# Sport Profiles



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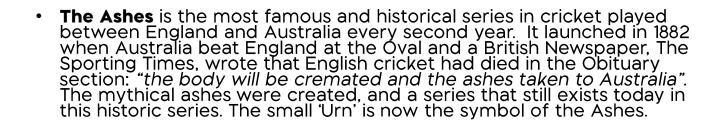
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#### **ECB Cricket**

(England & Wales Cricket Board)

#### The Ashes

1st - 31st July (4/5 Tests)



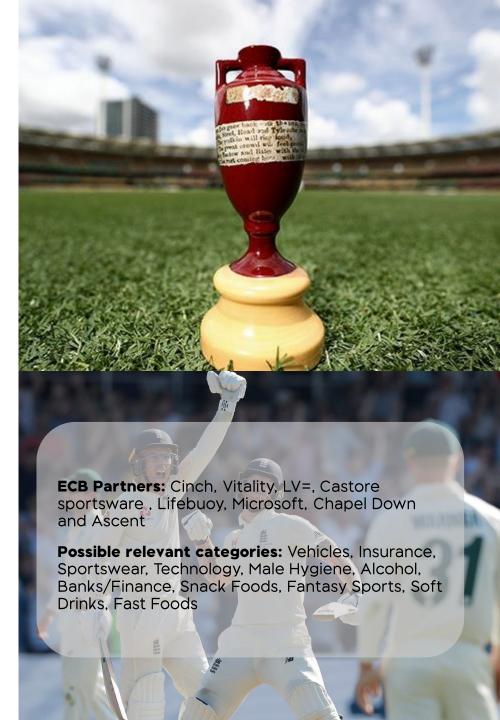
 In 2023, the five matches will be held from Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> - Monday July 31<sup>st</sup>. It draws a large viewing, with one of last year's tests in Australia reaching an average broadcast audience of 1.43 million viewers across the three days.\*

https://www.ecb.co.uk/

\*Reference: https://www.sportspromedia.com/news/the-ashes-tv-ratings-broadcast-viewership-seven-fox-australia/?zephr\_sso\_ott=x1xSGy







#### **ECB Cricket**

(England & Wales Cricket Board)



#### **BLACKCAPS** vs England

1-15<sup>th</sup> September

- The New Zealand BLACKCAPS are scheduled to tour England in September 2023 to play four One Day International (ODI) and four T20 matches. These will all be covered live on linear TV by TVNZ.
- The T20 matches begin on 1<sup>st</sup> September and finish on 7<sup>th</sup> September. The ODI matches begin on 9<sup>th</sup> September and finish on 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- New Zealand are ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in T20 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in ODI and England are ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in T20 and 4<sup>th</sup> in ODI proving this will be a competitive matchup.
- Both the English Coach Brendon McCullum and the Captain Ben Stokes are New Zealanders which could draw more attention from our country, even though we aren't competing.

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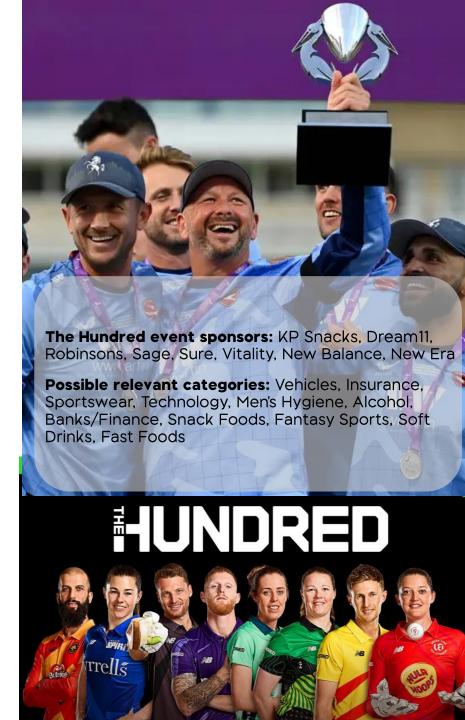




#### Other ECB Cricket



- The Hundred is a 100-ball cricket competition, fusing epic entertainment with high energy sporting action. The league has eight Men's and eight Women's teams located in major cities across England and Wales.
- Vitality Blast is a professional T20 cricket competition for English and Welsh first-class counties. Some notable New Zealanders playing in the competition are Matt Henry for Somerset, Colin Munro for Nottinghamshire and Mitchell Santner for Worcestershire.
- The Royal London One-Day Cup is similar to Vitality Blast as it is competed for by the England and Wales first-class counties however, it is a fifty-over cricket competition rather than T20.





