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## Christchurch, Wellington, and Hamilton awarded England Tests

Hagley Oval, the Cello Basin Reserve, and Seddon Park will host the BLACKCAPS' three ICC World Championship Tests against England at the end of this year.

Following what has been described as an extremely competitive venue allocation process, the Tests have been scheduled to be played in Christchurch from November 28-December 2, in Wellington from December 6-10, and in Hamilton from December 14-18.

Strong demand for details from domestic and international fans prompted New Zealand Cricket to expedite decisions over the England Tests, with the remainder of the 2024-25 Home International Schedule to be announced later in the year.

The Australia and Sri Lanka women's teams, and the Sri Lanka and Pakistan men's teams will also be touring next summer.

Interest in the England Test series follows sell-out crowds on seven of the eight days of the two Tests played against Australia earlier this year, as well as massive TVNZ audiences.

NZC chief executive Scott Weenink described the growing interest in the Test format in New Zealand as "exciting".

"In the past, there's often been a lot of talk in New Zealand about the popularity of Test cricket - without that translating into ticket sales or viewership numbers," he said.

"The difference over the past summer, and in terms of the upcoming Tests against England, is that the interest is being converted to bums on seats and is driving record viewership numbers.

"We're looking forward to that continuing over the upcoming summer, and to welcoming the England team and their fans to the Tests, and of course all the Kiwi-based supporters as well."

Information about tickets for the NZC International Home Summer will be released in due course, with tour group bookings for organisations such as NZC Tours, and the Barmy Army to be facilitated.

Date	Match	Venue	Start Time
Thursday, 28 November – Monday, 2 December 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> Test	Hagley Oval, Christchurch	11:00am
Friday, 6 – Tuesday, 10 December 2024	2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	Cello Basin Reserve, Wellington	11:00am
Saturday, 14 – Wednesday, 18 December 2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> Test	Seddon Park, Hamilton	11:00am