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## Scotland crowned three-day champions

**Victory in ICC Intercontinental Cup confirms Scotland as top ICC Associate Member in longer form of game.**



Scotland is the inaugural ICC Intercontinental Cup champion after completing a crushing innings and 84 run victory over Canada at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium.

The defeat of Canada, combined with an equally impressive semi-final destruction of Kenya puts Scotland top of the ICC's 82 Associate and Affiliate member countries outside of the 10 Test-playing nations in multi-day cricket.

Scotland's impressive display in the final caps an exciting first year for the tournament which saw 13 centuries; 18 five wicket hauls; and three 10-wicket hauls in 15 matches.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed said that the success of the tournament in its debut season had convinced the ICC that it should become an annual event.

'The ICC is committed to the development of our sport and I believe this first ICC Intercontinental Cup has been a tremendous success in delivering access to three-day cricket to our developing nations,' said Mr Speed.

'I hope the tournament will provide a foundation for the growth of the first-class game outside of our Full Member countries.'

Twelve ICC Associate Member teams contested 15 matches in the



The Scotland players celebrate their victory over Canada in the final.

tournament's first season. All but one of the competing sides earned at least one draw and all four regional winners were decided in the final group matches.

Scotland captain Craig Wright was delighted with his team's success.

'We played fantastic cricket over the five days play we had, first against Kenya and then against Canada,' said Wright whose side wrapped up victory in the final within two days.

'This victory is important for Scotland as we want to prove we are the strongest ICC Associate Member country and a win in emphatic style sends a strong message.'

ICC Global Development Manager Matthew Kennedy said that only minor changes were expected before next season's event.

'After the success of this year's ICC Intercontinental Cup, the tournament will return next year with an almost identical format.

'There will again be 12 teams competing in four regional groups of three with the top team from each region progressing to the semi-finals and final.

'The innovative points system is likely to be slightly modified and the only new team will be Hong Kong which replaces Malaysia in the Asia region.'

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## → ICC Intercontinental Cup: Looking ahead to 2005

Captains ready to return for next year's event after an impressive first season.

The ICC Intercontinental Cup 2004 has drawn praise from the captains of the participating teams in this year's finals for the opportunity it has provided their players to develop their cricket skills.

The United Arab Emirates captain Mohammad Tauqir highlighted the ways that the tournament has already benefited his team.

'As a batsman you learn to stay at the wicket, you learn when to leave the ball and when to play at short-pitched deliveries and as a bowler you learn to bowl a good line and length with longer spells,' said Tauqir.

'Overall I think you get the opportunity to improve your cricketing skills in this longer version of the game.'

### 'You learn when to leave the ball and when to play,'

UAE Captain Mohammad Tauqir

It is a view supported by the Kenya captain Rageb Aga.

'It has helped us improve things like working batsmen out, bowling them out and working to a plan. Batsmen have to learn patience and shot selection as this version of cricket requires batting for long periods, constructing an innings and occupying the crease,' said Aga.



Canada captain Ian Billcliff said that his team is already looking forward to building on this year's performance in next season's competition.

'Obviously we are disappointed the way things went [in the final] but we are still very positive about what we learnt, especially from a player development perspective,' said Billcliff.

'The ICC Intercontinental Cup is a great tournament and concept and we look forward to participating next year.'

The holders Scotland will begin their title defence with an away match against Holland in July. Full fixtures for 2005 will soon be available on the ICC website at [www.icc-intercontinentalcup.com](http://www.icc-intercontinentalcup.com).

▲ Canada captain Ian Billcliff plays a solid forward defensive in the final as his Scottish adversary Craig Wright (right) watches on.

### ICC Trophy 2005 update

As well as the second season of the ICC Intercontinental Cup, the ICC's top Associate and Affiliate Members also have the one-day ICC Trophy to look forward to in 2005.

The eighth ICC Trophy will determine the final five qualifiers for the next ICC Cricket World Cup.

Twelve teams will compete in Ireland in July 2005 for the right to take on the world's best in One-Day International cricket's showpiece event in the West Indies in 2007.

Eleven of the participating nations in the ICC Trophy 2005 are now known and the groups have been drawn. The final team will be the winner of ICC World Cup Qualifying Series (WCQS) event in Malaysia in February.

ICC Trophy matches will be played in the north and south of Ireland with the opening encounters being held in the north and the final taking place at Clontarf in the south.

#### Group A

Bermuda, Denmark, Ireland, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States.

