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Welcome to the 2023 Valletta Cup



Message from MCA Chairman: Dr. Indika Perera

We are delighted to welcome all national teams to the 2023 Mdina Cup (Tri-Nations) and the Valletta Cup. In Malta, we are well-known for hosting international cricket tournaments and are still Europe's most popular all-year touring destination. The Maltese play the game in a friendly and competitive spirit and our welcome is just as warm as our Mediterranean climate. These tournaments go a long way in promoting the game of Cricket, the Malta Cricket Association and Malta as a host nation for international sporting events. They provide the national teams an unique opportunity to play up to 9 T20Is during the week. I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all the players, supporters, officials and local volunteers for their positive response to the tournament over the previous editions and I look forward to the tournaments being an overwhelming success for many years to come.

The Marsa Sports Club

"The Marsa"

Truly one of Europe's finest, this iconic oval is overlooked by the 15th century Ta' Ceppuna chapel and is surrounded by Mediterranean date palms. The Marsa's charm is enhanced by sight screens and boundaries made from traditional Maltese limestone. The outfield is maintained in superb condition all year round. Inaugurated in 1902 by the British Armed Forces, the Marsa Sports Club remains Malta's premier sports club and the home of Malta Cricket. The club houses a range of sporting facilities, including a golf course, tennis, padel and squash courts, a gym and outdoor pool. The Club's caterers serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and the club has three bar areas which are ideal spots for post-match socialising and celebratory drinks. The clubhouse boasts excellent showers and changing facilities.



Match Schedule

Mdina Cup:	Mon 10 Jul:	08:30 MLT v FRA	12:15 MLT v FRA	
	Tue 11 Jul:	08:30 MLT v LUX	12:15 FRA v LUX	
	Wed 12 Jul:	08:30 MLT v LUX	12:15 FRA v LUX	
Valletta Cup:	Wed 12 Jul:		16:00 MLT v FRA	
	Thu 13 Jul:	08:30 MLT v LUX	12:15 ROU v SWI	16:00 FRA v ROU
	Fri 14 Jul:	08:30 LUX v SWI	12:15 MAL v ROU	16:00 FRA v SWI
	Sat 15 Jul:	08:30 LUX v ROU	12:15 MAL v SWI	16:00 FRA v LUX
	Sun 16 Jul:	08:30 4 th Playoff	12:15 Qualifier	16:00 FINAL

Match Manager: Vinay Malhotra (DEU)

Umpires: Sandeep Harnal (CAN); Shanaka Fernando (ITA); Sunil Gowda (DEU); Venkatesh Sridhara (DEU); Jan Hilhorst (NED); Djiewen Kalloe (NED);

Malta Umpires: Tim Wheeler; Joydeep Ghoseroy; Jitesh Patel; Gopal Chaturvedi

Official ICC Scorer: John Grima (Malta)

Tournament Format:

Each team plays another once in the Round Robin stage. The top team will progress to the Final.

The teams placed 4th and 5th will progress to the 4th Place Playoff.

The teams placed 2nd and 3rd will progress to the Qualifier, with the winner advancing to the Final.

Should any of the final day's matches be abandoned, teams will retain the same position attained in the Round Robin stage. All the matches will be played in accordance with the [ICC Men's T20 International Playing Conditions](#) (Effective June 2023). [The Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel](#) (Effective as from 1 August 2019) shall apply.

The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws but also within the Spirit of Cricket. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match officials, teachers, coaches and parents.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played in the Spirit of Cricket.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.

- Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.
- Play hard and play fair. Accept the umpire's decision.
- Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct and encourage others to do likewise.
- Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.
- Congratulate the opposition on their successes and enjoy those of your own team.
- Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.



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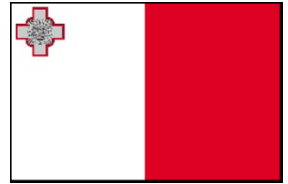
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Malta



Squad: Varun Prasath Thamoatham (captain); Bikram Arora (vice-captain); Zeeshan Khan; Waseem Abbas; Justin Shaju; Imran Ameer; Darshit Patankar; Eldhose Mathew; Gopal Thakur; Chanjal Sudarsanan; Waqas Ahmad; Fanyan Mughal; Jaspal Singh; Jaison Jerome

