of the Test for the West Indies against Zimbabwe at Bulawayo

The **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023** gets underway, with Sri Lanka edging out hosts South Africa in the opening match

**Smriti Mandhana** receives the largest bid at the Women's Premier League (WPL) auction, going to RCB for USD 415,000

**Gudakesh Motie** takes 13 wickets to spin West Indies to victory at Bulawayo and a 1-0 series win against Zimbabwe

**India** retain the Border-Gavaskar trophy, winning the second Test in Delhi to take an unbeatable 2-0 advantage

A 10-wicket win over Bangladesh secures **South Africa's** place in the semi-finals of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 alongside **Australia, England** and **India**

**Australia** beat India to reach a seventh successive ICC Women's T20 World Cup final, where **Beth Mooney's** 74\* leads them to victory against South Africa

**New Zealand** beat **England** in a one-run thriller at Wellington after following on, with the series ending 1-1

**Sri Lanka** and **Ireland** fail to secure direct qualification for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, and will have to play in a qualifying tournament



## MARCH 2023

**Australia** qualify for the ICC World Test Championship Final 2023 after defeating India by nine wickets at Indore, with **Nathan Lyon** taking 8-64 in India's second innings

**Doug Watson** is named Scotland's interim Head Coach

**Aiden Markram** is named captain of South Africa's T20I side, with Temba Bavuma dropped

**Shakib Al Hasan** becomes the first Bangladesh bowler to take 300 ODI wickets

**India** qualify for the World Test Championship Final 2023 after New Zealand beat Sri Lanka in Christchurch off the final ball of their Test

A ton from **Shubman Gill** (pictured) helps **India** seal a 2-1 series victory over Australia

**Willow TV** secures ICC media rights in USA and Canada until 2027

**Clare Connor** is appointed ECB Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**Western Australia** beat Victoria by nine wickets in Perth to win the Sheffield Shield

**South Africa** set a new T20I record by chasing 259 to beat the West Indies at Centurion

**Nat Sciver-Brunt** and **Issy Wong** lead Mumbai Indians to the inaugural WPL title, defeating Delhi Capitals in the final

## APRIL 2023

Cricket Scotland Chair **Anjan Luthra** steps down from the role

**USA** clinch their spot in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2023 in Zimbabwe after Ali Khan's 7-32 helps them defeat Jersey

After suffering a knee injury in the IPL, it is feared New Zealand's **Kane Williamson** will miss the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

**Nida Dar** (pictured) is appointed Pakistan captain

**Rinku Singh** hits sixes from the final five deliveries of the game to script a miracle IPL win for Kolkata against Gujarat Titans

The ICC announces a new agreement with **SuperSport** to bring ICC global events to fans across 52 territories in Africa

**Major League Cricket** receives official ICC sanction ahead of its July launch

**Mickey Arthur** is formally announced as Pakistan Team Director in a part-time role



## MAY 2023

**Pakistan** defeat New Zealand by 102 runs at Karachi to become the top-ranked ODI team

**David White** announces that he will step down as Chief Executive of New Zealand Cricket in August

It is announced that the **Big Bash League (BBL)** will be shortened to 40 regular-season games from the 2023-24 summer onwards

**Grant Bradburn** is confirmed as Pakistan men's Head Coach for the next two years

**Bangladesh** clinch their ODI series against Ireland in England 2-0 with victory at Chelmsford

The **ICC** scraps the soft-signal rule for catches

**Shammi Silva** is elected President of Sri Lanka Cricket for a third consecutive term

**Meg Lanning** is ruled out of the Ashes, with **Alyssa Healy** (pictured) set to lead Australia

**Ravindra Jadeja's** last-ball four seals a fifth title for Chennai Super Kings in a rollercoaster final against Gujarat, which extended into a third day



## RETIREMENTS

### ALL INTERNATIONAL

Azhar Ali Pakistan

Peter Chase Ireland

Kyle Coetzer Scotland

Theunis de Bruyn South Africa

Colin de Grandhomme New Zealand

Deandra Dottin West Indies

Mignon du Preez South Africa

Aaron Finch Australia

Shabnim Ismail South Africa

Lizelle Lee South Africa

Calum MacLeod Scotland

Eoin Morgan England

Stephan Myburgh Netherlands

Kevin O'Brien Ireland

Will Porterfield Ireland

Dwaine Pretorius South Africa

Denesh Ramdin West Indies

Katherine Sciver-Brunt England

Joginder Sharma India

Lendl Simmons West Indies

Dane van Niekerk South Africa

Murali Vijay India

### ODI CRICKET

Aaron Finch Australia

Ben Stokes England

### T20IS

Mushfiqur Rahim Bangladesh

Tamim Iqbal Bangladesh

### FIRST-CLASS CRICKET

Shaun Marsh Australia



Katherine Sciver-Brunt



Colin de Grandhomme



Kieron Pollard

### ALL CRICKET

Ahmed Raza UAE

Hashim Amla South Africa

Todd Astle New Zealand

Gary Ballance England/Zimbabwe

Farhaan Behardien South Africa

Trisha Chetta South Africa

Dan Christian Australia

Trent Copeland Australia

Rumeli Dhar India

Jhulan Goswami India

Jenny Gunn England

Hamid Hassan Afghanistan

Rachael Haynes Australia

Karuna Jain India

Eoin Morgan England

Tim Paine Australia

Kieron Pollard West Indies

Suresh Raina India

Mithali Raj India

Pieter Seelaar Netherlands

Rahul Sharma India

Will Somerville New Zealand

### UMPIRING

Shaun George South Africa



Lizelle Lee

# OBITUARIES

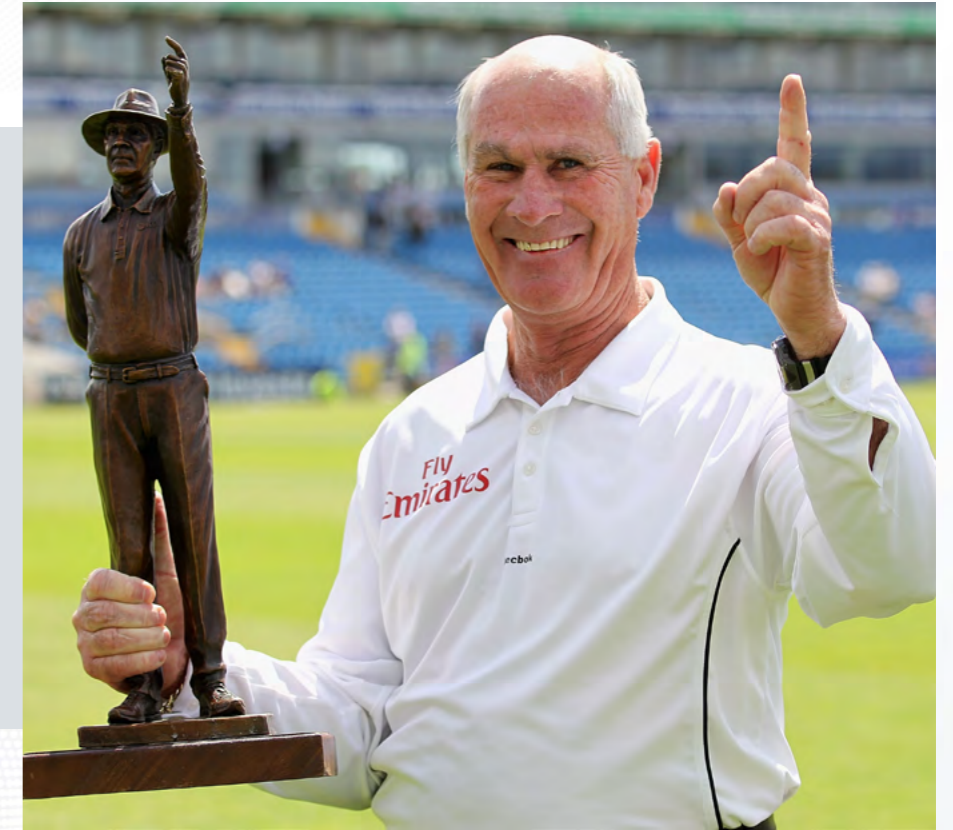
## Don Neely died 16 Jun 2022

After playing 34 first-class matches over a six-year period, he was appointed selector for the New Zealand men's side in 1979 and was convener from 1986 until 1993. He was also President of New Zealand Cricket for three years and wrote more than 30 books. The main scoreboard at Wellington's Basin Reserve is named in his honour.



## Rudi Koertzen died 9 Aug 2022

One of the original members of the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires when it was formed in 2002, he stood in 108 Tests, 209 ODIs and 14 T20Is from 1992 to 2010. He served as the TV umpire for the finals of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cups in 2003 and 2007, and was one of the on-field umpires for the finals of the ICC Champions Trophy in 2004 and 2006. He was the first umpire to stand in 200 ODIs and the second (after Steve Bucknor) to stand in 100 Tests.



## Barry Sinclair died 10 Jul 2022

He played 21 Tests between 1963 and 1968, scoring three centuries – one each against South Africa, Pakistan and England. In addition, he led New Zealand three times in Test cricket, twice against England in 1966, and in New Zealand's next Test against India in Dunedin. He played 118 first-class games, making 6,114 runs at 32.87 including six centuries, and was regarded as a brilliant fielder.

## Faizel Samsoodien died 23 Jul 2022

He umpired five women's ODIs and three women's T20Is in 2010.

## Laurie Sawle died 26 Jul 2022

As Chair of the Australian men's selection panel between 1984 and 1995, he oversaw the years between the retirements of Greg Chappell, Dennis Lillee and Rod Marsh and the rise of the teams led by Allan Border and Mark Taylor to world dominance. He was also one of the most respected directors on the Australian Cricket Board.

## Phil Carlson died 29 Jul 2022

An all-rounder from Queensland, he played two Tests and four ODIs for Australia, all against England, in the summer of 1978-79 during the height of World Series Cricket. He played the final two Tests of a six-match series, which Australia lost 5-1 due to the absence of the World Series players.

He scored 4,167 runs and took 124 wickets in first-class cricket, and was also an outstanding slip fielder.

## Dick Burgess died 13 Aug 2022

He umpired the third women's Ashes Test at Sydney in January 1969, as well as nine first-class matches. He also served as a member of the Second Australian Imperial Force during the Second World War and was one of the Rats of Tobruk, a garrison that held the Libyan port of Tobruk under siege for seven months.

## Willem Molenaar died 30 Aug 2022

He umpired four women's ODIs between 1984 and 2008, and served as Match Referee for two T20Is between Germany and Italy in 2019.

## Bruce Pairaudeau died 9 Oct 2022

Born in British Guiana, he played 13 Tests for the West Indies between 1953 and 1957, scoring 454 runs at an average of 21.61, which included a century on his debut against India at Port-of-Spain in 1953. He fell in love with New Zealand while on tour, and after emigrating to the country, he captained Northern Districts to their first Plunket Shield title in 1962-63.

## Frasat Ali died 13 Oct 2022

A seam-bowling all-rounder, he played all three of East Africa's matches in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 1975, opening both batting and bowling in each match.

## Alan Thomson died 2 Nov 2022

A Victorian paceman known as "Froggy", he played all four of his Test matches during the 1970-71 Ashes series, taking 12 wickets and sharing the new ball with debutant Dennis Lillee at Adelaide. Famous for his front-on, windmill-like bowling style, he took the first wicket in men's ODI cricket, dismissing England opener Geoff Boycott for eight at the MCG in January 1971.

## David Murray died 26 Nov 2022

The son of West Indian great Everton Weekes, he represented the West Indies in 19 Tests and 10 ODIs between 1973 and 1982, scoring three half-centuries. Hailed by the great fast bowlers of that era as the finest gloveman they had played with,

he was replaced in the team by Jeff Dujon, who was a superior batter. He toured South Africa with a West Indies rebel team in 1983 and never played international cricket again.

## Frank Cameron died 2 Jan 2023

A wily fast-medium bowler, he took 62 wickets in 19 Tests for New Zealand between 1961 and 1965 at a useful average of 29.82. His best Test display came against Pakistan at Eden Park in 1965, when he took 4-36 and 5-34 in a low-scoring encounter. He served as Chair of Selectors for a successful decade from 1976 and was awarded the MBE in 1987 for services to cricket.

# OBITUARIES



## **Norma Johnston died 9 Jan 2023**

A middle-order batter and medium-pace bowler, Johnston (nee Whiteman) made her Test debut for Australia alongside the legendary Betty Wilson on a tour of New Zealand in 1948. She made 151 Test runs at 25.16 and took 22 wickets at 20.54, finishing her career after the 1951 tour of England. At the time of her death, she was the oldest living Australian Test cricketer.

## **Asad Rauf died 14 Sep 2022**

One of Pakistan's most prominent umpires, he was elevated to the ICC's Elite Panel in 2006 and stood in a total of 49 Tests, 98 ODIs and 23 T20Is. Before turning to umpiring, he played 71 first-class matches for National Bank and Railways.

## **Bruce Murray died 10 Jan 2023**

A right-hand opener, he made his debut for New Zealand in February 1968 and played 13 Tests, scoring 598 runs at an average of 23.92 with five fifties. His top score of 90, which came at Lahore in 1969, helped New Zealand win that Test and go on to claim their first ever Test series win, home or away. His daughter Jo played for Wellington, and current New Zealand internationals Amelia and Jess Kerr are his granddaughters.