#### Group B

Canada, Holland, Namibia, Oman, Scotland, WCQS winner.

#### Previous winners

Sri Lanka	.....1979
Zimbabwe	.....1982
Zimbabwe	.....1986
Zimbabwe	.....1990
UAE	.....1994
Bangladesh	.....1997
Holland	.....2001



### ICC Intercontinental Cup 2004 results

Asia	P	W	L	D	Win Pts	Batting	Bowling	Total Pts
1 UAE	2	1	0	1	14	19	17.5	50.5
2 NEPAL	2	1	0	1	14	10.5	17.5	42
3 MALAYSIA	2	0	2	0	0	9.5	13.5	23
Africa	P	W	L	D	Win Pts	Batting	Bowling	Total Pts
1 KENYA	2	1	0	1	14	16	15.5	45.5
2 UGANDA	2	1	1	0	14	14	13	41
2 NAMIBIA	2	0	1	1	0	18	14	32
Europe	P	W	L	D	Win Pts	Batting	Bowling	Total Pts
1 SCOTLAND	2	1	0	1	14	18	16.5	48.5
2 IRELAND	2	1	1	0	14	13	16	43
3 HOLLAND	2	0	1	1	0	15.5	11.5	27
Americas	P	W	L	D	Win Pts	Batting	Bowling	Total Pts
1 CANADA	2	1	0	1	14	16.5	19.5	50
2 USA	2	1	1	0	14	14	19	47
3 BERMUDA	2	0	1	1	0	13	16	29

### Semi-finals - 17-19 November

**Kenya** 95 and 163 for 4 (Bhudia 79) drew with **Scotland** 300 for 5 dec and 401 for 7 dec (Coetzer 133\*, Smith 93, Wright 58) at Abu Dhabi - Scotland progressed to the final on points

**UAE** 254 for 8 dec and 194 for 9 (Kashif Khan 56, Bhatti 5-43) drew with **Canada** 337 for 6 dec and 253 for 8 dec (Dhaniram 53, Zahid Shah 4-53) at Sharjah - Canada progressed to the final on points

### Final - 21-23 November

**Scotland** 287 for 8 dec (Hamilton 115, Lockhart 64) beat **Canada** 110 and 93 by an innings and 84 runs at Sharjah



# Australia gears up for ICC Super Series

Preparations underway for showdown between top team and best players.



After an absence of over 30 years Australia will once again host a team featuring the world's greatest cricketers in the inaugural ICC Super Series.

The ICC Super Series 2005 will see the number one team in the world take on a Rest of the World side in a three match one-day series and a one off six-day match to be played in Melbourne and Sydney in October 2005.

Australia is now confirmed as the team that will be competing against the Rest of the World XI in the six-day match. The recent series win over New Zealand has made Australia's position at the top of the ICC Test Championship unassailable ahead of the 1 April cut-off date.

With an 18 point lead in the ICC One Day International Championship, Australia is also in pole position to be the team that will feature in the three one-day matches.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed said that the ICC Super Series promised to be an entertaining spectacle.

'It will be fascinating to see whether the world's best players can combine to beat the world's top team,' said Mr Speed.

'The ICC Super Series is an excellent concept and it is now the responsibility of the ICC, Cricket Australia and the venues to make sure that we are ready to host the event.'

Cricket Australia Chief Executive James Sutherland explained that the preparations have already begun in Australia.

'We are extremely proud to be hosting the ICC Super Series, and have dedicated a number of resources to work on the event to ensure it is a huge success.'

'We have fielded a number of calls and enquiries about when tickets will be available, and we are very eager to announce those details as soon as we can.'

The six-day match will take place at the Sydney Cricket Ground and will be preceded by three one-day matches under the sliding roof of the Telstra Dome in Melbourne.

▲ Brian Lara and Steve Harmison will both be in contention for the Rest of the World XIs.

'We are very pleased to have been invited to host the three one-day matches,' said Telstra Dome Chief Executive Ian Collins.

'Our stadium will enable 'certainty of play' as it is the only stadium in the world that has been approved by the ICC for international cricket matches under a roof.'

Total prize money for the ICC Super Series is expected to top \$US 1 million.

Further details about the ICC Super Series will be available soon on the ICC website, visit [www.icc-superseries.com](http://www.icc-superseries.com)

## Match schedule

ICC Super Series one-day matches  
Telstra Dome, 5, 7 and 9 October 2005

ICC Super Series six-day match  
Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney - 14-19 October 2005

## ICC Awards 2005

After the success of the inaugural ICC Awards sponsored by Hyundai in association with FICA in London in September 2004, the event will return in Sydney in October 2005.

