




World League Guide

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12 teams begin the long road to ICC Cricket World Cup 2011



Afghanistan will be hoping to repeat their success at the ACC Twenty20 Cup in 2007.

Twelve ICC Members will be hoping to move closer to qualification for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 when they take part in the ICC World Cricket League Division 5 in Jersey.

Among the favourites for qualification will be hosts Jersey, Nepal, USA and Afghanistan with Bahamas, Botswana, Germany, Japan, Mozambique, Norway, Singapore and Vanuatu also vying for the top slots. Two teams from the Division could make it to the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier in UAE to be held in April 2009.

The top two teams from the event will be promoted to WCL Division 4 which will be held in Tanzania in October

2008 where they will be competing with Hong Kong, Tanzania, Italy and Fiji. The third and fourth place finishers will remain in Division 5 for 2010 while the rest of the teams will return to respective regional tournaments.

The ICC World Cricket League provides a clearly defined pathway to progress and develop, from the leading Associate countries through to some of cricket's smallest Affiliate nations.

The ICC World Cricket League Division 2 event in Windhoek, Namibia was won by United Arab Emirates after they beat Oman by 67 runs in the final.

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→ Welcome messages



Ray Mali

Since the Pepsi ICC Development Program 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 101 Members across the five ICC Regions, which are supported through regional offices around the world.

The creation of the ICC World Cricket League is an important step in improving the standard of competitive cricket on the field of play amongst Associate and Affiliate Members, which complements the ICC's ongoing work to improve the governance of the game off the pitch.

From the established ICC High Performance Program, which was created in 2001, to the new Business Improvement Program, the ICC is working hard to ensure

that the game's development goes from strength to strength.

While qualification for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 may seem a long way off for these teams, the pathways provided by the ICC World Cricket League allow teams taking part in this event to still dream that they may be part of the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier which takes place in the UAE in 2009.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Jersey Cricket Board for their hard work and organisation in putting on this event, as well as Pepsi, Natwest, Jersey Enterprise, Education, Sport and Culture, Farmers CC and Victoria College. I wish all 12 competing teams the best of luck for the event.

Ray Mali
ICC President



Keith Dennis

As a recent Associate Member of ICC, Jersey is delighted to host its first ICC event, the ICC World Cricket League Division 5. This new event forms an important step on the road to progression through the Divisions with the ultimate aim of qualifying for the ICC Cricket World Cup.

Jersey, along with the other competing Members, is extremely keen to showcase the talents of our players to the world. Through global events such as this, the ICC is providing important opportunities for Associate and Affiliate Members to improve their playing standards.

Only by having the opportunity to test ourselves against similarly ranked opponents from across the world, can

we improve our performance and measure it on the field of play, which can only help in our long-term aspirations to appear and perform well in future ICC events.

The Jersey Cricket Board is proud to have been chosen by the ICC to host this prestigious tournament and we are delighted to welcome you to Jersey. We wish all the visiting teams the best of luck in the tournament and a pleasant and enjoyable stay in our Island.

Keith Dennis
Chairman - Jersey Cricket Board

ICC World Cricket League Explained

The ICC World Cricket League has been created to provide regular one-day cricket opportunities for those ICC Members outside the top tier.

It is a five-division structure 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 91 Associate and Affiliate Members.

The Division 1 event, won by hosts Kenya in February 2007; Division 3 event, won by Uganda in Australia in May 2007; and the Division 2 event, won by UAE in Namibia have already illustrated the benefits of the competition to Associate and Affiliate cricket.

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 relegation are possible between divisions as each team seeks to move up the world cricket rankings.



Jersey hopes home advantage will boost its qualification chances for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011.

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ICC World Cricket League Division 2 Guide