## **Keith Thomson died 26 Jan 2023**

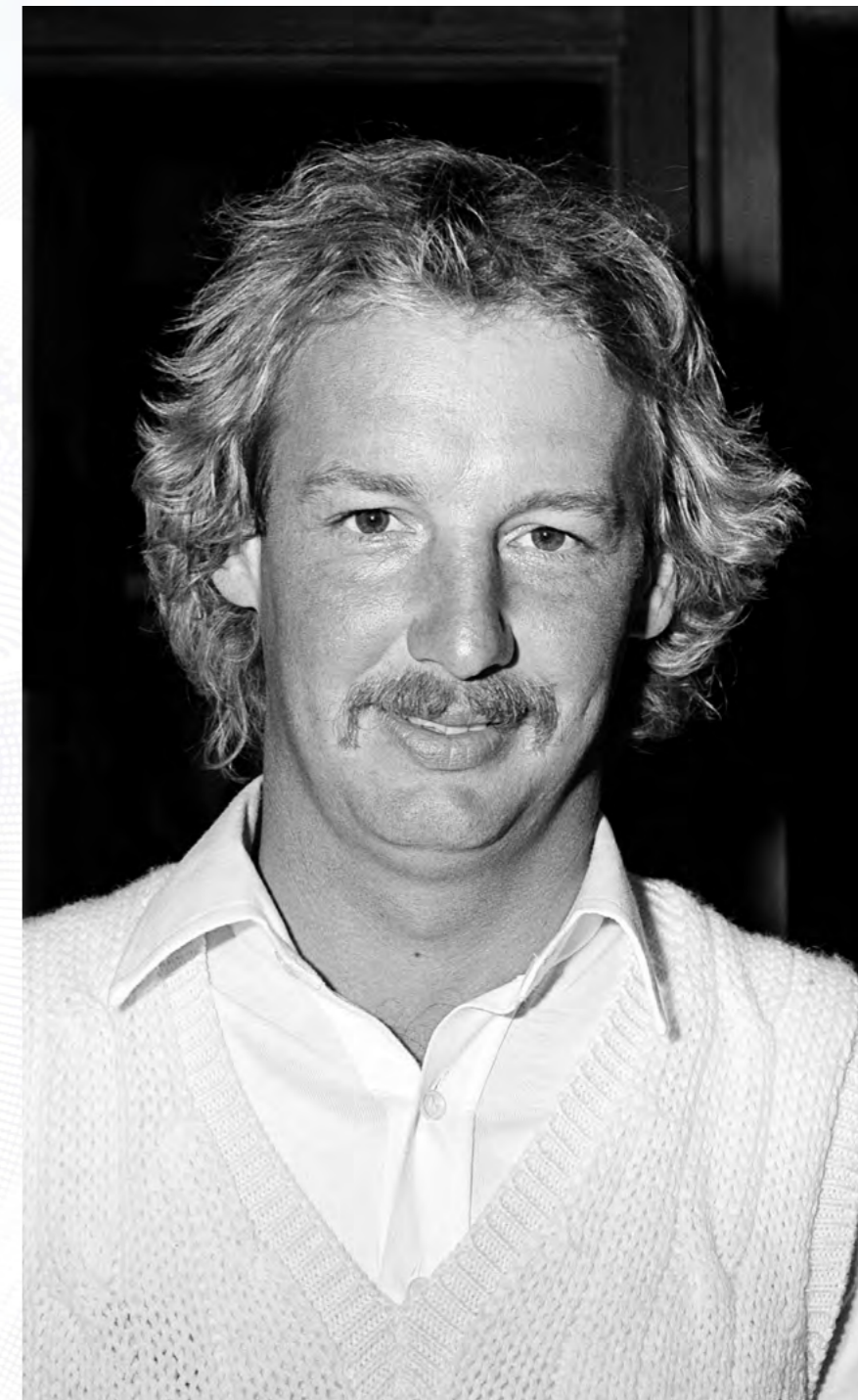
A double international remembered for his unusual crouching stance at the batting crease, he played two Tests for New Zealand during the 1967-68 summer. He also represented his country at hockey, joining his brother Bill and the Black Sticks at the 1968 Mexico Olympics. Thomson impressed for Canterbury and scored 69 on Test debut against India in what was New Zealand's fourth Test victory. After retirement, he became a first-class umpire and umpired two hockey Tests.

## **Irvine Shillingford died 26 Jan 2023**

A talented batter who made his first-class debut at the age of 16, he was finally called into the West Indies side to face Pakistan after a superb 1976-77 domestic season. He struck 120 in just his second Test, but by the end of the series he had lost his place in a powerful batting line-up. He played one further Test, against Australia at Georgetown in early 1978, but that was the last of his four Tests, to go with his two ODIs. He led his club side Cavaliers into his sixties, and served as a national selector for many years.

## **John Nagenda died 4 Mar 2023**

He represented East Africa in one match in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 1975, opening the bowling against New Zealand and dismissing Ken Wadsworth. In the 1960s he was a pioneer of post-colonial English literature in East Africa before living in exile in the UK for 15 years. He returned to Uganda in 1986 and subsequently became a senior advisor to President Yoweri Museveni, as well as a prominent newspaper columnist.



## **Jeremy Lloyds died 21 Nov 2022**

An elegant left-handed batter and right-arm off-break bowler, he enjoyed a 13-year playing career from 1979 to 1991. After retirement, he was part of the ICC's International Umpiring Panel and stood in five Tests, 18 ODIs and one T20I between 2000 and 2006. He stood down from the panel in 2006 due to family reasons, but carried on in English domestic cricket.

# OBITUARIES



## Sudhir Naik died 5 Apr 2023

An opening batter who led Mumbai to the Ranji Trophy in 1971, he played for the country in three Tests and two ODIs in the 1970s. He scored 141 runs in six Test innings, with his highest score being 77 in the second innings of his debut against England in Birmingham in 1974. After his retirement, he moved to cricket administration, coaching and, later, became the chief curator at the Wankhede Stadium.

## Faith Thomas died 15 Apr 2023

A fast bowler, she became the first Indigenous woman to represent Australia in any sport when she played a Test against England at Junction Oval in Melbourne in February 1958. She was then picked in the squad to tour England and New Zealand, but chose to focus on her nursing career. In 2019, she was awarded the Order of Australia for her services to cricket and to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.



## Randhir Singh died 9 Mar 2023

One of the first players from Bihar to represent India, he played two ODIs, one in each of 1981 and 1983, in which his only wicket was Gordon Greenidge. An accurate seamer, he was selected to tour England in 1982 but failed to make an impression. In domestic cricket, he started his career for Orissa before moving in 1980 to Bihar, for whom he played for a decade.

## Salim Durani died 2 Apr 2023

An aggressive left-handed batter and left-arm spinner born in Kabul, he played 29 Tests from 1960 to 1973, scoring 1,202 runs and taking 75 wickets. He starred in India's 2-0 victory against England in the 1961-62 home series, finishing as the highest wicket-taker with 23. He also played a key role in India's first Test win in the West Indies in 1971, picking up the key wickets of Clive Lloyd and Garry Sobers in the second innings.

## Ken Archer died 14 Apr 2023

An opening batter for Queensland, he played all five of his Tests in the 12 months from December 1950, scoring 234 runs at 26 with a highest score of 48. He was handed his state's captaincy at the age of 24, playing alongside his brother Ron – also an Australian Test player. He also represented Queensland at baseball and was offered a contract by the St Louis Browns in America. By the early 2020s, he had become Australia's oldest living Test cricketer.

## Brian Booth died 20 May 2023

A stylish middle-order batter, he represented Australia on 29 occasions between 1961 and 1966, including twice as captain during the 1965-66 Ashes, scoring 1,773 runs with five centuries at an average of 42.21. A stalwart of the St George District Cricket Club, he also represented Australia in hockey at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.



## Thelston Payne died 10 May 2023

A stylish left-handed batter and reliable keeper, he served as Jeff Dujon's understudy for much of his career. His solitary Test appearance came in the 1986 Port-of-Spain Test against England, when he held five catches in a comprehensive win. He also played seven ODIs, scoring 126 runs at an average of 31.50 and taking six catches.



# STRENGTHEN

In November, England beat Pakistan by five wickets to win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022





Changes to the rules on polishing the ball became permanent in 2022

## CRICKET

The abolition of the “soft signal” was just one of many changes to the Playing Conditions in 2022-23, a year that also saw Aleem Dar step down from the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires.

### Changes to ICC Playing Conditions

The ICC announced a number of changes to its Playing Conditions in 2022-23. 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.

The main changes that came into effect on 1 October 2022 are as follows:

- When a batter is out caught, the new batter now comes in at the strikers’ end, regardless of whether the batters crossed before the catch was taken.
- The prohibition on the use of saliva to polish the ball, which was brought in as a COVID-related temporary measure, is now permanent.
- An incoming batter must now be ready to take strike within two minutes in Tests and ODIs. The current threshold of 90 seconds in T20Is remains unchanged.
- The striker’s right to play the ball requires that some part of their bat or person remains within the pitch. Should they venture beyond that, the umpire must call and signal “dead ball”. Any ball that forces the batter to leave the pitch is called “no ball”.
- Any unfair and deliberate movement from the fielding side while the bowler is running in to bowl could now result in the umpire awarding five penalty runs to the batting side, in addition to a call of “dead ball”.
- The ICC Playing Conditions follow the Laws of Cricket in moving the running out of the non-striker method of effecting a run out from the “Unfair Play” section to the “Run out” section.
- A bowler who saw the batter advancing down the wicket before entering their delivery stride could previously throw the ball to attempt to run out the striker. This practice is now called a “dead ball”.
- The in-match penalty introduced for T20Is in January 2022, whereby the failure of a fielding team to bowl their overs by the scheduled cessation time leads to an additional fielder having to be brought inside the fielding circle for the remaining overs of the innings, has been adopted in ODI matches following the completion of the ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup Super League in 2023.
- The ICC Playing Conditions for all Men’s and Women’s ODI and T20I matches have been amended to allow hybrid pitches to be used, if agreed by both teams

Additional changes were then announced in May 2022, coming into effect on 1 June 2023:

- Umpires are no longer required to give a soft signal while referring decisions to the TV umpires. The on-field umpires will consult with the TV umpire before any decisions are taken.
- Helmet protection is mandatory in international cricket for the following high injury risk positions: (i) when batters are facing fast bowlers; (ii) when wicketkeepers are standing up to the stumps; and (iii) when fielders are close to the batter in front of the wicket.
- Any runs scored off a free hit when the ball hits the stumps will count as team runs scored, to be consistent with all other runs scored from a free hit.

### Emirates ICC Elite Panels of Match Referees and Umpires

Adrian Holdstock of South Africa and Ahsan Raza of Pakistan joined the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires for 2023-24, with Aleem Dar (pictured) stepping down from the Panel after standing in a record 435 men’s international matches.

The ICC Elite Umpire Selection Panel led by Wasim Khan, ICC General Manager – Cricket, made the additions during the annual review and selection process, thereby increasing the number of umpires on the panel from 11 to 12.

Aleem, who joined the Elite Panel in 2004, has officiated in more Tests and ODIs than any other umpire, and is second in T20Is behind compatriot Ahsan.

“It has been a long journey, but I have enjoyed every bit of it,” said Aleem. “I have had the pleasure and honour of umpiring the world over and what I have achieved is something I did not even dream of when I started in the profession.”

There are no changes in the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees for 2023-24.

### Canada gains ODI status

Canada’s men’s cricket team regained ODI status for the first time in almost a decade.

The Canadians assured themselves of ODI status after finishing fourth at the ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup Qualifier Playoff. Their performance didn’t grant them a place at the ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup 2023 – but it did elevate them to ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup League 2 for the 2023-27 cycle, the first time they have achieved ODI status since 2014.

At the same time, Papua New Guinea lost its ODI status by finishing bottom in the Playoff. PNG will now compete in the ICC Cricket World Cup Challenge Leagues for 2023-27.

### Bowling actions

The year saw two bowling actions deemed to be illegal.

Thai off-spinner Roseanne Kanoh was reported by the match officials after Thailand lost to Bangladesh in the semi-finals of the ICC Women’s T20 World Cup Qualifier in September 2022. Rwandan fast bowler Geovanis Uwase, meanwhile, was reported by match officials at the ICC U19 Women’s T20 World Cup in South Africa. Both players were suspended immediately, and will remain suspended until they submit to a reassessment that concludes that their bowling actions are now legal.

## DECISION REVIEW SYSTEM STATISTICS

<b>Correct decisions before DRS</b>	<b>92.78%</b>
<b>Correct decisions after DRS</b>	<b>98.88%</b>
Increase in correct decisions from DRS	6.1%
<b>Decisions reviewed</b>	<b>24.73%</b>
Of which – LBW	78.90%
Of which – caught	21.10%
<b>Reviews Upheld</b>	<b>24.91%</b>
Of which – LBW	23.42%
Of which – caught	30.58%
<b>Average time for DRS review</b>	<b>77 sec</b>
Of which – LBW	80 sec
Of which – caught	74 sec
<b>LBW reviews retained</b>	<b>23.20%</b>



## 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	Umpires’ representatives
Ranjan Madugalle	Match referees’ representative
Jamie Cox	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 Members’ Representatives
Tania Malick	
Shan Kader	Associate Members’ 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

## PLAYING DAYS – MEN

1 JUNE 2022 – 31 MAY 2023

### FULL MEMBERS

MEMBER	TEST	ODIs	T20Is	TOTAL
AFGHANISTAN	-	6	22	28
AUSTRALIA	42	17	15	74
BANGLADESH	21	18	25	64
ENGLAND	50	18	25	93
INDIA	28	27	40	95
IRELAND	12	12	25	49
NEW ZEALAND	42	26	33	101
PAKISTAN	33	14	33	80
SOUTH AFRICA	27	13	21	61
SRI LANKA	35	13	23	71
WEST INDIES	32	16	19	67
ZIMBABWE	8	18	22	48

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – ODIs & T20Is

MEMBER	ODIs	T20Is	TOTAL
CANADA	5	7	12
JERSEY	5	5	10
NAMIBIA	27	3	30
NEPAL	29	5	34
NETHERLANDS	13	15	28
OMAN	6	7	13
PNG	21	7	28
SCOTLAND	18	5	23
UAE	26	11	37
USA	22	5	27



### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – T20Is

MEMBER	T20Is	TOTAL
ARGENTINA	6	6
AUSTRIA	17	14*
BAHAMAS	4	4
BAHRAIN	23	23
BELGIUM	8	7*
BERMUDA	6	6
BHUTAN	7	7
BOTSWANA	13	12*
BULGARIA	12	10*
CAMBODIA	3	3
CAMEROON	10	9*
CAYMAN ISLANDS	4	4
COOK ISLANDS	6	6
CROATIA	5	5
CYPRUS	5	5
CZECH REPUBLIC	9	8*
DENMARK	9	7*
ESTONIA	6	5*
ESWATINI	16	12*
FIJI	10	10
FINLAND	13	10*
FRANCE	5	5
GAMBIA	7	5*
GERMANY	9	7*
GHANA	10	10
GIBRALTAR	12	9*
GREECE	4	4
GUERNSEY	5	5
HONG KONG	14	14
HUNGARY	7	6*
INDONESIA	10	9*
ISLE OF MAN	11	8*
ISRAEL	4	4
ITALY	9	8*
JAPAN	7	7

\* Played multiple matches on one or more playing days

MEMBER	T20Is	TOTAL
KENYA	16	15*
KUWAIT	12	12
LESOTHO	7	6*
LUXEMBOURG	11	9*
MALAWI	13	12*
MALAYSIA	24	24
MALDIVES	6	6
MALI	7	7
MALTA	12	9*
MOZAMBIQUE	18	14*
NAMIBIA	5	5
NIGERIA	7	6*
NORWAY	10	8*
PANAMA	4	4
PHILIPPINES	2	2
PORTUGAL	14	11*
QATAR	7	7
ROMANIA	5	5
RWANDA	24	20*
SAMOA	9	9
SAUDI ARABIA	7	7
SERBIA	12	10*
SEYCHELLES	7	7
SIERRA LEONE	7	5*
SINGAPORE	23	23
SLOVENIA	4	4
SOUTH KOREA	4	3*
SPAIN	15	10*
ST HELENA	6	6
SWEDEN	14	12*
SWITZERLAND	7	6
TANZANIA	29	24*
THAILAND	8	8
TURKEY	4	4
UGANDA	21	18*
VANUATU	9	9

## PLAYING DAYS – WOMEN

1 JUNE 2022 – 31 MAY 2023

### TESTS, ODIs & T20Is

MEMBER	TESTS	ODIs	T20Is	TOTAL
AUSTRALIA	-	3	22	25
BANGLADESH	-	5	20	25
ENGLAND	4	9	21	34
INDIA	-	6	34	40
IRELAND	-	9	20	29
NETHERLANDS	-	7	9	14*
NEW ZEALAND	-	6	17	23
PAKISTAN	-	9	22	31
SOUTH AFRICA	4	6	20	30
SRI LANKA	-	8	21	29
THAILAND	-	7	26	33
WEST INDIES	-	6	18	24
ZIMBABWE	-	3	11	14



### T20Is

MEMBER	T20Is	TOTAL	MEMBER	T20Is	TOTAL
ARGENTINA	3	3	MALTA	3	2*
AUSTRIA	10	7	MOZAMBIQUE	6	3*
BAHRAIN	4	4	MYANMAR	3	3
BARBADOS	3	3	NAMIBIA	15	12*
BHUTAN	4	4	NEPAL	7	7
BOTSWANA	8	8	NIGERIA	13	13
BRAZIL	10	10	NORWAY	4	3*
CAMBODIA	13	10*	OMAN	4	4
CAMEROON	5	5	PNG	16	13*
CHINA	5	4*	PERU	3	3
ESWATINI	6	3*	PHILIPPINES	9	6*
FIJI	11	8*	QATAR	11	10*
FRANCE	7	5*	ROMANIA	7	5*
GERMANY	13	12*	RWANDA	17	17
GHANA	4	4	SAMOA	11	8*
GREECE	3	3	SCOTLAND	7	7
GUERNSEY	2	1*	SERBIA	3	2*
HONG KONG	20	19*	SIERRA LEONE	5	5
INDONESIA	9	9	SINGAPORE	21	21
ISLE OF MAN	4	3*	SPAIN	4	3*
ITALY	12	10*	SWEDEN	7	5*
JAPAN	8	7*	TANZANIA	19	19
JERSEY	5	3*	TURKEY	3	2*
KENYA	18	17*	UGANDA	25	24*
KUWAIT	4	4	UAE	29	29
MALAYSIA	21	21	USA	8	8
			VANUATU	11	8*

\* Played multiple matches on one or more playing days





**ICC WORLD TEST  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

## AUSTRALIA AND INDIA TOP TABLE, REACH FINAL

The second ICC World Test Championship cycle ended with India returning to the final – this time going up against Australia.

The ICC World Test Championship 2021-2023 cycle was filled with drama, with the world's top Test teams battling to follow in the footsteps of New Zealand – winners of the first ICC World Test Championship Final in August 2021.

It was an action-packed two years, and a testament to the power of this new format. Evidence suggests that the need to secure Championship points is resulting in more positive cricket across the board – just 12 of the 69 matches in this cycle ended in draws. And when all was said and done, two teams secured their spots in the second ever ICC World Test Championship Final.

### Top dogs

Australia confirmed their place in the final at the Oval when they sealed a nine-wicket victory over India in the third Border-Gavaskar Trophy Test at Indore in March 2023. Nathan Lyon, the leading wicket-taker in the two-year Championship cycle, took 11 wickets in the match, a Player-of-the-Match performance that left Australia needing just 76 to win.

But while Australia secured their berth in the top two with that victory, India went on to take the Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2-1 with a crucial draw in the series' final match – keeping them very much in the hunt to join the Aussies in the final.

India's fate was out of their hands, and Sri Lanka could have pipped them to the post with a 2-0 series victory in New Zealand. But it wasn't to be for the Lions – New Zealand took a nail-biting victory in the first Test of the series by scampering a bye off the very last ball of the match, sealing India's second-place finish in the table.

The second New Zealand-Sri Lanka Test in the series was also the last in the cycle. Australia topped the nine-team table with a tally of 152 points and 66.67% of points won, followed in second by India (127 points, 58.8%). South Africa finished third ahead of a resurgent England, whose "Bazball" approach under Brendon McCullum led to a transformation in their fortunes. Sri Lanka's 2-0 series defeat to New Zealand saw them slip to fifth, ahead of New Zealand, Pakistan, West Indies and Bangladesh.

**The best of the best**

A total of 68,175 runs were scored in the cycle's 69 Tests, with the help of 7,563 fours, 579 sixes, 287 half-centuries and 119 tons. Eight of those centuries came from England's run machine Joe Root, who was the cycle's leading run-getter – just ahead of Australian opener Usman Khawaja and Pakistan captain Babar Azam.

Some 127,876 balls were bowled in the cycle, yielding a total of 2,241 wickets, 85 five-fors and ten 10-wicket matches. The table of wicket-takers was topped by Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon, whose 83 scalps were a full 16 wickets ahead of the man in second place in the table – South Africa pacer Kagiso Rabada, whose 67 wickets came at the astonishing strike rate of one every 34.8 balls.



Leading wicket-taker  
Nathan Lyon  
(Australia), 83



Leading run-scorer  
Joe Root (England), 1,915



**ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP 2021–2023  
FINAL STANDINGS**

		M	W	L	D	PEN	PTS	%
1	Australia	19	11	3	5	–	152	66.67
2	India	18	10	5	3	-5	127	58.80
3	South Africa	15	8	6	1	–	100	55.56
4	England	22	10	8	4	-12	124	46.97
5	Sri Lanka	12	5	6	1	–	64	44.44
6	New Zealand	13	4	6	3	–	60	38.46
7	Pakistan	14	4	6	4	–	64	38.10
8	West Indies	13	4	7	2	-2	54	34.62
9	Bangladesh	12	1	10	1	–	16	11.11

**ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP 2021–2023  
SERIES RESULTS**

	AUS	BAN	ENG	IND	NZ	PAK	SA	SL	WI
AUS	–	–	4–0 (1)	–	–	–	2–0 (1) <sup>†</sup>	–	2–0 <sup>†</sup>
BAN	–	–	–	0–2 <sup>†</sup>	–	0–2	–	0–1 (1)	–
ENG	–	–	–	2–2 (1)	3–0 <sup>†</sup>	–	2–1 <sup>†</sup>	–	–
IND	2–1 (1) <sup>†</sup>	–	–	–	1–0 (1)	–	–	2–0	–
NZ	–	1–1	–	–	–	–	1–1	2–0 <sup>†</sup>	–
PAK	0–1 (2)	–	0–3 <sup>†</sup>	–	0–0 (2) <sup>†</sup>	–	–	–	–
SA	–	2–0	–	2–1	–	–	–	–	2–0 <sup>†</sup>
SL	1–1 <sup>†</sup>	–	–	–	–	1–1 <sup>†</sup>	–	–	2–0
WI	–	2–0 <sup>†</sup>	1–0 (2)	–	–	1–1	–	–	–

Won–lost (drawn) <sup>†</sup> Series played in 2022-23

**LEADING RUN-SCORERS\***

NAME	M	I	NO	RUNS	HS	AVG	100	50
JE Root (Eng)	22	40	4	1,915	180*	53.19	8	6
UT Khawaja (Aus)	16	28	5	1,608	195*	69.91	6	7
Babar Azam (Pak)	14	26	1	1,527	196	61.08	4	10
M Labuschagne (Aus)	19	33	5	1,509	204	53.89	5	5
JM Bairstow (Eng)	15	28	3	1,285	162	51.40	6	2

**LEADING WICKET-TAKERS\***

NAME	M	WKTS	BBI	AVG	ECON	SR	5W	10M
NM Lyon (Aus)	19	83	8-64	26.97	2.57	62.8	5	1
K Rabada (SA)	13	67	6-50	21.05	3.63	34.8	3	0
R Ashwin (Ind)	13	61	6-91	19.67	2.48	47.5	2	0
JM Anderson (Eng)	15	58	5-60	20.37	2.27	53.7	2	0
PJ Cummins	15	53	5-38	21.22	2.68	47.3	3	0
OE Robinson (Eng)	13	53	5-49	20.75	2.69	46.2	3	0

\* Excludes ICC World Test Championship Final (7–11 June 2023)

# NEW ZEALAND LEAD EIGHT WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

The inaugural Super League ended with the Kiwis atop the table – and some big names missing out on automatic ICC Men's Cricket World Cup qualification.



## ICC MEN'S CWC SUPER LEAGUE

New Zealand (pictured) edged out England and longtime front-runners Bangladesh to top the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League – but all three teams will be happy to have qualified for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.

Originally scheduled to take place over two years but extended by the pandemic, the Super League pitched 13 nations against one other to compete for eight places at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup. With hosts India qualifying automatically, that left seven spots up for grabs between 12 nations – the other 11 ICC Full Members plus the Netherlands, who nabbed a Super League spot by winning the ICC World Cricket League Championship 2015–2017.

Pakistan, Australia, Afghanistan and South Africa, who finished fifth to eighth, joined New Zealand, England, Bangladesh and India to qualify. However, two former ICC Men's Cricket World Cup champions, West Indies and Sri Lanka, missed out – and were left to fight it out with eight other sides at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2023 in June 2023.

## ICC MEN'S CWC SUPER LEAGUE RESULTS 1 JUNE 2022 – 31 MAY 2023

DATE	RESULTS
May-Jun 2022	Netherlands <b>0-3</b> West Indies
Jun 2022	Zimbabwe <b>0-3</b> Afghanistan
Jun 2022	Pakistan <b>3-0</b> West Indies
Jun 2022	Netherlands <b>0-3</b> England
Jul 2022	Ireland <b>0-3</b> New Zealand
Aug 2022	Netherlands <b>0-3</b> Pakistan
Aug 2022	West Indies <b>1-2</b> New Zealand
Aug 2022	Zimbabwe <b>0-3</b> India
Aug-Sep 2022	Australia <b>3-0</b> Zimbabwe
Sep 2022	Australia <b>3-0</b> New Zealand
Oct 2022	India <b>2-1</b> South Africa
Nov 2022	New Zealand <b>1-0</b> India (2 NR)
Nov 2022	Sri Lanka <b>1-1</b> Afghanistan (1 NR)
Jan 2023	Pakistan <b>1-2</b> New Zealand
Jan-Feb 2023	South Africa <b>2-1</b> England
Mar 2023	Bangladesh <b>1-2</b> England
Mar 2023	Zimbabwe <b>2-1</b> Netherlands
Mar 2023	New Zealand <b>2-0</b> Sri Lanka (1 AB)
May 2023	Ireland <b>0-2</b> Bangladesh (1 NR)

## ICC MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP SUPER LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR	PEN
1	New Zealand (Q)	24	16	5	3	175	0.914	
2	England (Q)	24	15	8	1	155	0.976	
3	Bangladesh (Q)	24	15	8	1	155	0.220	
4	India (hosts, Q)	21	13	6	2	139	0.782	1
5	Pakistan (Q)	21	13	8	0	130	0.108	
6	Australia (Q)	18	12	6	0	120	0.785	
7	Afghanistan (Q)	15	11	3	1	115	0.573	
8	South Africa (Q)	21	9	10	2	98	-0.077	2
9	West Indies	24	9	15	0	88	-0.738	2
10	Sri Lanka	24	7	14	3	81	-0.369	4
11	Ireland	24	6	15	3	73	-0.357	2
12	Zimbabwe	24	6	17	1	65	-0.952	
13	Netherlands	24	3	20	1	35	-1.091	

## LEADING RUN-SCORERS

PLAYER	M	I	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	SR	100	50
Babar Azam (Pak)	21	21	2	<b>1,454</b>	158	76.52	93.86	6	9
HT Tector (Ire)	24	24	5	<b>1,062</b>	140	55.89	82.90	3	7
PR Stirling (Ire)	23	23	0	<b>991</b>	142	43.08	87.31	4	3
SD Hope (WI)	20	20	1	<b>855</b>	127	45.00	77.79	3	4
Fakhar Zaman (Pak)	19	19	0	<b>827</b>	193	43.52	86.68	4	2

## LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

PLAYER	M	WKTS	BBI	AVE	ECON	SR	4	5
A Zampa (Aus)	18	<b>41</b>	5-35	19.73	4.98	23.7	3	1
AJ Hosein (WI)	23	<b>40</b>	4-39	23.92	4.50	31.8	1	0
AS Joseph (WI)	22	<b>34</b>	3-36	26.38	4.56	34.6	0	0
JB Little (Ire)	21	<b>32</b>	4-39	29.78	5.64	31.6	1	0
CA Young (Ire)	21	<b>32</b>	4-18	28.78	5.65	30.5	1	0



## ENGLAND WIN SECOND MEN'S T20 TITLE

Ben Stokes delivered a match-winning half-century against Pakistan in the final in Melbourne to secure England's place in the history books.