## → Issues in brief

*Issues in brief* recaps some of the headlines and issues which have arisen in international cricket since the last edition of *Cricket Quarterly*, and outlines the background and rationale behind the ICC's position.

### No positive drugs tests at ICC Champions Trophy 2004

UK Sport conducted 60 random tests on players from all countries during the course of the ICC Champions Trophy. All samples handled by the World Anti-Doping Agency accredited laboratory were found to be negative.

**ICC position:** Two players from both teams were randomly selected for drugs testing at all ICC Champions Trophy matches.

**What next?** Further discussions on an anti-doping policy will take place at the ICC Chief Executives' Committee meeting in February in Australia.

► All of the samples were tested at a WADA - accredited laboratory.



### ICC Global Cricket Academy announced in Dubai

Dubai Sports City will host the first ICC Global Cricket Academy from 2007. The ICC Global Cricket Academy will be an international centre of excellence for cricket, bringing together the skills and facilities to allow cricket players, coaches, umpires, curators and administrators to develop their abilities.

**ICC Position:** The ICC Global Cricket Academy will be an outstanding resource for the ICC and its 92 members to use to help continue the growth of the game.

**What next?** When finished in 2007 the Academy will have access to a 30,000-seat cricket stadium, two other purpose built cricket grounds, indoor and outdoor training facilities, a gym, pool, lecture theatres and classrooms, as well as sports science and sports medicine facilities.

► Abdul Rahman Bukhatir (left) President of Dubai Sports City and ICC President Ehsan Mani sign the agreement.



### Review of cricket update

The presidents and chairmen of the ICC Full Member countries received an update on the review of the structure of cricket at the ICC Board meeting in Lahore in October. They were presented with an analysis of the existing structure and models for a range of alternative options including proposed modifications to the present system of international tours.

**ICC position:** The members of the ICC Board reviewed the report.

**What next?** The countries are discussing the report's findings with their stakeholders ahead of further debate at the ICC Board meeting in March.

### No media accreditation permitted for banned players

At its October meeting in Lahore the ICC Board decided to introduce a standard media accreditation condition for international cricket to ensure that players banned for match fixing and related activities will not be granted media accreditation for international matches and events while the ban is in force.

**ICC Position:** The ICC Board was of the view that given cricket's history and the obligation to protect the game from corruption, such action was justified and reasonable.

**What next?** The restriction will apply with immediate effect and banned players will not be permitted to have media accreditation for international cricket matches.

**Correction:** In the last issue of *Cricket Quarterly* a production error led to the incorrect identification of the nationalities of three members of the ICC Teams of the Year. The ICC apologises to Herschelle Gibbs (South Africa), Chaminda Vaas (Sri Lanka) and Virender Sehwag (India) for the mistake.



### West Indies win ICC Champions Trophy 2004

West Indies won the ICC Champions Trophy beating England in a thrilling final at the Oval Cricket Ground, London. It was the West Indies' first victory in an ICC final since the 1979 ICC Cricket World Cup. Bastman, Ramnaresh Sarwan (pictured with captain Brian Lara) was named Man of the Tournament.

For the latest ICC news visit [www.icc-cricket.com](http://www.icc-cricket.com)



# Chief Executives to consider bowling review recommendations

Former players propose changes to existing process.

The ICC Chief Executives' Committee will consider the way in which international cricket deals with illegal actions following recommendations put forward by an expert panel of former international cricketers.

The changes have been recommended by a panel comprising Aravinda de Silva, Angus Fraser, Michael Holding, Tony Lewis and Tim May along with the former South African vice-captain and ICC General Manager - Cricket, David Richardson.

They concern all aspects of the issue of suspected illegal bowling actions including the revision of the content and timeframe of the process, confirmation of the intent of the Law and an adjustment of the degree of elbow extension (straightening of the arm from the flexed position) in the bowling action.

The proposals also include the complete standardisation of the process. This would take the process out of the hands of a player's home Board and bring the responsibility for testing under the central control of the ICC.



The recommendations have been supported by the members of the ICC's Cricket Committee chaired by former Indian captain, Sunil Gavaskar and will now be considered by the Chief Executives at their meeting in Melbourne on 3-4 February 2005.

'The scientific evidence presented to the ICC Cricket Committee requires careful consideration in relation to the current bowling review process,' said Mr Gavaskar.

