

FAQs on 2020-21 team compositions

Question: What was the selection process?

Answer: Each Cricket Association (CA) selected 45 players for the full length of the 2020-21 season. In addition, PCB centrally contracted players were divided amongst the six CAs. A squad consisting 16 players for each First XI and Second XI teams will be announced before the start of each tournament. Additional players can be utilised and the players can be interchanged between the two teams.

Question: What was the selection criterion?

Answer: Head coaches, in consultation with the other coaches, selected the 45 players. Selection was done from a pool of players provided by the PCB. While finalising the players, the performances of the 2019-20 season remained priority.

Question: What is the pool of players?

Answer: Players who participated in the following tournaments formed the pool of players:

- Players who participated in the season of 2019-20.
- Players who participated in the first class season of 2018-19.
- Players who participated in the One Day tournament of 2018-19 season.
- Players who participated in the U-19 season of 2019-20 (Three Day and One Day).
- Players who participated in the U-19 season of 2018-19 (Three Day and One Day).
- Players who have represented Pakistan U-19 within the past five year.
- Players who have played for PCB emerging teams, within the last 2 two years.
- Players who have played in HBL PSL.
- Renowned international players who are trying to make a comeback or can foreseeably convert their experience to the youngsters.
- Players who participated in Patron & QET Grade 2 season 2018-19.

Question: What was the process for player transfers?

Answer: Each coach retained maximum players from the season 2019-20. From these retained players, the coaches transferred players amongst the six Cricket Associations to ensure maximum local representation and to enhance competition.

Question: What is the percentage of players retained from the last season?

Answer: Balochistan 72 per cent, Central Punjab 75 per cent, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 75 per cent, Sindh 85 per cent, Southern Punjab 70 per cent and Northern 72 per cent.

Question: What is the average age of each of the six squads?

Answer: Balochistan 27, Central Punjab 26, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 26, Northern 25, Sindh 25 and Southern Punjab 26.

Question: What are the revised monthly retainers for the 2020-21 season?

Answer: The new and enhanced monthly retainer structure is:

- **Category A+** = 10 players, PKR150,000 per month
- **Category A** = 38 players, PKR85,000 per month
- **Category B** = 48 players, PKR75,000 per month
- **Category C** = 72 players, PKR65,000 per month
- **Category D** = 24 players, PKR40,000 per month

The categories will be decided in due course after discussions with the national selection committee.

Question: Why centrally and emerging players not offered domestic contracts?

Answer: Like 2019-20 and as per international practices, PCB's centrally and emerging contracted players have not been offered domestic contracts. However, they will receive match fees and daily allowances, and will also have share in the prize money.

Question: What is the fee structure for the 2020-21 season?

Answer: In addition to the revised monthly retainers, the players will also be paid match fees as per the following structure (in PKR):

	4-day 1 st XI FC	3-day 2 nd XI	50-over 1 st XI	50-over 2 nd XI	T20 1 st XI	T20 2 nd XI	3-day 1 st U19	50-over U19
Playing XI	60,000	25,000	40,000	15,000	40,000	15,000	10,000	5,000
Reserves	24,000	10,000	16,000	6,000	16,000	6,000	4,000	2,000

Question: Why the captains and vice-captains not been announced?

Answer: Captains and vice-captains will be announced for each tournament closer to the start of that particular tournament.

Questions: What are the men's domestic events for the 2020-21 season?

Answer: Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, National T20 Cup and Pakistan Cup One-Day Tournament.

Question: What are the types of contracts?

Answer: There are two types of contracts. A maximum of 32 players in each CA will be offered domestic central contracts, while the remaining players will be offered a seasonal contract.

Question: What are the domestic central contract and seasonal contract?

Answer: Under the domestic contract, a player will have the bindings of the domestic central contract and will receive a monthly retainer along with match fee, daily allowances, other related benefits etc wherever applicable.

Under the seasonal contract, a player will have the same bindings as per the domestic central contract but will not receive monthly retainer, however will be eligible to receive match fee, daily allowances, other related benefits etc wherever applicable.

Question: Can an employed player be offered a contract?

Answer: Yes, provided that the player has submitted the relevant NOC from his employer to the PCB in accordance with the rules and regulations applicable to such players.

Question: Can a player draw salaries from the PCB and his employer?

Answer: Once the relevant NOC has been issued by the player's parent organisation and submitted to the PCB, the PCB will make payments in accordance with the terms of the contract executed with the player.

Whether or not the player will be paid by the employer is a matter between the two entities.

Question: What will be the term of the contracts?

Answer: The contracts will run from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021.

Question: Can a player feature in the 2020-21 domestic season without signing a contract?

Answer: To be eligible to play in the 2020-21 season, each player will have to sign a contract, either a domestic or seasonal contract. The CA will be allowed to replace a player who refuses to sign the contract.

Question: What will be the process of acquiring NOCs for players (for participation in foreign cricket leagues/tournaments) with domestic contracts?

Answer: As per clause 3.2 of the PCB NOC Guide 2020, player/agent will directly request an NOC from his domestic team head coach.

Question: What will happen if the total number of central contracts is less than 32 per team?

Answer: If a player, who has been offered, a domestic central contract but fails to sign it for any reason, then he will be offered a seasonal contract. The same contract may not be trickled down to a player who is not part of the initial 32 players who were offered a domestic central contract.

Question: How many new players will be offered domestic central contracts?

Answer: A total of 34 new domestic central contracts will be offered. A total of 158 players from last season's domestic central contracts list have been retained.

Question: How will the players signing a seasonal contract will be remunerated?

Answer: Players signing a seasonal contract will receive match fee, daily allowances other related benefits etc wherever applicable.

Question: What will be the process for media interviews/interactions?

Answer: As per last year, all requests for media interviews will be routed through the team manager. Until the team managers have been appointed, PCB media team will facilitate all requests.

Question: Will Covid-19 SOPs followed in the 2020-21 domestic season?

Answer: Yes, Domestic Covid-19 Protocols will be shared in due course.