England made men's cricket history at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in November 2022 by becoming the first team to hold the men's ODI and T20 World Cups at the same time. They also joined the West Indies in claiming a second ICC Men's T20 World Cup title, the only two teams to win the tournament on multiple occasions.

Jos Buttler's side might have been the pre-tournament favourites, but they had to battle through a slow start to the tournament, following a narrow opening victory over Afghanistan with a rain-hit defeat to Ireland. However, they peaked at just the right time. After easing their way past New Zealand and Sri Lanka, they crushed India by 10 wickets in the semi-final to book their place in the final against Pakistan.

Winning the toss, England restricted Pakistan to just 137-8 from their 20 overs – led by Sam Curran (3-12) and Adil Rashid (2-22), who picked up five valuable wickets and conceded just one boundary in their combined eight overs. Rashid took the key wicket of Babar Azam for 32 just as it seemed the skipper was gaining momentum. Despite useful late runs from Shan Masood (38) and Shadab Khan (20), Pakistan's total looked undercooked against England's batting line-up.

The game turned firmly in England's favour when Pakistan pace spearhead

Shaheen Shah Afridi was forced to limp off after the first delivery of his third over. He was brought back for a second spell with Stokes and Moeen Ali needing to score at more than eight runs per over – but couldn't continue, leaving an inspired Stokes to guide England over the line.

Stokes smashed a four and a six off Iftikhar's final two deliveries before Moeen joined in on the act with consecutive boundaries off Mohammad Wasim. Moeen (19) lost his wicket late, but Stokes delivered a match-winning 52 not out to ensure England claimed a thrilling five-wicket victory.

### Man of the moment

Delivering a Player-of-the-Final performance against Pakistan was the icing on the cake for Sam Curran, who was also named Player of the Tournament. The England quick missed the 2021 edition through injury, but the 25-year-old returned to play an integral role in England's success in Melbourne, particularly as a key bowler in the death overs.

Curran finished the World Cup with 13 wickets at an average of 11.38 with an economy of 6.52 – the best of all of England's pace bowlers, and especially impressive given that the majority of his overs were bowled at the back end of an innings or during the Powerplay.





**Best of the rest**

For Pakistan, it was a disappointing end to an excellent tournament – one that appeared unlikely after they lost their first two matches, a rollercoaster defeat against India followed by a shock one-run loss to Zimbabwe. But the greatest disappointments were reserved for South Africa, who failed to make it out of the Super 6 stage following a stunning but well-merited loss to the Netherlands; and hosts Australia, who never recovered from a crushing defeat by an outstanding New Zealand in their opening match.

**Player of the Match – Final**

Sam Curran (England)

**Player of the Tournament**

Sam Curran (England)

**Highest score**

Rilee Rossouw (South Africa), 109 v Bangladesh

**Most runs**

Virat Kohli (India), 296

**Most wickets**

Wanindu Hasaranga (Sri Lanka), 15

**Highest innings score**

South Africa, 205-5 v Bangladesh

**Best win percentage**

England, 83.3%

**Most runs scored in a match**

Scotland v Ireland, 356



**UPSTOX ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP 2022 MOST VALUABLE TEAM**

1. Alex Hales (England)
  2. Jos Buttler (England, capt/wk)
  3. Virat Kohli (India, pictured right)
  4. Suryakumar Yadav (India)
  5. Glenn Phillips (New Zealand, pictured top left)
  6. Sikandar Raza (Zimbabwe)
  7. Shadab Khan (Pakistan)
  8. Sam Curran (England, pictured bottom left)
  9. Anrich Nortje (South Africa)
  10. Mark Wood (England)
  11. Shaheen Shah Afridi (Pakistan)
- 12th player Hardik Pandya (India)



**LEADING RUN-SCORERS**

NAME	M	I	NO	RUNS	HS	AVG	SR	100	50
V Kohli (Ind)	6	6	3	296	82*	98.66	136.40	0	4
MP O'Down (Ned)	8	8	1	242	71*	34.57	112.55	0	2
SA Yadav (Ind)	6	6	2	239	68	59.75	189.68	0	3
JC Buttler (Eng)	6	6	1	225	80*	45.00	144.23	0	2
BKG Mendis (SL)	8	8	1	223	79	31.85	142.94	0	2

**LEADING WICKET-TAKERS**

NAME	M	WKTS	AVG	RPO	BB	4I
PWH de Silva (SL)	8	15	13.26	6.41	3-8	0
SM Curran (Eng)	6	13	11.38	6.52	5-10	1
BFW de Leede (Ned)	8	13	13.00	7.68	3-19	0
B Muzarabani (Zim)	8	12	16.57	7.65	3-23	0
Five bowlers with		11				

# AUSTRALIA WIN RECORD SIXTH WOMEN'S T20 CROWN

Victory over South Africa confirmed Australia's place as the most dominant team in cricket history – men or women.

Australia claimed their sixth ICC Women's T20 World Cup title with a win over hosts South Africa in Cape Town to ensure that every women's trophy in international cricket remained locked in their trophy cabinet. Playing in front of a sell-out crowd, the Aussies completed a tournament three-peat following triumphs in 2018, 2020 and 2023, and further cemented their position as the most dominant team across both women's and men's cricket.

By their high standards, Australia made a slow start to the final, posting 36-1 at the end of the Powerplay and 73-1 at the halfway mark. However, led by an excellent unbeaten 74 from opener Beth Mooney, 34 runs in the final three overs led Australia to 156-6, swinging the momentum back in their favour.

Australia's bowlers and a particularly electric Darcie Brown left their opponents struggling to up the scoring rate. They gave up just 22 runs in South Africa's Powerplay and claimed the wicket of the in-form Tazmin Brits to place the hosts under pressure. Laura Wolvaardt threatened to bring South Africa back into the game with 61 from 48 balls, but after Megan Schutt removed Wolvaardt and Jess Jonassen cleaned up the dangerous Chloe Tryon, the Australians cruised to what was an ultimately comfortable win.

## All-time greats

Meg Lanning has now led Australia to more ICC trophies than any other captain – surpassing compatriot Ricky Ponting, who had lifted two ICC Men's Cricket World Cups and two ICC Men's Champions Trophies as skipper from 2003 to 2009. Lanning claimed a first ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title as captain in 2022, with her win in South Africa accompanying the three ICC Women's T20 World Cup trophies already lifted from 2014 to 2020.

## Proud hosts

Despite their defeat in the final, the South African players on the pitch and the packed home crowd in the stands showed great pride – and with good reason, their national team having reached their first-ever senior ICC World Cup final in any format.

Their progress seemed unlikely after falling by five runs to Sri Lanka in the tournament's opener, but a 65-run win against New Zealand set them on the road to the semi-finals, where they stunned England in a dramatic final-over victory.



## Breakout stars

The tournament saw the emergence of several breakout stars – none more so than Bangladesh's Marufa Akter and Ireland's Orla Prendergast.

Akter was one of the stars of the inaugural ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup, which had just taken place in South Africa, and she continued to impress here. One of the quickest bowlers of the tournament, the 18-year-old was a

constant wicket-taking threat in the early overs, adding a spark to her team's attack.

Prendergast also caught the eye for Ireland, so much so that she was recognised in the ICC Team of the Tournament. The 20-year-old scored 109 runs, including an outstanding 61 against West Indies, performed excellently in the field, and made the difference with the ball as Ireland's main strike pace bowler.

**Player of the Match – Final**

Beth Mooney (Australia)

**Player of the Tournament**

Ashleigh Gardner (Australia)

**Highest score**

Muneeba Ali Siddiqui (Pakistan), 102 v Ireland

**Most runs**

Laura Wolvaardt (South Africa), 230

**Most wickets**

Sophie Ecclestone (England), 11

**Highest innings score**

England, 213-5 v Pakistan

**Best win percentage**

Australia, 100%

**Most runs scored in a match**

Australia v India, 339



## UPSTOX ICC WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP 2023 MOST VALUABLE TEAM

1.	<b>Tazmin Brits</b> (South Africa)
2.	<b>Alyssa Healy</b> (Australia, wk)
3.	<b>Laura Wolvaardt</b> (South Africa)
4.	<b>Nat Sciver-Brunt</b> (England, capt)
5.	<b>Ashleigh Gardner</b> (Australia)
6.	<b>Richa Ghosh</b> (India)
7.	<b>Sophie Ecclestone</b> (England)
8.	<b>Karishma Ramharack</b> (West Indies)
9.	<b>Shabnim Ismail</b> (South Africa)
10.	<b>Darcie Brown</b> (Australia)
11.	<b>Megan Schutt</b> (Australia)
12th player	<b>Orla Prendergast</b> (Ireland)

**LEADING RUN-SCORERS**

NAME	M	I	NO	RUNS	HS	AVG	SR	100	50
L Wolvaardt (SA)	6	6	1	230	66*	46.00	106.48	0	3
NR Sciver-Brunt (Eng)	5	5	2	216	81*	72.00	141.17	0	2
BL Mooney (Aus)	6	6	2	206	74*	51.50	117.71	0	3
AJ Healy (Aus)	5	5	1	189	55	47.25	115.95	0	2
T Brits (SA)	6	6	1	186	68	37.20	103.91	0	2

**LEADING WICKET-TAKERS**

NAME	M	WKTS	AVG	RPO	BB	4I
S Ecclestone (Eng)	5	11	7.54	4.15	3-13	0
A Gardner (Aus)	6	10	12.50	6.25	5-12	1
M Schutt (Aus)	6	10	13.50	6.13	4-24	1
M Kapp (SA)	6	9	15.44	6.27	2-13	0
LMM Tahuhu (NZ)	4	8	11.87	6.33	3-37	0
S Ismail (SA)	6	8	16.12	5.86	3-27	0

# INDIA TAKE FIRST EVER U19 WOMEN'S TITLE

A depth of young female talent was introduced to the global stage at the inaugural ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023.

The first edition of the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup proved a huge success. Hosted by South Africa in January 2023 having been postponed from January 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the tournament was an opportunity for the world's best young players to introduce themselves to the elite stage, while the coverage provided by the ICC across its digital channels strengthened the platform for women's cricket.



## India's youngsters triumph

The tournament started with 16 teams, more than at any previous ICC women's event – and it was India who saved their best performance for last, claiming victory over England in the final at JB Marks Oval to get their hands on the first title of its kind in women's cricket.

Opening bowlers Titas Sadhu (2-6) and Archana Devi (2-17) ripped through the England top order, reducing them to 22-4 after six overs. England were unable to see out their full allocation despite resistance from Ryana MacDonald-Gay (19), losing their final wicket with 17 balls remaining and leaving India just 69 to win.

India were given a scare when Hannah Baker caught Shafali Verma and Scrivens removed Shweta Sehrawat – but a composed partnership from Soumya Tiwari and Gongadi Trisha eased any nerves to help bring about a seven-wicket victory with six overs in hand.

## Qualification

The 11 Full Members with women's cricket programmes directly qualified, joined by one qualifier from each of the five regions. Overall, 20 Associate Member teams participated in qualification – including nine from Africa, including eventual qualifiers Rwanda.

Spectators could attend all matches for free, and the atmosphere contributed to an exciting start to the tournament. Over the course of the event in South Africa, more than 4,000 local schoolchildren came out to watch the action unfold.

The opening day saw Bangladesh upset Australia, while South Africa and India enthralled fans with a high-scoring game of 336 runs – with India ultimately coming out on top. Rwanda then made history by defeating Zimbabwe (pictured right) to record a famous first major tournament victory.



## ICC U19 WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP TEAM OF THE TOURNAMENT

1.	<b>Shweta Sehrawat</b> (India)
2.	<b>Grace Scrivens</b> (England, capt)
3.	<b>Shafali Verma</b> (India)
4.	<b>Georgia Plimmer</b> (New Zealand)
5.	<b>Dewmi Vihanga</b> (Sri Lanka)
6.	<b>Shorna Akter</b> (Bangladesh)
7.	<b>Karabo Meso</b> (South Africa, wk)
8.	<b>Parshavi Chopra</b> (India)
9.	<b>Hannah Baker</b> (England)
10.	<b>Ellie Anderson</b> (England)
11.	<b>Maggie Clark</b> (Australia)
12th player	<b>Anosha Nasir</b> (Pakistan)



## Player of the Match – Final

**Titas Sadhu** (India)

## Player of the Tournament

**Grace Scrivens** (England)

## Highest score

**Grace Scrivens** (England), 93 v Ireland

## Most runs

**Shweta Sehrawat** (India), 297

## Most wickets

**Maggie Clark** (Australia), 12

## Highest innings score

**India**, 219-3 v UAE

## Best win percentage

**England and India**, 85.7%

## Most runs scored in a match

**South Africa v India**, 336

# ICC TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

The conclusion of ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 signalled the next stage on the Road to India.

## ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2

The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 concluded in March 2023. After 126 matches across 21 tri-series, three teams went forward to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Qualifier, to be held in June and July 2023 in Zimbabwe.

Scotland topped the table with 50 points from 36 matches. Oman's 44 points were enough for second – while Nepal (40 points) pipped Namibia (39 points) into third. USA, UAE and PNG completed the table.

Scotland, Oman and Nepal joined the bottom five sides from the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League (West Indies, Sri Lanka, Ireland, Zimbabwe and the Netherlands) and the two top-ranked teams from the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier Play-Off (see below) to compete for the final two places at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.

## ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier Play-Off

Following League 2's conclusion, Namibia hosted the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier Play-Off from 26 March 2023 to 5 April 2023.

