

Classification of Official Cricket

The following matches shall be classified as Official Cricket:

(A) MEN'S CRICKET

1. TEST MATCHES

Test matches are those which:

- A) Are played in accordance with the ICC Standard Test Match Playing Conditions and other ICC regulations pertaining to Test matches; **and**
- B) Are between:
 - i) Teams selected by Full Members of the ICC as representative of the Member Countries (Full Member Teams).
 - ii) A Full Member Team and a composite team selected by the ICC as representative of the best players from the rest of the world. (The Johnnie Walker Super Series Test Match would fall into this category).

Note - Matches involving an 'A' team or age-group team shall not be classified as Test matches.

2. ONE DAY INTERNATIONALS

ODI matches are those which:

- A) Are played in accordance with the ICC Standard One Day International Playing Conditions and other ICC regulations pertaining to ODI Matches; **and**
- B) Are between:
 - i) Any teams participating in and as part of the ICC Cricket World Cup or ICC Champions Trophy; or
 - ii) Any teams participating in the final, semi-final, third or fifth place play-offs of the ICC World Cup Qualifier for Associates/Affiliates - such teams (the 'top 6' Associate/Affiliate teams) would then be granted ODI status until the start of the following ICC World Cup Qualifier; or

- iii) Full Member Teams; or
- iv) A Full Member Team and any of the 'top 6' Associate/Affiliate teams;
or
- v) Any of the 'top 6' Associate/Affiliate teams; or
- vi) A Full Member Team (or 'top 6' Associate/Affiliate) and a composite team selected by the ICC as representative of the best players from the rest of the world (The Johnnie Walker Super Series one day matches would fall into this category)
- vii) A Full Member Team and any Associate/Affiliate Team in matches played as part of the Asia Cup. (This provision is valid for two years commencing October 2005 and will be reviewed by the Executive Board at its meeting in October 2007)
- viii) A team selected by the African Cricket Association and the Asian Cricket Council and played as part of the Afro/Asia Cup. This provision would remain until the conclusion of the 2007 event and would then be reviewed.

Note - Matches involving an 'A' team or age-group team shall not be classified as ODI matches.

3. TWENTY/20 INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Twenty/20 International Matches are those which:

- A) Are played in accordance with the ICC Standard Twenty/20 International Playing Conditions and other ICC regulations pertaining to Twenty/20 Matches;
and
- B) Are between:
 - i) Any teams participating in and as part of the ICC Twenty/20 Championship; or
 - ii) Full Member Teams; or
 - iii) A Full Member Team and any of the Associate/Affiliate Member teams whose matches have been granted ODI status (i.e. the top 6 Associates/Affiliates).

- iv) Matches between any of the Associate/Affiliate Member teams whose matches have been granted ODI status (i.e. the top 6 Associates/Affiliates).

Note - Matches involving an 'A' team or age-group team shall not be classified as Twenty20 international matches

4. FIRST-CLASS MATCHES

First-Class Matches are those matches of three or more days' duration between two sides of eleven players played on natural turf pitches and substantially conforming to ICC standard playing conditions.

A Full member may, if it wishes, introduce playing regulations allowing the 11 playing members of a side to be changed after the start of a match without the match forgoing its first-class status, provided any such changes relate solely to a player's call-up to or release from international duty. However, no playing members of a side in a first-class match may be replaced for reasons of tactics or injury.

In the following Rules the term 'Governing Body' is restricted to Full Members.

Rules

- A) Full Members of the International Cricket Council shall decide the status of matches of three or more days' duration played in their countries.
- B) In matches of three or more days' duration played in countries which are not Full Members of the International Cricket Council:
 - a) If only one team comes from a Full Member country or both teams come from the same Full Member country then that country shall decide the status; otherwise
 - b) If both teams come from different Full Member countries then the status shall be decided by agreement between those countries if possible; otherwise
 - c) ICC shall decide.