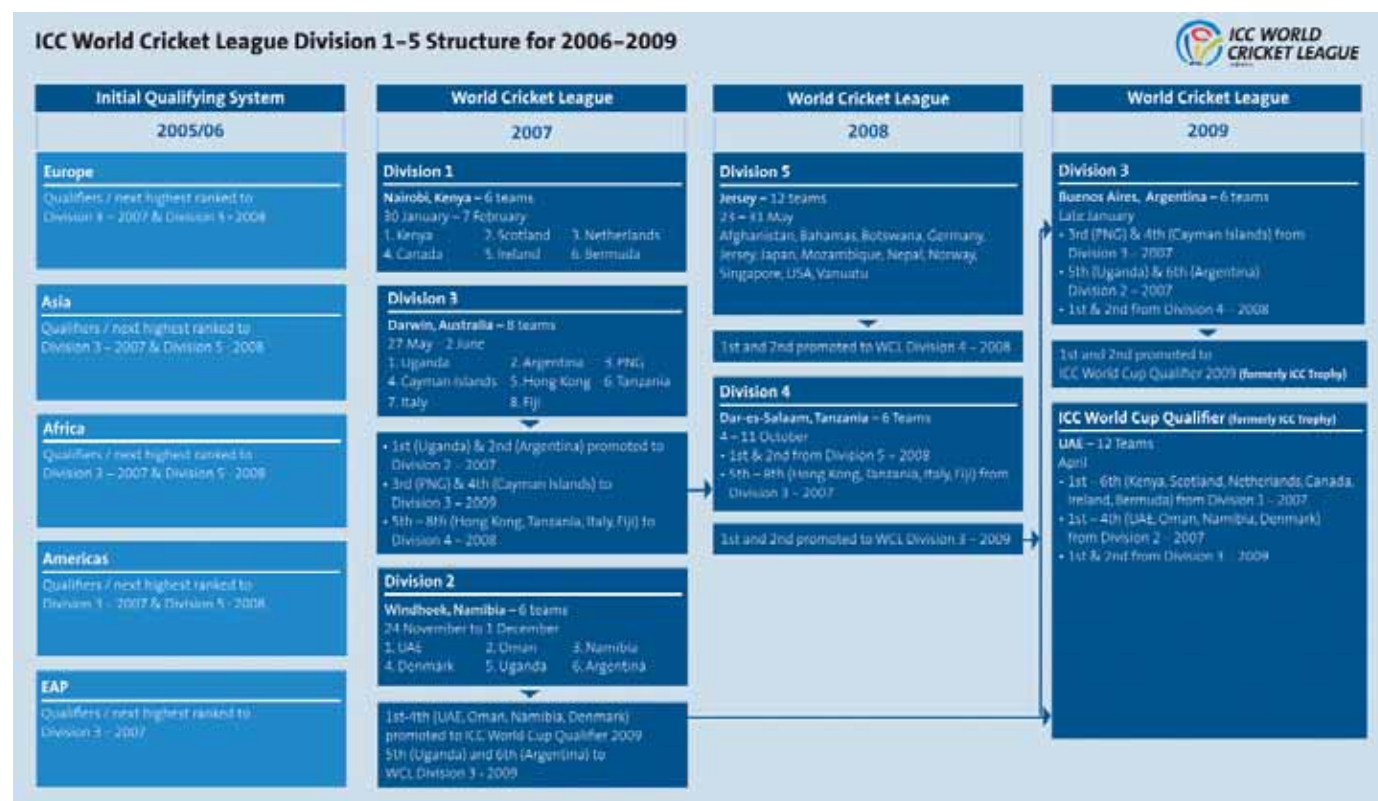
→ Teams

Group A	Group B
<p>Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team secured its slot in ICC World Cricket League Division 5 after being ranked third in the European Championships Division 2. Keith Thompson took charge for the first time as national coach for the European Championships 2006. Since its one appearance in the ICC Trophy in 2001, Germany has not had a chance to play teams outside of Europe. Captain Graham Sommer is well-known for his excellent tactical awareness. 	<p>Afghanistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afghanistan finished third in the ACC Trophy 2006. The team is currently the joint ACC Twenty20 Champions along with Oman, after a dramatic tied final in 2007. Taj Malik Alam has been the Afghan team coach for the last six years which saw Afghanistan winning 49 games out of 55. Skipper Nawroz Mangal is an experienced right-handed opening batsman and has performed well in recent games.
<p>Mozambique</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mozambique won the ICC WCL Africa Region Division 3 tournament at Benoni, South Africa in April 2006. They were placed third in the ICC WCL Africa Region Division Two tournament and thus qualified to play in the Division 5 tournament. Mozambique presently holds 37th position in ICC global ranking and 6th in ICC regional ranking. Skipper Muhammad Shoaib Younus is a charismatic middle order batsman and an attacking right arm seamer. Other instrumental players are vice captain Chandra S.C. Puspussen, Zainul Patel and Md. Sidat. Youngsters Giovanni Florentino and Imran Ikheriya will also have a vital role to play. 	<p>Bahamas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bahamas qualified for ICC WCL Division 5 by being the number one Affiliate in the Americas region. The team has been participating in the Americas Affiliate Tournament for the last seven years. They have played in the Americas Senior Associate Tournament several times and have previously defeated Argentina, an Associate country. The Bahamas team has a good mix of youth and experience. Captain Narendra Ekanayake, originally from Sri Lanka, is a left hand batsman and left arm leg spin bowler.
<p>Nepal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roy Luke Dias has been working as the cricket coach of Nepalese Cricket Team under the ACC Development Program in Nepal for the last 6 years. Captain Binod Kumar Das is a right handed pace bowler and has led his side to victory in many international games. He took 15 wickets at an economical rate in the recently concluded Springwood National League Cricket Tournament. The current team has players who were also part of the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup 2008 squad – Paras Khadka, Gyanendra Malla, Mahesh Chhetri and Amrit Bhattarai. All-rounder Basant Regmi was the Man of the Match in the Plate Championship Final of the ICC U/19 CWC 2006. 	<p>Botswana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Botswana qualified by coming second in the ICC WCL Tournament Africa Region Division Two in Tanzania in 2006. Coach Solly Chotia is a Level 3 Coach from South Africa having just retired as Director of Development at Easterns Cricket Academy. Players to watch in the tournament are skipper Akrum Chand, Omar Ali, Manan Barot, Tshupo Mhozya and Karabo Modise.
<p>Norway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norway became an ICC Affiliate Member in June 2000. Since 2007, Norway has lost only four international games out of 47 games played. Only two games were played at their home ground. Captain of the squad is all-rounder Shahid Ahmad. He was the highest scorer and player of the National Cricket League last year. Players to watch out for include Muhammad Zeeshan Ali, Zaheer Ashiq, Shahid Ahmad and Muhammad Waseem Gill. 	<p>Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japan qualified by winning the ICC-EAP Cricket Trophy 2007. They remained undefeated throughout the tournament. Coach Richard Laidler is a former professional cricketer and counts Merv Hughes as one of his close friends. Captain Koh Irie lives and plays cricket in Australia. CEO of Japan Cricket Association, Naoki Alex Miyaji, is also part of Japan team. Japan limits the number of foreign nationals that can play in the team to four.
<p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The USA has spent almost two years out of the international game since the Americas Championship in 2006, having previously played in the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 in England. Captain Steve Massiah represented Guyana at cricket in regional tournaments at the U/19 level in the Caribbean. In the ICC World Cricket League Americas Region Division 1 in 2006, he scored a century against Cayman Islands and 81 against Bermuda. Right handed batsman Sushil Nadkarni scored 171 on the first day of the 2005 Inter-state tournament and followed up the next day with 214, winning the Most Valuable Player award. He made his debut for the USA in 2006 scoring a century against Cayman Islands and 83 against Bermuda in the ICC World Cricket League ICC Americas Region Championship in Toronto, Canada. 	<p>Jersey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tournament hosts joined the ICC in 2005. The team finished second in the European Championships Division 2 tournament in Glasgow in August 2006 and as a result, qualified for WCL Division 5. Jersey traveled to Italy in March 2007 and beat Italy twice to fulfill the Associate Membership Playing Criteria before being elected as an Associate Member in June 2007. In July and August 2007, Jersey hosted and won the ECC U/19 Division Two Tournament and won the ECC U/23 Division Two Tournament in Guernsey. Peter Kirsten, former South African player, will be coaching the current squad.
<p>Vanuatu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanuatu qualified for ICC WCL Division 5 by finishing second in the round robin section of the East Asia Pacific Trophy tournament in Auckland in December 2007. Captain Patrick Haines has led the bowling attack for Vanuatu for over 10 years. The Vanuatu junior development program is highly regarded and has won a number of regional awards. Every player in the squad is a homegrown local player. The team for this tournament has six members of the U/19 team that finished runners' up to Papua New Guinea in the U/19 World Cup Regional Qualifiers in 2007. 	<p>Singapore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singapore qualified for the ICC World Cricket League after a good performance in the ACC Trophy. Skipper Chaminda Ruwan leads by example, as he is a key batsman and bowls his medium-pacers to good effect. Chetan Suryawanshi is a hard-hitting batsman who can finish with a flourish once he gets going. Young Anish Param, aged 18, is touted to be the star of the future.



