

A STUDY OF ICC AWARDS



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Short Profile

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ABSTRACT:

The ICC Awards is a set of sports awards for cricket. The awards recognise and honour the best international cricket players of the previous 12 months. The Awards has been institutionalized by International Cricket Council since 2004.

KEYWORDS

The ICC Awards, ICC Player, Test Player.

INTRODUCTION

AWARD CATEGORIES

Ten awards are presented:

- ICC Player of the Year
- Women's Cricketer of the Year
- Test Player of the Year
- One-day Player of the Year
- Captain of the Year

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- Emerging Player of the Year

Players eligible for this award must be under 26 years of age at the start of the voting period and have played no more than five Tests and/or 10 ODIs before that date.

- Test Team of the Year
- One-day Team of the Year
- Spirit of Cricket Award

Described by the ICC as awarded to the team most notable for "upholding the 'Spirit of the Game', involving respect for:

- Their opponents
- Their own captain and team
- The role of the umpires
- The game's traditional values"
- Umpire of the Year

The inaugural ICC Awards ceremony was held on 7 September 2004, in London. The judging period covered was from 1 August 2003, to 31 July, 2004, and included all Test matches and One Day Internationals played during that period.

The winners of various awards in the inaugural ICC Awards were:

- ✦ Player of the Year: Rahul Dravid (India)
- ✦ Test Player of the Year: Rahul Dravid (India)
- ✦ ODI Player of the Year: Andrew Flintoff (England)
- ✦ Emerging Player of the Year: Irfan Pathan (India)
- ✦ Umpire of the Year: Simon Taufel (Australia)
- ✦ Spirit of Cricket: New Zealand
- ✦ World Test XI: Matthew Hayden (Aus), Herschelle Gibbs (SA), Ricky Ponting (Aus, captain), Rahul Dravid (Ind), Brian Lara (WI), Jacques Kallis (SA), Adam Gilchrist (Aus, wicket-keeper), Chaminda Vaas (SL), Shane Warne (Aus), Jason Gillespie (Aus), Steve Harmison (Eng)
- ✦ World one-day XI: Adam Gilchrist (Aus, wicket-keeper), Sachin Tendulkar (Ind), Chris Gayle (WI), Ricky Ponting (Aus, captain), Brian Lara (WI), Virender Sehwag (Ind), Jacques Kallis (SA), Andrew Flintoff (Eng), Shaun Pollock (SA), Chaminda Vaas (SL), Jason Gillespie (Aus)

2005 AWARDS

The second ICC awards ceremony was held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Sydney, Australia, on 11 October 2005. The judging period covered was from 1 August 2004, to 31 July 2005. This did not include the whole of the 2005 Ashes Series, since the final four matches of this series were played in August and September.

AWARD WINNERS WERE:

- ✦ Player of the Year: Awarded jointly to Andrew Flintoff (England) and Jacques Kallis (S Africa)
- ✦ Test Player of the Year: Jacques Kallis (S Africa)
- ✦ ODI Player of the Year: Kevin Pietersen (England)
- ✦ Emerging Player of the Year: Kevin Pietersen (England)
- ✦ Umpire of the Year: Simon Taufel (Australia)
- ✦ Spirit of Cricket: England
- ✦ World Test XI: Virender Sehwag (Ind), Graeme Smith (SA), Ricky Ponting (Aus, captain), Jacques Kallis (SA), Brian Lara (WI), Inzamam-ul-Haq (Pak), Andrew Flintoff (Eng), Adam Gilchrist (Aus, wicket-keeper), Shane Warne (Aus), Chaminda Vaas (SL), Glenn McGrath (Aus), 12th man: Anil Kumble (Ind)
- ✦ World one-day XI: Marvan Atapattu (SL, captain), Adam Gilchrist (Aus, wicket-keeper), Rahul Dravid (Ind), Kevin Pietersen (Eng), Inzamam-ul-Haq (Pak), Andrew Flintoff (Eng), Andrew Symonds (Aus), Daniel Vettori (NZ), Brett Lee (Aus), Rana Naved-ul-Hasan (Pak), Glenn McGrath (Aus), 12th man: Jacques Kallis (SA)
- ✦ List of nominees for 2005 awards

2006 AWARDS

The third ICC awards ceremony was held in Mumbai, India on 3 November 2006, during the 2006 ICC Champions Trophy. The judging period was from 1 August 2005 to 8 August 2006, thus including three of the four Tests between Pakistan and England, and the Test series between South Africa and Sri Lanka. For the first time, there was an award of Women's Cricketer of the Year and Captain of the Year.

