

ICC suggests 6-team T20 contest in Los Angeles Olympics

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The Daily Morning Voice Online Desk: In an effort to get cricket into the major international sporting events, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has recommended six-team T20 competitions for both men and women to the Los Angeles Olympic Games organising committee (LA28).

Amid buzz that cricket may be ignored again at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, ESPNcricinfo has learned that no decision has yet been made and that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will make a final decision in October after the LA28 organisers have finalised the list of new sports by March. These will then be approved at the IOC session in Mumbai, which is likely to happen in or around October this year.

The six competing teams would most likely be the top six in the ICC men's and women's T20 rankings on a cut-off date, if the plan is approved. The ICC is presently exploring ideas with the LA28 organisers before deciding on a tournament format, as per ESPNcricinfo. T20 was suggested as the format because LA28 and the IOC had both informed the ICC that the format should be one in which a world championship is held (which would exclude T10, for example), has a brief duration (which excludes ODIs), and has a sizable amount of spectator engagement.