'The proposed changes are a way of making the process quicker and fairer to all players and should promote consistency in the way in which reported bowlers' actions are dealt with.'

▲ Former international players Sunil Gavaskar (clockwise from top left), Michael Holding, Angus Fraser and Aravinda de Silva have all been involved in the recommendations.

► Biomechanical analysis has shown that most bowlers straighten their arm to some degree (UWA).

ICC Chief Executive, Malcolm Speed, explained that the recommendations needed to be properly debated by the ICC's 10 Full Member Chief Executives and three representatives of the Associate Member nations.

'The information and the recommendations provided by the Cricket Committee are valuable and important but this matter is still to be properly considered by the Chief Executives of the Test-playing countries,' said Mr Speed.

'I would expect that there will be a full and healthy debate as the people who run cricket in each country consider the proposals put forward and determine whether this option provides a better solution than the system currently in place.'

Full details of the recommendations can be found in the ICC News section (November 2004) of the official ICC website, [www.icc-cricket.com](http://www.icc-cricket.com).



## What did the Expert Panel discuss?

### TRUE

The Expert Panel viewed footage and analysis produced by Dr Paul Hurrion from the ICC Champions Trophy and other analysis presented by the biomechanical experts Professor Bruce Elliot and Marc Portus.

The Expert Panel was unanimous in making its recommendations.

The Expert Panel's view was that the intention of the Law is to prevent any visible elbow extension in the bowling action and that accordingly:

- the naked eye should be the starting point for any report of a bowler.
- The degree of acceptable elbow extension should be set at the point at which such extension will begin to become noticeable to the naked eye.

### FALSE

The Expert Panel did NOT view footage or analysis of the actions of bowlers from the past such as Fred Trueman, Dennis Lillee, Curtley Ambrose, Imran Khan, Richard Hadlee and Ian Botham.

The Expert Panel was NOT convened to discuss the merits of the actions of specific bowlers.

No bowler will be 'cleared' if the Expert Panel's recommendations are adopted by the ICC Chief Executives' Committee.



## → 2004: The year in review...



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### 1 January

Australia and India completed a thrilling drawn Test series at the Sydney Cricket ground. Australia captain Steve Waugh helped the home side save the match and series by hitting 80 runs in the fourth innings in his final international match.

### 2 February

The Bangladesh team paraded in front of 30,000 home fans at the Opening Ceremony of the ICC U/19 CWC in Dhaka; Pakistan went on to beat West Indies in the final.

### 3 March

USA celebrate claiming the final spot at the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 by winning the ICC Six Nations Challenge in Sharjah in March.

### 4 April

The captains of India and Pakistan at the toss in the decisive match of their first Test series on Pakistan soil since 1989, India won the historic series 2-1.

### 5 May

England captain Michael Vaughan celebrates England's first Test series win in the West Indies for 36 years.

### 6 June

ICC President Ehsan Mani announces China, Mexico and the Isle of Man as the ICC's newest members during the ICC Annual Conference week, boosting total membership to 92 countries. The conference was followed by the third annual ICC Cricket Business Forum.



### 7 July

Eight venues are selected to host matches at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007. Antigua, pictured, is one of two new venues.

### 8 August

Former Kenya captain Maurice Odumbe is banned from international cricket for five years for breaching the anti-corruption provisions of the ICC Code of Conduct.

### 9A September

Rahul Dravid is named ICC Sir Garfield Sobers Player of the Year and Test Player of the Year at the inaugural ICC awards presented by Hyundai in association with FICA.

### 9B September

West Indies wins the ICC Champions Trophy, defeating England in a thrilling climax at the Oval.

### 10 October

Australia's Shane Warne celebrates setting a new record of 533 Test wickets in the second Test against India. The wicket of Irfan Pathan took Warne past Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan, who had had set the new mark on day three of the first Test against Zimbabwe in May 2004.

### 11 November

Scotland captain Craig Wright holds the ICC Intercontinental Cup after his side's convincing win over Canada in the final.

### 12 December

Australia completes another calendar year at the top of the ICC Test Championship and the ICC ODI Championship, positions it has held since May 2003 and October 2002 respectively.



## In profile: Richard Done

The ICC's commitment to the development of the sport is mirrored in the new ICC High Performance Manager's passion for the sport.

The new ICC High Performance Manager Richard Done will be responsible for working with the top ICC Associate Member nations throughout the build-up to the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.

### What attracted you to the role of ICC High Performance Manager (Global Development)?

I have always been closely involved with the development of elite cricketers and elite cricket programs. I've done this in Australia at both State level and at National level. To be involved on a global scale made sense as the next step and provides a new challenge for me both personally and professionally.