AWARD WINNERS WERE:

- Player of the Year: Ricky Ponting (Australia)
- Test Player of the Year: Ricky Ponting (Australia)
- ODI Player of the Year: Michael Hussey (Australia)
- Emerging Player of the Year: Ian Bell (England)
- Umpire of the Year: Simon Taufel (Australia)
- Captain of the Year: Mahela Jayawardene (Sri Lanka)
- Women's Cricketer of the Year: Karen Rolton (Australia)
- Spirit of Cricket: English cricket team
- World Test XI: Matthew Hayden (Aus), Michael Hussey (Aus), Ricky Ponting (Aus), Rahul Dravid (Ind, captain), Mohammad Yousuf (Pak), Kumar Sangakkara (SL, wicket-keeper), Andrew Flintoff (Eng), Shane Warne (Aus), Makhaya Ntini (SA), Muttiah Muralitharan (SL), Glenn McGrath (Aus), 12th man: Brett Lee (Aus)
- World one-day XI: Adam Gilchrist (Aus, wicket-keeper), Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Ind), Ricky Ponting (Aus), Mahela Jayawardene (SL, captain), Yuvraj Singh (Ind), Michael Hussey (Aus), Andrew Flintoff (Eng), Irfan Pathan (Ind), Brett Lee (Aus), Shane Bond (NZ), Muttiah Muralitharan (SL), 12th man: Andrew Symonds (Aus)
- Nominees for 2006

2007 AWARDS

AWARD WINNERS WERE:

- Player of the Year: Ricky Ponting (Australia)
- Test Player of the Year: Mohammad Yousuf (Pakistan)
- ODI Player of the Year: Matthew Hayden (Australia)
- Emerging Player of the Year: Shaun Tait (Australia)
- Associate Player of the year: Thomas Odoyo (Kenya)
- Umpire of the Year: Simon Taufel (Australia)
- Captain of the Year: Ricky Ponting (Australia)
- Women's Cricketer of the Year: Jhulan Goswami (India)
- Spirit of Cricket: Sri Lanka national cricket team
- World Test XI: Matthew Hayden (Aus), Michael Vaughan (Eng), Ricky Ponting (Aus, captain), Mohammad Yousuf (Pak), Kevin Pietersen (Eng), Michael Hussey (Aus), Kumar Sangakkara (SL, wicket-keeper), Stuart Clark (Aus), Makhaya Ntini (SA), Mohammad Asif (Pak), Muttiah Muralitharan (SL), 12th man: Zaheer Khan (Ind)
- World one-day XI: Matthew Hayden (Aus), Sachin Tendulkar (Ind), Ricky Ponting (Aus, captain), Kevin Pietersen (Eng), Shivnarine Chanderpaul (WI), Jacques Kallis (SA), Mark Boucher (SA, wicket-keeper), Chaminda Vaas (SL), Shane Bond (NZ), Muttiah Muralitharan (SL), Glenn McGrath (Aus), 12th man: Michael Hussey (Aus)

2008 AWARDS

The fifth ICC awards ceremony was held in Dubai, U.A.E. on 10 September 2008. The Award of The Twenty20 International Performance of the Year inaugurated.

AWARD WINNERS WERE:

- ✦ Player of the Year: Shivnarine Chanderpaul (West Indies)
- ✦ Test Player of the Year: Dale Steyn (South Africa)
- ✦ ODI Player of the Year: Mahendra Singh Dhoni (India)
- ✦ Twenty20 International Performance of the Year: Yuvraj Singh (India)
- ✦ Emerging Player of the Year: Ajantha Mendis (Sri Lanka)
- ✦ Umpire of the Year: Simon Taufel (Australia) (Fifth consecutive year)
- ✦ Women's Cricketer of the Year: Charlotte Edwards (England)
- ✦ Associate Player of the year: Ryan ten Doeschate (Netherlands)
- ✦ Spirit of Cricket: Sri Lanka national cricket team
- ✦ World Test XI: Graeme Smith (SA, captain), Virender Sehwag (Ind), Mahela Jayawardene (SL), Shivnarine Chanderpaul (WI), Kevin Pietersen (Eng), Jacques Kallis (SA), Kumar Sangakkara (SL, wicket-keeper), Brett Lee (Aus), Ryan Sidebottom (Eng), Dale Steyn (SA), Muttiah Muralitharan (SL), 12th man: Stuart Clark (Aus)
- ✦ World one-day XI: Herschelle Gibbs (SA), Sachin Tendulkar (Ind), Ricky Ponting (Aus, captain), Younis Khan (Pak), Andrew Symonds (Aus), Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Ind, wicket-keeper), Farveez Maharooof (SL), Daniel Vettori (NZ), Brett Lee (Aus), Mitchell Johnson (Aus), Nathan Bracken (Aus), 12th man: Salman Butt (Pak)

2009 AWARDS

The sixth ICC awards ceremony was held in Johannesburg, South Africa on 01 October 2009.

