



Competition Format and Rules

Cricket



Competition format

- The Aichi-Nagoya 2026 cricket competition, consisting of a men's event and a women's event, will be held from 17 September to 4 October 2026 at Korogi Athletic Park.
- The women's tournament will run from 17 to 22 September 2026 while the men's tournament will run from 24 September to 3 October 2026.

Women's competition

- A total of eight teams will participate, with the top four Asian teams in ICC T20 International rankings seeded directly into the quarterfinals while hosts Japan and the three teams that qualified via the Asian Games qualifying tournament were allocated quarterfinal positions through drawing of lots.
- The winners of the quarterfinals will qualify for the semifinals, which will decide the teams who will play gold and bronze medal matches.

Men's competition

- A total of 10 teams will participate, with the top four (1-4) Asian teams in ICC T20 International rankings seeded directly into the quarterfinals. Six other teams, made up of the fifth ICC-ranked Asian full member team, hosts Japan, and the four teams which qualified via the Asian Games qualifying tournament will play in a preliminary round to determine the other four quarterfinalists.
- The preliminary round will be split into two groups (A and B) of three teams each. The group winners (A1 and B1) and group runners up (A2 and B2) will then qualify for the quarterfinals against the seeded teams as follows: 1 v B2; 2 v A2; 3 v A1; 4 v B1.
- The winners of the quarterfinals advance to the semifinals, followed by the gold and bronze medal matches.

Team composition

- Each team is made up of 11 players, including one captain.
- Each match starts with a toss to decide which team will bat or bowl.
- Before the toss every team shall submit a list of all players to the match referee. The entry form must include the names of all players (11 starting players and all substitute players).
- Suspended players shall not enter the playing field, and other players may sit on the substitutes bench.

Group competition standings

- The men's preliminary round adopts a single round-robin system. Two points will be awarded for a win, one point for a tie, and zero points for a loss.
- Ranking within the groups shall be determined based on the total points of each team. In the event of teams finishing on equal points in their group, the right to play in the quarterfinals will be decided in the following order of priority:
 1. the team that has the most wins in its group will be positioned higher;
 2. for teams with equal points and wins in the group stage, the team with the higher net run rate will be placed in a higher position;
 3. if two or more teams are still tied, they will be ranked according to their net run rate for head-to-head matches played between the teams.
- If the ranking still cannot be determined based on the above methods or results of any group match, then the tied teams will be ranked as per their original tournament seeding.



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No result matches

- In case of a no result in the preliminary round, both teams will receive one point each.
- In case of a no result in quarterfinal or semifinal matches, the right to play in a semifinal or final respectively will be decided by original tournament seeding.
- In case of a no result in the bronze medal final, both teams will receive a bronze medal.
- In case of a no result in the gold medal final, both teams will receive a gold medal.

Rules

- The cricket competition will be held as per the latest technical and competition rules of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- More detailed information is available on the ICC website:
<https://www.icc-cricket.com/about/the-icc/publications/playing-handbook>
- In case of any disagreement in the interpretation of the ICC rules and regulations, the English version shall prevail. Any unforeseen circumstances not covered by the regulations and rules shall be resolved as follows:
 1. Technical issues: resolved by the technical delegate appointed by the Asian Cricket Council in accordance with sportsmanship and cricket rules and regulations.
 2. General issues: resolved in accordance with the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) constitution and rules.

Additional notes

- Each team faces 20 overs per innings (unless bowled out or not required).
- Minimum five overs to constitute a game.
- 3.75 minutes per over and 75 minutes per innings (women); 4.25 minutes per over and 85 minutes per innings (men).
- Six-over fielding restrictions apply.
- Free hit for all no balls.
- Kookaburra Regulation white match balls will be used in men's and women's tournaments.