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Scotland's ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 Fixtures Announced for 2019

The International Cricket Council (ICC) yesterday announced the first eight series of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 to begin in August 2019 on the Road to India 2023.

The Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 provides more competitive cricket for Namibia, Nepal, Oman, PNG, Scotland, UAE and USA, with each team playing 36 One Day Internationals (ODIs) over two and half years from August 2019 to January 2022, where teams are just two steps away from the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023. The League will see 126 ODIs played across 21 tri-series, with the first series kicking off in Scotland on 14 August 2019.

Today, Cricket Scotland can announce Scotland will host Oman and PNG in the first series taking place in Aberdeen (Mannofield CC) on the Road to India 2023.

August 14: Oman v PNG
August 15: Scotland v Oman
August 17: Scotland v PNG
August 18: Scotland v Oman
August 20: Scotland v PNG
August 21: Oman v PNG

Each series will see teams play a total of six ODIs, with teams competing for the top three spots of the League 2 table which will confirm their place in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2022.

The bottom four teams will drop into the Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier Play-Off 2022 - which is a repechage event to the Global Qualifier- and will be joined by the winner of Challenge League A and B. The top two teams from the Play-Off will keep their hopes alive of participating in India 2023.

For the first time in cricket's history 20 teams will have ODI status providing more opportunity for ODI cricket both in ICC events and in Member organised bilateral cricket.

Cricket Scotland's Simon Smith said: "First of all, it is tremendously exciting to see how this competition unfolds in front of our men's team over the next 30 months, with so much cricket ahead of us, 36 ODI's. We know the quality is always high among these sides and it is very competitive, so we are really looking forward to getting stuck into this competition. It is really important for all of us, presenting the opportunity to qualify for the Men's Cricket World Cup in 2023 in India and the next cycle of Cricket World Cup Super League."

We have three home rounds, where we will host two nations coming to us during our home season. Around that, we will also have visits to other nations as well. In each season, we will be home once and away twice. So nine rounds of cricket for us, all in tri- series. It presents an opportunity for all of us to arrange additional bilateral, triangular and quadrangular content around each series."

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ICC General Manager – Development, William Glenwright said: “It is hugely exciting to see the first dates in the schedule for ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup League 2. 126 ODIs over two and half years and three places in the Men’s Cricket World Cup Qualifier gives teams so much to play for through a schedule that provides teams with much more international cricket in fixed windows to allow for better preparation and planning.

“The new structure, which has been developed in close consultation with the Members, will present some outstanding cricket and, most importantly, will ensure that the Associate Members that qualify for the Men’s Cricket World Cup Qualifier are even better prepared to stake their claim for a place at India 2023.”

The ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup League 2 Series Schedule

ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup League 2		
Tri-Series	Dates	Location
Scotland, Oman, PNG	14 – 21 August, 2019	Mannofield CC, Aberdeen, Scotland
USA, PNG, Namibia	5 – 15 September, 2019	Church St Park, Raleigh, USA
UAE, Scotland, USA	6 – 16 December, 2019	Sharjah and Dubai, UAE
Oman, Namibia, UAE	4 – 14 January, 2020	Oman Cricket Academy, Al Amerat, Oman
Nepal, USA, Oman	3 – 13 February, 2020	Tribhuvan University Ground, Katmandu, Nepal
USA, Scotland, UAE	March 2020	TBC
Namibia, Nepal, Scotland	18 – 28 April, 2020	Wanderers CC, Windhoek, Namibia
PNG, UAE, Nepal	7 – 17 June, 2020	Amini Park, Port Moresby, PNG
Scotland, Nepal, Namibia	June 2020	TBC
Namibia, PNG, USA	September 2020	TBC
UAE, Namibia, Oman	December 2020	TBC
Oman, USA, Nepal	January 2021	TBC
Nepal, UAE, PNG	February 2021	TBC
PNG, Oman, Scotland	April 2021	TBC
Scotland, UAE, USA	June 2021	TBC
USA, Nepal, Oman	August 2021	TBC
Namibia, Oman, UAE	August 2021	TBC
PNG, USA, Namibia	September 2021	TBC
Nepal, Namibia, Scotland	November 2021	TBC
Oman, Scotland, PNG	January 2022	TBC
UAE, PNG, Nepal	January 2022	TBC

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