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→ ICC World Cricket League Global Structure



ICC World Cricket League Division 5 Fixtures

Date	Group A	Group B	Ground	
Friday 23 May	USA v Mozambique	Farm	Afghanistan v Japan	VC
	Nepal v Germany	LQ1	Jersey v Singapore	GR
	Norway v Vanuatu	FB	Bahamas v Botswana	LQ2
Saturday 24 May	USA v Norway	VC	Afghanistan v Bahamas	LQ1
	Nepal v Mozambique	GR	Jersey v Japan	LQ2
	Germany v Vanuatu	Farm	Singapore v Botswana	FB
Sunday 25 May Rest day/ Reserve day				
Monday 26 May	USA v Vanuatu	GR	Afghanistan v Botswana	LQ2
	Nepal v Norway	Farm	Jersey v Bahamas	FB
	Germany v Mozambique	VC	Singapore v Japan	LQ1
Tuesday 27 May	USA v Germany	GR	Afghanistan v Singapore	FB
	Nepal v Vanuatu	VC	Jersey v Botswana	Farm
	Norway v Mozambique	LQ1	Bahamas v Japan	LQ2
Wednesday 28 May	USA v Nepal	LQ1	Afghanistan v Jersey	GR
	Norway v Germany	LQ2	Bahamas v Singapore	VC
	Vanuatu v Mozambique	FB	Botswana v Japan	Farm
Thursday 29 May Rest day/ Reserve day				
Friday 30 May	Semi Finals			
	Match U	A1 v B2		GR
	Match V	A2 v B1		FB
	Match W	A3 v B4		LQ1
	Match X	A4 v B3		LQ2
	Match Y	A5 v B6		Farm
	Match Z	A6 v B5		VC
Saturday 31 May	Final & Play Offs			
	Final	Winner of U v Winner of V		GR
	3/4 Place	Loser of U v Loser of V		Farm
	5/6 Place	Winner of W v Winner of X		FB
	7/8 Place	Loser of W v Loser of X		VC
	9/10 Place	Winner of Y v Winner of Z		LQ1
	11/12 Place	Loser of Y v Loser of Z		LQ2

KEY TO GROUNDS

GR	Grainville
FB	FB Fields
LQ1	Les Quennevais 1
LQ2	Les Quennevais 2
Farm	Farmers Field
VC	Victoria College

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