



Melbourne Cricket Ground to stage the Boxing Day Men's Ashes Test (Getty Images)

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Ashes 2021-22 schedule confirmed

- ***Men's Ashes Test Series will commence in Brisbane on 8 December 2021***
- ***The fifth Men's Ashes Test will take place at Optus Stadium, Perth on 14 January 2022***
- ***Women's Ashes will start on 27 January 2022 in Canberra***

The England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Cricket Australia (CA) have confirmed the Men's and Women's Ashes schedule for 2021-22 to be staged in Australia.

Men's Ashes Test Series

The first Men's Ashes Test will begin at Brisbane's Gabba from 8-12 December ahead of a day-night Test at the Adelaide Oval from 16-20 December. The traditional Boxing Day and New Year's Tests will be played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (26-30 December) and Sydney Cricket Ground (5-9 January) respectively, with the final Test scheduled for Perth's Optus Stadium (14-18 January).

Women's Ashes

The multi-format Women's Ashes series will begin at Manuka Oval, Canberra, with the Women's Ashes Test match from 27-30 January.

The white-ball matches, which combine with the Test match to form the multi-format series, kick off with three T20Is, to be played at the North Sydney Oval, Sydney (4 and 6 February) and the Adelaide Oval (10 February).

The multi-format series concludes with three ODIs at Adelaide Oval (13 February) and the Junction Oval in Melbourne (16 and 19 February).

At the end of the Women's Ashes series, England will depart for New Zealand to participate in the ICC Women's World Cup in a year that will also see them represent Team England at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Tom Harrison, ECB's Chief Executive Officer, said:

"An Ashes series in Australia is a global highlight of the cricketing calendar and is always a focus series for England teams.

It's a hugely exciting prospect that both men's and women's squads will be heading to Australia. It promises to be a highly competitive and close contest with teams in both series, evenly matched. I have little doubt that the rivalry and drama will once again capture the interest of sports lovers across the globe.

"2022 is going to be an amazing year for Women's cricket. With an Ashes, a World Cup in New Zealand and a home Commonwealth Games in

Birmingham, this could be a landmark year for our team. It represents a huge challenge, but one Heather Knight and her talented squad are very excited about.”

Nick Hockley, Cricket Australia’s Interim CEO, said:

“We are absolutely thrilled to announce our men’s and women’s international fixtures for the 2021-22 summer of cricket. The lessons learned from successfully delivering a safe summer in 20-21 gives us confidence on what we’re able to achieve, and we’re all hoping for a summer of full crowds and an Ashes atmosphere we’re all accustomed to.

“The Ashes is one of the great global sporting rivalries and seems to grow ever larger with each series and generation. We cannot wait to host England Men over five Tests this summer. The most recent Men’s Ashes series was a remarkable contest that captured the imagination of the entire cricketing world and I expect this summer to be no different.

“In a perfect world, we would welcome England fans back to these shores for a summer of singing and sportsmanship. Of course, we will be guided by the Australian Government on all things related to international travel.”

CA has considered quarantine periods for all international series into its 2021-22 fixture in line with current guidelines. CA continues to work closely with relevant Federal and State Government agencies and will provide updates on international quarantine, domestic biosecurity and crowd measures in due course.

England Men’s warm-up schedule, ahead of the Ashes, will be announced in due course.

Men’s Ashes Schedule – 2021-22

1st Test: 8-12 December – Gabba, Brisbane

2nd Test: 16-20 December – Adelaide Oval, Adelaide (Day/night)

3rd Test: 26-30 December – MCG, Melbourne

4th Test: 5-9 January – SCG, Sydney

5th Test: 14-18 January – Optus Stadium, Perth

Women's Ashes Schedule – 2022

Test: 27-30 January – Manuka Oval, Canberra

1st T20I: 4 February – North Sydney Oval, Sydney

2nd T20I: 6 February – North Sydney Oval, Sydney

3rd T20I: 10 February – Adelaide Oval, Adelaide

1st ODI: 13 February - Adelaide Oval, Adelaide

2nd ODI: 16 February – Junction Oval, Melbourne

3rd ODI: 19 February – Junction Oval, Melbourne

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