

Desert T20 schedule finally released

Eight of the top Associates in Cricket collaborate to bring the inaugural Desert T20 tournament to the United Arab Emirates.

To be played in the United Arab Emirates during January 2017, the 7-day tournament will commence play on Saturday January 14th at Abu Dhabi Cricket Club's Zayed Cricket Stadium, and will continue daily through to January 17th before relocating to Dubai Sports City's International Cricket Stadium for the final 2-days of match play, culminating in the finals on Friday January 20th.

Associate countries participating include Afghanistan, Hong Kong, Ireland, Namibia, Netherlands, Oman, Scotland, and the UAE.

"Emirates Cricket Board are delighted to collaborate with the participating Associates to bring this inaugural T20 tournament to the UAE. The aim of the tournament is to provide an opportunity for our teams to play more competitive Men's T20 cricket." said Zayed Abbas, Emirates Cricket Board Member. "Each of the participating countries are very close in ICC T20I rankings, so we expect the quality of cricket to be very strong".

Drawn in to Pool A are Afghanistan (9), Ireland (17), Namibia (NR), and the UAE (14). While in Pool B contains The Netherlands (11), Scotland (13), Oman (16) and Hong Kong (15).

"With the world class practice facilities and playing surfaces available to us in the UAE, we are confident each Associate will benefit greatly from this tournament. We extend our sincere thanks to the participating Unions, the ICC and the ICC Academy for their support and commitment to this tournament." added Abbas.

Saturday's opening matches, in Abu Dhabi, will be Scotland v Hong Kong at 2pm followed by Afghanistan v Ireland at 7pm. All subsequent days will start at 2pm, for match 1, followed by match 2 at 7pm.

Entry to each venue is free.

Full match schedule:

14th Jan – Abu Dhabi Cricket Club's Zayed Cricket Stadium

2pm Scotland (13) v Hong Kong (17) B2 V B4

7pm Afghanistan (9) v Ireland (15) A1 V A3

15th Jan – Abu Dhabi Cricket Club's Zayed Cricket Stadium

2pm Netherlands (11) v Oman (16) B1 V B3

7pm UAE (14) v Namibia (NR) A2 V A4

16th Jan – Abu Dhabi Cricket Club's Zayed Cricket Stadium

2pm Oman (16) v Hong Kong (17) B3 V B4

7pm Afghanistan (9) v UAE (14) A1 V A2

17th Jan – Abu Dhabi Cricket Club's Zayed Cricket Stadium

2pm Ireland (15) v Namibia (NR) A3 V A4

7pm Netherlands (11) v Scotland (13) B1 V B2

18th Jan – Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai Sports City

2pm UAE (14) v Ireland (15) A2 V A3

7pm Netherlands (11) v Hong Kong (17) B1 V B4

19th Jan – Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai Sports City

2pm Afghanistan (9) v Namibia (NR) A1 V A4

7pm Scotland (13) v Oman (16) B2 V B3

20th Jan – Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai Sports City

10am 1st A v 2nd B

2:30pm 2nd A v 1st B

7:30pm Winner SF1 v Winner SF2

As announced Desert T20 Associates Team Lists

Afghanistan

Mohamad Stanikzai (C)
Nawroz Mangal
Mohammad Mohammadi
Mohammad Eisakhil
Samiullah Shinwari
Dawlat Zadran
Gulbadin Haji Wali
Najibullah Zadran
Rashid Arman
Amirhamza Hotak
Najibullah Tarakai
Karim Janat
Farid Malik
Naveenulhaq Murid



Hong Kong

Babar Hayat
Mohammad Khan
Kyle Christie
Nadeem Ahmed
Ehsan Khan
Nizakat Mohammad
Christopher Carter
Waqas Barkat
Ehsan Nawaz
Anshuman Rath
Shahid Wasif
Cameron McAuslan
Waqas Khan
Tanveer Ahmed



Ireland

William Porterfield (C)
Andrew Balbirnie
George Dockrell
Joshua Little
Jacob Mulder
Andrew McBrine
Barry McCarthy
Kevin O'Brien
William Rankin
Paul Stirling
Greg Thompson
Stuart Thompson
Gary Wilson
Craig Young



As announced Desert T20 Associates Team Lists. Continued

Namibia

Sarel Burger
Craig Williams
Stephan Baard
Bernard Scholtz
Gerrie Snyman
Jan Frylinck
Zane Green
Johannes Smit
Jean Kotze
Merwe Erasmus
Louis van der Westhuizen
Christopher Coombe
Mika Mutumbe
Colin Peake



Oman

Sultan Ahmed (C)
Zeeshan Maqsood
Ajay Lalcheta
Khawar Ali
Sufyan Mahmood
Muhammad Naseem
Arun Manavalan
Mehran Khan
Khurram Khan
Muhammed Nadeem
Bilal Khan
Aaquib Ilyas
Kaleemullah
Rajesh Ranpura



Scotland

Kyle Coetzer (C)
Con de Lange
Calum MacLeod
Matt Cross
Craig Wallace
Richard Berrington
George Munsey
Michael Leask
Josh Davey
Mark Watt
Chris Sole
Safyaan Sharif
Brad Wheal



As announced Desert T20 Associates Team Lists

The Netherlands

Peter Borren (C)
Wesley Barresi
Timm van der Gugten
Vivian Kingma
Ashan Malik
Paul van Meekeren
Roelof van der Merwe
Stephan Myburgh
Matthew O'Dowd
Michael Rippon
Pieter Seelaar
Tobias Visee
Sikander Zulfiqar
Ben Cooper



United Arab Emirates

Amjad Javed
Mohammed Shahzad
Shaiman Anwar
Rohan Mustafa
Mohammed Usman
Rameez Shahzad
Ghulam Shabbir
Mohammed Qasim
Adnan Mufti
Mohammed Naveed
Ahmed Raza
Imran Haider
Mohammed Shanil
Zahoor Ahmed

