



World League Guide

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Road to ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 continues in Singapore



Bahrain will look forward to extend its winning run in the event after winning the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 7 in Guernsey in May 2009.

Six ICC Members will hope to progress on the road to qualification for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 when it takes part in the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League (WCL) Division 6 tournament in Singapore.

The hosts will be one of the favourites to win one of the two promotion spots to Division 5 in Nepal next year, although it will face stiff competition from the likes of Bahrain, Botswana, Guernsey, Malaysia and Norway.

Teams placed third and fourth in the event will remain in Division 6, while the last two teams will be placed in

Division 7, with both tournaments scheduled in 2011.

The Pepsi ICC World Cricket League provides a clearly defined pathway to progress and develop.

Afghanistan, who lost to Singapore in the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 5 in 2008, managed to progress to the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier earlier this year. Fifth place at that event secured it ODI status for the next four years and a place in prestigious competitions such as the ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier and the ICC Intercontinental Cup. ☎

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David Morgan

Since the Pepsi ICC Development Programme began in 1997, much work has been done to spread the game of cricket across the globe.

The ICC is now in a fantastic position where it has 104 Members, 94 of whom are Associate and Affiliate Members spread across the five ICC Regional Development Programmes. These programmes are also supported by the ICC's 10 Full Member countries.

This event is the second qualifying tournament for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015, and is a part of the new eight-division Pepsi World Cricket League which provides all ICC Members with the opportunity to play in world cricket's biggest 50-over event.

The creation of this competition is an important step in improving the standard of competitive cricket on the field of play amongst Associate and Affiliate Members, providing an opportunity for teams from all over the world to play against each other for the first time. The Pepsi World Cricket League also complements the ICC's

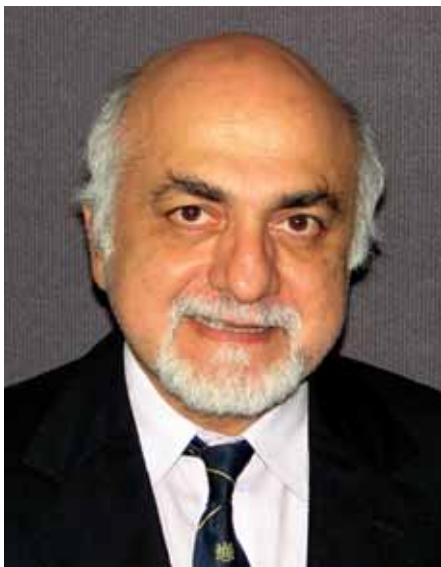
ongoing work to improve all facets of the game, including facilities, governance, education and domestic competitions, within its Members.

During the ICC centenary's year, it is amazing to think that from three members in 1909, and 47 Members in 1997 when the Development Programme commenced, we now have competitive international cricket between similarly ranked sides such as Guernsey, Malaysia and Norway.

I am also sure everybody involved will greatly enjoy Singapore's 'Catch the Spirit' celebration this week, as part of the ICC Centenary year, which has already seen events take place as far afield as Australia and Argentina.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Singapore Cricket Association for their hard work and organisation in putting on this event and the ongoing support of Pepsi for the ICC Development Programme.

David Morgan
ICC President



Imran Khwaja

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to this leg of the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League which is being staged in Singapore.

Where Associate and Affiliate nations had nothing but dreams to play against Test playing nations, the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League structure now gives them pathways to play at the highest levels of the game. Anchored against a four-year cycle, teams progress with each success to a higher division, with the top teams eventually playing in the ICC Cricket World Cup.

ICC's programme of globalising the game has seen the ICC Membership passing a century, and has also resulted in a substantial improvement in the playing standards of Associates and Affiliates.

The gospel of the game continues its spread with unrestrained vigour. With this, commercial

interests have brought new challenges to the dynamics and ethos of the game. Against this sweeping wind, I ask that we remind ourselves of all the great things involved in this game that produces men of great character.