### What skills and experience do you bring to the role?

I completed an applied science degree in sports coaching in 1985 and since then have been employed full-time in various cricket coaching roles including coach administration, coach education, player development and coaching teams. Over the past 14 years I've been successful in initiating and implementing programs at the elite level and I have coached a number of elite State and National teams and squads.

### Can you explain what the role will entail?

Essentially the key outcome is to ensure that the ICC Associate Member nations that qualify for the next ICC Cricket World Cup in the West Indies are able to acquit themselves well. This will entail ensuring that national team coaching structures are in place and that the teams and players have access to a high standard of training and competitive opportunities.

### Having attended the ICC Intercontinental Cup, how important do you think that international first-class cricket is to the development of the sport in the High Performance nations?

It is critical that developing countries play the longer form of the game as it provides the real test of



◀ Richard Done is the new ICC High Performance Manager (Global Development).

skill as a cricketer. Three day-cricket requires a degree of resilience technically, physically, mentally and tactically that isn't always there in the one-day game.

### What other ICC initiatives are crucial to the improvement of standards in the High Performance nations?

The long term success of countries on the international stage is closely linked to the development of grass roots cricket. Without the depth of a large base of junior and youth cricketers, the elite end will always be under threat in terms of the talent available to develop. The ICC Development Program must help ensure that proper structures are in place to promote the game globally, identify players and educate coaches. 🌀

▼ Done says that first class cricket, as seen here at the ICC Intercontinental Cup, is 'critical' to the development of the sport.



## Medlycott appointed ICC Umpires' High Performance Manager

Former Surrey player and coach Keith Medlycott has been appointed to the role of ICC Umpires' High Performance Manager.

The main responsibility of the role is to help develop all members of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires by introducing and monitoring training and development programs to cover physical and mental conditioning, skill development, match preparation and match day activities.

ICC General Manager - Cricket David Richardson explained that Medlycott had been appointed after an extensive international search.

'The ICC recognises the importance of providing the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires with the same level of support as a team of players,' said Mr Richardson.

'Keith is taking up an important new role that will help in the coaching and development of the game's top officials as we seek to attain ever higher levels of correct decision-making.'

Medlycott will provide critical appraisal on the performance of umpires, as well as feedback and counselling on a regular basis.

▼ Medlycott will work with all of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires.





# → ICC Code of Conduct - how does it work?

A detailed explanation of the structure of the ICC Code of Conduct and its application.



South Africa all rounder Andrew Hall, right, was banned for two Test Matches for behaving in an aggressive and threatening manner against Pakistan in 2003.

**‘Cricket has no place for the cheat, the foul-mouth or for those who deal in verbal abuse and, worst of all, those who fail to show proper respect to the umpire,’**

Lord Cowdrey, former ICC Chairman

Lord Cowdrey wrote these words in October 1991 in his introduction to the ICC's first Code of Conduct and, a little over thirteen years later, the ICC remains as committed as ever to addressing the issue of player behaviour with a firm but fair system of regulation.

After a decade of minor evolution, the ICC Code of Conduct was significantly strengthened in April 2002 with the following key measures brought in to ensure clarity and fairness:

- Introduction of definitions of four levels of offences and penalties;
- Introduction of specific provisions to help the fight against corruption in cricket;
- Separation of the reporting of an incident from the adjudication so that the umpires, a representative of one of the teams or the ICC Chief Executive are responsible for reporting while the ICC Match Referee deals with the hearing and decision;
- Introduction of an independent appeals process for more serious offences.

