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Americas Division I

The Americas Region Division I is now confirmed to take place in Florida, November 24 – December 1.

Six countries, Argentina, Bermuda, Canada, Cayman Islands, Suriname and the USA will compete for the title.

Five matches will be played in the new stadium (CBRP) built for cricket in Broward County.

For Suriname, an affiliate, it will be their first appearance in Division I. The team earned the right to compete having won Division II.



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New Funding Policy

A new funding policy for 2009 and beyond was released this past month. Highlights of the policy include-

- Increase annual grants to Associate members
- Annual grants to all Affiliate members
- A Capital and Development grant to all members based on a global ranking system
- High Performance grants to countries who qualify

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Amendments to playing conditions take effect from 1 October

Comfort breaks

Clause 2 of the playing conditions will be amended to provide for the following: “Substitute fielders shall only be permitted in cases of injury, illness or wholly acceptable reasons. “Wholly acceptable reasons” should be limited to extreme circumstances and should not include what is commonly referred to as a ‘comfort break’.”

Clean catches Clause 3.2.3.1 (b) of the playing conditions will be amended to provide for the following: Should both umpires be unable to make a decision, they may consult by two-way radio with the third umpire as to whether there is any definitive evidence as to whether the catch was taken cleanly or not.

Changing of the ball (ODIs) It was agreed to continue with the playing condition that requires a mandatory change of ball at the commencement of the 35th over in ODIs.

Intervals (ODIs) The following amendment was agreed: “Where the innings of the side batting first is delayed or interrupted, the umpires will reduce the length of the interval.

Free hits (ODIs and Twenty20 Internationals) The current playing condition relating to free hits following a foot fault no-ball in ODIs and Twenty20 Internationals is retained.

Power Play overs (ODIs) The batting team will be permitted to choose when one of either the second or third Power Plays takes place.



Argentina

First ACOA Officials Course a Positive Step Forward.

On Saturday August 30 at St. Georges College the Argentine Cricket Officials Association (ACOA) held their first ever Level One Officials Course. The day was a huge success and the 17 people present doing the attending got a lot out of the course.

The course started with scoring in the morning session with Brandy Auld and Vicky Gibson delivering a very interesting and informative presentation.

The scoring course covered aspects of basic score book management, umpires signals, scoring symbols, and other aspects that are important to enable accurate score recording.

The afternoon focused on umpiring, which was delivered by Hamish Barton and also David and Malcolm Gibson. The umpiring component of the course covered aspects to do with the important attributes of an umpire, clothing and equipment of an umpire, and the 29 laws relating to restricted over cricket.

The day finished with an officials test, which covered

questions relating to material that was presented during the day.

For more information regarding cricket officiating in Argentina, please contact Harmish Barton by email

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Flamingos XI vs. Argentina U15:

The Argentine National Women's team (The Flamingos) took on the Argentine U15 team in a friendly, played at St. Georges College on Sunday 14, September. The Argentine U15 team was selected from a group of 33 kids that have been pre-selected for a tour of South Africa in January 2010.

Elite Clinic

The Second Elite clinic was held at St. Georges College on the 31st August. There were a total of 14 kids and 6 coaches from the Argentine Cricket Association involved. The day was concluded with each kid receiving a cricket DVD.

Bermuda

Cricket Academy

The BCB is pleased to announce the following players have been selected to attend a Cricket Academy in Brisbane, Australia. Irving Romaine; Rodney Trott; Tamauri Tucker; Kyle Hodsoll; Christopher Douglas and Oronde Bascome.



Irving Romaine

Arnold Manders, Cricket Development Director, will attend for part of the time to assess the players and work with the Academy Officials and Coaches to experience how an international Cricket Academy Programme is managed and structured. The players will get chances to train and play games with other players from England,

Scotland, Holland, South Africa and Pakistan. In addition to the academy training program and academy-organized games, the players will be assigned to local cricket clubs in Brisbane for the duration of their stay. This will give them a chance to train with an Australian club and also play regular fixtures with them.

ICC President David Morgan announced that BCB Executive Director, Mr. Neil Speight has been selected to serve on the ICC Finance and Commercial Affairs Committee. Neil will serve alongside, Sharad Pawar, Chairman, Giles Clarke, Haroon Lorgat and David Morgan. President of the BCB, Mr. Reginald Pearman commented, "Following Neil's election to the International Cricket Council's Executive Board last July, the BCB would like to congratulate Neil on being selected by the ICC to serve on the ICC Finance and Commercial Affairs Committee. This is another monumental achievement for Neil and we are extremely pleased with his success."