Reserves: Yash Singh; Samuel Sanish Stanislaus; Gaurav Maithani

Team Manager: Lee Tuck

Coaches: Subhas Roy; Muhammad Ajmal

Official: Indika Perera

T20I Ranking: 61

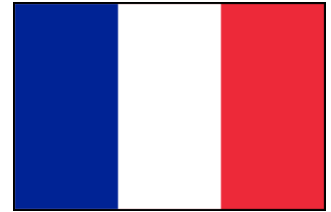
2021-2023 Record: 16 wins / 1 Tie / 20 losses

During 2022, Malta finished runners up in the T20I Valletta Cup after winning their first 5 matches in the competition. They followed up this result with a 3-0 loss in Belgium who were ranked 15 places higher at the time. Malta finished a respectable 3rd in Group C of the ICC T20 World Cup Sub Regional Europe Qualifier with wins over Israel and Gibraltar (75), following narrow losses to Spain (33) and Portugal (39).





France



Squad: Noman Amjad (captain); Lingeswaran Canessane; Mouhammad Dawood Ahmadzai; Hevit Alodin Jackson; Ibrahim Jabarkhel; Usman Khan; Suventhiran Santhirakumaran; Rahmatullah Mangal; Mukhtar Ali Ghulami; Shayam Maher Warnakulasuriya; Rohullah Mangal; Pirakajan Pirabakaran; Gustav McKeon; Zain Ahmad

Reserves: Rithurshan Gunarasa; Abdulmalik Jabarkhel; Abdul Mahathir Abdul Rahman

Team Manager: Jubaid Ahamed

T20I Ranking: 47

2021-2023 Record: 4 wins / 5 losses

During 2022, France finished runners up in Group 1 of the ICC T20 World Cup Sub Regional Europe B Qualifier with wins over Czech Republic (52), Estonia (84) and Group winners Norway (45), while losing to Switzerland (58) and then Guernsey (41) in the 3rd place playoff.





Luxembourg



Squad: Joost Mees (captain); Vikram Vijh (vice-captain); Amit Dhingra; Amit Halbhavi; Ankush Nanda; Anoop Orsu; Girish Venkateshwaran; James Barker; Eliyas Jabar Khel; Mohit Dixit; Pankaj Malav; Shiv Karan Singh Gill; Timothy Barker; William Cope

Team Manager: Stuart May

T20I Ranking: 64

2021-2023 Record: 10 wins / 11 losses

During 2022, Luxembourg shared a series with Switzerland 1-1, before a disappointing Central Europe Cup where they remained winless. Luxembourg finished 5th in Group B of the ICC T20 World Cup Sub Regional Europe Qualifier with wins over Slovenia, Bulgaria (77) and Switzerland (58) and losses to Austria (43) and Guernsey (41).





Romania



Squad: Ramesh Satheesan (captain); Abdul Shakoor; Cosmin Zavoiu; Gaurav Mishra; Rajesh Kumar; Satwik Nadigotla; Sivakumar Periyalwar; Taranjeet Singh; Vasu Saini; Shantanu Vashisht; Pratham Hingorani; Manmeet Koli; Sudeep Thakur; Luca Petre

Reserves: Aftab Kayani; Arun Kumar

Team Manager: Arun Kumar

T20I Ranking: 50

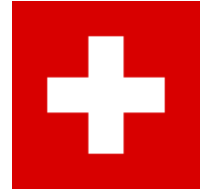
2021-2023 Record: 15 wins / 5 losses

During 2022, Romania were crowned champions of the Valletta Cup after early defeats to Malta and Hungary were followed up with four consecutive, including victory over hosts Malta in the Final. Romania finished 6th in Group A of the ICC T20 World Cup Sub Regional Europe Qualifier with expected wins over Turkey and Serbia (73), and losses to Cyprus (68), Isle of Man (46) and Sweden (53).





Switzerland



Squad: Ali Nayyer (captain); Arjun Vinod; Ashwin Vinod; Asad Mahmood; Osama Mahmood; Muhammad Abdullah Rana; Kenardo Fletcher; Afif Khan Khattak; Faheem Nazir; Aneeshkumar Nalinambika Kumar; Muralitharan Kandiah Gnanasekaram; Izhar Hussain; Hassan Ahmad

Team Manager: Nasir Mahmood

Coach: Chris Lodge

T20I Ranking: 58

2021-2023 Record: 4 wins / 5 losses

During 2022, Switzerland shared the spoils with Luxembourg 1-1, before finishing 6th in Group B of the ICC T20 World Cup Sub Regional Europe Qualifier with wins over France (47) and Estonia (84) and losses to Norway (45), Czech Republic (52) and Luxembourg (64).