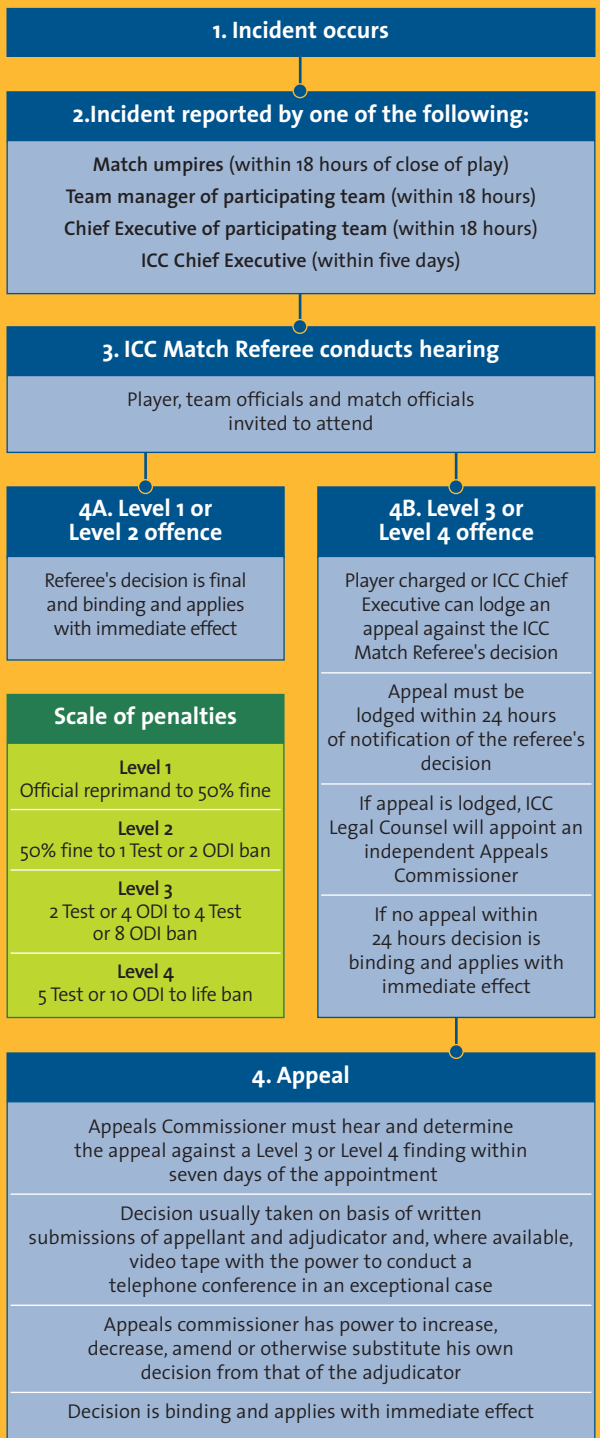
The four levels of offences provide for graduated penalties. These range from an official reprimand and/or fine up to the equivalent of 50 per cent of the player's match fee for a Level 1 offence up to a ban ranging from five Test matches or 10 One-Day International matches to life for a Level 4 offence.

There is a right of appeal for Level 3 and Level 4 offences. These appeals are heard by an Appeals Commissioner selected from the ICC Code of Conduct Commission. The Appeals Commissioners are independent eminent experts nominated by the ICC's Full Member boards.

The right of appeal has been exercised on three occasions since the ICC Code was updated. South Africa's Andrew Hall, Shoaib Akhtar from Pakistan and India captain Sourav Ganguly have all appealed against decisions. The appeals of Hall and Akhtar were rejected while Ganguly's appeal was upheld.

The provisions of the ICC Code of Conduct apply to players and team officials. 🏏

## Step-by-step guide to application of the ICC Code



## → News from around the regions

### International program of Instructor Training Seminars

ICC Instructors' Seminars have taken place for the first time in Africa, the Americas and Europe, with East Asia-Pacific, which pioneered the approach, holding its third seminar. Each Regional Instructors' Seminar has seen selected coaches from Associate and Affiliate Member countries trained to conduct the new 'ICC Introduction to Cricket' course in their respective home countries, as part of a plan to put grass roots cricket education into the hands of local people. Participants will now be able to run the course back in their home countries.

#### Course dates and venues:

Americas: 15-19 Nov in Mexico

Africa: 18-20 Nov in Johannesburg & 7-9 Dec in Ghana

Europe: 29 Nov - 3 Dec in London

East Asia-Pacific: 12 - 18 Dec in Melbourne



Coaches from the Americas region gathered in Mexico.

### WCQS Div 2 in Malaysia

The ICC World Cup Qualifying Series (WCQS) Division Two event will be contested by eight nations - the Cayman Islands, Fiji, Italy, Kuwait, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Qatar and Zambia in Malaysia from 21-25 February 2005, with the winner travelling to Ireland five months later for the ICC Trophy. The five highest ranked teams from the ICC Trophy will then gain automatic qualification for the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2007 in the West Indies.

### EAP XI in Australian country cricket championships

The ICC East Asia-Pacific (EAP) region recently announced a 14-man squad to represent EAP in the Australian Country Cricket Championships (ACCC) to be held in Lismore, NSW from 3-15 January 2005. The squad was announced following the completion of the EAP Squad Camp at

Cricket Australia's Commonwealth Bank Centre of Excellence in Brisbane, where they had the opportunity to put the Black Caps, New Zealand's Test squad, through their paces in a net session at the Gabba.