Brazil

After a number of false starts, Brazil's national Twenty/20 championships will now take place at the HSBC ground in Curitiba on November 8 and 9. Brazil's three clubs, Sao Paulo, Parana and Brasilia will play four games each to decide the title. Brasilia won in 2005 and 2006, while Sao Paulo needed some mathematical help to beat Parana in 2007.

National Women's team

In January 2009 the Brazilian national women's team will play Argentina in Buenos Aires. The teams met for the first time in 2007 in Curitiba, where Brazil won one of the three matches and narrowly lost another, giving a huge boost to the growth of women's cricket in Brazil – which is centered in Brasilia. Vince Bastick, Rudy Hartmann and other Brazil coaches have the team on a training schedule to help prepare them for this milestone event.

Finally, Brazil will be hosting the VIII South American Championships, to be held in Sao Paulo during Easter 2009. Official invitations will be sent out shortly to Argentina, Chile and Peru. The event is held every two years.

Canada

Quadrangular Twenty20

Following the tri-series tournament recently hosted by Cricket Canada including the West Indies, Bermuda and Canada, a quadrangular twenty20 tournament is on the horizon from October 10 to 13, 2008. All four teams have confirmed their participation, Bangladesh, Canada, Pakistan and Zimbabwe.

According to the COO Sports International Marketing Hasan Jalil, the tournament will be played from October 10-13 with two matches taking place every day. The opening match of the tournament, Zimbabwe will take on Sri Lanka. All matches will be played at King City.

Canadians Down Under

One member each from Canadian men's and women's national teams will each spend the northern hemisphere winter playing club cricket in Sydney.

Trevin Bastiampillai, the Sri Lankan-born batsman, who has played six first-class matches and five ODIs for Canada, will play with Blacktown in the Sydney Grade competition.



Trevin Bastiampillai

Nineteen-year-old Monali Patel, from Tranzac CC in the Toronto & District league, who performed the analyst function during the Tri-Series, West Indies, Bermuda and Canada, will play for St George-Sutherland in the Sydney women's competition.

MCC 150th Anniversary Visit to Canada 2009

This has now been confirmed their visit to Canada. Their visit will coincide with the celebration of their 150th anniversary of the first cricket tour across the Atlantic. The tour party maybe enlarged to include an MCC Golf Team for the Western Schedule. In addition, the MCC Women's Cricket team tour at the same time.

Cliff Cox, 3rd Vice President Cricket Canada recently accepted to serve on the

MCC Membership Committee. Cliff will serve on the committee as area (North America) endorser/interviewer for prospective candidates for membership.

The MCC has announced an overhaul of its touring policy that will enable it to concentrate on areas of development.

From 2009, the MCC will scrap the three tiers and only send a limited number of trips to countries that can fully benefit from MCC playing members' coaching skills and passion. All such tours will be fully funded by the club.

Toronto & District Premier Division

Centurions Cricket Club continued their dominance on the T & D Premier Division competition winning its 5th title defeating Gujarat C. C. by D/L method. Centurions will now advance to meet Cavaliers C. C. winners of the Elite Division in the playoff on Saturday 4th October.

The Masters 2008 at Edmonton

After a long three-year absence and a few unexpected snags, the Masters were back in force at scenic Victoria Park over the August 23/24 weekend under clear, blue skies and blazing late summer sunshine which saw two competitive matches that narrowly went the way of the home team.

Karran Bayney, Winnipeg, Manitoba, made his first-class debut as an umpire in

the ICC Intercontinental Cup match between Bermuda and Namibia in Hamilton, Bermuda. Namibia won that match by 103 runs. Bayney was also an umpire for the 2007 World Cricket League Division Two one-day international matches in Namibia. His assignments included the final.

Famous British cricket writer and commentator David Rayvern Allen will pay a brief visit to Toronto in early October.

David has enjoyed a long and distinguished career going back to the 1960's when he was a producer with the British Broadcasting Corporation. Through the years he has turned out over 20 books on the sport.