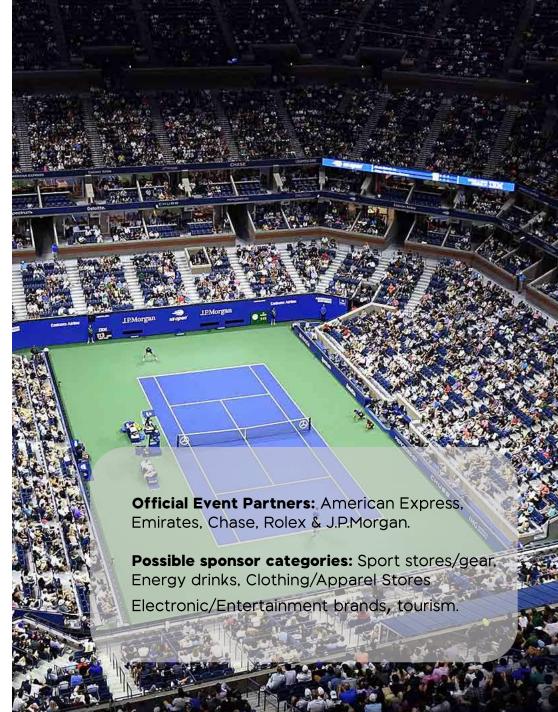
#### **US Open**



28th August - 10th September 2023

- The **US Open** is the fourth and final major event of the annual Grand Slam series. Across two weeks, players across the globe compete in men's/women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles. With tennis greats Serena Williams, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nedal, who have dominated the sport for almost two decades and are nearing the end or retiring from their tennis career, it marks an exciting time in the sport as new stars rise in qualifiers.
- Potential NZ Players: Michael Venus (Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles) and Erin Routliffe (Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles). Michael Venus is an exciting player to watch in the double's competition, having won Bronze at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- Official Event site: https://www.usopen.org/index.html





## FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023



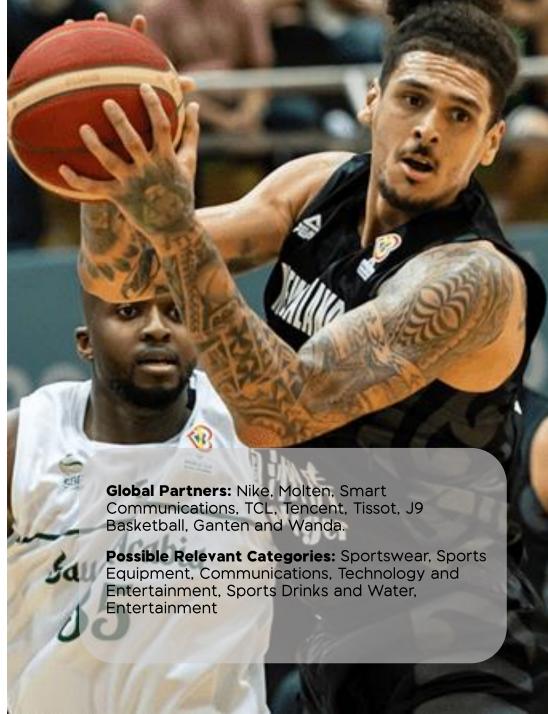






- The **FIBA Basketball World Cup** is competed for by 32 countries featuring the best players from leagues around the world such as the NBA, NBL and EuroLeague.
- The 2023 competition is held across the Philippines, Japan and Indonesia. It begins on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August with the final being held on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September.
- The **New Zealand Tall Blacks** have already qualified to compete, with a result of 19<sup>th</sup> at the 2019 World Cup. The team will be looking to improve on this with our best result at the World Cup being a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish back in 2002.
- The most notable player from New Zealand would be Steven Adams from NBA team the Memphis Grizzlies. He has not committed to play yet, but Basketball NZ is hopeful as the tournament falls in the NBA off-season...





