











# World League Guid

# Six teams begin the long journey towards qualification for ICC CWC 2015



Guernsey qualified for Pepsi ICC WCL Division 7 as a result of finishing second in the ICC European Championship Division 2 in August 2008, losing by just one run to winners Jersey in the final game.

Six ICC Members will take its first step 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 7 tournament in Guernsey.

Hosts Guernsey face a tough challenge against Bahrain, Gibraltar, Japan, Nigeria and Suriname if it is to finish in the top two qualifying spots that will promote it to Division 6 in Singapore in August 2009.

Teams placed third and fourth in the event will head on to

Division 7 in 2011 while the last two teams will be placed in Division 8 in 2010.

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

Ireland, Canada, the Netherlands and Kenya were the top four-placed teams in the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier in South Africa, qualifying for the next edition of the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2011. Afghanistan and Scotland also secured a top six finish to achieve ODI status for the next four years.

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# Welcome messages



### **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 first 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's Centenary 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 teams such as Bahrain, Gibraltar and Nigeria who all dream of one day playing at the ICC Cricket World Cup.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Guernsey Cricket Board for their hard work and organisation in putting on this event, all the local sponsors involved in the tournament and the ongoing support of Pepsi for the ICC Development Programme.

David Morgan ICC President



### **David Piesing**

On behalf of the Guernsey Cricket Board, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our beautiful island for all of the visiting teams, management, tournament officials, umpires, scorers and members of the media, many of whom will be visiting Guernsey for the very first time.

It is a great privilege for Guernsey to be hosting this tournament and we can promise you some superb grass wicket venues, state-of-the-art indoor net facilities, a fine hotel and a wonderful location for a prestigious international cricket tournament. We cannot guarantee you fine weather as that's one factor beyond our control, but hopefully the sun will shine and we will experience a memorable week of competitive international cricket for all concerned

In 2008, we hosted the ICC European Second Division Championship, while in 2007 we hosted the ICC European Under-23 Second Division Championship. Both tournaments were a great success, and we are delighted to have been given the opportunity to expand our horizons even further with a Pepsi ICC World Cricket League tournament. It was always our intention to put Guernsey on the cricketing map, and to welcome teams from places as varied as Bahrain, Gibraltar, Japan, Nigeria and Suriname is a fantastic benefit for the island.

If the weather stays fine and the reserve days are not needed, I hope that you will all get a chance to get around the island and see a bit more than just the cricket grounds and the hotel. I am sure that wherever you go, you will receive a warm and friendly Guernsey welcome.

Here's to a fantastic tournament.

#### **David Piesing**

Chairman, Guernsey Cricket Board

# 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 will be 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 the 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.



Afghanistan and Uganda triumphed in the Pepsi ICC WCL Div 3 event in Argentina.

For more information go to www.pepsiiccworldcricketleague.com

## Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 7 Guide



# **Teams**

#### **Bahrain**

- Became an ICC Affiliate Member in 2001.
- Its first international appearance was at the ACC Trophy in 2004, where it failed to progress beyond the first round.
- The team took part in the tournament again in August 2006, putting in a much better performance to finish in sixth place.
- Earlier in the same year, it won the ACC Middle East Cup, beating Afghanistan in the final by three wickets.
- Placed seventh in the ACC Trophy Elite in Malaysia in August 2008.

#### Gibraltar

- Associate Member of the International Cricket Council since 1969.
- Gibraltar qualified for Pepsi ICC WCL Division 7 after coming third in last year's European Division 2 tournament, behind Jersey and Guernsey.
- Skipper Chris Rocca is a veteran of many tournaments, ever-present through Associate and ICC Trophy years.
- Coach Rich Askew is now halfway through his initial three-year term as Cricket Development Manager. He was previously Performance Manager at Somerset County Cricket Club.
- Kieron Ferrary and Mark Bacarese have both played for ICC Europe's Academy side.

#### **Japan**

- Associate Member of the International Cricket Council since 2005, having previously been an Affiliate Member since 1989.
- The national team first played in the ACC Trophy in 1996.
- After the ACC Trophy 2000, it left the Asian Cricket Council and became part of the ICC's East-Asia Pacific region.
- Played in the ICC EAP Trophy 2005 in Vanuatu, winning the tournament after beating the Cook Islands in the final.
- Finished 10th in Pepsi ICC WCL Division 5 in Jersey in May 2008.



Japan, under the captaincy of Masaomi Kobayashi, will hope to perform better in this event and learn from the experiences gained in Division 5.

#### Guernsey

- Associate Member of the International Cricket Council in 2008.
- Player Lee Savident, who was born on the island, played for Hampshire from 1997 to 2000.
- The team made its debut at the European Championship Division 2 in 2006 and finished in fifth place, the tournament being won by Norway.
- Finished second in the European Championship Division 2 in August 2008 on home soil losing to Jersey by one run.
- Kris Moherndl and Blane Queripel were selected to attend the ICC European Academy in 2008.



In 2008, Guernsey played a full-strength Kenya side at Hove and restricted them to 192-9 before falling short by 70 runs. Captain Stuart Le Prevost made a fine half-century.

#### **Nigeria**

- The first recorded international competition which Nigeria participated in was in 1904.
- The Nigeria Cricket Association has been an Associate Member of the International Cricket Council since 2002.
- The team won the North West Africa Championship in 2007 and 2008.
- It finished second in ICC Africa Division 2 in October 2008, losing its only match to Botswana by five wickets.

#### **Suriname**

- Became an Affiliate Member of the International Cricket Council in 2002.
- Its international debut came in 2004 at the Americas Affiliates Championship, where it came last in the five-team tournament.
- Emerged winners at the ICC Americas Division 3 event in February 2006. However, in the same year, it finished fourth in the Division 2 event winning its only match against Belize by 16 runs.
- Finished last in the ICC Americas Division 1 tournament in November 2008, losing all its matches.





# Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Global Structure





### Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 7 Schedule

| Day | Date             | KG Five              | Port Soif            | College Field       |
|-----|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | Sunday 17 May    | Bahrain v Gibraltar  | Suriname v Nigeria   | Guernsey v Japan    |
| 2   | Monday 18 May    | Japan v Nigeria      | Gibraltar v Guernsey | Bahrain v Suriname  |
| 4   | Wednesday 20 May | Guernsey v Bahrain   | Suriname v Japan     | Nigeria v Gibraltar |
| 5   | Thursday 21 May  | Gibraltar v Suriname | Japan v Bahrain      | Nigeria v Guernsey  |
| 7   | Saturday 23 May  | Suriname v Guernsey  | Bahrain v Nigeria    | Gibraltar v Japan   |
| 8   | Sunday 24 May    | Final                | 3rd v 4th Play-off   | 5th v 6th Play-off  |

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