

## Over 50s VCI National Zonal Tournament, Surat



Surat, India – 20 Jan, 2026- The Over 50s VCI National Zonal Tournament was successfully conducted from **15th to 20th January 2026**, celebrating the spirit of veteran cricket. The tournament witnessed competitive and spirited performances from seasoned cricketers, reflecting skill, discipline, and sportsmanship at the highest level of cricket.

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### Competitive Performance

The league stage of the VCI National Zonal Tournament 2026 featured **15 matches** played in a round-robin format among **six zonal teams** which witnessed several notable match records and standout performances, highlighted by **South Zone's massive 238-run victory over North Zone**, the biggest win of the tournament, and a thrilling **2-wicket win by West Zone against North Zone**, which stood out as one of the closest finishes.

**West Zone emerged as the league stage winners**, topping the points table with **5 wins**. Their success was built on consistency, tactical discipline, and the ability to win both close contests and commanding matches against North Zone, Global Patriot, South Zone, Central Zone, and East Zone, making them the most dominant side of the league phase.

**Central Zone** showcased strong resilience and match awareness throughout the league stage. With important victories against **South Zone, North Zone, and East Zone**, they finished the league with **3 wins** and secured **second place in the standings**, remaining competitive in a tightly contested group.

**East Zone** delivered a solid league campaign, recording **3 wins** highlighted by commanding performances against **North Zone, Global Patriot, and South Zone**. Their balanced batting and disciplined bowling ensured they stayed firmly in contention throughout the league stage.

**Global Patriot** displayed fighting spirit and competitiveness, finishing the league with **2 wins** against **South Zone and Central Zone**. Their performances contributed to several engaging contests and added depth to the competition.

**South Zone Challengers (SZC)** produced one of the most dominant performances of the league with a **record 238-run victory over North Zone**. They ended the league stage with **1 win**, making a strong impact through standout individual and team displays.

**North Zone**, despite not registering a win, featured in multiple closely fought matches, including narrow defeats, and played a key role in maintaining the competitive intensity of the league stage.

Overall, the tournament stood out for its **closely fought matches, narrow margins, and high-quality veteran cricket**, with teams displaying tactical awareness, fitness, and competitive spirit throughout the event.

### Top Performances for the Tournament

#### Top Run Scorers

1. Ajay Sainis – 298 runs | Avg: 59.6
2. Abhijit Ganguly – 282 runs | Avg: 94
3. Prashant Karia – 269 runs | Avg: 134.5

## Top Wicket Takers

1. Sachin Kapade – 13 wickets | Eco: 3.49
2. Subodh – 12 wickets | Eco: 4.39
3. Mayank Khandwala – 11 wickets | Eco: 4.89

## Match Fixtures & Result:

League Match				
Date	Fixture	Match Scorecard	Summary	Venue
15-Jan-26	SOUTH ZONE VS CENTRAL ZONE	SZ 130/10 (33.1)-CZ 133/4 (23.2)	CENTRAL ZONE won by 6 wickets	Vishal Cricket Ground
15-Jan-26	GLOBAL PATRIOT VS NORTH ZONE	GP 248/10 (44.2)-NZ 249/7 (39.5)	NORTH ZONE won by 3 wickets	Vishal Cricket Ground
15-Jan-26	WEST ZONE VS EAST ZONE	WZ 218/9 (38)-EZ 138/10 (33.4)	WEST ZONE won by 80 runs	Kathor Gymkhana
16-Jan-26	SOUTH ZONE VS NORTH ZONE	SZ 318/8 (45)-NZ 80/10 (19.5)	SOUTH ZONE won by 238 runs	Vishal Cricket Ground
16-Jan-26	WEST ZONE VS CENTRAL ZONE	WZ 289/5 (45)-CZ 265/9 (45)	WEST ZONE won by 24 runs	C.K Pithawala
16-Jan-26	EAST ZONE VS GLOBAL PATRIOT	EZ 277/10 (39.4)-GP 184/8 (40)	EAST ZONE won by 93 runs	Kathor Gymkhana
17-Jan-26	SOUTH ZONE VS EAST ZONE	SZ 250/9 (45)-EZ 253/4 (37.4)	EAST ZONE won by 6 wickets	C.K Pithawala
17-Jan-26	NORTH ZONE VS CENTRAL ZONE	NZ 106/7 (32.5)-CZ 107/5 (16.2)	CENTRAL ZONE won by 5 wickets	Vishal Cricket Ground
17-Jan-26	WEST ZONE VS GLOBAL PATRIOT	WZ 207/10 (35.5)-GP 182/8 (40)	WEST ZONE won by 25 runs	Kholvad Islam Gymkhana
19-Jan-26	GLOBAL PATRIOT VS CENTRAL ZONE	GP 251/10 (44.5)-CZ 204/10 (39.1)	GLOBAL PATRIOT won by 47 runs	Vishal Cricket Ground
19-Jan-26	WEST ZONE VS SOUTH ZONE	WZ 186/10 (39.2)-SZ 110/10 (22.3)	WEST ZONE won by 76 runs	C.K Pithawala
19-Jan-26	EAST ZONE VS NORTH ZONE	EZ 255/11 (43.5)-NZ 225/10 (40.3)	EAST ZONE won by 30 runs	Kholvad Islam Gymkhana
20-Jan-26	SOUTH ZONE VS GLOBAL PATRIOT	SZ 278/10 (41.4)-GP 281/6 (43.5)	GLOBAL PATRIOT won by 4 wickets	C.K Pithawala
20-Jan-26	EAST ZONE VS CENTRAL ZONE	EZ 254/10 (45)-CZ 255/7 (42.4)	CENTRAL ZONE won by 3 wickets	Kholvad Islam Gymkhana
20-Jan-26	NORTH ZONE VS WEST ZONE	NZ 202/10 (42.4)-WZ 206/8 (35.1)	WEST ZONE won by 2 wickets	Vishal Cricket Ground

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