



PRESS PORTFOLIO

Welcome to the 31st Cricket on Ice

on Lake St. Moritz, Thursday 8th – Saturday 10th February 2018

Cricket on Ice was the brainchild of a few British cricket enthusiasts (Old Boys from the international boarding school Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz), and many famous cricketers have taken part over the decades. The picturesque Swiss resort of St. Moritz is famous for the beauty of its ski slopes and the adrenalin rush at the Cresta Run. But for sheer quirkiness, few sport events can beat the cricket festival on the ice and snow on the frozen lake.

This testimony to the sports' eccentricity began to take shape in 1988, when a group of intrepid British cricketers challenged the students of the international boarding school Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz to a match. Ever since, it has become an integral part of the official cricket calendar, attracting international players and high-flying business people from all over the world.

Teams competing for this year's trophy

St. Moritz CC	friends & guests of St Moritz Cricket Club
Cholmeleians XI	old Boys from Highgate School in London, UK
Lyceum Alpinum XI	students & tutors from Lyceum Alpinum in Zuoz, Switzerland
Old Paulines CC	a team made up of predominantly old boys from St Pauls in Thames Ditton

Scheduled games

Thursday 8 th February	10am - 12.50pm & 1.10pm - 4pm
Friday 9 th February	10am - 12.50pm & 1.10pm - 4pm
Saturday 10 th February	10am - 12.50pm & 1.10pm - 4pm

Please get in touch with the organising committee if you have any questions, or check our homepage www.cricket-on-ice.com. It would be a great pleasure to welcome you on the lake, offer you refreshments and a chair in the sun from where you can watch the matches in the champagne climate of St. Moritz!

Cricket on Ice is very proud to welcome you to St. Moritz.
We hope you will enjoy this unique event.

Yours sincerely,

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Cricket on Ice

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Cricket is a way of life, a game like no other in which one man, the batsman, is pitted against eleven opponents. But the bowler, too, when he stands alone before the man with the leg pads and the wooden bat, knows how much his aim may determine the success or failure of his team. Not without good reason, the captain has charged the bowler with the task of confronting the batsman who stands transfixed before him, eyes glued on him and almost motionless save for the ritual, gentle beating of the ground with his bat.

Cricket is renowned primarily as a sport for gentlemen and it may seem that what matters most of all is keeping those long, elegant white trousers free of grass stains. However, those who want to play the game seriously (and which English game isn't played in earnest?), will deploy considerable strength, agility and toughness, as well as tactical intelligence. Wielding that bat and reacting to spinning balls are skills not learned overnight and even learning the art of fair play, in which every clever move by your opponent is acknowledged with polite applause, needs years of experience.

On Lake St. Moritz, the game is a little different. Instead of whites, the players wear warm tracksuits. The ball is made of hard rubber, because traditional leather would become wet, heavy and unpredictable on the snow. The pitch is artificial grass. Under the weathered mixture of synthetic and natural snow, the ice creaks! In summer, players tread the meticulously prepared grass with a ghostly silence. Every step crunches on Lake St. Moritz. Whether the players score their runs enthusiastically or with nonchalance, their performance can be checked acoustically.

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Event tickets

No entry ticket is required to watch Cricket on Ice.

The playing regulations

The teams compete in a Twenty20 Round-Robin tournament. Bowlers are limited to 4 overs. The players are allowed and recommended to wear spikes. Each team & umpires wear a coloured fleece.

The Cricket on Ice tournament respects the international MCC laws of cricket, except where:

1. Four teams compete in a round-robin style tournament, with 2 points awarded for a win, 1 point for a tie/draw, no points for a loss.
2. Net Run Rate (NRR) will determine league standings for teams equal on points.
3. Games consist of 20 overs per innings, unless reduced by the officials.
4. Bowlers are limited to 4 overs (or 1/5th of the allotted overs).
5. Games begin at 10am and 1pm.
6. Balls are supplied by the tournament organiser.
7. A ball passing the batsman above the waist on the full at the popping crease is a no-ball.
8. Ball not pitching on the matting (pitch) is a no-ball.
9. Other than pitching off the mat, all no-balls qualify as a "Free-hit".
10. A maximum of two bounces before the ball reaches the batsman are permitted. Any ball exceeding this is deemed a no-ball.
11. A ball passing behind the batsman on the leg is a wide.
12. Fielders are permitted to wear gloves & sunglasses and must wear the clothing provided by the tournament organisers.
13. The Powerplay is the first 6 overs (or one third where a game has been reduced in overs) and only two fielders are permitted outside the circle.
14. During overs 7-20 not more than five fielders are permitted outside the circle.
15. Not more than five fielders are permitted on the leg-side.
16. Not more than two fielders are permitted behind square.
17. Batsmen must wear protective pads.
18. There is no limit to the number of substitutes, but the officials must be made aware of all changes.
19. No more than 11 fielders are permitted on the field of play at any one time.
20. Specified members of the media (photographers/TV) may be tolerated on the field during play.
21. The umpires decision is final and without recourse.

The cricket played is a competitive, but amateur, level and depends a lot on fairness and the spirit of friendship between the teams. ("For when the one great scorer comes to mark against your name, he writes - not that you won or lost, but how you played the game.")

Press coverage



Professional pictures and filming

The media are invited to take pictures and to film at any time. Enjoy the show! Please be aware of the risks which are involved in a cricket match. Between the innings, the organiser is offering a 15 minutes time-gap for close-up shooting. Pictures and video material can be requested after the event from the organizers or visit www.cricket-on-ice.com for downloads.