Note - Governing Bodies agree that the interest of First-Class cricket will be served by ensuring that First-Class status is not accorded to any match in which one or other of the teams taking part cannot on a strict interpretation of the definitions be adjudged First-Class. Matches involving age-group teams up to and including U19 shall not be classified as First-Class matches

- C) Decisions regarding the awarding a match First-Class status should whenever possible be taken prior to its commencement, failing which as soon as possible thereafter. Where a decision regarding First-Class status has already been made, including in respect of all matches played prior to these classifications taking effect, any subsequent reversal of a decision (i.e. to upgrade a match to First-Class status or downgrade it from First-Class status) shall be permitted only in exceptional circumstances, and then only with the approval of ICC.

First-Class Status

The following matches of three or more days' duration shall be regarded as First-Class, subject to the provisions of the First-Class match definition being complied with. The list below is not exhaustive and is merely indicative of the matches which would fall into the First Class definition.

- i Test matches
- ii ICC Intercontinental Cup matches
- iii Matches between 'A' teams of Full Member countries
- iv In all Full Member Countries
Matches against teams adjudged First-Class played by official touring teams
- v In Australia
Pura Cup matches between states
- vi In Bangladesh
National Cricket League matches between divisions
- vii In England and Wales
County Championship matches between counties
MCC v any First-Class county
Scotland v Ireland
Oxford University v Cambridge University
Cambridge, Durham, Loughborough and Oxford University Centres of Cricketing Excellence v any First-Class county
- viii In India
Ranji Trophy matches between states
Duleep Trophy matches between zones
Irani Trophy match (winner of previous Ranji Trophy against Rest of India)

- ix In New Zealand
State Championship matches between provinces
- x In Pakistan
Quaid-e-Azam Trophy (Grade I) matches between regions
PCB Patron's Trophy (Grade I) matches between departments
Pentangular Cup matches between leading teams from the Quaid-e-Azam and Patron's Trophy
- xi In South Africa
SuperSport Series matches between franchises
UCB Provincial Cup matches between provinces
- xii In Sri Lanka
Premier League Division I matches between clubs
Inter Provincial Tournament matches between provinces
- xiii In West Indies
Carib Beer Cup/International Series matches between countries
- xiv In Zimbabwe
Logan Cup
- xv Special matches between teams adjudged First-Class by the relevant Governing Bodies or the ICC.

5 LIST A MATCHES

Any limited overs cricket match scheduled for one days duration and of one innings per side played either at State, County or Provincial level in a Full Member country or official matches of a touring Test team against State, County or Provincial level teams and accorded the status of List A Match by the relevant Governing Bodies.

Rules

- i) Full Members of the ICC shall decide the status of matches of one day's duration played in their countries or in tournaments under their jurisdiction.
- ii In matches of one days' duration played in countries which are not Full Members of ICC:
 - a) If only one team comes from a Full Member country or both teams come from the same Full Member country then that country shall decide the status; otherwise
 - b) If both teams come from different Full Member countries then the

status shall be decided by agreement between those countries if possible;
otherwise

c) ICC shall decide.

Note: It is intended that List A matches will be those one day matches played at the highest domestic level. ICC Cricket World Cup warm up matches, tourist matches against teams other than the host country's domestic First Class competition teams, festival matches and friendly matches do not qualify as List A matches.

The creation of List A, the definition of List A matches and the application of this definition to all limited overs cricket worldwide has all been the work of Philip Bailey of the Association of Cricket Statisticians.

Up until now all decisions regarding the classification of limited overs matches as the one-day counterpart to first-class status have been undertaken by the ACS, with no previous involvement from ICC or national Governing Bodies.

ICC has now decided to take over the definition of List A and to place future classification decisions in the hands of its Full Members.

Therefore Full Members will, for the first time, be required to determine which limited-overs matches played under their jurisdiction should be accorded List A status.