Tournament Regulations

While governing the current MCC Laws of Cricket, the ICC Men's Twenty20 International Playing Conditions (June 2023) will be used in this tournament. We have accepted and added the following additional conditions.

1. The current ICC T20I 2023 Playing Conditions are available at the following link:
[ICC Men's T20 International Playing Conditions](#) (Effective June 2023).
2. All teams must adhere to the [ICC Anti-Corruption Code \(amended 1 January 2021\)](#).
3. Communication devices are prohibited within the "Players and Match Officials Area" (PMOA). Without exception, no player shall be in possession of, or use a communication device (such as a mobile phone or a device connected to the internet), while in the PMOA.
4. This T20I tournament will be played in a Round Robin format among five (5) international teams: MALTA, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, ROMANIA AND SWITZERLAND.
5. At the end of the round-robin, teams will be placed according to their highest points order, number one having the most points, or if the points are equal between two teams, then the net-run rate will be used. Should those teams be still at level, then the head-to-head result (points, then net run rate in those matches) will be used. Net Run-rate will be calculated with a minimum of three (3) decimal points.
6. 2022 Valletta Cup Tournament Format: Each team plays another once in the Round Robin stage. The top team will progress to the Final. The teams placed 4th and 5th will progress to the 4th Place Playoff. The teams placed 2nd and 3rd will progress to the Qualifier, with the loser finishing in 3rd place and the winner advancing to the Final.
7. Should either the 4th Place Playoff, Qualifier, or Final be abandoned, teams will retain the same position attained in the Round Robin stage. Round Robin stage in the event of teams finishing on equal points* The team with the most wins in the League Stage will be placed in the higher position.* If there are teams with equal points and equal wins in the League Stage then in such case the teams will be ordered according to their net run rate in the Round Robin stage matches.* If there are teams that are still equal, they will be ordered according to the result of the head-to-head match played between them (points, then if still equal, the net-run rate in those matches). All the matches will be played in accordance with the ICC Men's T20 International Playing Conditions.
8. This tournament will have "Neutral umpires" for all games. The umpires and officials carry knowledge and experience from ICC/Europe/Americas/Malta.
9. The umpires' decision is final and will be supported fully.
10. All players, team support staff, volunteers, and tournament officials to strictly follow any regulations of the Malta Government.
11. Players are not permitted to use any saliva/spit or any substance on the match ball whether to shine it or to change the condition of the match ball.



12. The colour clothing rules will strictly apply. Batter or wicketkeeper pads must not be in white, creamy, or faded colours. The bowler should not be wearing white, creamy, or faded coloured skins/sleeves on their arms.
13. Fielders to wear any internal protective gear, as needed, inside their clothing.
14. All the tournament matches will be played on artificial turf.
15. In protecting the artificial turf (AT) and to prevent injury to the players on the AT, Metal Spikes are prohibited during the tournament.
16. A set of rubber-based wooden stumps will be used, one on each side of the pitch.
17. In an exceptional case and in breach of the ICC PC 19.1.3, the boundary markings be shortened including near the cement, hard and permanent areas to prevent injury to the players. If needed, boundary markings will be moved in at least 3 metres from the cement or hard surface area or side screen.
18. If umpires are inconclusive about boundary four or six, it will be deemed and signalled as boundary four by the umpires.
19. The Home Board/MCA will determine the ball to be used in this tournament at the Captains/Managers/Umpires' meeting before the start of the tournament.
20. If needed, for the betterment of the tournament, the Match Manager can reduce the playing time and overs to better fit the tournament with respect to the inclusion of a minimum of 5 overs, in the event of inclement weather or unforeseen event or interruption. The Match Manager has the right to consider and take necessary steps for any serious or special situations that will change the conduct of the match, after communicating with the on-field umpires for the betterment of the tournament.
21. Teams should arrive at the ground a minimum of **one hour before their scheduled match.
22. Team sheets/lists of players must be submitted to the Match Manager/Officials before the start of the toss or earlier to help save playing time.
23. Team list with playing members and substitutes must identify the **U-19 players, wicketkeeper and captain.
24. Points: Win-2, Lost-0, Tie/no result/wash-out/abandoned-1 to each team.
25. 16.1.2 Save for circumstances where a match is awarded to a team as a consequence of the opposing team's refusal to play, a result can be achieved only if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for at least 5 overs, unless one team has been all out in less than 5 overs or unless the team batting second scores enough runs to win in less than 5 overs.
26. 16.1.3 Save for circumstances where a match is awarded to a team as a consequence of the opposing team's refusal to play (Clause 16.2), all matches in which both teams have not had an opportunity of batting for a minimum of 5 overs, shall be declared as No Result.
27. If the teams' scores are equal/tie after both innings have been completed, then a Super Over shall be played. If the Super Over is a tie, then unless no extra time is available or any exceptional circumstances prevent further play, subsequent Super Overs shall be played until there is a winner. If this is not possible to complete the Super Overs needed to determine a winner, the match shall be tied.



