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Asian Games 2022 in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China from 10 to 25 September 2022



LANKANS TO GO WITH A SECOND-STRING SIDE IN ASIAN GAMES IN GOLD DEFENSE

Sri Lanka in their quest to defend the Asian Games “Gold” in cricket will once again will have to be contended with a second-string side according to Sri Lanka Cricket CEO Ashley de Silva.

It’s not a case of the Lankan cricket authority is placing Asian Games cricket in a lower shelf, but the national FTP is as such they are compelled to take that step.

Ashley de Silva explaining to the GoodSport Bulletin said “We would have loved to field the strongest possible side at the Asian Games, but we are compelled to look otherwise.

“More importantly the Asia Cup cricket tournament is overlapping the Asian Games tournament and we have to put our full investment into the Asia Cup basket.

“It is almost a precursor to the 2023 Cricket World Cup which is scheduled to begin in February next year. So, taking the cards on the table we have to place the Aces on the main table.”

In an Asian Games perspective, the Cricket “Gold” and the defense is an important factor. The reason being it is the solitary top medal that Sri Lanka has won since 2002 until we won-

the Cricket Gold in 2014. Won Sri Lanka’s solitary gold medal under Lahiru Thirimanne when they beat Afghanistan in the final.

At the same tournament Sri Lanka’s women team won bronze medal by defeating China.

The team was captained by Chamari Atapattu and Coached by Jeevantha Kulatunga.

India have not fielded a cricket team in two Asian Games while other major teams like Pakistan and Sri Lanka sent second-string sides.

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Cricket was played only once at the Olympics, back in 1900, and the Commonwealth Games (CWG) in 1998.

Cricket is set to make its comeback in the Asian Games for the 2022 edition in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China after the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) included it in the list of 40 sports with 61 disciplines.

The event is set to get underway on September 10 and will continue until September 25.

The decision was taken at the OCA's General Assembly in Bangkok back in 2019.

Cricket was a part of the Asian Games back in 2010 and 2014 but wasn't included for the 2018 edition in Indonesia.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) welcomed the OCA's decision to include cricket for the next season.

"Yes, cricket has been included in the sports programme for 2022 Hangzhou Games," OCA honorary vice-president Randhir Singh was quoted as saying in The New Indian Express. Cricket will be played in the T20 format in the 16-day tournament.

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The 40 sports for the Asian Games 2022 include a number of Olympic sports consisting of swimming, archery, athletics, badminton, equestrian, fencing, football, hockey, judo, kabaddi, among others.



Asian Games cricket winners

Asian Games women's cricket tournament winners

Asian Games men's cricket tournament winners

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Medals will be up for grabs in cricket at the upcoming Asian Games 2022 in Hangzhou, China, as the sport returns to the continental showpiece after eight years.

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2010	Bangladesh	Afghanistan	Pakistan
2014	Sri Lanka	Afghanistan	Bangladesh

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2010	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Japan
2014	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Sri Lanka





LANKAN QBR TO BE EXHIBITED AT EXPO 2020

With great pride we announce that our efforts at the Queen's Baton Relay held in Sri Lanka this year has been included at the UK National Day celebrations at Expo 2020. This year Sri Lanka was portrayed by ten events in three major cities with the inclusion of multicultural activity. It was cited by the secretary general CGA Sri Lanka as the best ever QBR in its history.

Expo 2020 is a World Expo, currently hosted by Dubai in the United Arab Emirates from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Originally scheduled for 20 October 2020 to 10 April 2021, it was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite being postponed, organizers kept the name Expo 2020 for marketing and branding purposes.

The main site of Expo 2020 Dubai is a 438-hectare area located between the cities of Dubai and Abu Dhabi, near Dubai's southern border with Abu Dhabi.

The master plan, designed by the American firm HOK, is organized around a central plaza, entitled Al Wasl, enclosed by three large thematic districts. Each one is dedicated to one of the sub-themes of Expo 2020 – Opportunity, Mobility and Sustainability.



The infrastructure of the 4.38 km Expo 2020 site was built by Orascom and BESIX.

The site has an emergency centre which includes an isolation room, emergency care room, ambulances and helicopter services.

The site also features the ROVE Expo 2020 which is the only hotel located at the site.

The hotel features 312 rooms and 19 suites with a rooftop pool and views of Al Wasl Plaza.

These celebrations will showcase talent, creativity and innovation to the rest of the world.

The Queen's Baton will be at the centre of UK National Day celebrations, with a Relay through the site, carried by Batonbearers from Commonwealth countries.

The Baton will visit some Commonwealth National Pavilions during the journey, where a short celebration will take place to welcome the Baton to the Pavilion.