In this Centenary year of the ICC, it may be timely for us to renew our pledge to uphold the Spirit of Cricket and do all in our ability to ensure that the traditional foundations of the game remain safe and intact. I have no doubt that the zeal to win will not find any conflict with playing the game in its finest traditions.

I wish all the players, officials and supporters a good event of cricket and an enjoyable stay in Singapore.

Imran Khwaja
President of Singapore Cricket Association

Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Explained

The Pepsi ICC World Cricket League has been created to provide regular one-day cricket opportunities for those ICC Members outside the top tier of the international game. Since its inception in 2007, the competition has already become an integral part of the Pepsi ICC Development Programme and in 2009; it has expanded from five divisions to seven with an eighth division having been approved for 2010.

Its structure has been designed to afford teams of various standards the opportunity to play regular one-day cricket against similarly

ranked opponents regardless of where in the world they are located.

It will also ensure that the qualifying pathway for the ICC Cricket World Cup is open to the 94 Associate and Affiliate Members.

The new structure of one-day cricket sits on top of regional qualifying events to create a pyramid in which all teams have an opportunity to develop and an incentive to improve. Promotion and regulation are possible between divisions as each team seeks to move up the world cricket rankings.



Singapore's Anish Param bowls out Afghanistan's Khaleqdad Noori in the Pepsi ICC WCL Division 5 in Jersey in May 2008

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→ Teams

Bahrain

- 46-year-old coach Mohsin Kamal is a former Pakistan Test and ODI cricketer with plenty of experience. He coached Bangladesh in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2003 and has also worked with Pakistan Cricket Board at the National Cricket Academy.
- Skipper Yaser Sadeq led Bahrain to victory in Pepsi ICC WCL Division 7 in May 2009 where it defeated Guernsey in the final by three wickets.
- Adil Hanif, with 321 runs, was the second leading run scorer at that event, while Ashraf Yaqoob made two centuries at the tournament. Qamar Saeed was the leading wicket-taker with 19 wickets.
- Bahrain was placed seventh in the ACC Trophy Elite 2008.

Botswana



- Botswana became an ICC Associate Member in June 2005.
- The team is coached by Sulaman "Benn" Chotia, who is a level three coach from South Africa, having just retired as Director of Development at Easterns Cricket Academy.
- The team is a mix of youth and experience with majority of the players being under 25.
- Botswana finished unbeaten in the ICC Africa Division 2 in October 2008 in Benoni, South Africa.
- The team was placed sixth in Pepsi ICC WCL Division 5 in May 2008 in Jersey losing to Singapore by 15 runs in the rankings play-off.

Botswana's James Moses in action at the Pepsi ICC WCL Division 5 in Jersey.

Guernsey

- Became an Associate Member of the ICC in 2008.
- Lee Savident, who was born on the island, played for Hampshire from 1997 to 2000.
- Finished second in the European Championship Division 2 in August 2008 on home soil losing to arch rivals Jersey by one run.
- Qualified for Division 6 after being placed runners-up to Bahrain in the final losing by three wickets.
- All-rounder Jeremy Frith was named Player of the Tournament at that event after scoring 381 runs, including two hundreds, and taking 15 wickets.



Guernsey's Jeremy Frith pulls the ball against Suriname in the Pepsi ICC WCL Division 7 in May 2009.

Malaysia

- It has been an Associate Member of the ICC since 1967.
- In 2000, Malaysia reached the semi-final of the ACC Trophy before losing to hosts UAE.
- Malaysia played its first first-class matches in 2004 as part of that year's ICC Intercontinental Cup against Nepal and UAE losing to both teams.
- Finished seventh in the ACC Trophy in 2006, an event it hosted, after beating Qatar in a play-off, and also hosted the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup 2008.
- Defeated Singapore 2-1 in a warm-up series ahead of this event.

Norway

- Norway is one of cricket's most Northern outposts but the sport is growing all the time. There are 33 clubs in the capital of Oslo, with expansion in other areas growing yearly.
- The team has had great success since becoming a Member of the ICC in the year 2000.



