





## ICC World Twenty20 Cricket 2010

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After all the excitement, dramas of IPL, **ICC World Twenty20 cricket** is going to be held in **West Indies** from 30<sup>th</sup> **April (Friday) 2010**. IPL was all about teams and billion \$\$ and ICC World Twenty20 Cricket will be played by the countries for a pride and honour.

Pakistan is the current ICC World Twenty20 Champion after they defeated Sri Lanka in the Final in 2009. **Bangladesh lost both matches (India, Ireland) and was eliminated after the first round**.

Major surprise of this year's tournament will be **Afghanistan**. They will be playing against India and South Africa in Group C.

Bangladesh played 2 practice matches, won against the Barbados but lost to England. Expectation is high on Bangladesh, but they will face current Champion **Pakistan on 1st May (Saturday) and Australia** on **5**<sup>th</sup> **May** (Wednesday) in first round.

**Twelve (12)** teams, on the basis of 2009 performance, will play in four (4) groups in the first round of the tournament. **Bangladesh** will be playing against the **Pakistan and Australia**. To qualify for the **Super 8**, they will need **only 1 win**.

Top two (2) teams from each group will qualify for the Super eight in two groups. Top four teams from Super Eight will qualify for the Semi-Finals. Final match of the tournament will be played on **16<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday)**.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Pakistan (A1)	Srilanka (B1)	South Africa (C1)	West Indies (D1)
Bangladesh (A2)	New Zealand B2)	India (C2)	England (D2)
Australia	Zimbabwe	Afghanistan	Ireland

All the matches will be shown LIVE on pay TV - FOXTEL and Channel 9 may telecast few matches.

The fixture of the first round matches are shown below. All times are Sydney (AEST).

Friday (30 April)	New Zealand v Sri Lanka	03:00 AM (Saturday)
Friday (30 April)	West Indies v Ireland	07:00 AM (Saturday)
Saturday (01 May)	India v Afghanistan	11:30 PM
Saturday (01 May)	Bangladesh v Pakistan	03:30 AM (Sunday
Sunday (02 May)	India v South Africa	11:30 PM
Sunday (02 May)	Australia v Pakistan	03:30 AM (Monday)
Monday (03 May)	Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe	11:30 PM
Monday (03 May)	West Indies <b>v</b> England	03:30 AM (Tuesday)
Tuesday (04 May)	New Zealand v Zimbabwe	11:30 PM
Tuesday (04 May)	England v Ireland	03:30 AM (Wednesday)
Wednesday (05 May)	Australia v Bangladesh	<u>11:30 PM</u>
Wednesday (05 May)	Afghanistan v South Africa	03:30 AM (Thursday)