The Play-Off brought together the bottom four teams from League 2, who were Namibia, USA, UAE and PNG, plus the winners of the ICC Challenge Leagues A and B, Canada and Jersey. Played in a round-robin format, the table was topped by winners USA and runners-up UAE, who won places at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Qualifier in Zimbabwe.

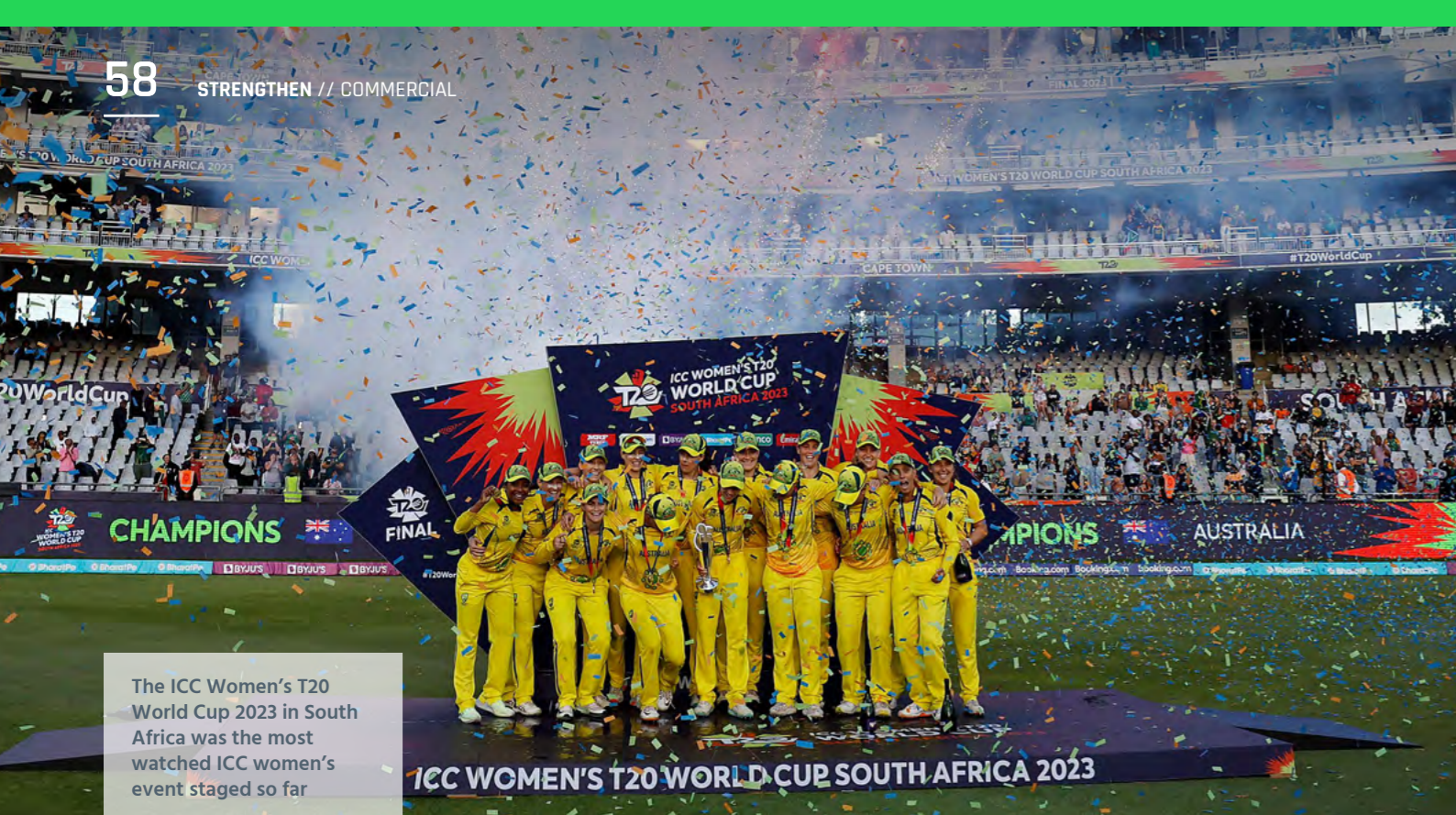


The Play-Off also served to determine the make-up of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 and Challenge Leagues A and B in the next cycle. As the two lowest-ranked teams at the Play-Off, Jersey and PNG will compete in the Challenge Leagues; while Canada, who finished fourth, will replace PNG in the upcoming League 2.

# COMMERCIAL

The ICC Commercial team agreed several landmark broadcasting deals and new partnerships ahead of the new rights cycle – and, in a historic moment for women's cricket, is selling the rights to women's events as a standalone package.





**Media rights**

The Media Rights team this year agreed a landmark deal with Disney Star to be the home of ICC cricket in India, as well as strengthening existing partnerships with industry leaders in the USA, Canada, the UK and Ireland, and across Africa.

As part of a long-term strategic commitment to accelerate the growth of women's cricket and further cement the ICC's position as innovators within the sales space, men's and women's rights are being sold separately for the new rights cycle, which runs 2024 to 2031. This is the first time that women's cricket rights have been unbundled and represents a positive step forward by the ICC in the broadcasting of women's sport globally.

The ICC has continued its long-standing association with Disney Star, with the broadcaster bagging exclusive digital streaming and television rights to broadcast the ICC men's and women's events for the 2024-27 cycle. Disney Star has played an important role over the last seven years in elevating the stature of ICC events by deepening fandom for the sport in India, positioning ICC events as the biggest sporting spectacles in the world and widening the distribution of the games across geographies through its global syndication efforts. The renewed association with Disney Star further strengthens its status as the "Home of Sports" for marquee cricket events and other key sporting properties in India.

In a first-of-its-kind partnership in the Indian media and entertainment landscape, Disney

Star announced a strategic licensing agreement for the television broadcasting rights of the ICC Men's and U19 global events with Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL) for a period of four years from 2024-27. As part of the arrangement, Disney Star will continue to exclusively stream all ICC events on its digital platform - Disney+ Hotstar in India until 2027. Disney Star will also continue to broadcast all ICC women's events on its linear network.

Sky Sports and NOW will be the home of ICC events in the UK and Ireland through to the end of 2031, in a first direct contractual relationship between the two organisations, which could lead to rewarding collaborations in the future, while SuperSport will bring cricket to fans across 52 African territories.

Willow TV won the rights for the USA and Canada and is an exciting opportunity to connect with fans in the region, with the capacity to reach over 70 million households - in particular ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, which will be hosted by the USA and the West Indies.

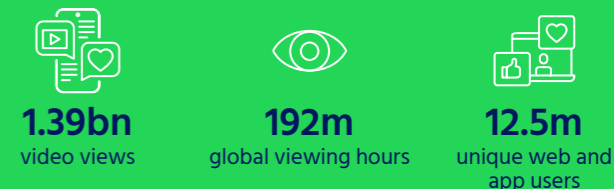
**New partnerships**

Ahead of the new rights cycle, the ICC announced a global partnership with Aramco, one of the world's leading integrated energy and chemicals companies. Aramco will sponsor all major men's and women's ICC events until the end of 2023, and is one of six partners at the top tier of the ICC's commercial partnerships framework.

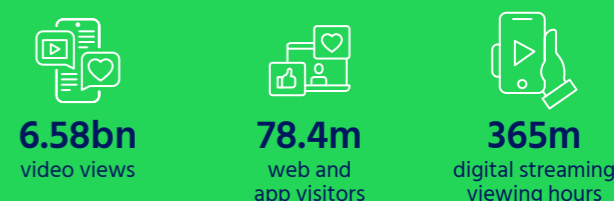


**RECORD FIGURES**

**ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023**



**ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022**



The ICC also launched a significant new licensing partnership with Fanatics, a leading provider of official licensed sports merchandise. With global manufacturing and distribution capabilities, Fanatics will give cricket fans around the world access to a much wider collection of licensed ICC merchandise, both online and at events.

Focusing on the unique role of technology in cricket, the ICC teamed up with NIUM, its official fintech infrastructure partner, to launch a global hackathon. Next In invited tech-savvy cricket fans to develop ideas for improving the digital cricket fan experience, with finalists pitching proposals to an elite ICC panel at an event in Bangalore. The innovative campaign attracted participants from over 113 countries, yet another example of the ICC's ambition to deepen fan engagement and connect with younger audiences.

**Broadcasting**

ICC events introduced exciting broadcast enhancements and set new digital engagement records, with state-of-the-art technology, world-class commentary, and exclusive content amplifying fan engagement across the world.

The inaugural edition of the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023 was the first ever U19s tournament to be fully broadcast via a dedicated online space. Fans from around the world could follow all 41 matches live and access exclusive post-match and behind-the-scenes content. This was followed by the success of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023, which became the most watched ICC women's event to date, with global viewing hours reaching 192 million.

In seeking to engage new audiences with its women's events, the ICC's partnership with Meta also inspired a new content series on Instagram that drew over 344 million views combined. Aiming to raise awareness of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 with a younger and broader audience in India, a small team of content creators produced several non-traditional pieces for the ICC's channels, which celebrated the women on show and promoted themes such as female empowerment.

Likewise, for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022, which featured a star-studded commentary panel, a total of 6.58 billion video views were recorded across all ICC platforms and the number of web and app visitors hit 78.4 million - both all-time records. Live streaming was up by 149 million hours, signalling a growing shift in fans' viewing habits at a time when the ICC has agreed new partnerships with streaming services for the next rights cycle.



# GROW



The inaugural ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup saw Indonesia make their first ever appearance on an ICC World Cup stage



The ICC's Training and Education programme is helping to grow the game

# DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The ICC and its Members continued to bring cricket to new audiences and new participants across the globe.

## criiio expands

The ICC's flagship participation programme aims to equip Members with a school and community group-based curriculum, with a fun-first experience for children a priority.

The criiio Cricket Programme Facilitator Training course equips facilitators to deliver the programme in schools and community groups. Since the launch of the criiio Facilitator Training Programme in May 2022, 2,047 facilitators from 88 ICC Member countries have successfully completed the course, 14% of whom are female. They have delivered the course to 94,131 criiio participants, 47% of whom are female.

Digital customisation of the criiio cricket curriculum has been completed for seven

countries (Germany, Italy, Mexico, Mongolia, Nigeria, PNG and Rwanda), enabling them to create a bespoke version of the criiio cricket programme through the inclusion of logos, local imagery, national branding, welcome messages and local language translations. Customisation is now ready to be deployed widely.

## Associate Members shine on the big stage

A number of ICC Associate Members made it to major tournaments during the year:

- Namibia, Netherlands, Scotland and UAE took part in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022. Three of the four caused huge shocks: Namibia beat Sri Lanka, Scotland crushed

West Indies, and Netherlands stunned South Africa, ending their run in the tournament.

- Indonesia, Rwanda, Scotland, UAE and USA all qualified for the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023 – with Indonesia and Rwanda making their first ever appearances at any ICC World Cup. See page 54.
- Scotland, Nepal and Oman qualified from the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2023, where they competed for a place in the World Cup to be held later this year. For more details, see page 56.

## ICC Training and Education courses

The ICC's Training and Education programme continues to be a critical tool for increasing participation growth across all areas of the sport. The programme provides Members with educational resources and training opportunities that are designed to help grow the number of qualified coaches, umpires, scorers and pitch curators in their country.

Since the launch of the ICC Coaching Foundation Certificate, the course has welcomed 17,567 registered users and seen 6,239 graduates, 14% of

them female. The ICC now has 245 Coach Tutors from 79 countries, 24% of whom are female. Through these tutors, 1,028 people from 59 ICC Member countries, 19% of them female, have been certified as ICC Level 1 Coaches.

The ICC Workforce Training Programme is also continuing to provide all Members with certified tutors to deliver the programme on their terms. The ICC, as the Workforce Developer, trains Master Educators, who are then equipped to deliver ICC Tutor Training courses and train new tutors regionally. The first ever ICC Coach Level 2 Master Educators Global Workshop was held in Dubai in May 2023, and there are now 26 Coach Master Educators.

The ICC Umpire Foundation and Level 1 Courses are set to be launched in the second half of 2023. A total of 18 Umpire Master Educators, seven of them female, are now trained and accredited to deliver ICC Umpire Tutor Training workshops.

## ICC Development Awards recognise Associates' work

The ICC Development Awards once again celebrated the outstanding work by Associate Members to promote the game of cricket around the world. See page 84.

## ICC PATHWAY EVENT LIVESTREAMS

The ICC continued to bring pathway event matches to the world through the magic of live streaming during 2022-23 – through Fancode.com in the Indian subcontinent, and through ICC.tv in the rest of the world. The streams are designed to serve as a catalyst to grow new and deeper engagement with fans from Associate Member cricket markets.



**445,000hrs**  
total watch time

**274,000**  
unique viewers

**1.045m**  
total views

**309**  
pathway  
event matches  
streamed live



# DIGITAL

Fan engagement and viewership figures across the ICC's digital channels continue to rise every year, with new technology, innovative collaborations and more inclusive content expanding the global reach of women's and men's cricket.

## New audiences

As part of ongoing activities to reach new audiences, the ICC partnered with Meta to create the ICC Reels Squad. The partnership identified Instagram creators who created bespoke content at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 and the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023.

The ICC Reels Squad set out to raise awareness of ICC events to younger and broader audiences in India, and increase broadcast viewership in a country with the largest possible tune-in audience.

The Reels creators produced a series of player-led posts that not only humanised those involved but simultaneously raised the profiles of both the players and the events. From non-traditional pieces, such as a singalong with the entire Indian team, to comedy skits involving players and delivered in Hindi, the series was like no other produced by the ICC.

The project proved a huge success – with the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 content generating 344 million video views for 14 individual reels on Instagram, as well as 5,000 comments and 40,000 shares from users across the platform.

Released largely before the event began, the series kickstarted what was

to be a record digital audience for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 from start to finish. Over 1.39 billion video views were reached on ICC channels alone, an all-time high, while Instagram reported 140 million engagements on content related to the matches throughout the tournament.

