

PCB Highlights

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Stepping up to the fore in the ICC

- PCB Chairman Ehsan Mani was reappointed in the prestigious role of Chairperson of the ICC's Financial and Commercial Affairs Committee (F&CA) after 17 years. He is the only Pakistani to chair one of the ICC's most important and influential committees. No other Pakistani has ever served on this committee
- Ehsan Mani, during his previous term as ICC F&CA Chairman, was instrumental in commercialising international cricket in 2000 by leading ICC to sign its first-ever commercial deal worth \$550m; this was followed by a second deal in 2006 worth over \$1.1bn, in which he played the lead role
- Pakistan Cricket Board Managing Director Wasim Khan was appointed as a full-member CEO of the ICC Women's Cricket Committee.
- Sana Mir was included into ICC Women's Committee as one of the three current player representatives.
- PCB General Counsel, Barrister Salman Naseer, has been included in the ICC's Safeguarding Panel
- The PCB's revamped Media, Communications and Digital department joined the ICC in the celebration of the launch of the World Test Championship and organised a fan poll to select the greatest Test match in the country's history to date and also paid a tribute to all 236 Test cricketers.



Introducing the Managing Director

The Pakistan Cricket Board has a vision to become the highest performing and most credible cricket board in the world. For the achievement of this key objective Wasim Khan, a renowned cricket administrator, was appointed as the Managing Director.

Wasim Khan is:

- a holder of Masters Degree from the prestigious Warwick Business School
- first British-born Pakistani to be awarded a professional contract when he signed for Warwickshire in 1995
- Leicestershire CCC CEO in 2015 and in doing so became the first South Asian CEO in the history of first class cricket in England
- sat on the Equality & Human Rights Commission Sports Group, The Prince's Trust Cricket Group and the Board of Sport England
- developed and ran Chance to Shine, a £50m scheme get to cricket into schools. After nine years, 55 million pounds had been raised and 2.5 million girls (including 1 million girls) had been engaged across 9,000 state run schools
- appointed chair of the ECB's Men's Domestic Playing Programme Group, with the goal of restructuring the domestic game from 2020. All recommendations were adopted by the ECB Board.
- one of the favourite's to be appointed Managing Director of the England cricket team following Andrew Strauss's resignation
- recently named in the Parliamentary Review Muslim 100 Power List
- recipient of MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) for his services to cricket and communities in 2013

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Restoration of international cricket in Pakistan

- The PCB is lobbying aggressively to convince their counterparts in the full-member nations to send their teams to the country which has resulted in the delegations of the Sri Lankan, Australian, and English cricket boards' decision to tour Pakistan over the next three months.
- A security delegation from the Sri Lankan board has arrived in Karachi to access the security situation as the two boards indulge in discussions for the possibility of Sri Lanka touring Pakistan for two-match Test series in October.
- Cricket Australia's delegation comprising Chairman Earl Eddings and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Roberts, and England and Wales Cricket Board's chief executive Tom Harrison along with a Director will be touring in September and October.
- After high-profile talks between the PCB and the Cricket West Indies, the West Indies women's team visited Pakistan after a gap of 15 years to play a three-match T20I series in Karachi. The one-day leg of the tour was held in the UAE.
- For the first time and following PCB's painstaking efforts in the wake of Pulwana incident, eight HBL PSL matches were staged in Karachi in which all 39 foreign stars participated with crowd attendances being around 90 per cent. The PCB plans to stage the entire HBL 2020 in Pakistan across Karachi, Lahore, Multan and Rawalpindi.
- PCB hosted Maldives cricket team for training at the NCA, Lahore



Domestic Cricket

- The PCB plans to bridge the gap between the quality of cricket in Pakistan's domestic and international cricket. The board, after meticulous planning, is planning to introduce the much-needed reforms in the national cricketing structure.
- Six provincial-based teams will participate in the first-class cricket and as many as 192 domestic cricketers will be handed attractive central contracts for a span of a year. A clear pathway is being laid out for the club cricketers to graduate to the provincial level cricket at the apex level. In all, approximately 450 players, coaches, physios, selectors and other support staff will be involved in domestic cricket
- Medical Advisory Committee convened for the inaugural meeting to discuss matters ranging from player safety to fitness and health protocols for domestic and international players and present those suggestions to the PCB Cricket Committee.
- Earmarked as the fifth facility in the world, the PCB received accreditation from the ICC for its first biomechanics lab, based in Lahore. This will help the coaches to correct the illegal bowling actions amongst its players at both the international and domestic level.

