



THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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PRESS RELEASE

Hyderabad, 21st June 2026: The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) has released the **HCA Men's Cricket Calendar for the 2026–27 season**, formulated after due consideration of the BCCI Domestic Calendar and designed to provide a structured and comprehensive roadmap for cricketing activities across the State.

The calendar encompasses competitions across **the A Division, B Division, and C Division**, in addition to programmes for the **Senior, Under-23, Under-19, and Under-16** age categories. It has been prepared to facilitate advance planning by affiliated clubs, players, officials and all stakeholders, while ensuring optimal alignment with the BCCI domestic schedule.

A notable feature of the 2026–27 season is the introduction of the Super League, which will provide an additional platform for shortlisted players across various categories to compete at a higher level prior to final State team selections. The Super League is aimed at strengthening the player development pathway and enhancing the overall quality of selections.

In another significant initiative, the HCA has incorporated State Team Practice Matches for all major categories, including Seniors, Under-23, Under-19 and Under-16 teams. These preparatory fixtures are intended to ensure that State teams are adequately equipped and match-ready ahead of their respective BCCI tournaments.

The calendar also includes Open Trials across various districts of Telangana, thereby providing opportunities for talented cricketers outside the regular league structure to showcase their abilities and earn selection into the Super League system.

The HCA has made every effort to avoid overlap with BCCI tournament windows and has designed the season calendar to provide clarity and continuity throughout the year. Detailed tournament regulations, fixtures and operational guidelines for each competition will be communicated separately in due course.

The Hyderabad Cricket Association remains committed to strengthening the cricketing ecosystem in Telangana by providing enhanced opportunities, structured competitions and a robust pathway for identifying and nurturing talent across all age groups.

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Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA)



HCA Men's Cricket Calendar

Season 2026-27

Hyderabad Cricket Association

ABOUT THIS CALENDAR

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This calendar has been prepared after referring to the BCCI domestic calendar published for state-level tournaments for the 2026-27 season.

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Every effort has been made to avoid overlap with BCCI windows. However, A & B Division One Day matches unavoidably overlap as we did not have an open window. T20, Two-Day, and Super League matches have been scheduled without conflict.

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A new Super League stage has been introduced. Shortlisted players compete across formats in the Super League before final state team selection, adding an extra evaluation layer.

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Practice matches have been introduced for all state teams (Seniors, U-23, U-19, U-16) in each relevant format, to ensure teams are well-prepared before entering their respective BCCI tournaments.

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Since Under-14 is not a BCCI State Tournament, dates for the same have not been received. However, once the dates for the private state tournament for Under-14 is received, details of Under-14 super league will also be shared. The dates for the institution league matches will also be shared.

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This calendar is made to provide clarity on the season structure to make it easier for everyone to prepare and it serves as the foundation for HCA Men's Cricket 2026-27. In case of any minor modifications arising due to unforeseen circumstances, the same will be communicated.

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The exact schedule and rules for each tournament, will be issued from time to time ahead of the respective tournaments and programs.

KEY DEFINITIONS

Super League

The super league is a set of matches played by shortlisted players in each category (Seniors/U-23, U-19, U-16) who will be selected from the league matches and open trials. This will be an added second layer of matches played at a higher level than the league matches and will be considered for state team selections.

Main State team Practice Matches

These are practice matches played by the selected state team in different categories after the team is announced for that particular category/age group.

Open Trials

The Open Trials will be conducted in different districts across Telangana and players will be shortlisted from these for playing in the Super League. These trials are for players who are not registered with HCA in the 2026-27 season.

LEAGUES

A, B, C DIVISION

MEN'S LEAGUE MATCHES - A, B & C DIVISION

Division	Format	Duration Window
A Division	T20	Completed — May–Jun 2026
	Two-Day	14 Jul – 20 Aug 2026
	One Day	05 Oct – 25 Oct 2026
B Division	T20	Completed — May–Jun 2026
	Two-Day	14 Jul – 28 Aug 2026
	One Day	28 Sep – 25 Oct 2026
C Division	One Day	Jul – Aug 2026

A Division — Group Split Logic (22 Teams)

Teams are divided into groups based on their ranking in that format from the previous season (2025-26). In case of any new teams entering to A Division are distributed equally at the bottom of the ranking order based on alphabetical order.