The ACCC comprises five two-day matches over 12 days against state country teams from throughout Australia. These include NSW, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia.



The EAP squad in Brisbane

### Cricket Development in China

Senior officials from the Chinese Cricket Association (CCA), Mr Li Gaochao and Ms Cui Weihong met with ICC President Ehsan Mani and ACC Chief Executive Syed Ashrafu Huq in Hong Kong for what was described by Mr Li as a very productive first step in developing the game in China.

'China not only needs to create an infrastructure, it also needs to create a cricket culture. This will take time if it is to be done properly,' said Mr Mani.



Mr Li Gaochao with Ehsan Mani and Syed Ashrafu Huq.

### ICC Development Program thanks

The ICC Development Program says farewell and thank you to Zakir Hussain Syed and Tim Lamb. Zakir has been the ICC/ACC Development Manager for the Asia Region since 2000 while Tim was a long-serving European representative on the ICC Development Committee.

## ICC Development Program Awards 2004

The International Cricket Council has launched the third annual ICC Development Program Awards.

The awards recognise exceptional performance and service to the game in countries outside the ICC's 10 Full Members and form part of the ICC's commitment to promoting excellence in cricket development in the 82 Associate and Affiliate member countries.

There are nine categories in the ICC Development Program Awards 2004 including two new awards for the Photo of the Year and a special UNAIDS Award to recognise cricket-related work that has directly contributed to addressing HIV/AIDS issues and awareness as part of world cricket's commitment to help 'run out AIDS'.

Building on its long-standing relationship with the ICC Development Program, the manufacturer of portable cricket pitches, portable nets and bowling machines, Flicx, will be the official sponsor of the Junior Cricket Initiative Award.

Full details of the criteria, nomination process and the application form for the awards are available on the official ICC website at [www.icc-developmentawards.com](http://www.icc-developmentawards.com).

Regional nominations close on 31 January 2005 and regional winners will be announced on 28 February 2005. The ICC judging panel will then select a global winner from the five regional nominations in each category, to be announced on 31 March 2005.



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### ICC Test Championship

Series victories over India away and New Zealand at home ensured that Australia completed the calendar year as the top Test side. Australia is now guaranteed to be the team that lines up against a Rest of the World XI in the ICC Super Series in October.

Over the last 12 months the table below Australia has been turned on its head with England, Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan all making positive strides while South Africa, New Zealand and West Indies have lost ground.

Sri Lanka has been the biggest climber, improving its rating by 12 points in the year.



Australia captain Ricky Ponting (left) and vice-captain Adam Gilchrist enjoy the series win over New Zealand.



### ICC ODI Championship

England and the West Indies improved their ratings in reaching the ICC Champions Trophy final. As a result of beating higher-ranked opposition, both sides have enjoyed a six point increase in their ratings over the last three months.

Sri Lanka's victory in the three-nation tournament in Pakistan confirmed its position as the second best ODI side.

Australia remains the clear leader in the official ODI table despite failing to reach the ICC Champions Trophy final for the fourth time in a row.



Courtney Brown celebrates after playing a decisive role in the West Indies' ICC Champions Trophy final victory against England.

### ICC Test Championship Table (As at 1 December 2004)

Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 1 Sep 04	Rating change since 1 Dec 03
1 (1)	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	130	+1	0
2 (2)	ENGLAND	109	0	+5
3 (3)	PAKISTAN	105	0	+7
4 (4)	INDIA	105	+1	+10
5 (5)	SRI LANKA	103	0	+12
6 (6)	SOUTH AFRICA	102	0	-9
7 (7)	NEW ZEALAND	93	-1	-11
8 (8)	WEST INDIES	73	0	-10
9 (9)	ZIMBABWE	51	0	-5
10 (10)	BANGLADESH	0	0	0

1 September 2004 ratings in brackets. Developed by David Kendix.

#### Recent Test series results

Oct	India v Australia	1-2
Oct	Bangladesh v New Zealand	0-2
Oct	Pakistan v Sri Lanka	1-1
Nov	Australia v New Zealand	2-0
Nov	India v South Africa	1-0

#### Forthcoming series

Dec	Bangladesh v India	(2 Tests)
Dec-Jan	Australia v Pakistan	(3 Tests)
Dec-Jan	South Africa v England	(5 Tests)
Jan	Bangladesh v Zimbabwe	(2 Tests)
Jan	New Zealand v Sri Lanka	(2 Tests)

