



London Spirit fans in 2022. Photo: Getty Images

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London set for another spectacular month of sport and entertainment as The Hundred announces 2023 dates

- The Hundred is back on Tuesday 1 August with Lord's set to play host to several games throughout August
- London Spirit men's and women's teams play first double-header at Lord's on Wednesday 2 August
- The Hundred Final confirmed for Sunday 27 August at Lord's
- Fans can look forward to another season of world-class men's and women's cricket following a record-breaking 2022

tournament

- **The Hundred's partnership with BBC Music Introducing to continue bringing top tier live music and DJs at venues across the country**
- **For more information and to sign up for priority ticket access visit thehundred.com**

The Hundred is heading back to London for 2023, bringing with it four weeks of spectacular entertainment and intense cricket action at the height of the summer. After two hugely successful years, the competition is set to kick off on Tuesday 1 August, promising high octane men's and women's sporting action, live music, and a host of family-friendly entertainment.

Lord's will host its first fixture on Wednesday 2 August, with the London Spirit men's and women's teams kicking off their competition against local rivals Oval Invincibles. For the women's team, that means an opening fixture against last year's champions. Both London Spirit teams will hope to be back at Lord's on Sunday 27 August, with their home venue confirmed to host The Hundred Final.

For the first time this year The Hundred will see both the men's and the women's competitions host a draft. The date The Hundred Draft is due to be held is Thursday 2 March. Deadline day – the day on which retained players are confirmed across both competitions – is set to be Thursday 16 February.

More than half a million people attended games during The Hundred's second year in 2022, including 129,356 at Lord's across four fixtures and The Hundred Final, and a record-breaking 271,000 watching live women's fixtures across the competition and more families buying tickets than in 2021.

Alongside world-class cricket, fans were treated to memorable performances from a diverse line-up of artists and DJs including headliners Bastille and The Amazons, thanks to The Hundred's ongoing partnership with BBC Music Introducing.

There will be an initial, exclusive window to purchase tickets from 1-14 March for anyone who has previously bought tickets for The Hundred. Those yet to attend can sign up in advance at thehundred.com for priority ticket access from 5-18 April. Tickets will then go on general sale on Tuesday 20 April. Tickets this year remain great value in line with 2022 pricing, with prices set at £5 for juniors aged 6-15, free for children five and under, and

adults starting from £10.

London Spirit and England Women captain Heather Knight said: “It’s amazing to be back for The Hundred. It was hard to watch the games last year with injury forcing me to miss all the action. Last year’s tournament was amazing at showcasing the talent we have in the women’s game and inspiring the next generation of girls to pick up a bat, and this year with the inclusion of the draft we continue to move forward. We can’t wait to be back out there at Lord’s in front of our fans.”

London Spirit men’s captain Eoin Morgan said: “I’m really excited for the 2023 season of The Hundred. The tournament has really come into its own over the past two years, and it’s incredible seeing it grow. Playing at Lord’s is amazing, especially with fans packing out every fixture. The atmosphere at every ground is brilliant, and it’s great to see so many new fans coming into the sport. After seeing the fixtures, we’re eager for the summer, and building on the team’s success”.

Over 14.1 million people tuned in to watch The Hundred action in 2022 and games will again be broadcast live on Sky Sports and BBC broadcast and digital channels throughout the competition.

To stay up to date with the latest news, buy tickets or to sign up for priority access, visit thehundred.com or follow The Hundred, and the eight teams, on Instagram, TikTok and YouTube.

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About London Spirit:

The London Spirit is a North London-based cricket team playing at the home of cricket, Lord’s. In the 100-ball cricket tournament, London Spirit will compete against seven other teams across August. The first home fixture of London Spirit is against derby rivals Oval Invincibles on 2 August.

About The Hundred:

The Hundred is an action-packed, unmissable cricket competition that fuses world-class cricket with blockbuster entertainment.

Combining a short, fast format of cricket, with each game lasting less than three hours, and incredible entertainment beyond the sport, The Hundred is making cricket more accessible and reaching a broader audience. It's simple: 100 balls per team, most runs wins, so every ball counts.

The Hundred features eight teams from seven cities, with men's and women's competitions taking place side by side: Welsh Fire (Cardiff), Southern Brave (Southampton), Northern Superchargers (Leeds), London Spirit, Trent Rockets (Nottingham), Oval Invincibles (London), Manchester Originals and Birmingham Phoenix. Each team features some of the best international and domestic cricketers from around the world, including England Men's & Women's World Cup winners.

Highlight statistics from The Hundred 2022:

- *More than 500,000 people attended games across the course of the competition*
- *The Hundred continued to take cricket to new audiences with more women (28%), children (22%) and families (41%) attending than in the first year*
- *2022 once again set a new global record for total attendance at a women's cricket competition, with 271,000 people attending*
- *All eight venues broke their previous best for domestic women's attendances*
- *Of the Sky and BBC TV coverage, 42% hadn't watched any other ECB cricket in 2022 prior to The Hundred, resulting in 5.9m new viewers*
- *Women (31%) and children (14%) made up a significant share of the TV audience*

London Spirit fixtures (all games men's and women's double headers)

Wednesday 2 August: London Spirit vs Oval Invincibles, Lord's, women 15:00, men 18:30

Saturday 5 August: Manchester Originals vs London Spirit, Emirates Old Trafford, women 11:00, men 14:30

Tuesday 8 August: London Spirit vs Southern Brave, Lord's, women 15:00, men 18:30

Saturday 12 August: London Spirit vs Trent Rockets, Lord's, women 11.00, men 14.30

Monday 14 August: Welsh Fire vs Trent Rockets, Sophia Gardens, women 15:00, men 18:30

Tuesday 15 August: Oval Invincibles vs London Spirit, The Kia Oval, women 15:00, men 18:30

Friday 18 August: London Spirit vs Northern Superchargers, Lord's, women 15:00, men 18:30

Sunday 20 August: Welsh Fire vs London Spirit, Sophia Gardens, women 14:30, men 18:00

Thursday 24 August: Birmingham Phoenix vs London Spirit, Edgbaston, women 15:00, men 18:30

Saturday 26 August: The Hundred Eliminator, The Kia Oval, women 14:30, men 18:00

Sunday 27 August: The Hundred Final, Lord's, women 14:15, men 18:00

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