## Direct relationship with fans

To ensure that it continues to create products and content that serves fans' needs, the ICC conducted a thorough programme of fan research. The programme surveyed thousands of fans, including by engaging 20 dedicated cricket supporters to keep a week-long diary of their digital engagement. From this survey, several key areas were revealed to be at the heart of fans' needs and contributed to a series of new app features.

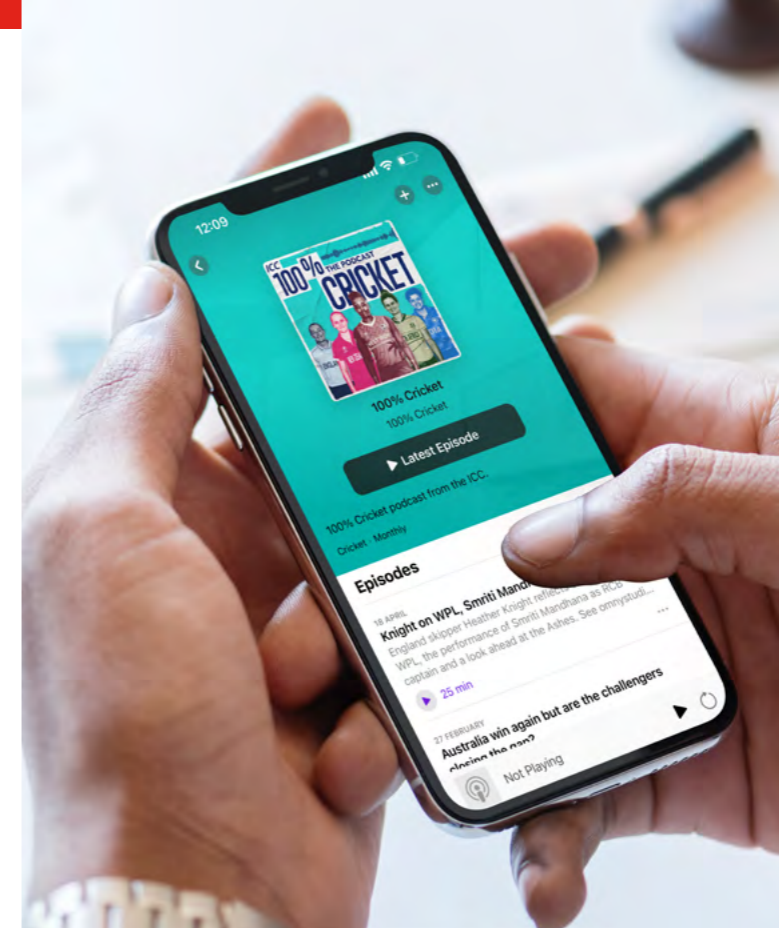
The ICC worked with partners Hawkeye and Sportradar to provide fans with an exact 3D/VR rendering of every six hit for both the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 and the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023. This was a world first. The 360-degree experience allowed fans to view the action from the perspective of the batter in real-time, and was delivered exclusively to a faster and



more user-friendly app within 15 seconds of the live play.

Along with this, the ICC created a new workflow that used Artificial Intelligence (AI) to edit highlight clips in a vertical video format and automatically publish these to the app within seconds. The ICC was the first sports organisation outside the NBA to release this technology, which provided fans with better viewability and a more immersive experience on mobile and tablet devices.

In another innovative world first, fans were able to collect Crictos – the ICC's officially licensed digital collectible clips from ICC events – that embodied the most memorable moments of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022. Available daily and made possible with FanCraze, this allowed fans to build a collection of permanent mementos from the event and discover a new way of connecting with the sport.



## Women's cricket coverage

The new 100% Cricket Podcast featured experts such as Nasser Hussain, Frankie Mackay and Mithali Raj sharing their views on the sport's top talking points. Launched in July 2022 in the build-up to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 and available on all major platforms, the podcast also profiled various players from cricket-playing nations through regular interviews.

Complementing the podcast was the 100% Cricket Superstars series, which saw a panel of experts name 25 established yet still-rising stars of the women's game to spotlight. The series engaged fans with highlight reels, talent-led videos and articles, as well as a team selector where followers could select their own 100% Cricket Superstars XI.

With podcast downloads and video views reaching tens of millions, both helped to sustain interest in women's cricket, and contributed to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 becoming the most watched ICC women's event to date.

## Next-In Hackathon

The ICC launched its first hackathon, which challenged the brightest minds in technology to design new products for our fans. The result was the Next-In Hackathon, presented by Nium, which received a total of 12,500 entries from 113 countries.

Shortlisted teams were invited to build and present concepts and creations that they believed could improve the digital cricket fan experience, with a particular focus on ground-breaking ways to engage a younger audience. A panel of judges representing the cricket and technology industries delivered their verdict on the proposed ideas at an exclusive event on 15 March 2023 in Bangalore, India, which could go on to have a real impact on how the sport is brought to fans' screens.

## TOP 10 COUNTRIES TUNING IN TO ICC.TV



110% total views increased



86% hours watched increased





## CRICKET 4 GOOD

The ICC's global community outreach programme continues to use cricket's vast power and reach of the game to transform the lives of children and families around the world.

October 2022 saw the latest phase of the social impact partnership between the ICC and UNICEF. This new phase is mobilising the power of cricket to drive positive social change, and is encouraging girls and women to play and be empowered by cricket. Sport is a great leveller across society and around the world, bringing girls and boys together while promoting leadership and respect.

The teams at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia took part in Cricket 4 Good workshops and coaching clinics before and during the tournament. Local schoolchildren enjoyed once-in-a-lifetime opportunities

to get tips and tuition from some of the game's superstars, who included players from Afghanistan, Australia, England, the Netherlands, New Zealand and UAE (in Brisbane); India (in Sydney); Namibia (in Geelong); and South Africa (in Brisbane).

Cricket 4 Good workshops take place at every major ICC tournament – and they were a big hit with South African children at the inaugural ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023 in January. There were eight Cricket 4 Good sessions in total, with each session featuring players from two of the 16 competing teams.



### Working in partnership

In February 2023, the 10 competing teams at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 in South Africa hosted 10 Cricket 4 Good playing clinics and workshops with more local children. The workshops included coaching and a life-skills component, which forms part of broader sports-for-development programming that incorporates soft skills such as problem solving, empathy and negotiation. These attributes are especially important in the event of crises, when survival depends on individual, family and community resilience.

Delivered by UNICEF volunteers, the sport-for-development sessions in South Africa focused on self-awareness, and were designed to give the young participants an opportunity to know who they are, what they want and why they want it. The overall aim was to empower the youngsters to consciously and actively work towards making their wants a reality – helping them to set realistic and appropriate goals for their lives.

The ICC–UNICEF partnership will continue at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in India later in 2023.





## WOMEN'S CRICKET

After a year that saw two women's World Cups held back to back in South Africa, the ICC's strategy to grow the women's game worldwide is continuing to bear fruit.

The ICC's Strategy for Global Growth, unveiled in 2021, places women's cricket at the centre of its long-term ambitions. Developed in partnership with ICC Members, the strategy aims to strengthen, grow and protect the game, with a strong vision of increasing the number of girls and women involved in the sport in every area and at every level.

In a year in which ICC women's events have shattered previous viewership and engagement

records and attracted new audiences around the world, with the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 the most watched ICC women's event to date, its global strategy has firmly taken shape.

Adding to this, the ICC has developed a specific plan to accelerate the growth of women's cricket and deliver 250 million incremental fans by 2032. The plan is split into four action areas, outlined on the opposite page, with significant progress already being made in all areas.

## WOMEN'S CRICKET STRATEGY



### PROGRAMMES

Provide more playing opportunities and drive competitiveness

- Annual and expanded ICC events, as well as new U19 events
- First-ever Future Tours Programme and ICC Women's Championship, providing context to bilateral cricket
- Inclusion in multi-sport events such as the Olympic Games, then Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games



### PROFILE

Improve visibility, perception and awareness of women's cricket for fans

- Amplify broadcast and digital coverage, leveraging ICC.tv
- Deliver event-specific marketing campaigns
- Build female cricketing heroes and promote rivalries
- Continue 100% Cricket to deepen fans' connection to the women's game



### PARTICIPATION

Drive sustainable growth in female participation at all levels

- Roll out the full suite of training and education programmes, with an emphasis on female enrolments
- Through criiio and modified cricket, increase participation, embrace social cricket, and overcome barriers to play
- Create tailor-made programmes for school-level participation



### PEOPLE

Diversifying cricket's workforce – get more women into the sport

- Develop female leaders within the membership through 100% Cricket Future Leaders
- Bring more women into broadcasting positions, both in front of and behind the camera
- Provide opportunities for women through the ICC Event Secondee Programme
- Grow awareness on diversity and inclusion through new and existing programmes



Mignon du Preez was one of eight superstars of the women's game to serve as 100% Cricket Mentors at the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023

### Creating history for women's cricket

The inaugural ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023 in South Africa means that the ICC has now achieved full gender parity between men's and women's global events, with history made on several levels:

- It was the largest women's ICC tournament to date, with 16 teams competing.

- It was the first U19 tournament to offer live streams of every match for fans, with a dedicated website.
- It set a new record for the highest number of female match officials: of the 12 umpires, eight were female, and one of the three match referees was also female. Each was officiating at her first ICC global event.

### 100% Cricket Mentorship

The ICC introduced the 100% Cricket Mentorship Programme at the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023. The programme invited eight current or former elite cricketers to serve as mentors to two teams each, giving the young athletes a world-class experience on and off the field. Mentors were also on hand to provide general day-to-day support during training, planning sessions and team meetings until the conclusion of the group stage.

Media training, which was delivered at an ICC event for the first time, prepared athletes for the attention they would receive and offered education on how to use social media safely and effectively.

### 100% Cricket Future Leaders

The third edition of the ICC 100% Cricket Future Leaders programme kicked off on 18 May 2023 with a record-breaking intake of 25 future female leaders in cricket coming from across 18 members, including five from Associate Members. The mentees have been paired with senior leaders from across global cricket to work on a one-on-one basis over a six-month period, and will receive training and support in their areas of expertise in dealing with real-time and real-world issues and projects.

### 100% Cricket Women's Health Education

Women's health education, with a focus on menstrual health, was delivered for the first time at the two women's events in South Africa, the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023 and the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023. Health education focused on menstrual health, explaining what is normal for the athletes' age group and when they should seek professional help. A survey was conducted, and was designed to hear from participants on where they require support. All players and support staff, male and female, attended the sessions, with a view to normalising conversation around menstruation in sporting environments.

The ICC's commitment to health education has expanded beyond global events – sessions will now be delivered at all ICC Women's T20 World Cup pathway events across all five regions in 2023. On Menstrual Hygiene Day, 28 May 2023, the ICC also launched a women's health webpage featuring awareness-building videos from legendary female cricketers and amplifying the work members are doing in this space.

### 100% CRICKET MENTORS AT THE ICC U19 WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP 2023



**Trisha Chetty**  
India & Sri Lanka



**Mignon du Preez**  
UAE & South Africa



**Lydia Greenway**  
England & Ireland



**Frankie Mackay**  
Indonesia & New Zealand



**Abtaha Maqsood**  
Bangladesh & Scotland



**Sana Mir**  
Pakistan & Zimbabwe



**Anisa Mohammed**  
Rwanda & West Indies



**Sunette Viljoen**  
Australia & USA

# PROTECT





Greg Barclay was re-elected as the ICC's Independent Chair in November 2022

## GOVERNANCE

The ICC Board re-elected Greg Barclay as its Independent Chair – and three new Associate Members joined the ICC cricketing family.

At a meeting in Melbourne in November 2022, the ICC Board unanimously re-elected Greg Barclay as the ICC's Independent Chair for a second two-year term from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2024. His re-election was followed by the similar reappointment of Imran Khwaja as Deputy Chair.

### Three new Members

Earlier in the year, the first Annual Conference and AGM to be held in person for three years took place in Birmingham in July 2022. The Conference awarded Associate Membership status to three new countries, taking the total number of Associate Members to 96. Cambodia and Uzbekistan brought the total number of Asian members to 25, while Cote D'Ivoire became the 21st African Member of the ICC. The Conference also saw the election of Imran Khwaja, Pankaj Khimji and Neil Speight as the ICC's three Associate Member Directors and Directors on the Board, and of Imran Khwaja as Chair of the Associate Members, all for two-year terms.

### Host nations confirmed

The ICC Board also approved Bangladesh, India, England and Sri Lanka as the four host countries for the ICC women's white-ball events from 2024-2027. Each host was selected via a bidding process overseen by a Board sub-committee chaired by Martin Snedden, along with ICC Women's Cricket Committee Chair Clare Connor, ICC Men's Cricket Committee Chair Sourav Ganguly, and Cricket West Indies President Ricky Skerritt.

It was confirmed that the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 will be hosted by Bangladesh for a second time; the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 will be staged in India; and the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 will be hosted by England and Wales, for the first time since 2009. Sri Lanka will host the ICC Women's T20 Champions Trophy 2027, subject to their qualification for the event.

## ICC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director	Designation
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*
Ross McCollum	Full Member Director, Ireland*
Martin Snedden	Full Member Director, New Zealand*
Najam Sethi	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 Mukuhani	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 2022 to 2023 period:

Director	Designation	Departure
Sourav Ganguly	Full Member Director, India*	November 2022
Ramiz Raja	Full Member Director, Pakistan*	January 2023
Richard Freudenstein	Full Member Director, Australia*	April 2023
Martin Darlow	Full Member Director, England & Wales*	April 2023
Richard Skerritt	Full Member Director, West Indies*	May 2023
Mahinda Vallipuram	Associate Member Director+	July 2022



## ICC CHIEF EXECUTIVES' COMMITTEE

Chair		Associate Member Representatives	
Geoff Allardice	CEO, ICC	Rashpal Bajwa	
Full Member Representatives		Sumod Damodar	
Naseeb Khan	Afghanistan	Mubashshir Usmani	
Nick Hockley	Australia	Ex officio	
Nizamuddin Chowdhury	Bangladesh	Greg Barclay	Chair, ICC
Richard Gould	England & Wales	Sourav Ganguly	Chair, ICC Men's Cricket Committee
Arun Singh Dhumal	India	Clare Connor	Chair, ICC Women's Cricket Committee
Warren Deutrom	Ireland		
David White	New Zealand		
Salman Naseer	Pakistan		
Pholetsu Moseki	South Africa		
Ashley de Silva	Sri Lanka		
Jonathan Grave	West Indies		
Givemore Makoni	Zimbabwe		

The following individuals also served as Committee Members during the 2022 to 2023 period:

### Full Member Representatives

Jay Shah	India
Faisal Hasnain	Pakistan

## 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	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's Integrity Unit continued to protect the integrity of cricket in 2022-23.