28. **Duckworth Lewis Stern:** In any interrupted game, only when the overs are reduced during the play, then the DLS calculation (DLS 5) will be used for target and Par score calculation.
29. The fielding team is expected to be in a position to bowl the first ball of the final over of the innings by the scheduled (or re-scheduled) cessation time for the innings (e.g., the first ball of the last of their rescheduled match of 16 overs within 68 minutes of playing time). In the event of them failing to do so, the full quota of overs will still need to be completed. ** If the umpires together consider that the fielding team wasted time during their innings while adjusting the allowance (from both teams) and was not able to start their last over within the allocated time, then a** 5 runs penalty will be awarded.
30. During the Powerplay overs (6 overs for a 20 overs game), if the fielding team has less than 11 players on the field of play, the fielding team can have a maximum of 2 players outside the 30 yards and can have a maximum of 5 players out-side the 30 yards for the remainder of the innings.
31. Free Hit: All No-Balls would entitle the batters to a free-hit subsequent delivery. If the 'free hit' ball is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of No ball or a Wide), the next delivery will be a 'free hit' for whichever batter is facing it. Neither field changes nor the exchange of individuals between fielding positions is permitted unless there is a change of striker or the no-ball was the result of a fielding restriction breach, in which case the field may be changed to the extent of only correcting that breach.
32. Out from a No ball: When No ball has been called, neither batter shall be out under any of the Playing Conditions except clause 34 (Hit the ball twice), clause 37 (Obstructing the field), or clause 38 (Run out).
33. After the fall of a wicket or the retirement of a batter, the incoming batter must, unless Time has been called, be in a position to take guard or for the other batter to be ready to receive the next ball within 1 minute and 30 seconds of the dismissal or retirement.
34. Either umpire shall call and signal No ball, If in making the delivery if the bowler breaks the wicket or accidentally knocks over the bails or stumps at any time after the ball comes into play and before completion of the stride after the delivery stride, other than an attempt to run out the non-striker under clause 41.16. This shall include any clothing or object that falls from his person and breaks the wicket.
35. A bowler will be limited to one short-pitched fast delivery per over. Any fast short-pitched delivery that is called a Wide under this clause shall also count as one of the allowable short-pitched deliveries in that over.
36. If the bowler bowls a ball, not being a No ball, the umpire shall adjudge it a Wide when the ball passes wide of where the striker is standing, and which also would have passed wide of the striker standing in a normal guard position or the ball passes above the head height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease. The ball will be considered as passing wide of the striker unless it is sufficiently within reach for him to be able to hit it with the bat by means of a normal cricket stroke.