In order to preserve the integrity of past efforts of the Association of Cricket Statisticians and to ensure the ongoing maintenance of authoritative and consistent records, the following shall apply:

- No attempt will be made by Governing Bodies or ICC to amend retrospectively the status of limited-overs matches, i.e. the catalogue of past List A matches compiled over the years by the ACS will be allowed to stand.
- Governing Bodies will wish to ensure that their future List A classifications are consistent with (a) each other, (b) past decisions and (c) the definition of List A as written by the ACS and now being adopted by ICC.

NOTE: The ACS will continue to maintain the list of matches it believes fulfil the criteria for List A with Governing Bodies advising by exception should they wish to add or remove any matches from this list.

6 OTHER MATCHES

Other cricket played under the auspices of a Member country may be classified by such Member country as Official Cricket. Including but not limited to:

a) Matches between the 'A' Teams, National Academy or Age Group Teams of Member countries.

b) All other matches played as part of a competition or tournament held under the auspices of a Member including club cricket, schools, age groups and university cricket.

(B) WOMEN'S CRICKET

1. TEST MATCHES

Test matches are those which:

- A) Are played in accordance with the ICC Standard Women's Test Match Playing Conditions and other ICC regulations pertaining to Women's Test matches; **and**
- B) Are played between teams selected by and representative of, the top 10 ranked Members of the ICC in terms of women's cricket (this provision is in place for a two year period commencing March 2006).

Note: This refers to the Senior National teams not "A" teams or age-group teams;

2. ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

One Day International Matches are those which:

- A) Are played in accordance with the ICC Standard Women's One Day International Playing Conditions and other ICC regulations pertaining to Women's ODI Matches; **and**
- B) Are between:
 - i) Any teams participating in and as part of the ICC Women's World Cup; or
 - ii) Teams from the top 10 ranked countries of the ICC in terms of women's cricket (this provision is in place for a two year period commencing March 2006).

Note: Matches involving the 'A' team of countries shall not be classified as One Day Internationals.

3. WOMEN'S TWENTY/20 INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Women's Twenty/20 International Matches are those which:

- A) Are played in accordance with the ICC Standard Women's Twenty/20 International Playing Conditions and other ICC regulations pertaining to Women's Twenty/20 Matches;
and
- B) Are between Teams from the top 10 ranked countries of the ICC in terms of women's cricket.

4. COMPETITIVE WOMEN'S CRICKET PLAYED AT STATE, COUNTY OR PROVINCIAL LEVEL.

Competitive Women's Cricket matches are those:

- A) Women's cricket matches of 3 or 4 days' scheduled duration and of two innings per side played at State, County or Provincial Level, substantially conforming to ICC standard playing conditions and accorded the status of Competitive Women's Cricket by the relevant Governing Bodies; or
- B) Limited overs women's cricket matches scheduled for one days duration and of one innings per side played either at State, County or Provincial level or official matches of a touring Test team against State, County or Provincial level teams, substantially conforming to ICC standard playing conditions and accorded the status of Competitive Women's Cricket by the relevant Governing Bodies.
- C) Twenty/20 women's cricket matches played either at State, County or Provincial level or official matches of a touring Test team against State, County or Provincial level teams, substantially conforming to ICC standard playing conditions and accorded the status of Competitive Women's Cricket by the relevant Governing Bodies.

Note: It is intended that Competitive Women's Cricket will be the highest level of domestic women's cricket.

5 OTHER WOMEN'S CRICKET MATCHES

Other women's cricket played under the auspices of an ICC Member may be classified by such Member as Official Cricket. Including but not limited to:

- a) Matches between the 'A' Teams, National Academy or Age Group Teams of Member countries.

b) All other women's cricket matches played as part of a competition or tournament held under the auspices of a Member including club cricket, schools, age groups and university cricket

(C) DISPUTES

In case of any disputes arising from these Rules, failing unanimous agreement being reached between the disputing parties, the Chief Executive of the ICC shall refer the matter to the ICC Disputes Resolution Committee for its final and binding determination.