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ECB announces England men's international schedule for 2020

The ECB today announced next summer's international schedule for England's men's teams. England will play six Tests as part of the ICC World Test Championship, six One Day Internationals and six International T20 matches, facing four different international teams.

The summer 2020 schedule brings international matches against:

WEST INDIES - The international summer starts at the Kia Oval in June with

the first of a three-match Test series against West Indies. The second Test will be played at Edgbaston with the third Test taking place at Lord's. England will be looking to gain revenge after losing the Test series in the Caribbean last winter.

AUSTRALIA – After an Ashes summer in 2019, Australia returns to England for a three-match IT20 series across the north of England with matches at Emirates Riverside, Emerald Headingley and Emirates Old Trafford. The series will add further significance with both teams wanting to impress ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in Australia in the autumn of 2020. Australia round off their tour with a three-match ODI series against World Champions England at Lord's, Ageas Bowl and The Bristol County Ground.

PAKISTAN – Pakistan will face Joe Root's England in a three-match Test series in July and August at Lord's, Emirates Old Trafford and Trent Bridge. With the emphasis around IT20 cricket, England will face a real test of their credentials against the world's best side in Pakistan with three matches at Emerald Headingley, Sophia Gardens and Ageas Bowl.

IRELAND – The summer of cricket is complete with a three-match ODI series against Ireland. Trent Bridge, Edgbaston and the Kia Oval.

Confirming the schedule, ECB Chief Executive Officer **Tom Harrison** said:

“The ICC World Test Championship will add significance and context to the Test Series against West Indies and Pakistan. Where every Test matters, there will be lots of points to play for as England continue their efforts to reach the inaugural World Test Championship final in June 2021.

“Alongside the red ball matches, England's ODI contests against Australia, and Ireland will see the World Champions return to home soil with big crowds expected at all venues. With further interest in IT20 cricket, the six-matches against Australia and the world number one side Pakistan will offer a fascinating guide to form ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in Australia during the autumn of 2020.

“Following a once-in-a-generation summer which has seen exceptional

demand for tickets, all men's international host venues will be running ticket ballots. We would urge fans to register their interest now and plan for another big summer of cricket.”

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Note to editors:

1. Venue ticket ballots will be opening from today onwards and are open to all fans to apply. Visit www.ecb.co.uk/tickets/england to find out more
2. Tickets will go on general sale from 10 October. For more information visit www.ecb.co.uk
3. Priority access for ticket sales will be available for We Are England Cricket Supporters – to sign up visit ecb.co.uk/sign-up

England Men's International Schedule 2020

Test Series

1st Test match, England v West Indies, (11.00am BST start), 4-8 June 2020, Kia Oval, London

2nd Test match, England v West Indies, (11.00am BST start), 12-16 June 2020, Edgbaston, Birmingham

3rd Test match, England v West Indies, (11.00am BST start), 25-29 June 2020, Lord's, London

IT20 Series

1st IT20, England v Australia, (6.30pm BST start floodlit), Friday 3 July 2020, Emirates Riverside, Chester -le- Street

2nd IT20, England v Australia, (5.00pm BST start floodlit), 5 July 2020, Emirates Old Trafford, Manchester

3rd IT20, England v Australia, (6.30pm BST start floodlit), Tuesday 7 July 2020, Emerald Headingley, Leeds

ODI Series

1st ODI, England v Australia, (1.00pm BST start day/night), Saturday 11 July 2020, Lord's, London

2nd ODI, England v Australia, (1.00pm BST start day/night), Tuesday 14 July 2020, Ageas Bowl, Southampton

3rd ODI, England v Australia, (1.00pm BST start day/night), Thursday 16 July 2020, Bristol County Ground

Test Series

1st Test match, England v Pakistan, (11.00am BST start), 30 July-3 August 2020, Lord's, London

2nd Test match, England v Pakistan, (11.00am BST start), 7-11 August 2020, Emirates Old Trafford, Manchester

3rd Test match, England v Pakistan, (11.00am BST start), 20-24 August 2020, Trent Bridge, Nottingham

IT20 Series

1st IT20, England v Pakistan, (5.00pm BST start floodlit), Saturday 29 August 2020, Emerald Headingley, Leeds

2nd IT20, England v Pakistan, (2.30pm BST start), Monday 31 August 2020, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff

3rd IT20, England v Pakistan, (6.30pm BST start floodlit), Wednesday 2 September 2020, Ageas Bowl, Southampton

ODI Series

1st ODI, England v Ireland, (12.30pm BST start day/night), Thursday 10 September 2020, Trent Bridge, Nottingham

2nd ODI, England v Ireland, (12.30pm BST start day/night), Saturday 12 September 2020, Edgbaston, Birmingham

3rd ODI, England v Ireland, (12.30pm BST start day/night), Tuesday 15 September 2020, Kia Oval, London

Domestic County Finals

Vitality Blast Finals Day, (11.00am BST start day/night), Saturday 5 September 2020, Edgbaston, Birmingham

One Day Cup Final, (11.00am BST start), Saturday 19 September 2020, Trent Bridge, Nottingham

* Dates for Finals Day for The Hundred will be announced in due course

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