Group A (7 Teams)	Group B (7 Teams)	Group C (8 Teams)
Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3
Rank 6	Rank 5	Rank 4
Rank 7	Rank 8	Rank 9
Rank 12	Rank 11	Rank 10
Rank 13	Rank 14	Rank 15
Rank 18	Rank 17	Rank 16
Rank 19	Rank 20	Rank 21
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B Division — Group Split Logic (63 Teams)

Teams are divided into groups based on their ranking in that format from the previous season (2025-26). In case of any new teams entering to B Division are distributed equally at the bottom of the ranking order based on alphabetical order.

Group A (7 Teams)	Group B (7 Teams)	Group C (7 Teams)	Group D (7 Teams)	Group E (6 Teams)	Group F (6 Teams)	Group G (6 Teams)	Group H (6 Teams)	Group I (6 Teams)	Group J (6 Teams)
Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4	Rank 5	Rank 6	Rank 7	Rank 8	Rank 9	Rank 10
Rank 20	Rank 19	Rank 18	Rank 17	Rank 16	Rank 15	Rank 14	Rank 13	Rank 12	Rank 11
Rank 21	Rank 22	Rank 23	Rank 24	Rank 25	Rank 26	Rank 27	Rank 28	Rank 29	Rank 30
Rank 40	Rank 39	Rank 38	Rank 37	Rank 36	Rank 35	Rank 34	Rank 33	Rank 32	Rank 31
Rank 41	Rank 42	Rank 43	Rank 44	Rank 45	Rank 46	Rank 47	Rank 48	Rank 49	Rank 50
Rank 60	Rank 59	Rank 58	Rank 57	Rank 56	Rank 55	Rank 54	Rank 53	Rank 52	Rank 51
Rank 61	Rank 62	Rank 63	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

C Division — Group Split Logic (104 Teams)

Teams are divided into groups based on their ranking in that format from the previous season (2025-26). In case of any new teams entering to C Division are distributed equally at the bottom of the ranking order based on alphabetical order.

Slot	Group A (13 Teams)	Group B (13 Teams)	Group C (13 Teams)	Group D (13 Teams)	Group E (13 Teams)	Group F (13 Teams)	Group G (13 Teams)	Group H (13 Teams)
1	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4	Rank 5	Rank 6	Rank 7	Rank 8
2	Rank 16	Rank 15	Rank 14	Rank 13	Rank 12	Rank 11	Rank 10	Rank 9
3	Rank 17	Rank 18	Rank 19	Rank 20	Rank 21	Rank 22	Rank 23	Rank 24
4	Rank 32	Rank 31	Rank 30	Rank 29	Rank 28	Rank 27	Rank 26	Rank 25
5	Rank 33	Rank 34	Rank 35	Rank 36	Rank 37	Rank 38	Rank 39	Rank 40
6	Rank 48	Rank 47	Rank 46	Rank 45	Rank 44	Rank 43	Rank 42	Rank 41
7	Rank 49	Rank 50	Rank 51	Rank 52	Rank 53	Rank 54	Rank 55	Rank 56
8	Rank 64	Rank 63	Rank 62	Rank 61	Rank 60	Rank 59	Rank 58	Rank 57
9	Rank 65	Rank 66	Rank 67	Rank 68	Rank 69	Rank 70	Rank 71	Rank 72
10	Rank 80	Rank 79	Rank 78	Rank 77	Rank 76	Rank 75	Rank 74	Rank 73
11	Rank 81	Rank 82	Rank 83	Rank 84	Rank 85	Rank 86	Rank 87	Rank 88
12	Rank 96	Rank 95	Rank 94	Rank 93	Rank 92	Rank 91	Rank 90	Rank 89
13	Rank 97	Rank 98	Rank 99	Rank 100	Rank 101	Rank 102	Rank 103	Rank 104

SENIORS & UNDER-23



MEN'S SUPER LEAGUE — SENIORS & UNDER-23

Format	Duration Window	No. of Teams	Matches per Team
Four-Day	01 Sep – 16 Sep 2026	8	3 Matches per team
One Day	08 Nov – 17 Nov 2026	8	5 Matches per team

*The super league for Seniors and Under-23 will be the same

MAIN STATE TEAM PRACTICE MATCHES — SENIORS & UNDER-23

Category	Format	Duration Window	Matches
Seniors	Four-Day	20 Sep – 05 Oct 2026	2
	T20	07 Nov – 11 Nov 2026	3
	One Day	08 Dec – 11 Dec 2026	3
Under-23	Four-Day	20 Sep – 05 Oct 2026	2
	T20	18 Nov – 25 Nov 2026	3