# FIBA Women's Asia Cup, FIBA Men's U19 World Cup and FIBA Women's U19 World Cup

- We will be airing four matches from each of these tournaments.
- The FIBA Women's Asia Cup is an international basketball tournament which takes place every two years for women's national teams from FIBA Asia, and since 2017 FIBA Oceania. In 2023 it will be hosted in Sydney, Australia from 26 June - 2 July 2023
- The New Zealand Tall Ferns finished 5<sup>th</sup> in 2021. They will hopefully improve on this with new young talent such as Charlisse Leger-Walker, who recently earned tournament MVP honours after leading the Washington State Cougars to its first-ever NCAA tournament title.
- The FIBA Men's U19 Basketball World Cup features the world's top 16 youth men's national teams, with the 56-game competition taking place from 24 June to 2 July in Debrecen, Hungary. Unfortunately, New Zealand will not take part.
- The FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup features the world's top 16 youth women's national teams, with the 56-game competition taking place from 15-23 July in Madrid, Spain. Unfortunately again New Zealand will not take part.





#### Wanda Diamond League - Athletics



July - Sept, Various Locations

- The **Diamond League** is an annual series of elite track and field athletic competitions comprising fourteen invitational athletics meetings from the 5<sup>th</sup> of May to the final on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September.
- At each of the fourteen series meetings, athletes are awarded points for ranking 1st to 8th respectively. The top six in the field events, top eight for 100m-800m and the top ten for 1500m and long distance events will qualify for the Final.
- New Zealand have previously had some impressive performances in the Diamond League from Shot Put legends Valerie Adams and Tom Walsh. They have nine Diamond League titles and almost 50 individual victories between them.
- Now, there is a new wave of promising New Zealanders competing that had impressive results last year. Distance runner Sam Tanner won a non-points-scoring 1500m, and high jumper Hamish Kerr finished a highly respectable fifth in the Diamond League Final just weeks after taking gold at the Commonwealth Games. Also, Jacko Gill finished fourth in the Shot Put Final just below his compatriot Tom Walsh, who finished third.

Reference: <a href="https://www.diamondleague.com/news/general/best-ofnew-zealand/">https://www.diamondleague.com/news/general/best-ofnew-zealand/</a>







#### Wanda Diamond League - Athletics







#### United Rugby Championship



Sept - April 2024

The **United Rugby Championship** is an annual rugby union competition involving professional teams from Ireland, Italy, Scotland, South Africa, and Wales. New Zealanders will recognise the South African teams as they previously played in the Super Rugby competition with NZ.

- Nielsen Sports reported that the United Rugby Championship audience for the entire 2021/22 season reached a high mark of 34.6million across 7,000-plus hours of coverage.\*
- Some notable New Zealanders in the competition are Bundee Aki who now resides in Ireland and plays for Connacht. Also, the current starting second-five for the Chiefs, Alex Nankivel is set to join the 23/24 season.
- Approximately 72 games will be played throughout the season.

\*Reference: <a href="https://www.unitedrugby.com/latest/pro14/34-">https://www.unitedrugby.com/latest/pro14/34-</a> million-tune-into-urc-as-debut-season-sets-broadcast-records

















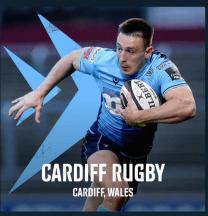






















# FIA World Rally, Euro Rally & World Rallycross Championships

Jan - November

- Rally Car Racing is an epic battle against the elements and the clock, across 12 rallies around the world. Many machines must master everything from snow-packed forest tracks to rock strewn mountain passes in the blistering heat, and the first across the line wins.
- Rallycross is a combination of rallying and circuit racing. It is head to head short, sharp races on mixed surfaces (dirt and asphalt, contained with amphitheatre venues).

