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Australian Blind Cricket Launches World Cup Campaign

The stage is set for the biggest event on the world Blind Cricket calendar, the 3rd World Cup of Blind Cricket in Islamabad Pakistan from December 3 - 17 this year.

Teams from England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, as well as Australia will be competing for the coveted title of World Champions.

Australia has been preparing for this event since the completion of the 2nd World Cup in November 2002. The Australians came fourth in that event behind Pakistan, South Africa and England and they are intent on improving on that performance this time around.

The team has been selected following a series of gruelling training camps held around Australia during the last twelve months. From a training squad of 24, a touring squad of 16 has been selected with a blend of youth and experience, a team with enormous potential.

The Squad

B3 Players David Gauci (ACT/Vic), Nejat Haydardedeoglu (ACT), Lindsay Heaven (Vic), Matthew McCarthy (QLD), Raymond Moxly (QLD)

B2 Players Peter Christison (ACT), Mark Haskett (ACT), Paul Ravenarki (VIC), Peter Robinson (QLD), Chris Stevens (VIC), Brett Wilson (VIC)

B1 Players Chris Baille (VIC), Terry Eagers (QLD), Ben Felten (NSW), Garry Stinchcombe (VIC), Brian Talbot (VIC)

Team Manager: Graham Coulton

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Officials Scorer Grahame Phillips (QLD) and Umpire Chris Ives (VIC)

The game of blind cricket played internationally is a fast, high scoring, attacking game with scores over 300 in a 50 over contest very common.

All players must be able to score at least a run a ball, bowl a good line and field the ball as it **flies** to all parts of the ground. Being an all -rounder is an essential ingredient when playing for Australia.

Due to the varying eye sight conditions, there are three categories of player with B3 having vision of 6/60 or field of less than 10 degrees. B2 vision of 2/60 or field of less than 5 degrees or B1 no vision at all.

B1 players receive two runs for every run they score; a team must have a minimum of four **B1** players.

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