UNDER-19



UNDER-19 — SUPER LEAGUE & MAIN TEAM PRACTICE MATCHES

Super League

Format	Duration Window	No. of Teams	Matches per Team
Four-Day (Phase 1)	01 Sep – 04 Sep 2026	6	1 Match per team (In Phase 1)
One Day	06 Sep – 15 Sep 2026	6	5 Matches per team
Four-Day (Phase 2)	29 Oct – 09 Nov 2026	6	2 Matches per team (In Phase 2)

Main State Team Practice Matches

Format	Duration Window	Matches
One Day	20 Sep – 01 Oct 2026	4
Four-Day	10 Nov – 21 Nov 2026	2

UNDER-16



UNDER-16 MATCHES

Category	Format	No. of Teams	Duration Window	Matches
School Matches	50 Overs	Depending on entries	Aug – Sep 2026	Min. 2 league stage matches per team followed by Knockouts
Super League	Two-Day	6	28 Sep – 28 Oct 2026	5 Matches per team
Main State Team Practice Matches	Two-Day	1	01 Nov – 10 Nov 2026	2 Matches

SPECIALISED CLINICS



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Specialised short clinics will be conducted with experts in each area, for shortlisted players across age groups. These clinics will be for:

- Batting
- Fielding
- Pace Bowling
- Spin Bowling
- Mental Conditioning



OPEN TRIALS



OPEN TRIALS SCHEDULE

Category	Region	Duration Window
Seniors	Multiple Districts	May – Jul 2026
Under-16 & Under-14	Multiple Districts	Jul – Aug 2026

BCCI MEN'S CALENDAR FOR REFERENCE

2026-27 SEASON SCHEDULE – START & END DATE



Tournament	Category	League (Start & End Date)		Knockout (Start & End Date)	
DULEEP TROPHY	Mens Seniors	-	-	23-Aug-26	10-Sep-26
IRANI CUP	Mens Seniors	-	-	01-Oct-26	05-Oct-26
RANJI TROPHY ELITE	Mens Seniors	11-Oct-26 to 5-Nov-26 (Phase 1)	17-Jan-27 to 04-Feb-27 (Phase 2)	09-Feb-27	03-Mar-27
RANJI TROPHY PLATE	Mens Seniors	11-Oct-26 to 5-Nov-26 (Phase 1)	17-Jan-27 to 20-Jan-27 (Phase 2)	24-Jan-27	28-Jan-27
SYED MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY ELITE	Mens Seniors	14-Nov-26	26-Nov-26	30 Nov-26	6-Dec-26
SYED MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY PLATE	Mens Seniors	14-Nov-26	22-Nov-26	24-Nov-26	24-Nov-26
VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY ELITE	Mens Seniors	14-Dec-26	29-Dec-26	2-Jan-27	8-Jan-27
VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY PLATE	Mens Seniors	14-Dec-26	24-Dec-26	27-Dec-26	27-Dec-26
COL. CKN WINNERS Vs ROI (U23)	Mens U-23	-	-	01-Oct-26	04-Oct-26
COL. C K NAYUDU TROPHY ELITE	Mens U-23	12-Oct-26 to 6-Nov-26 (Phase 1)	18-Jan-27 to 05-Feb-27 (Phase 2)	10-Feb-27	01-Mar-27
COL. C K NAYUDU TROPHY PLATE	Mens U-23	12-Oct-26 to 6-Nov-26 (Phase 1)	18-Jan-27 to 21-Jan-27 (Phase 2)	25-Jan-27	28-Jan-27
MENS U23 STATE A TROPHY ELITE (T20)	Mens U-23	1-Dec-26	13-Dec-26	17-Dec-26	23-Dec-26
MENS U23 STATE A TROPHY PLATE (T20)	Mens U-23	1-Dec-26	9-Dec-26	11-Dec-26	11-Dec-26
VINOO MANKAD TROPHY ELITE	Mens U-19	08-Oct-26	16-Oct-26	20-Oct-26	27-Oct-26
VINOO MANKAD TROPHY PLATE	Mens U-19	08-Oct-26	16-Oct-26	18-Oct-26	18-Oct-26
COOCH BEHAR TROPHY ELITE	Mens U-19	26-Nov-26	29-Dec-26	03-Jan-27	30-Jan-27
COOCH BEHAR TROPHY PLATE	Mens U-19	26-Nov-26	29-Dec-26	03-Jan-27	06-Jan-27
VIJAY MERCHANT TROPHY ELITE	Mens U-16	14-Nov-26	8-Dec-26	12-Dec-26	5-Jan-27
VIJAY MERCHANT TROPHY PLATE	Mens U-16	14-Nov-26	8-Dec-26	12-Dec-26	15-Dec-26

THANK YOU