AWARD WINNERS WERE:

- Player of the Year: Mitchell Johnson (Australia)
- Test Player of the Year: Gautam Gambhir (India)
- ODI Player of the Year: Mahendra Singh Dhoni (India)
- Twenty20 International Performance of the Year: Tillakaratne Dilshan (Sri Lanka)
- Emerging Player of the Year: Peter Siddle (Australia)
- Umpire of the Year: Aleem Dar (Pakistan)
- Women's Cricketer of the Year: Claire Taylor (England)
- Associate Player of the year: William Porterfield (Ireland)
- Spirit of Cricket: New Zealand national cricket team
- World Test XI: Gautam Gambhir (Ind), Andrew Strauss (Eng), AB de Villiers (SA), Sachin Tendulkar (Ind), Thilan Samaraweera (SL), Michael Clarke (Aus), Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Ind, captain, wicket-keeper), Shakib Al Hasan (Ban), Mitchell Johnson (Aus), Stuart Broad (Eng), Dale Steyn (SA), 12th man: Harbhajan Singh (Ind)
- World one-day XI: Virender Sehwag (Ind), Chris Gayle (WI), Kevin Pietersen (Eng), Tillakaratne Dilshan (SL), Yuvraj Singh (Ind), Martin Guptill (NZ), Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Ind, captain, wicket-keeper), Andrew Flintoff (Eng), Nuwan Kulasekara (SL), Ajantha Mendis (SL), Umar Gul (Pak), 12th man: Thilan Thushara (SL)
- Nominees for 2009
- ICC Awards 2009

ARJUNA AWARD

The Arjuna Awards were instituted in 1961 by the government of India to recognize outstanding achievement in National sports. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 500,000, a bronze statuette of Arjuna and a scroll.

Over the years the scope of the award has been expanded and a large number of sportspersons who belonged to the pre-Arjun Award era were also included in the list. Further, the number of disciplines for which the award is given was increased to include indigenous games and the physically handicapped category.

The Government has recently[when?] revised the scheme for the Arjun Award. As per the revised guidelines, to be eligible for the Award, a sportsperson should not only have had good performance consistently for the previous three years at the international level with excellence for the year for which the Award is recommended, but should also have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.

From the year 2001, the award is given only in disciplines falling under the following categories:

Olympic Games / Asian Games / Commonwealth Games / World Cup / World Championship Disciplines and Cricket.



DRONACHARYA AWARD

The great Indian Saint Kabir aptly described the significant role of Guru (Teacher) in his famous lines: Guru Gobind dou Khare Kake lagun Pao, Balihari guru aapki jin gobind deeo batai".

In recognition of such Gurus (Coaches) the Govt. of India instituted Dronacharya Award in 1985, to honour eminent coaches who make outstanding contribution in their respective fields. The awards are given for commendable work performed on a consistent basis in the promotion of that sport. The awardees are thus motivated to dedicate themselves to raise the standard of sportspersons in international events and bring glory to the country. Karan Singh, a renowned physical educationist, who produced more than a dozen international athletes has the honour of receiving Dronacharya Award. He is the only person from the field of Physical Education having the distinction of coaching and producing international repute athletes.



Dronacharya Award

Each awardee is given a cash prize of Rs. 3,00,000 alongwith a bronze statuette of Dronacharya, a scroll, a suit, a blazer, and a tie. The award is presented by the President of India on August 29th. every year, which happens to be the birthday of late Capt Dhyhan Chand, known as 'Hockey Wizard"

1986	Desh Prem Azad	Cricket
1987	Gurcharan Singh	Cricket
1990	Ramakant Achrekar	Cricket
2004	Sunita Sharma	Cricket

RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA



The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna (RGKR) is India's highest honour given for achievement in sports. The words "Khel Ratna" literally translate to "Sports Gem" in Hindi. The award is named after the late Rajiv Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India. It carries a medal, a scroll of honour and a substantial cash component. As of 2004-05, when the award was last bestowed, the cash component stands at Rs. 500,000/- (c. 11,500 USD). The money has been increased from Rs500,000 to Rs750,000.[1]

The award was instituted in the year 1991-92 to supply the lack of a supreme national accolade in the field of sports. Predating the RGKR are the Arjuna awards that have always been given to outstanding sportspersons in each of many sporting disciplines every year. The Khel Ratna was devised to be an overarching honour, conferred for outstanding sporting performance, whether by an individual or a team, across all sporting disciplines in a given year.

Whereas the trend has generally been for one outstanding sportsperson to be honoured every year, that is not mandatory.[3] The award need not be bestowed if no candidate is found to have met historic standards of excellence. Two or more individuals or teams may be honoured in the same year. On two occasions, two individual sportspersons shared the accolade.

LIST OF RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARDEES

S.No.	Year	Name of the Sportsperson(s)	Sport Discipline
01	1997-98	Sachin Tendulkar	Cricket
02	2007-08	Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Cricket

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