Official Event Sites: WRC.com® | FIA World Rally Championship | Official Website & World RX (fiaworldrallycross.com)





#### CALENDAR



# 2023

FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

































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# FORUM 8



#### **Extreme E**



#### March - December

- Extreme E is an international off-road racing series that
  uses silhouette electric SUVs cars to race in some of the
  most scenic and remote parts of the world, from the
  Saudi Arabian desert to the Arctic.
- Extreme E is built out of a social purpose. It aims to minimise environmental impact but maximise awareness, racing in places that have been affected by climate change and taking fans deep into the heart of the most pressing issues facing our planets future.
- Events run over two days of action where teams compete in two qualifying rounds, with the winners of each heat earning one championship point. The top 5 teams after this then advance to the final where they have a chance to win championship points ranging from 25-10.





#### **Extreme E Schedule**





#### Women's Super League & FA Cup





- The Women's Super League is the highest league of women's football in England and is one of the few fully professional women's leagues across all of the world.
- It comprises of 12 teams that play each other twice throughout the season. The top four teams then advance to the semi finals, and consequently the finals. The 22/23 season is currently underway, beginning on 16<sup>th</sup> September and will finish on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May.
- Some notable teams are Manchester United Women, Chelsea Women and Arsenal Women.
- The **FA Women's League Cup** is a competition featuring 24 English teams across the two divisions of the Women's Super League.
- It starts with 5 group stages split by region. The first place team in each group then progress to the knock-out stages with the three best runners-up, then ultimately deciding a winner.



































#### **Suncorp Super Netball**

#### **Domestic: Suncorp Super Netball**

• The Suncorp Super Netball competition is a top-level Australian domestic competition comprising of eight teams competing over 14 regular rounds and finals. Australia, being a larger territory, allows for this league to have greater inter-city rivalries with multiple teams from the same cities, such as the Giants and Swift from Sydney. The recently introduced super shot element has heightened the speed and intensity of the game. Teams now able to score 2-pointers from these has turned these games into higherscoring matches.

Official Event Site: https://supernetball.com.au/

#### International: Australian Tests

• The Australian Diamonds are the national women's netball team competing in various international competitions, such as the World Cup and Commonwealth Games. The Diamonds have been on strong winning form recently, winning their past four games including being crowned Quad Series Champions in 2023. They also won their series against the England Roses last year, and were Constellation Cup Champions. Looking to continue their victories and maintain their current number one World Netball Ranking, it's set to be an exciting international season for the team.

Official Event Site: https://diamonds.netball.com.au/





#### SUNCORP SUPER NETBALL

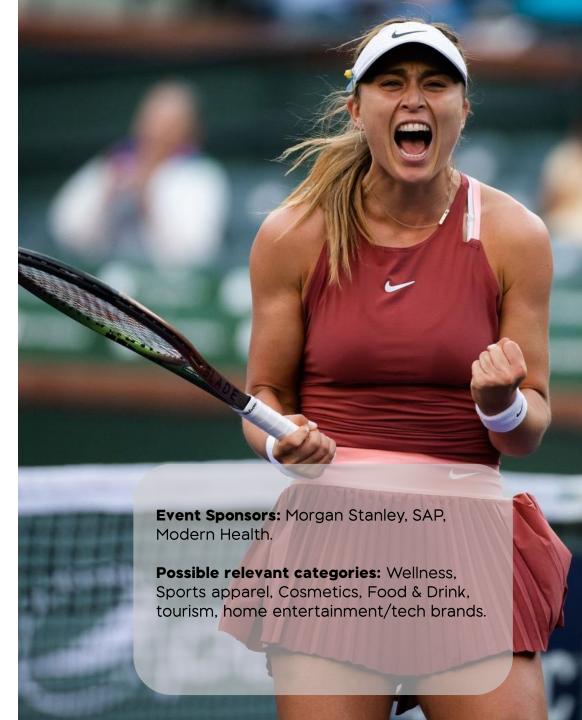


### Hologic WTA Tour - Women - Tennis



- The WTA Tour is a global professional women's tennis tour, governed by the Women's Tennis Association founded by Billie Jean King in 1973.
- The tour was founded to create better opportunities for women in the sport and create greater equality in earnings between men and women.
- Players rankings are determined on a 52 week cumulative system, determined by players results at a maximum of 16 tournaments for singles and 11 for doubles. These encompass four Grand Slam events.

