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ICC Intercontinental Cup 2011-13 fixtures and participating teams announced

Namibia and United Arab Emirates join top six Associate and Affiliate countries in competition

The International Cricket Council's first-class tournament, the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2011-13 will feature eight teams this edition – Afghanistan, Canada, Ireland, Kenya, Netherlands, Namibia, Scotland and United Arab Emirates (UAE) when the tournament begins next month.

Namibia and UAE were selected by the ICC Development Committee to participate in the event having finished in the top four of the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 2 tournament in April 2011.

The first round of fixtures begins in June with venues and exact dates for all the games to be finalised. The venues and dates of matches will be decided upon by the two participating nations within the window provided by the ICC (as marked in the below table), with all the information to be released in advance of each window.

The tournament is a longer competition than previous editions of the ICC Intercontinental Cup running over a period of 28 months.

The ICC Intercontinental Shield competition that ran alongside the ICC Intercontinental Cup last season, featuring sides from Namibia, UAE, Bermuda and Uganda, has been discontinued after an ICC Development Committee meeting in November 2010 elected to return the ICC Intercontinental Cup back to its 2007-2008 eight-team format.

The ICC Development Committee also resolved, after its recent meeting in Gaborone, Botswana, to commence a 50-over competition between the eight participating countries with two matches to be played alongside the ICC Intercontinental Cup tournament schedule. More information on this will be released in due course

The breakdown of fixtures for the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2011-13 is as follows:

<u>ROUND / WINDOW</u>	<u>HOME</u>		<u>AWAY</u>
Round 1	Ireland	v	Namibia
Jun/Jul-11	Scotland	v	Netherlands
	Kenya	v	UAE
	Canada	v	Afghanistan
Round 2	Ireland	v	Canada
Sep/Oct-11	Namibia	v	Scotland
	Netherlands	v	Kenya
	Afghanistan	v	UAE
Round 3	Afghanistan	v	Netherlands
Mar/Apr-12	UAE	v	Scotland
	Kenya	v	Ireland
	Namibia	v	Canada
Round 4	Ireland	v	Afghanistan
Jun/Jul-12	Kenya	v	Namibia
	Scotland	v	Canada
	Netherlands	v	UAE
Round 5	Kenya	v	Canada
Mar/Apr-13	Namibia	v	Netherlands
	UAE	v	Ireland
	Afghanistan	v	Scotland
Round 6	Canada	v	UAE
Jul/Aug-13	Scotland	v	Kenya
	Netherlands	v	Ireland
	Namibia	v	Afghanistan
Round 7	Ireland	v	Scotland
Sep/Oct-13	Afghanistan	v	Kenya
	Canada	v	Netherlands
	UAE	v	Namibia

About ICC Intercontinental Cup

The ICC Intercontinental Cup has quickly grown in stature and profile since its inception seven years ago. The ICC's premier first-class tournament is an integral part of the Associate Members' cricket schedule.

There will be a total of US\$254,000 in prize money for the Associate and Affiliate teams taking part in the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2011-13 with US\$100,000 for the winners and US\$40,000 for the runners-up.

Teams finishing in third and fourth place will receive US\$20,000 and US\$10,000 respectively while an outright win by any team during the course of the round-robin stage will see it walk away with US\$3,000 per match.

Having previously been designed around a two-group, three-day format, the event then evolved into an eight-team, round-robin and truly global tournament featuring four-day cricket which gives those teams who do not play Test cricket the chance to experience the longer form of the game.

This year's format will include eight teams - Afghanistan, Canada, Ireland, Kenya, Netherlands, Scotland, Namibia and United Arab Emirates.

Scotland won the first ICC Intercontinental Cup in 2004, beating Canada in the final, while Ireland has been victorious in three events since then, beating Kenya in the 2005 decider, Canada in the 2006-07 event, Namibia in 2007-08 while in 2009-10 Afghanistan won the competition.

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