



DEVELOPMENT REPORT ICWC 2019-25

These years mentioned on the above mentioned subject under review marked a steady progress but confident start to the game development of wheelchair cricket under the ICWC being the controlling body globally with 12 member countries of three continents, Asia, Africa & Europe.

Wheelchair Cricket needs a big boost in the region where game has been introduced.

Wheelchair Cricket Association Nepal (WCAN) hosted four nations 1st ever organized T-20 Asia Cup 2019 in Kathmandu Nepal by participated Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan & India. The Pakistan wheelchair cricket team won the 1st Asia Cup of wheelchair cricket by beating Indian team in the Final on 18th May 2019 at TU International Ground Kathmandu Nepal.

I would also like to thank the Malaysia Cricket Association (MCA) President and the other staff and officials and specially the special coverage by ICC Game Development Members to witness the 1st International T-20 Wheelchair Cricket Series between Pakistan & India in Kuala-Lumpur Malaysia in 2016. This series named by Pakistan 2-1 but this series opened the doors of wheelchair cricket at its excellence level by international recognition.

The 2nd T-20 Asia Cup 2023 of wheelchair cricket again held in Nepal by the host country Pakistan as the neutral venue due to the political scenario of Pak-India relations not to travel to Pakistan. The Pakistan Wheelchair Cricket Council (PWCC) the founder member of ICWC hosted this mega event in regional association of Nepal at that time and special thanks to Cricket Association Nepal (CAN) provide the logistic support for this Asia Cup 2023. The total five team participated the debut team Sri-Lanka wheelchair cricket team 1st time in the international contest rest of the teams were defending champion Pakistan, India, Nepal & Bangladesh, from 02nd to 09th October 2023 at TU international cricket ground Kathmandu Nepal.

For the 1st time the international level broadcasting transmission of all the matches live through Action Sports & NEO Nepal TV. The Pakistan wheelchair cricket team again defend the title by beating Sri-Lanka in the final match the debut team of Sri-Lanka was amazing throughout the event by their performances.

This was the landmark decision that changes the landscape of wheelchair cricket internationally. The proposed decision of the live matches through an experienced team transmitting the highlights of the 2nd T-20 Asia Cup 2023 and live coverage of the Tournament in Nepal. The estimated viewership is around 0.5 million.

I pray that our all the member countries association improve upon their rankings and game progress in the coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ICWC Executive Board for their wonderful support during the year. Wishing all Members, for wonderful years ahead.

BEST REGARDS

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Chairperson (ICWC)



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Grass root Development Program

Our main focus continues to be on grass root development program in the member countries involving the public and private organizations of PWDs, and the school of rehabilitations. The years 2019 to 2025 witnessed an addition of huge mass participation in all the 12 member countries increase of more than over 9000 special ability athletes wish to play wheelchair cricket in their regions. Our total targeted institutes of PWDs are now over 80 under the development program.

International Tournaments

ICWC brand events like Asia Cup, World Cup & now introduce World Series of wheelchair cricket in Pakistan on triangular basis next year. The 3rd Asia Cup 2026 also host by Pakistan in April-May 2026, PWCC also got the hosting rights of 1st T-20 World Cup 2026 of wheelchair cricket.

Orientation Course

There was an orientation course held in Nepal conducted by Mr.Chulltim Sherpa the President of WCAN. The course was held at the institute of PWDs and it was attended by more than 20 players and many other attendants.

Women Wheelchair Cricket Teams

The Bangladesh, Sri-Lanka & India take the initiative of the addition of women's wheelchair cricket started at very beginning stage by their own support.

ICWC-General Assembly & AGM

The ICWC Annual General Meeting/General Assembly held every year to holds its **General Assembly (GA) every year possible by video link and all members together in different venue countries, as per constitution with all the member countries**. This meeting brings together members to discuss association, council matters, vote on proposals, and hold elections for ICWC Board positions of four years tenure as per Article of Association of ICWC

Networking

It is important to spread the word far and wide to ensure a start-up program catches hold and continues to expand. Player recruitment, fundraising, basic support means actively communicating with National Governing Bodies, Cricket Boards of all the member countries, Rehabilitation Centers, Public and Private Hospitals, Disabled People Organizations, Rehabilitation Centre, Medical Health Professionals, Schools.

Equipment's/Sports Wheelchairs/Sports Gear

Wheelchair cricket is played with all the same format of regular cricket in the cricket grounds with all the international standard cricket rules with some modification in wheelchair cricket playing conditions, the key role in wheelchair cricket is the specially designed sports wheelchairs and the cricket safety gear to protect the wheelchair cricketers during the game.

40 overs ODI Competition

Pakistan and India successfully experienced in their national tournaments to organized 40 overs ODI format in wheelchair cricket in 2021 & 2022 playing season in their countries.



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The National Wheelchair Cricket Association of member countries from Pakistan, India lead has embarked on a number of development programs as outlined in its operational plan as well as activity plan. As its key initiative have the following programs in place:

- Domestic activities
- Development activities
- High Performance

DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES:

- T20 TOURNAMENT (FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR CRICKETERS)
- NATIONAL T20 CHAMPIONSHIP, AND 40 OVERS ODI FORMAT

MARKETING

In India the DCCBI had an awards ceremony. Best performing cricketers were honored on that day. Invited to this event were the Honorable Dignities of the Country, and managers of different companies. . This was a good platform for showcase to market the activities for the betterment of wheelchair cricketers and the sponsoring the game of wheelchair cricket in near future.

DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

In Pakistan & India the domestic activities and national and regional tournaments, leagues throughout the year in a calendar year plan. More than 15 domestic events held in India & more than 9 domestic events in Pakistan in the specific period.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITIONS OF NEW MEMBER COUNTRIES

The Iran wheelchair cricket and the wheelchair cricket in Kenya also formed and got the affiliation as the associate member of ICWC under the umbrella of Iran Wheelchair Cricket Council & Federation of Wheelchair Cricket Kenya.

BILATERAL SERIES

PWCC hosted the 1st international series of four T-20 matches with the Afghan wheelchair cricket team in Karachi Pakistan under the patronage of state Government of Pakistan. The Pakistan won the series by 3-1 and the huge projection of the newly Afghan team and players were on the highlights in the news and the social media and the live matches' viewership in the millions. The DCCBI also hosted the bilateral series with Sri-Lanka & Bangladesh in 2024 & 2025 through the FTP program of ICWC.