Official Event Site: <a href="https://www.wtatennis.com/">https://www.wtatennis.com/</a>





#### **MotoGP**



#### March - November

- Grand Prix motorcycle racing is the premier class of motorcycle racing events held on road circuits. The motorcycles are purpose-built racing machines that are unavailable for purchase by the general public and unable to be ridden legally on public roads.
- For 2023, there are five manufacturers, 11 teams and 22 riders that compete throughout the season.
- **MotoGP** riders earn points for placing between 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, with the maximum of 25 winning each race. The rider with the most points at the end of the season is then awarded with the coveted riders' title.
- Other awards for the season include the manufacturers' championship, which gets awarded to the manufacturer with the most points. There is also the teams' championship which is awarded to the highest scoring team.





#### **Moto GP Schedule**





2 ARGENTINA GP Termas De Rio Hondo



3 AMERICAS GP
Circuit of the Americas



SPANISH GP
Circuito De Jerez Angel Nieto



5 FRENCH GP



6 ITALIAN GP Autodromo Internazionale Del Mugello



7 GERMAN GP Sachsenring



8 DUTCH GP TT CIRCUIT ASSEN



9 KAZAKHSTAN GP\*\*
Sokol International Racetrack



10 BRITISH GP Silverstone Circuit



AUSTRIAN GP
Red Bull Ring- Spielberg



12 CATALAN GP
Circuit De Barcelona-catalunya



13 SAN MARINO GP
Misano World Circuit
Marco Simoncelli



14 INDIAN GP\*\*

Buddh International Circuit



JAPANESE GP
Mobility Resort Motegi



16 INDONESIAN GP
Pertamina Mandalika Circuit



17 AUSTRALIAN GP



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18 THAI GP
Chang International Circuit



MALAYSIAN GP
Sepang International Circuit



20 QATAR GP\*

Lusail International Circuit



21 VALENCIA GP
Circuit Ricardo Tormo

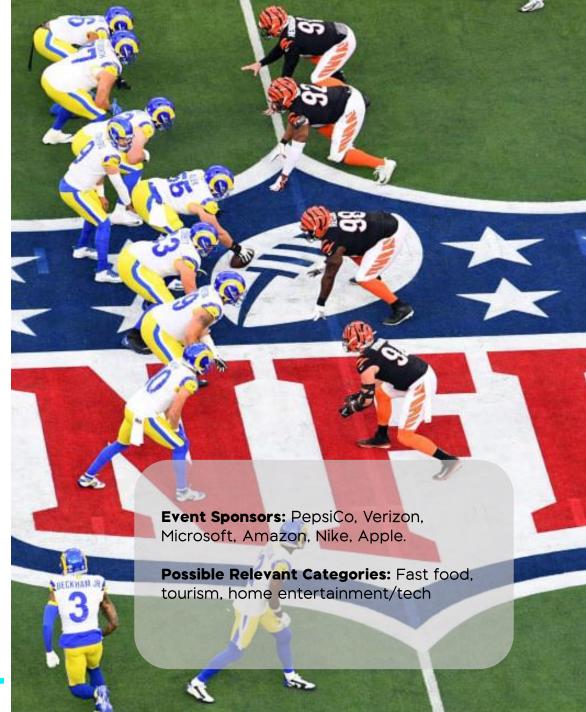




2023

#### **NFL American Football**

- The NFL is a professional American football league consisting of 32 teams. Spanning across an 18-week regular season, this league provides intense rivalries and highimpact clashes as teams vie to make playoffs.
- Seven teams advance to playoffs which is a single elimination tournament, culminating to the annual Super Bowl event to crown the champion.
- The Kansas City Chiefs are the reigning champs, beating the Philadelphia Eagles in 2023. The New England Patriots and Pittsburgh Steelers are currently tied for most Super Bowl wins with six each.





