

YAMIN AHMADZAI

Bowler (Seam)



Name	Yamin Ahmadzai
DOB	25-07-1992
Nationality	Afghan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowler (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Lower Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	

Yamin Ahmadzai has been part of Afghanistan's fast-bowling stocks for over a decade now, and at 34 he's still very much in the frame at international level.

Ahmadzai came through Afghanistan's age-group system and was picked for the Under-19 World Cup squad back in 2010 – a group that produced a fair chunk of the current national side. He bats right-handed but makes his living with the ball, a right-arm medium-fast bowler who idolised Mohammad Asif growing up, and it shows in a skiddy, hit-the-deck style that's given him success across formats.

His senior international career began in late 2015 – a T20I debut against Oman that November, followed by an ODI debut against Zimbabwe a month later – but the defining moment of his career came on 14 June 2018, when he was one of the eleven Afghans who walked out for the country's first-ever Test match, against India in Bengaluru. Ahmadzai had the honour of taking Afghanistan's first-ever Test wicket, removing Shikhar Dhawan shortly after lunch on day one, and finished that innings with 3 for 51 as India piled up 474. It's the kind of line that belongs in any conversation about him – a genuine piece of Afghan cricket history, not just a personal milestone. He kept his place in the Test picture into 2019, named in the squad for the away Test against Ireland, and remains part of the senior setup now: he was included in Afghanistan's squad for the one-off Test against Zimbabwe in October 2025 under Hashmatullah Shahidi, which says plenty about how highly he's still regarded as a Test option.

Domestically, he's had an interesting and varied road. He's played first-class cricket outside Afghanistan too, turning

out for Habib Bank Limited in Pakistan's Quaid-e-Azam Trophy – not a common route for an Afghan international, and a nod to how well-travelled and adaptable he is as a bowler. More recently, he was a key wicket-taker for Maiwand Champions in the 2024/25 Ahmad Shah Abdali 4-Day Tournament, Afghanistan's premier first-class competition, finishing among the tournament's leading wicket-takers with 36 scalps – proof his pace and control still trouble the best domestic batters. In white-ball franchise cricket he's turned out for Amo Sharks in the Shpageeza (Kabul Premier) League, a side that has won back-to-back titles, and he remains a regular fixture in that setup. In 2026, playing for Speen Ghar Region, he topped the Ghazi Amanullah Khan Regional One Day Tournament wicket-charts (15 wickets at 13.86), and was amongst the chart-toppers in Afghanistan's Shpageeza T20 Tournament (12 wickets at 21.91).

The numbers back up the eye test. In Tests he's played 7 matches for 16 wickets at 28.12, with a best of 3 for 41 in an innings and 6 for 93 in a match – tidy, disciplined figures at the highest level. His ODI record stands at 9 matches and 7 wickets at 43.42, best of 2 for 34, while in T20Is he's taken 5 wickets from just 2 appearances at an excellent average of 13.00, including a best of 3 for 34. His first-class career average of 21.49 (economy 3.14, strike rate 41.0) is genuinely outstanding for a seam bowler across a long career, and he averages 28.64 in List A cricket with an economy of 5.12.

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