



# World League Guide

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## Leading Associate countries begin road to ICC Cricket World Cup Qualification

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Steve Tikolo of Kenya leads his team in celebration in Nairobi after capturing the inaugural WCL Division 1 title.

Eight of cricket's emerging nations will be hoping to take one step towards ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 qualification at the ICC World Cricket League Division 3 in Darwin.

The top two teams from this event will join UAE, Namibia, Denmark and Oman in Windhoek, Namibia at the ICC World Cricket League Division 2 in November.

The top four teams from the event in Namibia will automatically qualify for the ICC World Cup Qualifier 2009 in the UAE, while the two remaining teams will have a second chance to qualify for the UAE tournament at the ICC World Cricket League Division 3 in early 2009.

The event will play an important part in raising the standards of play amongst some of the game's emerging countries.

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.

Kenya won the inaugural ICC World Cricket League Division 1 event in February when they defeated Scotland in the final by eight wickets. 🏏



# → Welcome messages



## Percy Sonn

The performance of Ireland and the other Associate countries at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 has provided great inspiration for the ICC's Development Program.

The success, particularly of the Irish team, illustrates the great progress that has been made since the Program began in 1997.

The inaugural ICC World Cricket League Division 1 event which took place earlier this year in Nairobi was a huge success and I hope that we will see as many exciting matches this week in Darwin as we did at the event in Kenya.

I would like to thank Cricket Australia and Northern Territories Cricket for their hard work in putting on this event and I have no doubt it will be a resounding success.

**Percy Sonn**  
ICC President



## James Sutherland

We are delighted to welcome the eight teams competing in the ICC World Cricket League Division 3 to Darwin, Australia for this event.

The tournament will provide an excellent opportunity for some of the emerging cricketing nations to test their skills against countries of a similar stature from across the world, which should result in some fascinating cricket.

Our close working relationship with the ICC's East-Asia Pacific Region, who share our Cricket Australia offices in Melbourne, and our support of the ICC Development Program as a whole, illustrates our commitment to the growth of the game below Test match level.

Along with Northern Territory Cricket, who has played a vital role in coordinating this event, we take the opportunity to wish all teams and officials the best of luck and hope you have an enjoyable and successful tournament in Australia.

**James Sutherland**  
Cricket Australia, Chief Executive Officer



## Andrew Ramsay

It gives me great pleasure to welcome players and officials to Darwin for the 2007 ICC World Cricket League Division 3 event. Cricket is growing strongly in the Northern Territory and this event reinforces the tremendous opportunity for cricket in Darwin at a time when many regions are out of season.

NT Cricket values its strong relationship with Cricket Australia and the ICC. We are proud to be associated with the ICC's East Asia Pacific Development Program and this event will further strengthen ties with our partners.

I trust that you will enjoy your time in Darwin and wish you every success both on and off the field during your stay.

**Andrew Ramsay**  
Northern Territory Cricket,  
Chief Executive Officer

## ICC World Cricket League Explained

The ICC World Cricket League has been created to provide regular global one-day cricket opportunities to those countries outside the Test playing world.

The inaugural ICC World Cricket League which took place earlier this year brought unprecedented attention to Associate cricket and a fantastic event, with many thrilling matches that went all the way to the final over, was eventually won by host country Kenya.

As a result of their performances, Kenya and Scotland also qualified for the ICC Twenty20 World Championships which will take place in September in South Africa.

But the ICC World Cricket League is about more than just those top six Associate teams. At present, 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 majority of the 87 ICC Associate and Affiliate members.

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



Fraser Watts of Scotland at the WCL in Nairobi.

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[www.icc-cricket.com](http://www.icc-cricket.com)

## → Group A

### Papua New Guinea

Arguably the pre-tournament favourites for the event, PNG have performed consistently well in recent years, although perhaps their best achievement was their undefeated run in the Cricket World Cup Qualifying event in 2005 in Malaysia. Among the key players to watch are captain Rarua Dikana, batsmen Jamie Brazier, John Ovia and wicket keeper batsmen Ipi Morea. With paceman Toka Gaudi absent through injury, there will be pressure on new bowlers Inoa Baeau and Hitolo Areni to perform.