#### **Super Bowl**



12th February 2024

- Created in 1966, the Super Bowl is the final play-off game, held annually, for the National Football League.
- The Super Bowl has cemented it's relevance in pop culture, becoming a major event for the US with a record 113 million viewers in 2023\*.
- Heightened by the half-time performance, the Super Bowl has transcended beyond just a sports event.

\*https://www.forbes.com/sites/dereksaul/2023/02/13/super-bowl-draws-near-record-113-million-viewers/?sh=6fbdd3cb66c6





#### Lakapi Samoa

- TVNZ will show 3 matches of the Manu Samoa Rugby Team.
   They play Fiji and Tonga in Apia, before travelling to France for the World Cup.
- In Montpellier, they will play a World Cup build up match against the UK Barbarians with the World Cup tournament starting in early September.





#### Oceania Cup Hockey

 The Oceania Cup will be played in New Zealand and include both the Black Sticks Men's and Women's events against our arch rivals Australia, with 2024 Olympic automatic qualifying up for grabs!





#### NZ Cricket Internationals

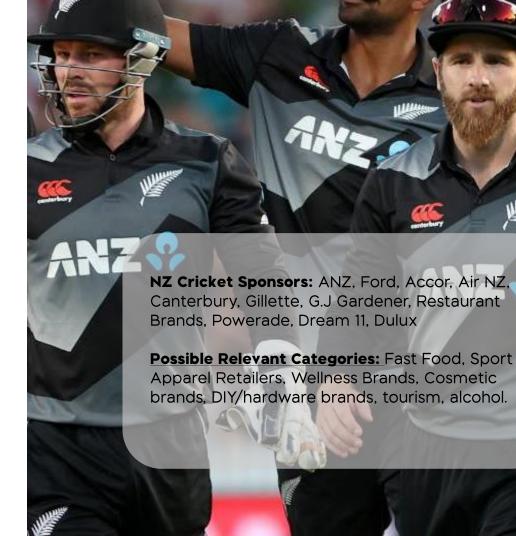




December 23 - April 24 (Dates TBC)

- The BLACKCAPS are New Zealand's national men's cricket team. The BLACKCAPS have been on winning form over the last six months, and will look to continue their winning form to win the ICC Cricket World Cup.
- The WHITEFERNS are New Zealand's women's national cricket team competing in the ICC Women's Championship. The WHITEFERNS have had a mixed bag of results recently, having a slower start to the ICC T20 World Cup in 2022, but ultimately coming back with some key wins against Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Official Site: https://www.nzc.nz/?showHome=true





### NZ Cricket - Domestic



#### **Super Smash**

- The domestic Super Smash competition is an exciting T20 format that showcases New Zealand's emerging talent in the sport as players look to push themselves to international selection. With only 20 overs per innings, there is never a dull moment with big hitting boundaries and fast falling wickets.
- With the Northern Brave in the men's competition looking for a third consecutive championship, this upcoming season provides an exciting opportunity for Kiwis to follow along their teams campaign, potentially to the Grand Final.
- There will be 64 matches (including Men's and Women's).

Official Event Site: https://www.nzc.nz/domestic/domestic-competitions/super-smash/





#### **Black Clash**

#### **Event Date TBC**

- Some of New Zealand's most iconic rugby and cricket sport stars face off in a fun and thrilling T20 game in a Sportainment extravaganza.
- A match up with summer, this event provides the ultimate showcase of iconic Kiwi sporting greats - where else can you watch All Black greats Richie McCaw and Jordie Barrett try out bowl and bat some of the BLACKCAPS biggest names like Daniel Vettori and Kyle Mills!?

Official Event Site: https://www.blackclash.co.nz/