37. Any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching, above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease, is to be deemed to be unfair, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker. If the bowler bowls such a delivery the umpire shall immediately call and signal No ball. And if, in the opinion of the umpire, such a delivery is considered likely to inflict physical injury on the batter by its speed and direction, it shall be considered dangerous, the umpire shall caution the bowler, indicating that this is a first and final warning. This caution shall apply to that bowler throughout the innings. Should there be any further instance (where a dangerous non-pitching delivery is bowled and is considered likely to inflict physical injury on the batter) by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall call and signal No ball - when the ball is dead, direct the captain of the fielding side to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling - inform the other umpire for the reason for this action. The bowler thus suspended shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings. If applicable, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled any part of the previous over nor be allowed to bowl any part of the next over. If the umpire considers that a bowler deliberately bowled a high full-pitched delivery, deemed to be dangerous and unfair as defined in clause 41.7.1, then the caution and warning in clause 41.7.1 shall be dispensed with. The umpire shall immediately call and signal No ball. When the ball is dead, direct the captain of the fielding side to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling and inform the other umpire of the reason for this action. The bowler thus suspended shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.
38. Time wasting by either team will be strictly monitored by the on-field umpires and 3rd umpires.
39. The use of Helmets is Mandatory when batters are facing fast bowlers, when wicketkeepers are standing up to the stumps and when fielders are close to the batter in front of the wicket.
40. The Match Manager, in collaboration with on-field umpires/3rd umpire reserve the right to caution or take any action as deemed appropriate if any player/team support staff are seen to be in breach of the MCC's Spirit of Cricket or the ICC's Code of Conduct for Players and Players' Support Personnel.



Vinay Malhotra

2023 Mdina Cup & Valletta Cup Tournament - Match Manager



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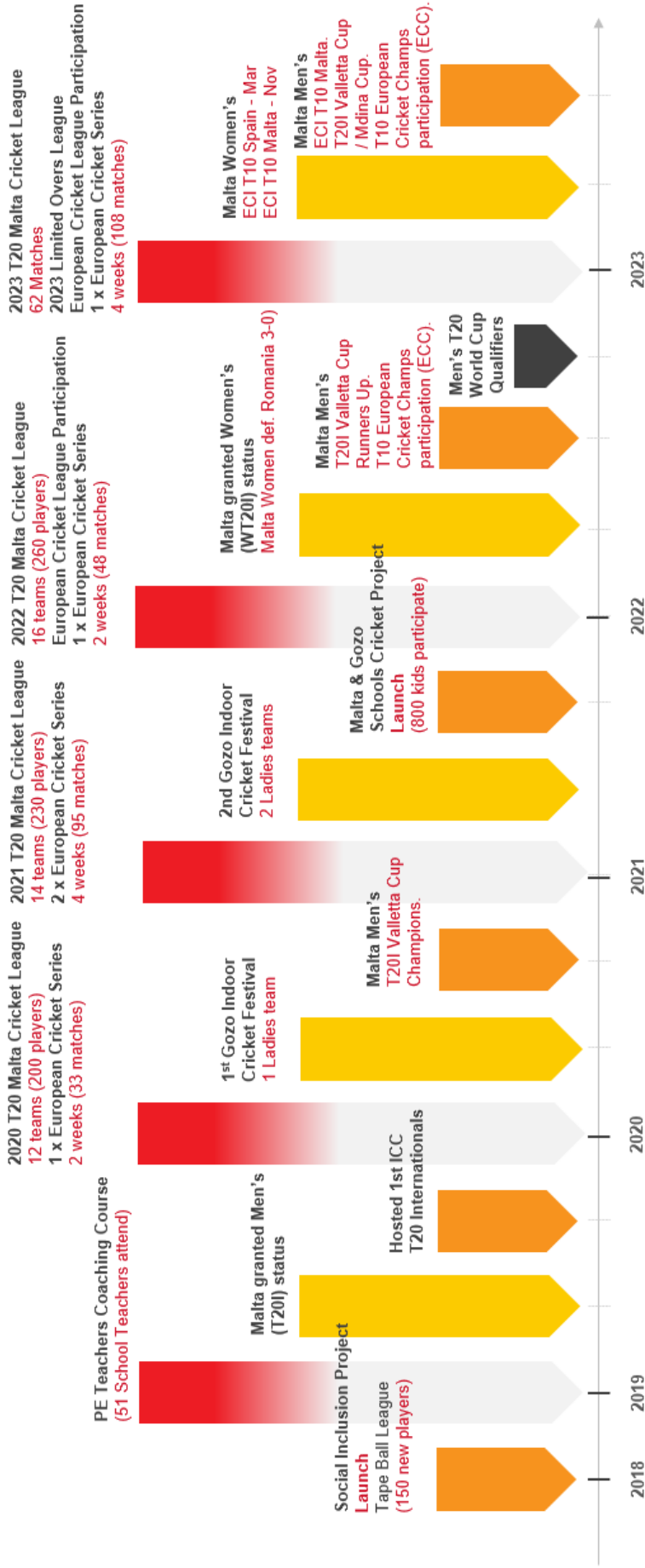


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