Youth Cricket

- The PCB liaised with Cricket Australia for an U16 series between the two nations in the UAE. Pakistan beat Australia 3-2 in what turned out to be a competitive five-match series.
- To induce dynamic decision-making and strengthen the U19 set-up, a new junior selection panel, under the chairmanship of former Pakistan international Saleem Jaffer. The other newer members of the committee include cricketer Arshad Khan, Rao Iftikhar Anjum and Taufeeq Umer. Sanaulah Baloch maintained his respective position from the previous panel.
- In a move to support their Sri Lankan counterparts in the aftermath of the gruesome Easter bombings, the PCB sent their U19 team to the Island nation as planned. Pakistan came on top in the highly-competitive series by beating the hosts 3-2.
- The PCB organised a training camp for 20 U16 cricketers at the NCA, which stretched to a month, to nurture the upcoming talent.
- The PCB set-up eight-week-long Regional U19 Academies at as many as 14 venues across the country to groom the young cricketers.
- The U19s continued on their journey to getting better as they rolled over South Africa, in their own backyard, to secure a 7-0 win in an ODI series.
- To prepare the U19 team for the Asia Cup in September and the next year's World Cup, the PCB began a six-week-long high-performance camp at the NCA.

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Cricketing infrastructure

- A high-powered delegation of the PCB – which included the Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer Subhan Ahmed – traveled to Quetta in July to explore commercialisation opportunities – which will also serve as a venue for healthy activities for families and youngsters alike – around the Bugti stadium.
- The refurbishment of the Multan and Rawalpindi stadiums are underway to prepare them in time to host the next year's HBL PSL matches.
- With the PCB investing in the development of the women's cricket at grassroots, the first-ever girls' school cricket academy was launched in Balochistan through Cric4Us initiative.
- The PCB's women's wing set up camp for U17 girls in Rawalpindi and Islamabad through its Skills 2 Shine Programme for the development of women's cricket at grassroots.

Corporate Social Responsibility

- Understanding the necessity for creating awareness regarding the issues surrounding mental health, the PCB, as a part of its corporate social responsibility, entered a three-year partnership with the British Asian Trust to support their programmes in the country.
- PCB joined hands with the US Consulate and Peshawar Zalmi to build leadership skills and encourage healthy lifestyles in young women through a two-day cricket camp at the National Cricket Academy in Lahore.
- To provide better living conditions to the destitute members of the society, the PCB, as a part of its corporate social responsibility, joined forces with the Shahid Afridi Foundation - one of the most respected charities in the region.



Women's international

- Javeria Khan, the Pakistan batter, named as the captain for the Women's Global Development Squad – which provides exposure to players from outside the leading countries and improve the standard of the women's game – in six T20 matches on the tour of England.
- Sana Mir becomes the most successful spinner in the history of ODI cricket as she picked up 147th wicket against South Africa in the ongoing ICC Women's Championship.
- To reduce the gap between the men and women cricketers, the PCB awarded attractive and better-paying central contracts to the women cricketers. The tenure of the contracts was increased to one year from six months.
- In a first, the PCB announced an all women selection committee, under the chairmanship of former Pakistan captain Urooj Mumtaz, for the national women's teams. The other two members of the committee are former international cricketers Asmavia Iqbal and Marina Iqbal.
- Pakistan women's team came from behind to win the three-match ODI series against the West Indies in the UAE in February. This was the first time that Pakistan beat the West Indies in an ODI series.

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Senior men's international

- Pakistan won five of their eight completed matches in the group stage of the 2019 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup. They missed out on the semi-final qualification on the basis of a lesser Net Run Rate than the New Zealand, the eventual runner-up.
- Babar Azam broke Javed Miandad's 27-year-long record by surpassing him to become the highest run getter for Pakistan in a World Cup by scoring 474 runs in the 2019 edition.
- Shaheen Shah Afridi became the youngest bowler to claim a five-wicket haul in World Cups with his six for 35 against Bangladesh.