



## Cricket

International cricket matches can last up to five days. The countries where cricket is most popular are England, Australia, West Indies, South Africa, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, Ireland, Afghanistan, and Sri Lanka.

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[http://www.ukm.my/news/images/stories/Campus\\_News\\_Picture/k1.jpg](http://www.ukm.my/news/images/stories/Campus_News_Picture/k1.jpg); Information: <https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket>

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## Soccer

Soccer is also called Association Football.

It is played by 250 million players in over 200 countries. This makes it the world's most popular sport.



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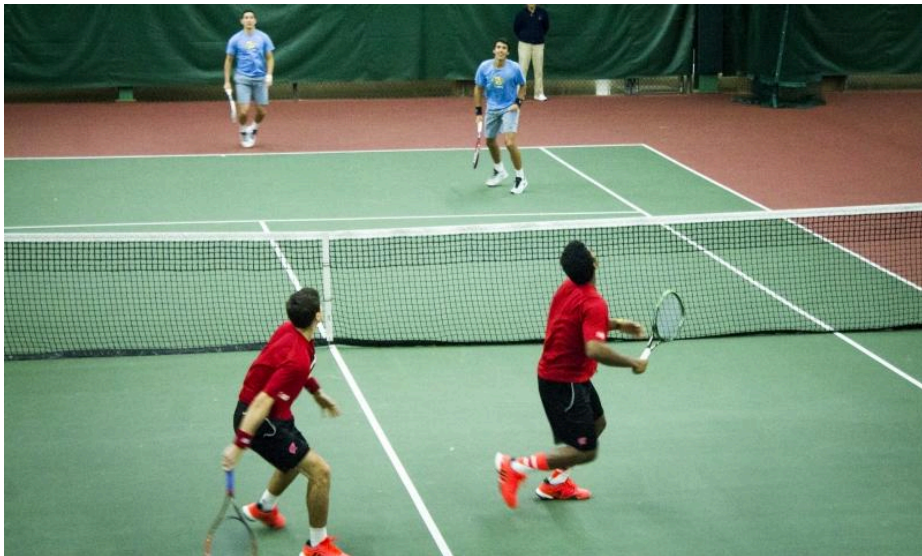
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## Tennis

Tennis is played in countries all around the world. It is most popular in Australia.



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## Field Hockey

Field hockey is the second largest team sport in the world, played in over 100 countries. In Canada it is a popular family sport, played by both men and women.

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Information: <https://fieldhockeybc.com/about/about-field-hockey/>

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## Volleyball

Volleyball is popular in many places, including Canada, Brazil, Italy, the Netherlands, Russia, and China.

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## Table Tennis (Ping Pong)

Table Tennis, also known as Ping Pong, was first played in England.

Now, some of the best players come from China, where the sport is very popular.

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## Basketball

Basketball was invented in Massachusetts in 1891 as an indoor sport to keep athletes in good shape during the cold winter months. The game had 13 rules.

Basketball is now very popular in Lithuania, as well as in Spain, Greece, and Argentina.

Photo: <http://bridgebasketballacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/bb.jpg>; Information: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_basketball](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_basketball)

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## Baseball

The United States is known as the home of baseball. It is also played in other countries, including Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, South Korea, Japan, Israel, and Canada.

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## Golf

The countries with the most golf courses are Scotland, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Canada, Wales, United States, Sweden, and England.

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## Cycling

The three biggest cycling races are the Tour de France (in France), the Giro d'Italia (in Italy), and the Vuelta a España (in Spain). Cycling is especially popular in Europe. Countries all around the world, including the United States, have racing teams. Bicycles were first made in France.

Photo: <http://www.caperi.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/MTN-Qhubeka-Cycling-Team-Africa-Eritrea-480x270.jpg>; Information: <http://www.bicyclehistory.net/cycling/bicycle-racing/>

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## Running

People have been running as a sport for a very long time. The Ancient Greeks probably included running in the first Olympics, about 2,700 years ago.

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