As the cricketing calendar regained momentum following the initial impact of the pandemic, the Integrity Unit remain committed in its efforts to protecting the integrity of the sport. The Unit's focus in the last 12 months has been the protection of ICC Members and players from corruptors; intelligence-based drug testing; and the safety and security of all cricket's participants.

## ANTI-CORRUPTION

Some 108 investigations across a broad spectrum of incidents were initiated across Full and Associate Member countries during 2022-23.

Charges were laid against two participants during this period under the ICC Anti-Corruption Code: West Indies player Devon Thomas and Indian-based umpire Jatin Kashyap. A further case was concluded in October 2022 with a ban of 14 years imposed on UAE-based cricketer Mehar Chhayaker for serious breaches of the Anti-Corruption Code.

November saw a significant first for the ACU with the imposition of an indefinite Exclusion Order on Dinesh Talwar for his engagement in activities that pose a genuine threat to the integrity of the sport. Exclusion Orders exist for those outside the rules of the sport who threaten its integrity, with the intention being to keep them away from the game.



# RECOGNISE REJECT REPORT

ICC ANTI-CORRUPTION HOTLINE  
**+971 56 545 8909**  
contactACU@icc-cricket.com

## More activities in 2022-23

The ACU is continuing to support players and teams at ICC women's events with education and a strong ACU presence.

The ICC Associate Member Integrity Plan is also continuing to advise Members on the corruption risks associated with tournaments, a matter of increasing importance given the acceleration of franchise cricket. The ACU works with franchise leagues to guide them on the most effective protection to prevent corruptors tarnishing the event, guided by information and reports from a wide range of partners that are each assessed and responded to as appropriate.

The ACU's ongoing engagement with law enforcement authorities worldwide is continuing to protect the game. One recent example of such cooperation was the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022.

In the coming months and years, the ACU's work will continue to extend beyond the ICC's own flagship events to ICC Pathway events, bilateral series and franchise leagues, providing awareness and support across a broad range of cricket events – which, in 2022-2023, included 40 Tests, 153 ODIs and 139 T20Is.

## ANTI-DOPING

The ICC collected 625 samples for drug testing during 2022-23, a 30% increase from the previous year. No advance notice out-of-competition testing accounted for 409 (65%) of these samples, with 216 (35%) collected on matchdays or in competition. The reported figures include testing conducted at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier 2022, the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022, the ICC Women's U19 Cricket World Cup 2023 and the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023.

Education remains an integral part of efforts to prevent and deter doping. In the last 12 months, the ICC has delivered anti-doping education to 1,062 participants at ICC events and on request. Such education equips cricketers and support staff members with information on their anti-doping responsibilities, as well as the potential risks and consequences of doping.

Three anti-doping rule violations were reported over the past 12 months:

- Shohidul Islam of Bangladesh was suspended for 10 months for the presence of Clomifene in his sample.
- Tom Wood was suspended for six months by the English & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) for the presence of Terbutaline.
- John Campbell was charged by the Jamaica Anti-Doping Disciplinary panel with a 48-month suspension for evading or refusing to submit to sample collection.

## BIO SAFETY, SECURITY AND SAFEGUARDING

The last 12 months has seen the ICC transition from a laser focus on biosafety, required during the COVID-19 pandemic, to a more balanced security stance. Central to this has been supporting player mental and physical wellbeing, and acting on expert scientific and medical advice from the ICC Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) and bespoke event Biosafety Advisory Groups (BSAG) to manage health safety.

Guided by expert scientific advice, the ICC has developed detailed guidelines that prioritise participants' safety while enabling those with a positive COVID-19 test to compete with appropriate mitigations in place. The ICC has also developed a revised safety and security planning framework, which simplifies the processes and documentation and attempts to anticipate the challenges of managing major international events in the short- to medium-term.

The ICC has also assessed the key challenges surrounding the safety and security response to protest activity, specifically non-violent direct action, and has upgraded safeguarding protocols and response at ICC events. The ICC's secure reporting line is advertised to all participants through various communication strategies, including posters, advisory notes and tournament and staff handbooks.



Alex Marshall (left) and Sir Ronnie Flanagan, respectively General Manager and Chair of the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit



## 2022-23 EVENTS COVERED BY THE ICC ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT

### ICC TOURNAMENTS

ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup Asia Qualifier, Malaysia	3-9 June 2022
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League B, Uganda	17-27 June 2022
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, Scotland	10-17 July 2022
ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 Global Qualifier B, Zimbabwe	11-17 July 2022
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League A, Canada	27 July - 6 August 2022
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League B, Jersey	4-14 August 2022
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, Scotland	10-17 August 2022
ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier, UAE	15-27 September 2022
ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022, Australia	16 October - 13 November 2022
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, Namibia	19-26 November 2022
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, Namibia	1-8 December 2022
ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League A, Malaysia	3-13 December 2022
ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023, South Africa	14-29 January 2023
ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023, South Africa	10-26 February 2023

### ASIAN CRICKET COUNCIL (ACC) TOURNAMENTS

ACC Asia Cup Qualifier, Oman	20-24 August 2022
ACC Asia Cup 2022, UAE	27 August - 11 September 2022
ACC Women's Asia Cup, Bangladesh	1-15 October 2022

### INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Commonwealth Games, UK	29 July - 7 August 2022
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### CONTRACTED DOMESTIC LEAGUES

Abu Dhabi T10	23 November - 4 December 2022
Lanka Premier League	6-23 December 2022
Emirates Cricket Board International League T20 2023	13 January - 12 February 2023

# ICC AWARDS

In January, the ICC crowned 13 of the top individual performers across the men's and women's game in the ICC Awards 2022, along with five ICC Teams of the Year.

**Babar Azam** and **Nat Sciver-Brunt** scooped the top honours at the ICC Awards 2022 following landmark years in international competition.

Azam won the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year, the second consecutive winner from Pakistan following Shaheen Shah Afridi's triumph in 2021, as well as being named the Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year for a second successive year. Sciver-Brunt, meanwhile, emulated his achievement by claiming the Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year award and the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year, becoming the first English winner of the award since 2014.

The winners were selected following a global vote conducted among an independent panel of specialist media representatives as well as ICC Hall of Famers and former international players. Their votes were combined with those

of cricket fans from around the world, who were invited to submit their choices for each category through the ICC website. Winners were judged on their overall performances and achievements throughout the calendar year and announced across ICC digital channels.

### Landmark year

**Ben Stokes** won the ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year award following a ground-breaking year in which he scored 870 runs, took 26 wickets, and was appointed England's Test team captain.

**Suryakumar Yadav** of India and **Tahlia McGrath** of Australia were respectively crowned as the Men's and Women's T20I Cricketers of the Year. Yadav's astounding year saw him score 1,164 T20I runs at a strike rate of 187.43, while McGrath's year included a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games.

**Marco Jansen** of South Africa, who picked up 36 Test wickets at just 19.02 in 2022, and **Renuka Singh** of India, who took 40 international wickets during the year, were named as the Men's and Women's Emerging Cricketers of the Year. **Gerhard Erasmus** of Namibia and UAE's **Esha Oza**, meanwhile, picked up the prizes for the Men's and Women's Associate Cricketers of the Year.

The other honours went to **Richard Illingworth**, named the ICC Umpire of the Year for the second time in his career, and Nepal wicketkeeper **Aasif Sheikh**, who was honoured in the Spirit of Cricket category for his decision not to run out Andy McBrine after the Ireland all-rounder had tripped while attempting a run.

### Teams of the year

Along with the individual awards, five Teams of the Year 2022 were announced, which captured the best combined XIs across the different formats of men's and women's international cricket. Collectively representing 11 countries, several World Cup winners, ICC Players of the Month and top emerging talent made the teams, including India's captain Harmanpreet Kaur, Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza and England's Jonny Bairstow.

"It's lovely to have been awarded the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy, especially as Rachael was such a legend of the women's game in England and Wales. No personal achievements are possible without the hard work and togetherness of the whole team."

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





“I feel humbled to join the ranks of some of the most iconic and respected names in our great sport. I continue to look up to these players as well as champions of the past for inspiration, motivation and improvement.”

**Babar Azam,**  
ICC Men’s Cricketer of the Year

## ICC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH JUNE 2022 – MAY 2023

	Men	Women
June 2022	<b>Jonny Bairstow</b> (Eng)	<b>Marizanne Kapp</b> (SA)
July 2022	<b>Prabath Jayasuriya</b> (SL)	<b>Emma Lamb</b> (Eng)
August 2022	<b>Sikandar Raza</b> (Zim)	<b>Tahlia McGrath</b> (Aus; pictured)
September 2022	<b>Mohammad Rizwan</b> (Pak)	<b>Harmanpreet Kaur</b> (Ind)
October 2022	<b>Virat Kohli</b> (Ind)	<b>Nida Dar</b> (Pak)
November 2022	<b>Jos Buttler</b> (Eng)	<b>Sidra Ameen</b> (Pak)
December 2022	<b>Harry Brook</b> (Eng)	<b>Ashleigh Gardner</b> (Aus)
January 2023	<b>Shubman Gill</b> (Ind)	<b>Grace Scrivens</b> (Eng)
February 2023	<b>Harry Brook</b> (Eng)	<b>Ashleigh Gardner</b> (Aus)
March 2023	<b>Shakib Al Hasan</b> (Ban)	<b>Henriette Ishimwe</b> (Rwa)
April 2023	<b>Fakhar Zaman</b> (Pak)	<b>Naruemol Chaiwai</b> (Thai)
May 2023	<b>Harry Tector</b> (Ire)	<b>Thipatcha Putthawong</b> (Thai)



## ICC TEST TEAM OF THE YEAR 2022

### Men

- Usman Khawaja** (Aus)
- Kraigg Brathwaite** (WI)
- Marnus Labuschagne** (Aus)
- Babar Azam** (Pak)
- Jonny Bairstow** (Eng)
- Ben Stokes** (Eng, capt; pictured)
- Rishabh Pant** (Ind, wk)
- Pat Cummins** (Aus)
- Kagiso Rabada** (SA)
- Nathan Lyon** (Aus)
- James Anderson** (Eng)

## ICC ODI & T20I TEAMS OF THE YEAR 2022

Men’s ODI	Women’s ODI	Men’s T20I	Women’s T20I
<b>Babar Azam</b> (Pak, capt)	<b>Alyssa Healy</b> (Aus, wk)	<b>Jos Buttler</b> (Eng, c/wk)	<b>Smriti Mandhana</b> (Ind)
<b>Travis Head</b> (Aus)	<b>Smriti Mandhana</b> (Ind)	<b>Mohammad Rizwan</b> (Pak)	<b>Beth Mooney</b> (Aus)
<b>Shai Hope</b> (WI)	<b>Laura Wolvaardt</b> (SA)	<b>Virat Kohli</b> (Ind)	<b>Sophie Devine</b> (NZ, capt)
<b>Shreyas Iyer</b> (Ind)	<b>Nat Sciver-Brunt</b> (Eng)	<b>Suryakumar Yadav</b> (Ind)	<b>Ash Gardner</b> (Aus)
<b>Tom Latham</b> (NZ, wk)	<b>Beth Mooney</b> (Aus)	<b>Glenn Phillips</b> (NZ)	<b>Tahlia McGrath</b> (Aus)
<b>Sikandar Raza</b> (Zim)	<b>Harmanpreet Kaur</b> (Ind, c)	<b>Sikandar Raza</b> (Zim)	<b>Nida Dar</b> (Pak)
<b>Mehidy Hasan Miraz</b> (Ban)	<b>Amelia Kerr</b> (NZ)	<b>Hardik Pandya</b> (Ind)	<b>Deepti Sharma</b> (Ind)
<b>Alzarri Joseph</b> (WI)	<b>Sophie Ecclestone</b> (Eng)	<b>Sam Curran</b> (Eng)	<b>Richa Ghosh</b> (Ind, wk)
<b>Mohammed Siraj</b> (Ind)	<b>Ayabonga Khaka</b> (SA)	<b>Wanindu Hasaranga</b> (SL)	<b>Sophie Ecclestone</b> (Eng)
<b>Trent Boult</b> (NZ)	<b>Renuka Singh</b> (Ind)	<b>Haris Rauf</b> (Pak)	<b>Inoka Ranaweera</b> (SL)
<b>Adam Zampa</b> (Aus)	<b>Shabnim Ismail</b> (SA)	<b>Josh Little</b> (Ire)	<b>Renuka Singh</b> (Ind; pict.)



# ICC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

The ICC celebrated the outstanding work carried out by Associate Members for growing the game of cricket in emerging markets at the ICC Development Awards 2022 – with African nations picking up all six awards.

The 2022 Awards recognised the excellent development and digital initiatives, social impact programmes and on-field performances delivered by the ICC's Associate Members throughout the year, with the progress made in growing cricket in emerging nations taking centre stage.

The ICC continued its tradition of announcing the Regional Winners on 6 April as a celebration of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. Following an exceptional year of innovation and growth, 23 ICC Member nations were recognised as Regional Winners, and were then put forward as nominees for the Global Awards to be announced in June.

**Cricket Namibia** led the way by clinching three Global Awards – for ICC Development Initiative of the Year, ICC Associate Member Men's Performance of the Year and Cricket 4 Good Social Impact Initiative of the Year. The **Nigeria Cricket Federation** (100% Cricket Female Cricket Initiative of the Year), **Rwanda Cricket Association** (ICC Associate Member Women's Performance of the Year) and **Uganda Cricket Association** (ICC Digital Fan Engagement of the Year) were also honoured for their inspiring contributions to the growth of cricket worldwide in 2022.

