



FAQ's About the Spirit of Cricket T20 Franchise Tournament Mildura - 2024

What is the Spirit of T20 Cricket Tournament?

It is an 8 Franchise Team T20 tournament which will be played in Mildura, Victoria from 26th September to 30th September. The initial tournament is a pilot to ensure the model works.

Where are the Franchises based?

There are 2x Victorian, 2x Queensland, 2x NSW, 1x South Australian and 1x Western Australian based sides.

Are the Franchise State sides?

No. Whilst based and domiciled in the State and you can probably expect the majority of the side to have some local talent, the players will be drafted via a televised draft (Just like an AFL Draft).

Is this part of CA, IMC or the VCA?

No. This is private run tournament but may become associated in 2024 or 2025.

What is the tournament?

There will be 14 man squads, drafted at the National Draft and you will play 2x T20s a day and all sides will pay each other with the two top teams playing off in a grand final for \$5,000 prize money. There are also 2 x signs on the grounds which if a player hits a six and hits those signs there is also an additional \$25,000 on offer x 2. (i.e. to a maximum of \$50,000 in the Tournament)

Who gets the prize money?

The prize money in the grand final and also the six sign will be equally paid to all squad members, those playing and non-playing in the grand final etc. This has been agreed to by all Franchise Owners.

How do I get drafted?

You nominate via this link and pay \$55. (<https://www.spiritofcricket.com.au/australia-t20-2024>). You MUST nominate by 31 May to be

considered for selection. I repeat you MUST nominate to be drafted.

When is the Draft?

The Draft has been penciled in for Sunday the 23rd June at approximately 8pm EST.

Who owns Spirit of Cricket Global Pty Ltd, the event organizers?

This is owned by a group of businessmen who reside in Australia & New Zealand and the mastermind of the concept is Anthony Telfer who coordinated and ran the SA Nationals in 2023.

How many years will this Tournament run for?

The event organizers have contracted with Mildura to host event for the next three years. In 2025 the winner of the Tournament is flown all expenses paid to Abu Dhabi to compete in a Global T20 tournament as a number of other continents will be having similar tournaments early in 2025. At that Global tournament the winner will be paid \$100,000.

What other costs are there to me as a player?

As part of the three (3) part nomination process, you initially pay \$55 and provide a short Bio. If drafted you commit to paying \$900 by 31 July which will cover all of your costs at the tournament including all of your playing attire, accommodation, breakfast, Lunch & 2 evening meals at the special events. You are responsible for your own flight costs. The \$55 is non-refundable.

Will I be insured at this event as a player?

No. We understand that all players at all National events are not technically covered. We are aware that some Franchises are in fact taking out separate policies to cover the players and provide similar benefits to that currently enjoyed as a player of any Club in Australia. We recommend you enquire of that with the Franchise upon successful selection. We highly



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recommend that you have private health insurance to cover non-Medicare related expenses that may occur as a result of injuries competing in this event. Every ground being played at has First Aid supplies and a defib.

If I am selected this year, will I be in that Team next year?

Yes and No. If you perform the Franchise Owners will have an option to contract you for 2025 and will merely then participate in the 2025 draft for the number of players that it needs to fill its squad. For this reason alone, you should really be spending the \$55 to nominate this year instead of sitting on the fence.

What guarantee will I have of being drafted?

None. The draft is an open draft and all Franchise Owners will be trying to draft the best players available and therefore it will be a luck of the draw and based on talent BUT anyone is eligible to nominate.

How many are expected to nominate?

This is difficult to say but it is expected that there will be somewhere between 150-200 nominees by 31 May 2023. A lot of work for the Franchise Owners before draft day to scrutinize the nominees. Do your best in your Bio!

Do I have to play, if I don't like the team I get drafted too?

No. If you don't pay your \$900 you will be "dropped" from the squad and the Franchisee will have nominated replacement players from the nomination pool that will replace you. Therefore, if nominated we recommend you pay on time and ensure funds are received by the Spirit of Cricket Global on time!

What are the names of the Franchise Teams?

These will be announced before the draft and a number of Franchise Owners are close to securing naming rights sponsors which will be

their major sponsors and therefore that will impact on the likely Franchise Team Name.

Will there be any reserve players?

Yes. There will be two reserves per Franchise Team available to replace players if they are injured. The organizers are mindful of the fact that 8 games in 4 days is a lot of cricket for an Over 50s player and some injuries are expected and hence why the original squad is 14 players.

Have some players already been picked?

Yes. Each Franchise has two (2) priority picks, namely their Captain and Vice Captain which will be chosen in Rounds 1 and Round 2 leaving 14 further positions in the squad, bringing the squad to a total of 16 with 14 playing squad members and 2 reserves. Please note the 2 reserves will only attend Mildura if players withdraw for personal reasons, injuries or work commitments.

Will there be enough players to choose from?

Yes. It would be expected that there will be sufficient nominees to choose from in the draft and Franchises cannot 'pass' to recruit outside the draft. This is not in the 'Spirit of the Game'.

What sort of accommodation will be made available?

Each Franchise is provided with accommodation for their players and their Major sponsor and the players are expected to room in twin share rooms. Individual players may at their own expense alter those arrangements.

Can Partners attend?

Partners can attend and a partners package is available on request once you have been selected by a franchise in the player draft.

If I have any questions, who can I talk to?

We recommend you reach out to the Spirit of Cricket, directly via their website.