### Fiji

One of Fiji's strengths will be that the squad has played together in a number of matches, both against Vanuatu in a recent home series which they comprehensively won 3-0, and overseas in Brisbane last year when they took on the Cook Islands and Japan. Key players will be Josefa Dabea, Iniasi Cakaaka and Iliesa Navatu, while Kitione Tavo's and Jone Seuvou's left and right arm bowling combination will pose a threat to opposing batsmen.

### Italy

Following some disappointing performances at recent ICC events, under coach/captain Joe Scuderi, arguably the best ever Italian squad has been put together for this event. Nicola Puccio and Troy Crosland's experience of Australian conditions will be invaluable, while Cape Town quartet of Alessandro Bonora, Andrea Corbellari, Nicholas and Andrew Northcote will all be important squad members. Hemantha Jayasena will be looking to build on his excellent performances at last year's European Championships, with opportunities Din Alaud, Corbellari and Michel Minghetti to shine with the ball.

### Argentina

Argentina travels to Darwin with perhaps the strongest squad ever to have left its shores. With 12 of the 14 man squad being all-rounders, and a solid blend of youth and experience, the team will be looking to build on its success of winning the ICC Americas Division 2 tournament. Despite not winning a game in the ICC Americas Division 1, the experience from that event will serve the side well and they will be looking for wicket-keeper batsman Alejandro Ferguson, opener Lucas Paterlini and front line bowlers Gary Savage and Paul Ryan to star.

## Group B

### Uganda

Uganda will be looking to improve on their performances at the ICC Trophy 2005, where they impressed at times but ultimately finished bottom of the 12 team tournament. There is plenty of quality in their 14 man squad, including promising teenage batsman Roger Mukasa. They warmed up for the event with defeats to both Bermuda and Kenya, although they did defeat Kenya A thanks to five wickets from Richard Okia.

### Hong Kong

Hong Kong, runners-up at the 2006 ACC Trophy, boasts a squad that they think is capable of having a major impact upon this event. They will lean heavily on the experience of Rahul Sharma, fast bowler Afzaal Haider and all-rounders Khalid Butt and Ilyas Gull for key performances. Skipper Tim Smart's leadership skills will be a vital asset, while promising teenagers Courtney Kruger and the Ahmed brothers Nadeem and Irfan will be hoping to make their mark upon the world stage.

### Cayman Islands

As an Associate member it recorded its first major victory in 2002 against Bermuda, although arguably its greatest triumph to date came last year when it beat Canada. Captain Ryan Bovell will look to Pearson Best, who scored 116\* against Argentina last year, for runs, while fast bowler Kenute Tulloch, who took five wickets against the Bahamas in the Stanford Twenty20 tournament last year, will be one of the leading bowlers.

