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Fixtures announced for Men's and Women's Ashes in 2023

England Women will take on Australia Women at Lord's, the Kia Oval, Edgbaston, The Ageas Bowl, Trent Bridge, the Seat Unique Stadium, Bristol, and Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton, in 2023 as both the Men's and Women's Ashes come to England and Wales.

Ben Stokes's team will host Ireland at Lord's in the first week of June before the 73rd LV= Insurance Men's Ashes series gets underway at Edgbaston on Friday June 16, ahead of visiting Lord's, Headingley – the scene of Stokes's 2019 heroics – Emirates Old Trafford and the Kia Oval. And in a bumper Ashes summer the women's contest will start one week after the men's begins with a five-day Test match at Trent Bridge. The multiformat series will consist of one LV= Insurance Test match (worth four points), three ODIs and three Vitality IT20s (each worth two points).

The Test match will be England Women's first over five days on home soil, and their first visit to Trent Bridge since 2000, while Edgbaston, Lord's and the Kia Oval will all be hosting their first Women's Ashes IT20s.

With England Men and England Women hoping to regain the Ashes following defeats Down Under last winter, both series will be settled in July before England Men take on New Zealand Men and Ireland Men in One-Day Internationals and Vitality IT20s. England Men's LV= Insurance Test match versus Ireland will be the two teams' second Test match encounter, their first coming in 2019.

England Men's ODIs against New Zealand will be the first time the two teams have gone head to head in 50-over cricket since the historic 2019 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup final. In September, Heather Knight's side host Sri Lanka Women across both white-ball formats.

In addition, the ICC has today confirmed that the World Test Championship Final will take place at the Oval in June, while Lord's has been chosen to host in 2025.

Interim Chief Executive Officer Clare Connor said: "We're absolutely delighted to be hosting two Ashes series in 2023, as well as hosting Ireland Men, New Zealand Men and Sri Lanka Women.

"Next summer will be huge for England Women and England Men. There are few events more special in English sport than a home Ashes series and I know that Heather, Ben, and their teams, will be excited and driven by the challenge of regaining the Ashes.

"I am particularly delighted that we have announced our England Men and England Women's fixtures side by side for the first time, meaning that supporters can enter the ballot or register interest for any fixture on the same day. June and July will be very special months for cricket in this country with the buzz of two Ashes series taking place simultaneously. "The women's game continues to grow and we have clearly entered another phase in terms of the demand for elite women's sport. We've seen record numbers flock to stadia for the second season of The Hundred. Now we want to give more fans the chance to watch England Women in person next summer as they compete for the Ashes on home soil."

The ballots for England Men's and England Women's home fixtures are open now. Go to <u>ecb.co.uk/tickets</u> to enter.

To access free-to-use imagery of Heather Knight and Joe Root at the Kia Oval, please follow <u>this link</u>.

To watch the Ashes 2 Ashes video teaser, please follow this link.

LV= Insurance Men's Test Series

Thursday June 1-Sunday June 4: LV= Insurance Test Match, England Men v Ireland Men, Lord's, 11am

LV= Insurance Men's Ashes Series

Friday June 16-Tuesday June 20: 1st LV= Insurance Test Match, England Men v Australia Men, Edgbaston, 11am

Wednesday June 28-Sunday July 2: 2nd LV= Insurance Test Match, England Men v Australia Men, Lord's, 11am

Thursday July 6-Monday July 10: 3rd LV= Insurance Test Match, England Men v Australia Men, Headingley, 11am

Wednesday July 19-Sunday July 23: 4th LV= Insurance Test Match, England Men v Australia Men, Emirates Old Trafford, 11am

Thursday July 27-Monday 31: 5th LV= Insurance Test Match, England Men v Australia Men, The Kia Oval, 11am

Women's Ashes Series

Thursday June 22-Monday June 26: LV= Insurance Test Match, England Women v Australia Women. Trent Bridge, 11am

Saturday July 1: 1st Vitality IT20, England Women v Australia Women, Edgbaston, 6.35pm

Wednesday July 5: 2nd Vitality IT20, England Women v Australia Women, The Kia Oval, 6pm

Saturday July 8: 3rd Vitality IT20, England Women v Australia Women, Lord's, 6.35pm

Wednesday July 12: 1st ODI, England Women v Australia Women, Seat Unique Stadium, Bristol, 1pm

Sunday July 16: 2nd ODI, England Women v Australia Women, The Ageas Bowl, 11am

Tuesday July 18: 3rd ODI, England Women v Australia Women, Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton, 1pm

Vitality Men's IT20 Series

Wednesday August 30: 1st Vitality IT20, England Men v New Zealand, Seat Unique Riverside, Chester-le-Street, 6pm

Friday September 1: 2nd Vitality IT20, England Men v New Zealand, Emirates Old Trafford, 6pm

Sunday September 3: 3rd Vitality IT20, England Men v New Zealand, Edgbaston, 2.30pm

Tuesday September 5: 4th Vitality IT20, England Men v New Zealand, Trent Bridge, 6pm

Vitality Women's IT20 Series

Saturday September 2: 1st Vitality IT20, England Women v Sri Lanka Women, Cloud County Ground, Chelmsford, 2.30pm

Wednesday September 6: 2nd Vitality IT20, England Women v Sri Lanka Women, Incora County Ground, Derby, 6pm

Saturday September 9: 3rd Vitality IT20,England Women v Sri Lanka Women, Seat Unique Riverside, Chester-le-Street, 2.30pm

Men's One-Day International Series

Friday September 8: 1st ODI, England Men v New Zealand, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, 12.30pm

Sunday September 10: 2nd ODI, England Men v New Zealand, The Ageas Bowl, 11am

Wednesday September 13: 3rd ODI, England Men v New Zealand, Kia Oval, 12.30pm

Friday September 15: 4th ODI, England Men v New Zealand, Lord's, 12.30pm

Women's One-Day International Series

Thursday September 14: 1st ODI, England Women v Sri Lanka Women, Uptonsteel County Ground, Leicester, 12.30pm

Sunday September 17: 2nd ODI, England Women v Sri Lanka Women, The 1st Central County Ground, Hove, 11am

Tuesday September 19: 3rd ODI, England Women v Sri Lanka Women, The Spitfire Ground, Canterbury, 12.30pm

Men's One-Day International Series

Wednesday September 20: 1st ODI, England Men v Ireland Men, Headingley, 12.30pm

Saturday September 23: 2nd ODI, England Men v Ireland Men, Trent Bridge, 11am

Tuesday September 26: 3rd ODI, England Men v Ireland Men, Seat Unique Stadium, Bristol, 12.30pm

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