The specialist judging panel was made up of cricket legends Mel Jones, Graeme Smith and Stafanie Taylor, as well as ICC Full Members, ICC Partners and the Media, with the global winners announced in June.



**ICC Development Initiative of the Year Global Winner** went to **Cricket Namibia's Ashburton Kwata Mini-Cricket Programme**. First launched in 2009, this inspiring programme aims to get cricket played in more schools across Namibia. It embraces the notion of playing cricket in open environments, and promotes respect, leadership, and resilience through cricket.

**Regional winners:** Cricket Hong Kong, Persatuan Cricket Indonesia, Cricket Namibia (global winner), Cricket Peru, Serbian Cricket Federation



**100% Cricket Female Cricket Initiative of the Year Global Winner** went to the **Nigeria Cricket Federation** for pioneering a programme to deliver cricket programmes to over 15,000 young girls in Zamfara State.

**Regional winners:** Cricket Association of Nepal, Nigeria Cricket Federation (global winner), Cricket PNG, Cricket Romania



**ICC Digital Fan Engagement of the Year Global Winner** went to the **Uganda Cricket Association** for its use of social media to grow the support for their ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup competing team.

**Regional winners:** Bahrain Cricket Federation, Cricket Finland, Japan Cricket Association, Uganda Cricket Association (global winner)

**Cricket 4 Good Social Impact Initiative of the Year Global Winner** went to **Cricket Namibia** for their colourful Pledge 4 Pink campaign. The initiative saw a range of activities take place over a five-week period to raise awareness and significant funding for cancer treatment facilities in the country.

**Regional winners:** Cricket Brasil, Bhutan Cricket Council Board, Croatia Cricket Federation, Cricket Fiji, Cricket Namibia (global winner)



**ICC Associate Member Men's Performance of the Year Global Winner** went to **Cricket Namibia** for their win over Sri Lanka in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022. "It really is a fairy tale story for Namibian cricket to have beaten the former ICC Men's T20 World Cup Champions," skipper Gerhard Erasmus said.

**Regional winners:** Japan Cricket Association, Cricket Namibia (global winner), Koninklijke Nederlandse Cricket Bond, Emirates Cricket Board



**ICC Associate Member Women's Performance of the Year Global Winner** went to the **Rwanda Cricket Association**, after Rwanda fought off strong competition to reach the inaugural ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup and won a match against Zimbabwe.

**Regional winners:** Argentina Cricket Association, Persatuan Cricket Indonesia, Rwanda Cricket Association (global winner), Cricket Scotland, Cricket Association of Thailand



# ICC HALL OF FAME

The year saw a trio of cricketing legends receive the sport's highest honour.

The ICC Hall of Fame celebrates the greatest players ever to grace the game of cricket. Each year, new entrants onto the prestigious list of icons are chosen by existing Hall of Famers, media representatives, and senior executives from the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA) and the ICC – and in 2022, the panel selected three new inductees.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Charlotte Edwards and Abdul Qadir became the 107th, 108th and

109th icons celebrated in the ICC Hall of Fame. The trio were honoured in a special induction evening and on-field ceremony in November at the historic Sydney Cricket Ground ahead of the first semi-final for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022.

Chanderpaul and Edwards were joined in Sydney by Qadir's son Usman Qadir, who reflected on his father's legacy and his inspiration on Usman's own international career.



**SHIVNARINE CHANDERPAUL**  
INTERNATIONAL CAREER: 1994-2015

Shivnarine Chanderpaul became just the 10th batter in Test history, and only the second West Indian after longtime teammate Brian Lara, to make 10,000 Test runs, reaching the landmark against Australia in 2012. An unorthodox batter, he was the rock of the West Indies batting line-up over a 21-year international career. His achievements include 30 Test centuries, setting the record of seven half-centuries in consecutive Test innings, and amassing 8,778 runs in 268 ODI outings.

**CHARLOTTE EDWARDS**  
INTERNATIONAL CAREER: 1996-2016

Charlotte Edwards is one of the most significant players in the history of women's cricket. She announced herself on the cricketing stage with a world-record unbeaten 173 against Ireland in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 1997. Later, in 2009, she captained England to the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup and the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. The first woman to pass 2,000 T20I runs, she retired as the leading run-scorer in women's ODIs and women's T20Is.



**ABDUL QADIR**  
INTERNATIONAL CAREER: 1977-93

Abdul Qadir, who passed away in 2019 at the age of 63, will forever be remembered for outfoxing some of the greatest batters in the game through his dynamism and variation in approach. Hailed as one of the greatest wrist-spinners ever to grace the game, his 236 Test wickets across a 13-year career place him third in the list of Pakistan's all-time prolific spinners, while his 9-56 against England in 1987 remains the best Test innings figures for a Pakistan bowler and the eighth best all-time.

THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL LIMITED

# SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2022

## REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE



I am delighted to present my fifth and final report on behalf of the Audit Committee, concluding my tenure as ICC's Audit Committee Chair.

It has been a privilege chairing the Committee over this period of diverse challenges, and during such an exciting time for the game. As the outgoing Chair, I wish to congratulate Mr Vijay Malhotra on his appointment as Chair and wish him well for the future.

The ICC Audit Committee met twice between 1 June 2022 and 31 May 2023. During this time, controls and regulations around the various strands of ICC business remained effective, responsive and fit-for-purpose, particularly amid the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

As per the Committee's Terms of Reference, we are required 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 2022 to 31 December 2022. The review included assessing the accounting principles, significant estimates, 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 Auditor and highlight any conflicts of interest. We confirm that we have periodically evaluated their performances and independence, and the impact of 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 months.

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

On behalf of the Audit Committee,

**Yuvraj Narayan**  
Chair  
Dubai, 1 June 2023

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

### OPINION

The summary consolidated financial statements, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, 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 The International Cricket Council Limited ("ICC") and its subsidiaries (the "ICC Group") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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. 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 4 April 2023. That report also includes an emphasis of matter section relating to the below:

- i) a legal action against ICC that draws attention to Note 19 to the audited consolidated financial statements. Refer Note 4 to the summary consolidated financial statements for the disclosure of the legal action against ICC.
- 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. 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.

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

The Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation of the summary 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 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,

**Thodla Hari Gopal**  
Partner  
Registration No: 689

4 April 2023  
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 2022

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	2022 USD'000	2021 USD'000
<b>Event related activities</b>		
Revenue from ICC Events	412,862	432,146
Costs relating to ICC Events	(168,262)	(96,510)
<b>Other activities</b>		
Other revenue	11,746	25,642
Interest and investment income – net	7,321	4,979
General and administrative expenses	(43,829)	(34,016)
Finance costs	(3,405)	(2,861)
Foreign exchange loss	(637)	(618)
Net loss on financial assets and derivative financial instruments	(7,421)	(3,155)
<b>NET SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION</b>	<b>208,375</b>	<b>325,607</b>
Taxation	–	–
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>208,375</b>	<b>325,607</b>
Other comprehensive income for the year	–	–
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>208,375</b>	<b>325,607</b>

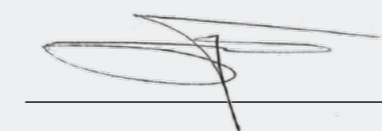
The attached notes 1 to 6 form part of these summary consolidated financial statements.

## 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 2022

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2022 USD'000	2021 USD'000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Non-current assets	860,633	663,565
Current assets (excluding bank balances and cash)	153,105	350,444
Bank balances and cash	298,988	233,783
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,312,726</b>	<b>1,247,792</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposit received (non-current)	53,990	97,019
Other non-current liabilities	7,230	5,839
Deposit received (current)	101,456	6,631
Accounts payable and accruals	67,221	57,450
Advances from sponsors	169,830	376,229
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>399,727</b>	<b>543,168</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
<b>Members' funds</b>		
Allocable surplus	841,661	625,436
Reserves	71,338	79,188
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>912,999</b>	<b>704,624</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>1,312,726</b>	<b>1,247,792</b>

The audited consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 4 April 2023 and were signed on their behalf by:



**Greg Barclay**  
Chair



**Geoff Allardice**  
Chief Executive Officer

The attached notes 1 to 6 form part of these summary consolidated financial statements.

## 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 2022

<b>SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	Allocable surplus USD'000	General reserve USD'000	Total USD'000
As at 1 January 2021	296,550	82,467	379,017
Total comprehensive income for the year	325,607	-	325,607
Transfers	3,279	(3,279)	-
At 31 December 2021	625,436	79,188	704,624
Total comprehensive income for the year	208,375	-	208,375
Transfers	7,850	(7,850)	-
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>841,661</b>	<b>71,338</b>	<b>912,999</b>

The attached notes 1 to 6 form part of these summary consolidated financial statements.

## SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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<b>SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>	2022 USD'000	2021 USD'000
Net surplus before taxation	208,375	325,607
Non-cash adjustments to reconcile surplus to net cash flows	6,181	196
Working capital adjustments	4,145	19,427
Payments for employees' end of service benefits, income tax and others	(311)	(708)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>218,390</b>	<b>344,522</b>
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(101,051)	(180)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(156,522)	(175,937)
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(39,183)</b>	<b>168,405</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	233,783	65,378
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 DECEMBER</b>	<b>194,600</b>	<b>233,783</b>

The attached notes 1 to 6 form part of these summary consolidated financial statements.



# 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 2022

## 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.

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 will be eventually offset against the surplus distributed to members during the remaining period until 2023.

### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary consolidated financial statements have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of the ICC Group which were approved by the Board on 4 April 2023. These summary consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue on 4 April 2023.

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.

#### 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.

# 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 2022

## NOTES TO SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)

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
		2022	2021	
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. ICC is the sole member.	No shares issued. 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
		2022	2021	
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 significant accounting policies and detailed notes to the consolidated financial statements please refer to the audited consolidated financial statements.

### 4 CONTINGENCIES

#### ESSEL SPORTS PVT LTD

In 2007, Essel Sports Pvt Ltd initiated a lawsuit against the Board of Control for Cricket in India ("BCCI") in the Delhi High Court, claiming that the BCCI's decision not to recognise the Indian Cricket League ("ICL") and to take certain actions against those involved with the ICL was unlawful (the "Indian Action"). The Indian Action was at an advanced stage with the parties in the midst of making their final arguments when the judge hearing the case was transferred and the matter was placed before a new judge in April 2019 to be heard afresh. The Indian Action has therefore continued since April 2019 but has been subject to adjournments and a delay (not least due to Covid) resulting in the case continuing into 2022.

At the end of 2021, representatives of Essel (now known as PAN India Infraproject P Ltd) informed the Indian court that Essel was facing insolvency and moratorium proceedings and that there was a petition pending adjudication before the Supreme Court of India (the "Supreme Court"), which would determine the fate of the cases filed by Essel against third parties, including the lawsuit above.

A representative of Essel appeared before the Indian Court in early 2022 to provide an update on the matter but the Indian Court adjourned the matter as there was a dispute over whether the representative could appear on behalf of Essel given the apparent status of Essel. The Indian Court had therefore adjourned the hearing to 31 March 2022 directing Essel to appear with the appropriate representative and to share the official documentation showing the moratorium and judgment of the Supreme Court on which Essel was now wishing to rely. This has now happened and in light of the moratorium the Indian Court has adjourned the case indefinitely.

A suit was also filed in England in 2010 (against ICC, and the England and Wales Cricket Board "ECB") and served upon the ICC and the ECB (the "English Action"). As part of the defence to the English Action, and because of the substantial overlap between the issues raised in the English and Indian Actions, the BCCI, ICC and ECB sought an anti-suit injunction from the Indian courts, preventing ICL from taking any further steps in the English Action (against all of those three parties) until the Indian Action has been dealt with. Such an injunction was granted. The Supreme Court subsequently permitted Essel to proceed with an appeal against the anti-suit injunction granted by the Divisional Bench of the Delhi High Court preventing it from suing the BCCI/ECB/ICC in England pending trial of the underlying Indian action. On 1 September 2017, however, as the underlying suit (namely "Indian Action") was in the final stages of being heard, the Supreme Court dismissed the special leave petitions and directed that the District Court should hear and decide the underlying suit within three months of the date of the order, without any interference from the Supreme Court. The appeal proceedings (against the anti-suit injunction) have therefore effectively been dismissed and come to an end. As at the date of issuance of the consolidated financial statements, the Group's management remain unaware of any momentum from the BCCI towards settling the Indian Action (and all related proceedings) in a way that is satisfactory to all, but this possibility remains within the control of the BCCI.

External lawyers have been appointed to act collectively for the ICC, ECB and BCCI in defending the English Action (including pursuit of and challenge to the anti-suit injunction in India). The advice received from those lawyers is that the ICC and its Members will be able to mount a robust defence of the English Action and consequently no provision has been made in the consolidated financial statements in this respect. In addition, in 2010, the court in England granted a stay on hearing this matter until the Indian action is resolved and this remains the case.

Related to these actions, the ICC Board has agreed to provide an indemnity to Members in relation to all costs, damages and awards that might be made against any of them as a result of the English Action. As at the reporting date, no amounts in relation to such indemnity has been recognised on the consolidated financial statements as the probability of any such outflow looks unlikely.

# SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## NOTES TO SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 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.

### 6 IMPACT OF COVID

The outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, including the government and public response to the challenges, continues to progress and evolve. In addition to the safety measures that have already been put in place, the Group had undertaken a comprehensive contingency planning exercise including evaluating the terms of the contracts with its commercial partners and exploring all options available in relation to future events based on a range of scenarios connected to the pandemic. After careful evaluation of the situation and with the health and well-being of the global cricket family being the highest priority, the ICC Men's T20 World Cup scheduled to be held in Australia in 2020 had been postponed and held in the current year. Also, some of the ICC pathway events scheduled in 2022 have been postponed. The decisions have been taken in line with Government and public health authority advice.

We are aware that developments thereof may have an impact on the schedule of future tournaments and thereby the Group's future financial results, cash flows and financial condition.

