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Cricket World Cup - Important Facts

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Important Facts about Cricket World Cup

The ICC Cricket World Cup is the international championship of One Day International (ODI) cricket. Every four years, the event is organized by the sport's governing body, the International Cricket Council (ICC). The first World Cup was organized in England in June 1975, with the first ODI cricket match having been played only four years earlier. The first three World Cups were held in England. From the 1987 tournament onwards, hosting has been shared between countries under an unofficial rotation system, with fourteen ICC members having hosted at least one match in the tournament. Australia has won the tournament five times, with the West Indies, India (twice each), Pakistan and Sri Lanka (once each) also having won the tournament.

History of Early Cricket:

- The first international cricket match was played between Canada and the United States, on 24 and 25 September 1844.
- However, the first credited Test match was played in 1877 between Australia and England, and the two teams competed regularly for The Ashes in subsequent years.
- Cricket was also included as an Olympic sport at the 1900 Paris Games, where Great Britain defeated France to win the gold medal.
- The number of nations playing Test cricket increased gradually over time, with the addition of West Indies in 1928, New Zealand in 1930, India in 1932, and Pakistan in 1952.

Beginning of World Cup:



- The inaugural Cricket World Cup was hosted in 1975 by England, The first three events were held in England and officially known as the Prudential World Cup (1975–1983).
- The matches consisted of 60 six-ball overs per team, and players wearing cricket whites and using red cricket balls.
- The tournament was won by the West Indies, who defeated Australia by 17 runs in the final at Lord's.



- Roy Fredricks of West Indies was the first batsmen who got hit-wicket in ODI during the 1975 World Cup final.



Important Events in World Cup History:

- India and Pakistan jointly hosted the 1987 tournament, the first time that the competition was held outside England.
- The games were reduced from 60 to 50 overs per innings, the current standard, because of the shorter daylight hours in the Indian subcontinent compared with England's summer.
- Australia won the championship by defeating England by 7 runs in the final, the closest margin in World Cup final history.
- India won their second World Cup title 2011, and became the first country to win the final on home soil after that Australia won 2015 world cup on their soil.
- The current world cup trophy was created for the 1999 championships, and was the first permanent prize in the tournament's history.
- The trophy was designed and produced in London by a team of craftsmen from Garrard & Co over a period of two months.

World Cup Winners and those Moments

Year	Host Country	Winners	
1975	England	West Indies	 1975 WORLD CUP
1979	England	West Indies	 Team West Indies Winners World Cup 1979
1983	England	India	
1987	India & Pakistan	Australia	 Team Australia Winners World Cup 1987
1992	Australia & New Zealand	Pakistan	

1996	Pakistan, India & Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	
1999	England & Wales	Australia	
2003	South Africa	Australia	
2007	West Indies	Australia	
2011	India, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh	India	
2015	Australia & New Zealand	Australia	

2019	England & Wales	????	
2023	India	????	

The 2023 Cricket World Cup (officially ICC Cricket World Cup 2023) will be the 13th edition of the Cricket World Cup, scheduled to be hosted by India, from 9 February to 26 March 2023. This will be the first time the competition is held completely in India (three previous editions were partially hosted there – 1987, 1996, and 2011).

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