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## Lord's to host final of ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026

- Six other top-class venues confirmed for expanded 12-team tournament that will see a total of 33 matches played over 24 days

The final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 will be held at Lord's on Sunday 5 July, it has been announced.

Lord's, which was also the venue for the thrilling final of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup between England and India in 2017, is one of seven

venues confirmed for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026, alongside Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Headingley, Edgbaston, Hampshire Bowl, The Oval and Bristol County Ground.

The competition will kick off on Friday 12 June before culminating at Lord's, 33 fixtures and 24 days later, showcasing the best of the global women's game and seeking to take women's cricket into the mainstream.

An expanded competition will see 12 teams descend on England and Wales to compete for the prestigious trophy that is currently held by New Zealand.

The schedule of the tournament, which will see the teams competing in two groups followed by a knockout stage, will be announced in due course.

Eight countries are already sure of their place, with the final four participants to be decided through a Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier next year.

England and Wales were awarded hosting rights for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 in 2022, with the seven host venues selected subsequently following evaluation of various criteria.

The competition will be officially launched at an event at Lord's today (May 1), featuring some of the biggest names in British women's sport, including England Head Coach Charlotte Edwards, England stars Tammy Beaumont, Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Ecclestone and Lauren Bell, and England rugby player Ellie Kildunne. It will set out a vision for the tournament to be a sporting spectacle which can accelerate equality in cricket and change the game for good, taking women's cricket into the mainstream permanently.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) Chair Jay Shah and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Chief Executive Richard Gould welcomed the confirmation of the venues.

ICC Chair Jay Shah said: "The confirmation of venues represents a defining moment as we build towards the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026. This tournament will bring together the world's finest players in a celebration of skill, spirit and sportsmanship.

"The United Kingdom's rich diversity has always shown passionate support

for all teams, something we witnessed so memorably at past events. The sell-out Women's Cricket World Cup final at Lord's in 2017 remains a landmark in the rise of the women's game, and I cannot think of a more fitting stage for the final.

"As we turn our focus to preparing for the tournament, we are excited by the promise of thrilling T20 action that will not only captivate fans here but also serve as a showcase for cricket's return on the Olympic stage in Los Angeles 2028."

ECB Chief Executive Officer Richard Gould said: "We are hugely excited for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026, and thrilled to be able to confirm the seven iconic venues that will host the tournament.

"It is of course extra special to announce that the final will be taking place at Lord's. It is one of the finest venues in world cricket and every cricketer dreams of being part of occasions like a World Cup final at Lord's.

"This will be the biggest women's cricket event ever staged in England and Wales and is undoubtedly an opportunity to take the game to more people than ever before and welcome in new fans – young and old.

"Crucially though this isn't just about scale, it's about providing a world-class experience for players, fans and broadcasters alike, ensuring that the tournament reflects the elite performance of the players on the pitch.

"We want this competition to be part of a long-term movement, and not just a single moment in time. This World Cup will grow a new generation of fans who didn't grow up with women's cricket but will never imagine sport without it."

Today it was also announced that Director of Women's Professional Game Beth Barrett-Wild and Director of Major Events Rob Hillman will act as Co-Tournament Directors for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026.

The ICC's global women's events have been growing since the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2017 with increased attendances at venues and more viewership across broadcast and digital platforms.

The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 final between Australia and India in Melbourne saw a record 86,174 spectators in attendance while the finals of the subsequent T20 World Cups in Cape Town (2023) and Dubai (2024) were also sold out in markets where women's cricket had never been ticketed before.

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### **Notes To Editors**

*Further announcements about competition schedule and warm-up venues will be made in due course.*

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