Chile

Season Begins
The Chilean Cricket season gets under way October 5th with two matches at the Grange School. The season will kick off with the traditional Grange XI vs the Presidents XI match as well as the Chilean Condors taking on Chile's Under 15 national side.



The Under 15's have been training hard during the winter in preparation for the

U15 South American Championship that will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina the second weekend in October.

El Salvador

ESC to host!

In early December 2008 the national cricket teams of Costa Rica, Mexico and Belize will arrive in San Salvador to join the host team in competing for the Central Americas Easter Cup.

That's right – for the first time ever El Salvador will be hosting an international cricket tournament.

Due to the professional approach by the ESC and the improving performance of the national team in the last season's international tournaments, El Salvador's bid to host the regions 2nd Easter Cup tournament was accepted.

Despite the name, the tournament will be held in December due to the fact that March 2009 is already set for another tournament, as cricket expansion in Central America continues. The details are yet to be arranged but ESC is excitedly starting their preparations for a successful event.

The tournament will follow the Twenty/20 format proving so popular in India and the Caribbean. Each game should last about three hours.

The 4th ESC season kicks off at the end of this month. Raining champions Team Dell will rely on stalwarts

Oliva, Mostyn and Ramirez, while hoping the likes of Cuenca, Villalta and Flores continue the progress they made last season.

Murgatroyd will captain Cuscatian Chiefs again.

Atlacati Knights have Cullen back as captain.

The opening game on September 27th see Knights facing the Chiefs. Several new faces recruited over the off-season promise to raise the standard of the games being played.

Mexico

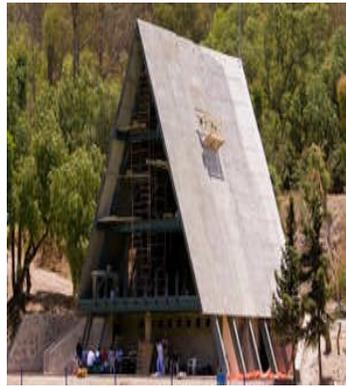
Mexico Cricket Association is all set to start the new season of 2008-9. Practice is already underway at the new net facilities at the Reforma Club and the first official game, a six a side tournament on the 5th of October will be followed by the first league fixture the following Sunday.

On Wednesday the 24th September in an effort to better the standards of Umpiring and scoring. Club Vice Chairman Damian Milverton hosted an evening of training and videos at his sumptuous apartment in the Polanca area of town.

A SOS (Start of Season Party) is scheduled also for early November when we welcome aboard our new sponsors Twinings. We look forward to a successful partnership.

In November the Reforma Athletic Club will be having an official inauguration of their brand new Pavilion. A

picture can be seen on our web site



<http://mexicocricket.googlepages.com/home>

It will be opened by His Excellency, The British Ambassador and hopefully will be attended by other dignitaries such as the ICC Regional Development Manager.

We are also looking forward to the activation of our new and ambitious schools development program under the leadership of headmaster Alan Downie of Lancaster School.

Peru

All is fairly quiet on the cricket front in Peru during the off-season of September. The Markham and San Silvestre schools cricket activity programs are going strong, thanks to the work of Spencer Bailey at San Silvestre and Gap teacher Michael Brown at Markham. The girls of San Silvestre have challenged the 13-year-old boys at Markham to a game in mid October.

Gary Sargent has managed to round up the Cusco team to play a visiting Lima team in

the foreground of the ruins of Pisac in the Sacred Valley on the 10th October.

The annual Cricket Veloz tournament is planned for late October. The four Lima teams (Eigenhossen, India/Pakistan, The Kiteflyers and Lima Cricket and Football Club) will battle it out for the spoils (tipped to be almost as big as the Stanford 20/20). Kiteflyers were victors last year.

Suriname

A first division cricket team from Georgetown, Guyana, Everest Cricket Club visited Suriname and played three matches against the Suriname national cricket squad. Four national players from Guyana also played in this strong Guyana team.

The national cricket coach, A. Allen, had the opportunity to see all the 22 Surinamese national cricket players in action. Suriname won one and lost two matches. In the third week in October the national squad will play the return matches in Georgetown, Guyana.

Suriname is busy preparing for the Americas Division I championship in Florida, scheduled for November 2008. It will be the first appearance for Suriname in Division I.

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