- It came ninth at the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 5 in 2008, defeating Japan by seven wickets in the rankings play-off match.
- Players to watch out for are Zeeshan Ahmad, an accurate medium pace bowler who is also worthy with the bat, and Shabas Butt, a right-arm leg spin bowler and also a fast scoring aggressive batsman.
- Norwegian Cricket was awarded Federation status by the Norwegian Sports Council in 2008. The increased funding offers the ability to build a National Cricket Ground suitable for international competitions.

Norway's Shahid Ahmad hits a boundary in a Pepsi ICC WCL Division 5 match in Jersey.

Singapore

- The hosts became an Associate Member of the ICC in 1974.
- Key players in the squad include captain Chetan Suryawanshi who is leading the team for the first time, all-rounder Buddhika Mendis with his dependable batting, middle-order batsman Chaminda Ruwan and off-spinner Dharmichand Mulewa.
- The team defeated Afghanistan in the Pepsi ICC WCL Division 5 in Jersey last year by 69 runs. It was placed fifth in the event after defeating Botswana by 15 runs.
- Singapore was placed fifth in the Asian Cricket Council Trophy Elite 2008 in Malaysia in August 2008, winning against the hosts by 18 runs.



The Singapore team will rely mainly on its dependable batting order and home support to succeed in the event.



Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Global Structure

Pepsi ICC World Cricket League - Structure for 2009 - 2013

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Division 7 Guernsey - 6 teams - 17 - 24 May As allocated by Nov 08 Dev Comm based on previous/current results • Bahrain • Gibraltar • Guernsey • Japan • Nigeria • Suriname • 1st (Bahrain) & 2nd (Guernsey) Promoted to Div 6 2009 • 3rd (Japan) & 4th (Nigeria) to Div 7 2011 • 5th (Gibraltar) & 6th (Suriname) to Div 8 2010	Division 5 Nepal- 6 teams tbc • 5th (Fiji) & 6th (Jersey) Div 4 2008 • 3rd (Nepal) & 4th (USA) Div 5 2008 • 1st & 2nd Div 6 2009 • 1st & 2nd promoted to Div 4 2010 • 3rd & 4th to Div 5 2012 • 5th & 6th to Div 6 2011	Division 3 Tbc - 6 teams tbc • 1st & 2nd Div 4 2010 • 11th (Oman) & 12th (Denmark) from ICC World Cup Qualifier 2009 • 3rd (PNG) & 4th (Hong Kong) Div 3 2009 • 1st & 2nd to Div 2 2011 • 3rd & 4th to Div 3 2013 • 5th & 6th to Div 4 2012	Division 5 Tbc - 6 teams tbc • 1st & 2nd Div 6 2011 • 3rd & 4th Div 5 2010 • 5th & 6th Div 4 2010 • 1st & 2nd promoted to 2012 Div 4 • 3rd & 4th to Div 5 2014 • 5th & 6th to Div 6 2013	Division 3 Tbc - 6 teams tbc • 1st & 2nd 2012 Div 4 • 3rd & 4th 2011 Div 3 • 5th & 6th 2011 Div 2 • 1st & 2nd promoted to ICC World Cup Qualifier 2013 • 3rd & 4th to Div 3 2015 • 5th & 6th to Div 4 2014
Division 6 Singapore - 6 teams 29 Aug - 5 Sept As allocated by Nov 08 Dev Comm based on previous/current results • Botswana • Malaysia • Norway • Singapore • 1st (Bahrain) & 2nd (Guernsey) from Div 7 2009 • 1st & 2nd promoted to Div 5 2010 • 3rd & 4th to Div 6 2011 • 5th & 6th to Div 7 2011	Division 4 Italy- 6 teams tbc • 1st & 2nd Div 5 2010 • 5th (Cayman Islands) & 6th (Argentina) Div 3 2009 • 3rd (Italy) & 4th (Tanzania) Div 4 2008 • 1st & 2nd promoted to Div 3 2011 • 3rd & 4th to Div 4 2012 • 5th & 6th to Div 5 2012	Division 2 Tbc - 6 teams tbc • 1st & 2nd Div 3 2011 • 7th (UAE) 8th (Namibia) 9th (Bermuda) & 10th (Uganda) from ICC World Cup Qualifier 2009 • 1st - 4th promoted to ICC World Cup Qualifier 2013 • 5th & 6th to Div 3 2013	Division 4 Tbc - 6 teams tbc • 1st & 2nd 2012 Div 5 • 5th & 6th 2011 Div 3 • 3rd & 4th 2010 Div 4 • 1st & 2nd promoted to 2013 Div 3 • 3rd & 4th to Div 4 2014 • 5th & 6th to Div 5 2014	ICC World Cup Qualifier 2013 (formerly ICC Trophy, WCL Divs 1 and 2 combined) Scotland, July-August, 12 teams • 1st & 2nd 2013 Div 4 • 1st - 4th 2012 Div 2 • 1st - 6th 2010 Div 1
Division 8 Tbc - 8 teams tbc • 5th (Gibraltar) & 6th (Suriname) Div 7 2009 • Next 6 teams to be determined by Dev Comm in due course taking into account any of Div 7 and/or Div 6 2009, most recent Regional results & any other relevant factors • 1st & 2nd promoted to Div 7 2011 • 3rd to Div 8 2012 • 4th to 8th return to Regional rankings/set-ups	Division 7 Tbc - 6 teams tbc • 1st & 2nd Div 8 2010 • 5th & 6th Div 6 2009 • 3rd (Japan) & 4th (Nigeria) Div 7 2009 • 1st & 2nd promoted to Div 6 2011 • 3rd & 4th to Div 7 2013 • 5th & 6th to Div 8 2012	Division 8 Tbc - 6 teams tbc • 5th & 6th Div 7 2011 • 3rd Div 8 2010 • Qualifier / next highest ranked at point in time from each Region • 1st & 2nd promoted to 2013 Div 7 • 3rd to Div 8 2014 • 4th to 8th return to Regional rankings / set-ups	Division 7 Tbc - 6 teams tbc • 1st & 2nd Div 8 2012 • 5th & 6th Div 6 2011 • 3rd & 4th Div 7 2011 • 1st & 2nd promoted to Div 6 2012 • 3rd & 4th to Div 7 2015 • 5th & 6th to Div 8 2014	Division 6 Tbc - 6 teams tbc • 1st & 2nd Div 7 2011 • 3rd & 4th Div 6 2011 • 5th & 6th Div 5 2010
Division 1 1st - 6th from ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier 1st (Ireland), 2nd (Canada), 3rd (Netherlands), 4th (Kenya), 5th (Afghanistan), 6th (Scotland) 1st - 6th to ICC World Cup Qualifier 2013	Division 6 Tbc - 6 teams tbc • 1st & 2nd Div 7 2011 • 3rd & 4th Div 6 2009 • 5th & 6th Div 5 2010 • 1st & 2nd promoted to Div 5 2012 • 3rd & 4th to Div 6 2013 • 5th & 6th to Div 7 2013			



Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 6 - Singapore Schedule

Day	Date	Kalang (Singapore Cricket Association)	Singapore Cricket Club	Indian Association
1	Saturday 29 August	Botswana v Norway	Singapore v Guernsey	Malaysia v Bahrain
2	Sunday 30 August	Bahrain v Guernsey	Norway v Malaysia	Botswana v Singapore
4	Tuesday 1 September	Malaysia v Botswana	Singapore v Bahrain	Guernsey v Norway
5	Wednesday 2 September	Norway v Singapore	Bahrain v Botswana	Guernsey v Malaysia
7	Friday 4 September	Singapore v Malaysia	Botswana v Guernsey	Norway v Bahrain
8	Saturday 5 September	Final	3rd v 4th Playoff	5th v 6th Playoff

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