

Cricket: More than a game

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1. Keywords:

batsman, bowled, bowler, cricket diplomacy, cricket rules, current events, displacement, gully, how to play cricket, ICC Cricket World Cup, International Cricket Council (ICC), Lords, national pride, one day international, pitch, power of sports, Ranji Trophy, refugee, rules of cricket, slip, spirit of cricket, sports and politics, sports diplomacy, stumped, T20, umpire, war, wicket keeper, wicket, ODI, ICC Women's Cricket World Cup

2. Essential Questions:

1. Describe instances when a sporting event is more than entertainment to the audience.
2. Should we keep politics out of sports?
3. Can you think of games or tournaments where sports became a proxy fight for social justice?
4. If sports are so influential, what responsibilities must teams and athletes assume? Is this fair on them?
5. Have you watched movies, TV programs or other media about sports or set in the world of sports? Which were most memorable and why?

3. From our [June 2019 Newsletter](#)

ICC World Cup Cricket 2019 is on now. The last tournament in 2015 is thought to have been watched by more than **2.2 Billion** viewers. Should we care how many people are watching something? Maybe/maybe not - but it is interesting to peek into this game that is so much more than a game to so many people.

Some highlights of this tournament: Ten countries are playing - Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and the West Indies. It will be played from May 30-July 14, 2019. The format is One Day International (ODI).

So much more than a game – the [Afghanistan cricket team](#) came out of refugee camps to the World Cup; [Rashid Khan](#), the best T20 bowler in the World survived war and displacement to become a superstar; at the [ICC Women's World Cup](#) in 2017 (and yes, women play cricket) games were watched by more than 50 million viewers before the final itself; and of course, all this becomes big business - but that's another story.

[An illustrated Story of Afghanistan's Cricket Team](#)

4. Five links about Cricket: the spirit and rules of the game and much more

[Spirit of cricket](#)

[Laws of Cricket](#)

[Equipment](#)

[Field Positions](#)

[ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2017](#)

5. Cricket Basics

[Cricket 101](#)

6. Download

Download a word search of cricket words [here](#) Will they stump you?

7. More reading

[Cricket Diplomacy](#)

[Still the hottest ticket in town](#)

[The Afghanistan Story](#)

[Americans have mixed sports and politics for longer than you think](#)

8. Country flags of the ten countries in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019

	Afghanistan		Australia
	Bangladesh		England

	India		New Zealand
	Pakistan		South Africa
	Sri Lanka		West Indies
Source: https://www.cricbuzz.com/cricket-series/2697/icc-cricket-world-cup-2019/teams			

9. Five reasons why non-cricket fans NEED to watch this World Cup

http://www.espnricinfo.com/story/_/id/26845585/five-reasons-why-non-cricket-fans-need-watch-world-cup

10. Cricket and nationhood

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/specials/1157_cricket_history/page6.shtml

11. Cricket podcasts

#AakashVani—Hosted by Aakash Chopra, a former International Cricket player and a well-known cricket analyst. This is the absolute go to podcast for all the latest cricket updates

List of cricket podcasts <https://player.fm/featured/cricket>