### ICC ODI Championship Table (As at 1 December 2004)

Pos	Team	Rating	Rating change since 1 Sep 04	Rating change since 1 Sep 03
1 (1)	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	137	-1	+1
2 (2)	SRI LANKA	119	-4	+12
3 (3)	NEW ZEALAND	117	0	+15
4 (4)	PAKISTAN	109	+4	+1
5 (7)	ENGLAND	108	+6	+2
6 (8)	WEST INDIES	107	+6	+6
7 (6)	SOUTH AFRICA	101	+1	-17
8 (5)	INDIA	100	-3	-5
9 (9)	ZIMBABWE	59	-2	-9
10 (10)	KENYA	26	-2	-2
11 (11)	BANGLADESH	0	0	0

1 September 2004 ratings in brackets. Developed by David Kendix.

#### Recent ODI series results

Sep	England v India	2-1
Sep	ICC Champions Trophy West Indies win	
Sep-Oct	Pakistan, Sri Lanka & Zimbabwe	Sri Lanka win
Oct	Bangladesh v New Zealand	0-3

#### Forthcoming series

Dec	Australia v New Zealand	(3 ODIs)
Dec-Jan	New Zealand v Sri Lanka	(5 ODIs)
Dec-Jan	Bangladesh v India	(3 ODIs)
Jan-Feb	VB Series (Aus, Pak, WI in Aus)	
Jan	Bangladesh v Zimbabwe	(5 ODIs)
Jan-Feb	South Africa v England	(7 ODIs)
Feb-Mar	New Zealand v Australia	(5 ODIs)
Feb-Mar	South Africa v Zimbabwe	(3 ODIs)

#### In progress

Nov-Dec	Zimbabwe v England	(4 ODIs)
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## → Test captains unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS



ICC continues to lead the way in raising awareness of HIV/AIDS in the sports world.

As part of international cricket's partnership with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and to coincide with World Aids Day on 1 December, the captains of the Test-playing nations united in support of the fight against HIV and AIDS:

ICC President Ehsan Mani thanked the players for their collective support of the cause.

'I am delighted that the captains of all the Test playing nations have come together in their support of the fight against HIV and AIDS,' said Mr Mani.

'The threat of HIV/AIDS is so real in many of the major cricketing nations that it is vital that these role models play a part in the global battle against this epidemic.'

Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr Peter Piot, praised the sport of cricket for its pioneering initiative.

'Cricket players are leading the sports world in speaking out about AIDS boldly. The pledge taken by the cricket captains has opened a new front of leadership in the global effort to stop the AIDS epidemic,' said Dr Piot.



The Captains' Pledge was part of a series of initiatives that took place to co-incide with World Aids Day 2004. All of the participating players and match officials wore red ribbons on the fourth day of the India v South Africa Test match in Kolkata, and during the One-Day International matches between Zimbabwe and England in Harare and Australia and New Zealand in Melbourne.

▲ All of the captains supported World Aids Day 2004.

Regional initiatives were also coordinated throughout the cricket world by the ICC Development Program.

The ICC was the first major international sporting organisation to enter into a strategic alliance with UNAIDS in September 2003. For more information on the ICC's HIV/AIDS related initiatives visit [www.icc-cricket.com/un aids](http://www.icc-cricket.com/un aids).

### The Captains' Pledge

'HIV and AIDS is a global issue that cannot be ignored.

'There are almost 40 million people around the world living with HIV and AIDS. Over a third of these live in the ten countries that play Test match cricket.

'HIV and AIDS is everyone's problem and it is the responsibility of us all to do something about it.

'Our commitment is to address this epidemic by raising awareness and education levels in the cricket community.

'We urge young people to protect themselves from HIV and our leaders to pay more attention to the epidemic.

'When we step onto the cricket field we do so as rivals but in the battle against HIV and AIDS we are united. AIDS is a common enemy and we must fight it together.'

Signed,  
Ricky Ponting (Australia)  
Habibul Bashar (Bangladesh)  
Michael Vaughan (England)  
Sourav Ganguly (India)  
Stephen Fleming (New Zealand)  
Inzamam-ul-Haq (Pakistan)  
Graeme Smith (South Africa)  
Marvan Atapattu (Sri Lanka)  
Tatenda Taibu (Zimbabwe)

\*The West Indies did not have a captain at the time of World Aids Day 2004, but the West Indies Cricket Board has pledged its full support to the initiative.

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