

NEYCA & WHCC bring the biggest Youth Cricket Event to Connecticut



Mr. Gani Ganisshan from New England Youth Cricket Academy, led the hosting of NYCL 2017 – Under 12 and Under 16, from July 1st to July 4th 2017. The 4 day event featured 14 Teams in U12 and 6 Teams in U16 Category. It was played at 5 different grounds located In the neighboring cities of West Haven, Windsor, Hamden & New Haven.

Youth Cricket in Connecticut is still in its infancy, and bringing an event like NYCL is expected to spread awareness about the game in local community and give youth cricket development a boost.

Mr. Rakesh Kalam from West Haven Cricket Club, had been instrumental in this well executed event. Mr. Ganisshan expressed his gratitude for all the volunteers from the Local Cricket Community who stepped up to make this event a grand success.

The opening ceremony was held on July 1st. We had a few representative from USA Advisory Committee present along with other Local, NYCL & USYCA leadership.

NYCL Director Priya Singh led the opening ceremony and welcomed the teams, coaches and parents. All the teams were individually introduced and team pictures were taken. She also read a message from Mr. Eric Parthen, USA Project Manager for NYCL Participants.

"On behalf of ICC Americas, I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2017 National Youth Cricket League Tournament.

To the players, you are the future of cricket in the United States. Working together, our future is very bright. Work hard, play with integrity, represent both yourselves, your families and your clubs with pride and make sure you have fun in the process. To the clubs and coaches, thank you for committing to events like this to develop your athletes. To the umpires, thank you for sacrificing time away from families and jobs to make sure this event is a success. Cricket doesn't happen without you. To the staff and volunteers of the NYCL and USYC, thank you for your work to give our future players this opportunity to compete against other top athletes. And last, and certainly not least, thank you to the parents for supporting your children in their journey to become better cricketers and better leaders and allowing them to pursue their dreams through cricket.

Best of luck to all the players and I hope EVERYONE has a great tournament!

Yours in cricket,

Eric J. Parthen USA Project Manager"

The banquet was held on July 3rd at West Haven ground and was attended by over 500 people. We had live music, delicious food and some notable talks from the officials and honorary guests. Ms. Aparna Ganisshan, had provided an inspirational support to Gani in planning and coordination of the event. She quoted that hosting NYCL 2017 had been the most pleasing and satisfying experience.

One of the highlights of NYCL Event that has happened in 6 different cities across USA, so far, is the awareness of the game it has created at grassroots level and the connection it has built between various youth programs. Youth leaders are using this platform to connect with other youth leaders and create further youth opportunities at their local and regional level, and without a doubt, youth cricket in USA is growing and number of kids playing cricket has multiplied in last two years.

U16 U12

: EYCA (California) Champions : CricMax (New Jersey) Champions

Runner Up : DreamCricket (New Jersey) : DreamCricket (New Jersey) Runner Up

MVP : Aditya Gupta (TCL) **MVP** : Rohan Arvind (DreamCricket)

Best Batsman: Prannav C. (CricMax) Best Batsman: Yashwant Balaji (CricMax) Best Bowler : Sahil Garg (SRCA)

Best Bowler : Sankar Thilak (ICUSA)

Thank again to all the team for their participation & support for NYCL 2017.

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