

The Philadelphia International Cricket Festival.doc

The Philadelphia International Cricket Festival is an annual sporting charity event staged during the first weekend in May each year to: promote cricket in the region, encourage national and international sporting ties, and support local Youth Development through charitable donations.



As the Cradle of Cricket in the United States, Philadelphia has an honored place. The first American Cricket Club was founded at Haverford College in 1834. Haverford College is also home to the United States Cricket Museum. Over the past 175 years, Philadelphia has been at the heart of American Cricket. Sir Garfield Sobers, previous Festival Guest of Honor, remarked in awe that the event venues were "Amongst the finest he had seen anywhere in the world!"

Annually, 12 Cricket Teams comprising over 150 players representing 14 different nationalities arrive in Philadelphia for four days of cricketing excitement. The action culminates on the first Sunday afternoon in May when victors of Division A meet their counterparts from Division 1 in the Festival Final. The Final takes place at the Philadelphia Cricket Club and members of the public are invited to delight in the timeless Game of Cricket. Witness first hand the emerald green lawns and the burgundy-colored ball as it transcends skywards with the crack of willow bat. This is truly one of the loveliest spring events in the region. Please join us!

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