### Tanzania

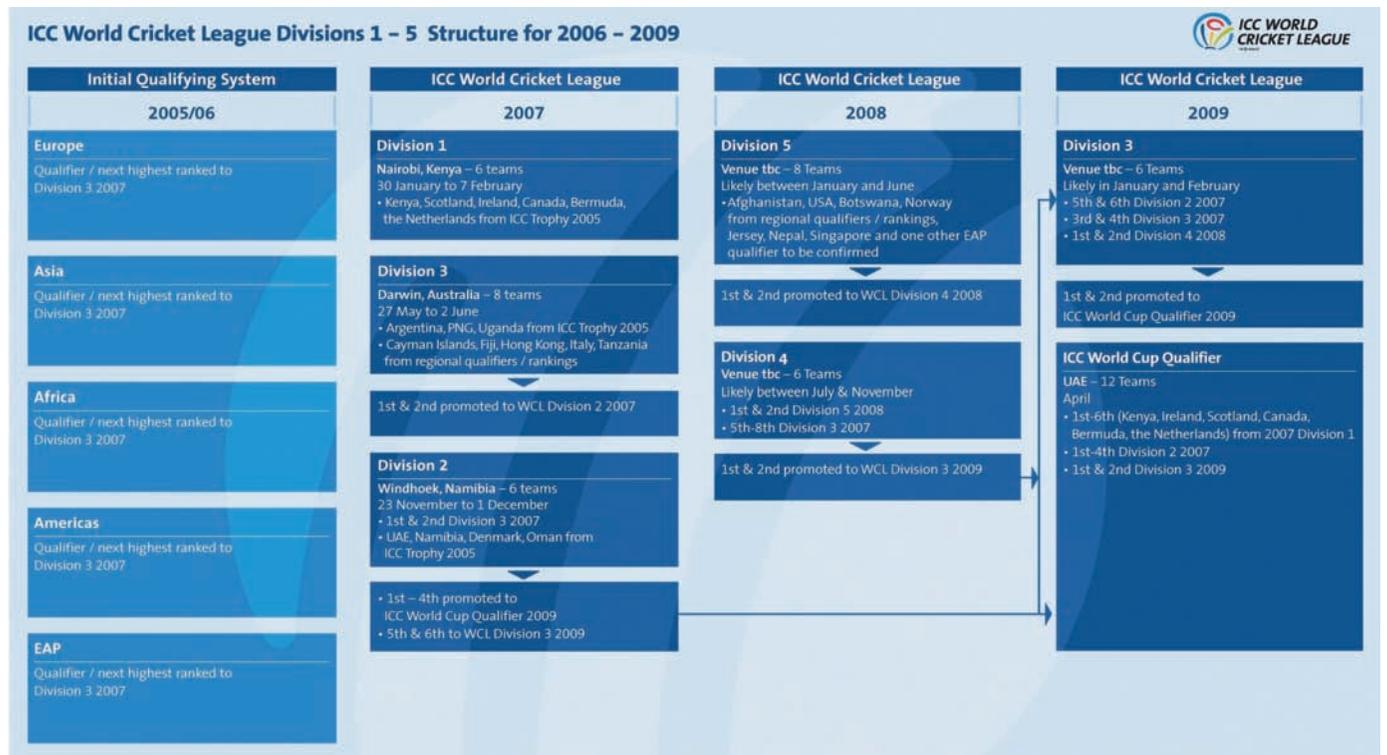
Tanzania has prepared for the ICC World Cricket League Division 3 with a three week training camp in India in April, which saw them take on five local sides in warm-up matches. Hamisi Abdallah's side also gained valuable experience when they took on some of the Associate member countries taking part in the ICC World Cricket League Division One in Nairobi in January, although they did suffer a 79 run defeat to Scotland.



Hong Kong's team at the ACC Trophy 2006.

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# → ICC World Cricket League Global Structure



## 2007 ICC World Cricket League Qualifier – Fixtures and Grounds

DATE	ROUND	FIXTURES	VENUE
Sunday May 27th	Round 1	Argentina v Italy	Gardens
	Round 1	Cayman Is v Tanzania	Tracy Village
	Round 1	Hong Kong v Uganda	Kahlin Oval
	Round 1	PNG v Fiji	Power Park
Monday May 28th	Round 2	Fiji v Italy	Marrara 1
	Round 2	PNG v Argentina	Gardens
	Round 2	Hong Kong v Cayman Is	Power Park
Tuesday May 29th	Round 2	Uganda v Tanzania	Nightcliff
	Rest Day	Rest/Reserve Day	Rest Day
	Wednesday May 30th	Round 3	Uganda v Cayman Is
Wednesday May 30th	Round 3	Hong Kong v Tanzania	Tracy Village
	Round 3	PNG v Italy	Nightcliff
	Round 3	Fiji v Argentina	Kahlin Oval
Thursday May 31st	Semi finals	A1 v B2	Gardens
	Semi finals	A2 v B1	Kahlin Oval
	Plate S/finals	A3 v B4	Tracy Village
	Plate S/finals	A4 v B3	Marrara 1
Friday June 1st	Rest Day	Rest/Reserve Day	Rest Day
Saturday June 2nd	Final	Winners of Semi finals	Gardens
	3rd/4th Playoff	Losers of Semi finals	Marrara 1
	5th/6th Playoff	Winners of Plate Semi finals	Power Park
	7th/8th Playoff	Losers of Plate Semi finals	Nightcliff



Ireland's Jeremy Bray at the WCL event in Kenya.

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