

Special Arrangements Planned to Prevent Misconduct in Pakistan-Afghanistan Matches



SHARJAH (News Desk) Special arrangements have been planned to prevent misconduct by Afghan fans during matches between Pakistan and Afghanistan. It has been decided to designate separate entries and enclosures for fans at Sharjah Stadium during the matches. In the upcoming tri-nation T20 series, spectators will not be allowed to enter each other's enclosures. Matches between Pakistan and Afghanistan are scheduled for August 29 and September 2 in Sharjah. It is noteworthy that during the Asia Cup, Afghan fans attacked Pakistani supporters in Sharjah after Naseem Shah hit sixes. These matches usually draw a large crowd, leading to chaotic situations. In 2019, during the World Cup at Leeds Stadium, Afghan fans also clashed with Pakistani supporters.

Sunil Gavaskar Criticizes Workload Management in Indian Cricket



NEW DELHI (News Desk) Former Indian team captain Sunil Gavaskar has spoken out against workload management for players. According to Indian media reports, Gavaskar highlighted that Mohammad Siraj was the only bowler to play all five Test matches against England and bowled the most overs, totaling 185.3. He emphasized that Siraj consistently bowled 7 to 8 over spells due to the captain's requirements and national expectations, even rejecting rest for the final Test under workload concerns. In contrast, Jasprit Bumrah chose to play only three Tests under workload management. Gavaskar stated that Siraj has ended the debate on workload, and the term should be removed from Indian cricket's dictionary. He added that workload is more mental than physical, and succumbing to such pressure would prevent teams from fielding their best players. Comparing to soldiers on the border, he stressed that playing for the country is an honor where pain should be ignored. He cited Rishabh Pant batting with a fractured toe as an example of expected commitment from players.

Pakistan and West Indies Set to Clash in ODI Series Starting August 8



JAMAICA (News Desk) The first match of the three-match One Day International (ODI) series between the West Indies and Pakistan cricket teams will take place tomorrow, August 8, at the Brian Lara Stadium in Tarouba, Trinidad. This will be a day-night match held under floodlights. The Pakistan team has been engaged in intensive preparations ahead of the ODI series, with players undergoing rigorous training sessions focused on batting, bowling, and fielding. The coaching staff has set specific targets for the squad based on match conditions, aiming to align players with the anticipated game scenarios. Batters particularly emphasized power-hitting and practiced playing shots from various angles to adopt an aggressive approach against opposition bowlers. Cricket fans are eagerly awaiting this ODI series. Currently touring the West Indies, Pakistan has already played a three-match T20I series, which they won 2-1. Star wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan will lead the Green Shirts in the upcoming ODI series. Following the conclusion of the T20s, the team arrived at Brian Lara Stadium, where the first ODI will be played on August 8, the second on August 10, and the final on August 12.

PCB Announces 2025 Central Contracts for Women Cricketers with 50% Pay Raise

LAHORE (News Desk) The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has announced the 2025 central contracts for women cricketers, introducing five categories and implementing a 50 percent increase in player remuneration across all tiers. ICC T20 top-ranked bowler Sadia Iqbal has been placed in Category "A" alongside Fatima Sana, Muneeba Ali, and Sidra Ameen. Category "B" includes Aliya Riaz, Diana Baig, and Nashra Sandhu, while Rameen Shamim is the sole recipient of a Category "C" contract. Category "D" features ten players including Gull Feroza, Najia Alvi, Natalia Pervaiz, Omaina Sohail, Sadia Shams, Sidra Nawaz, Aroob Shah, Tuba Hassan, Umme Hani, and Waheeda Akhtar. Additionally, the PCB has introduced an "Emerging Category" for rising stars, awarding contracts to Iman Fatima and Shawal Zulfiqar.

Pakistan ODI Squad Begins Training in Trinidad Ahead of West Indies Series



TRINIDAD (News Desk) The Pakistan ODI squad participated in an optional training session at the Brian Lara Cricket Stadium under the supervision of coaches, where players practiced batting and bowling in the nets. The bowlers and batters engaged in an intensive three-hour session, which also included fielding drills to enhance fitness and skills before the match. This session is considered a vital part of the squad's preparation for the upcoming games. The squad recently arrived in Trinidad from Florida to play a three-match ODI series against West Indies, scheduled for August 8, 10, and 12 in Tarouba. Earlier, Pakistan and West Indies contested a three-match T20 series in the United States, which Pakistan won 2-1.

Trump Forms Task Force for 2028 Los Angeles Olympics

WASHINGTON (News Desk) After Salt Lake City in 2002, the Olympics will be held in the United States for the first time in 2028, as President Donald Trump has signed an executive order to establish a task force. According to details, special governmental preparations for the Los Angeles Olympics have begun, and the White House spokesperson stated that the task force will oversee the preparation, security, and arrangements for the Games. Planning has already started for the Olympics scheduled three years from now, which is expected to be a key event during President Trump's second term. Addressing a ceremony related to the Los Angeles Olympics, President Trump expressed that the 2028 Olympics will be a historic milestone for the United States and that they are eagerly awaiting the Games. He noted that next year is the FIFA World Cup and then the Olympics will follow, and asserted that, like in every field, the United States will dominate the Olympics too, emphasizing that no other athletes have won as many gold medals as Americans. It is worth mentioning that the U.S. previously hosted the Olympics in St. Louis in 1904, in Los Angeles in 1932 and 1984, and in Atlanta in 1996. Although the U.S.

Babar Azam Likely to Return to T20 Squad as Fakhar Zaman Suffers Injury

Lahore (News Desk) Former captain Babar Azam is likely to return to Pakistan's T20 squad ahead of the Asia Cup as Fakhar Zaman has been injured. Following a hamstring injury during the T20 series against West Indies, rumors began circulating on social media, and the left-handed opener has been ruled out of both the T20 and ODI legs of the Caribbean tour. With the tri-nation series approaching fast, Fakhar's recovery timeline remains unclear, raising questions about Pakistan's top order for the Asia Cup. After the injury, the PCB instructed Fakhar to report to the National Cricket Academy in Lahore, where he will undergo rehabilitation under the board's medical panel. Fakhar Zaman's availability for the Asia Cup remains uncertain. Sources say that PCB is closely monitoring his recovery, and contingency plans are already being discussed. Social media reports suggest that if Fakhar fails to regain full fitness in time, Babar Azam could be recalled to the T20 team. However, any possible return for Babar is believed to depend on his form in the ongoing ODI series against the West Indies. If he manages to impress the selectors with his performance, it could pave the way for his comeback before the Asia Cup. Babar recently met PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi alongside Mohammad Rizwan and Naseem Shah during the second T20 against the West Indies. The final squad for the Asia Cup is expected to be announced in the second week of August, while the 2025 Asia Cup will kick off on September 9 with a Group B match between Afghanistan and Hong Kong. A total of eight teams divided into two groups will compete for the title. Arch-rivals Pakistan and India are placed in Group A alongside UAE and Oman, while Group B includes Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, and Hong Kong. Pakistan will begin their campaign on September 12 against Oman, followed by a blockbuster match against India on September 14, and the final group stage match against UAE is scheduled for September 17.