

"It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends."

— Dumbledore, 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone'



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# 20 years of POTTER ON SCREEN

As you watch 'Return to Hogwarts', the 20th anniversary documentary of the first Harry Potter film to be released in 2001; it's time for a binge, and know a bit more about the directors, B.O. collection, and the awards they received

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**R**eturn To Hogwarts', the 20th anniversary of the first Harry Potter film, 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone' (from the first book 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by the legendary author JK Rowling), is a magical treat for all Potterheads. It will appeal to the generation that saw Pottermania as and when the books and movies released — from 1997 to 2012 — as well as the generation that's discovering the magic of Rowling's world now.

As the stars reminisce about their wondrous bond over a decade, and much more, we go back in time for a quick guide to all the eight movies, beginning from 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone' to 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part II'. Just so you know there are seven books in the Harry Potter series, but eight movies because the last book was split in two parts by director David Yates, that released in 2011 and 2012, respectively. It's been a decade since we watched the last battle at Hogwarts. The franchise has expanded, and we also have the 'Fantastic Beasts' series now. But for now, we will concentrate on the Harry Potter movies once again.



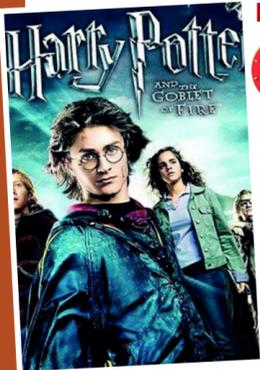
## 3 HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN

2004  
DIRECTOR: ALFONSO CUARÓN  
IMDB RATING: 7.9

'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban' was directed by Mexican director Alfonso Cuarón, known for his stunning visual storytelling. The cast of previous instalments returned for the film, with the additions of Gary Oldman, David

Thewlis, and Emma Thompson, among others. It was the first appearance of Michael Gambon as Professor Albus Dumbledore, due to Richard Harris' death in 2002 (Harris played Dumbledore in the first two films). It was the first in the series to extensively use real-life locations, with sets built in Scotland and scenes shot in London.

Filming concluded in November 2003 and it was released on 31 May 2004 in the UK, and on 4 June 2004 in North America, as the first Harry Potter film using IMAX technology and released into IMAX theatres. "...Prisoner of Azkaban" grossed a total of over \$797 million worldwide, making it the second-highest-grossing film of 2004, and received praise for Cuarón's direction and the lead actors' performances. The film is credited for marking a notable change in the franchise's tone and directorial style, and is often considered by critics and fans alike to be the best Harry Potter film. It was nominated for two Academy Awards, Best Original Music Score and Best Visual Effects at the 77th Academy Awards in 2004.



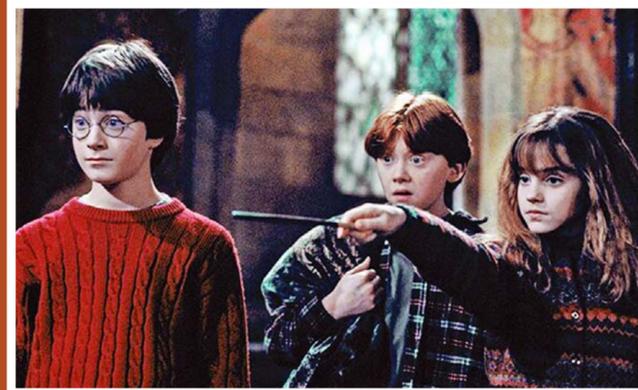
## 4 HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE

2005  
DIRECTOR: MIKE NEWELL  
IMDB RATING: 7.7

Directed by British director Mike Newell, the fourth film of the series was the first to receive a PG-13 certificate in the US, and a 12A in the UK. Filming began in early 2004. The Hogwarts scenes were shot at the Leavesden Film Studios. Five days after its

release, the film had grossed over US\$102 million at the North American box office, which is the third-highest first-weekend tally for a Harry Potter film, right after 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1 and Part 2' (in terms of BO earnings). "...Goblet of Fire" enjoyed an immensely successful run at the box office, earning \$896 million worldwide, which made it the highest-grossing film of 2005 and the sixth-highest-grossing film in the Harry Potter series.

The film was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Art Direction, and won the BAFTA Award for Best Production Design. "...Goblet of Fire" was the second film in the series to be released in IMAX. The film is one of the best-reviewed instalments within the series, being praised for the higher level of maturity and sophistication of its characters, plotline, tone, screenplay, and the performances of the lead actors.



## 1 HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE

2001  
DIRECTOR: CHRIS COLUMBUS  
IMDB RATING: 7.6

## 2 HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS

2002  
DIRECTOR: CHRIS COLUMBUS  
IMDB RATING: 7.4

The director of the first two films is American Chris Columbus, known to work best with children. Remember

the 'Home Alone' series or 'Mrs Doubtfire'? After reading Rowling's 1997 first Harry Potter novel, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', Columbus expressed a strong desire to direct the film adaptation. In 2000, he convinced Warner Bros. to select him as director for it. Columbus said the casting process was "very intense", but Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, and Emma Watson, were eventually picked for the lead roles. Filming began on September 29, 2000 and lasted for 180 days. The film premiered at the Odeon Leicester Square, in London, on November 4, 2001 to critical and commercial success, grossing \$975.1 million worldwide.

The film was praised for its sets, costumes, casting, musical score, cinematography and special effects. In addition, it was nominated for three Academy Awards for Best Original Score, Best Art Direction and Best Costume Design.

In 2002, Columbus returned to direct the second installment, 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets'. The film was released to theaters on November 15, 2002. This film, too, shared similar critical acclaim to the first film, and grossed \$879 million worldwide.



## 5 HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX

2007  
DIRECTOR: DAVID YATES  
IMDB RATING: 7.5

This film onwards, every Potter film has been directed by British director David Yates. The fifth instalment in the Harry Potter film series, it was written by Michael Goldenberg (making this the only film in the series not to be scripted by Steve Kloves) and produced by David Heyman and David Barron. Live-

action filming took place in England and Scotland for exterior locations and Leavesden Film Studios in Watford for interior locations. Post-production on the film continued for several months afterwards to add in visual effects. The film's budget was reportedly between £75 and 100 million (\$150-200 million). Warner Bros. released the film in North America on 11 July 2007 and in the UK on 12 July, both in conventional and IMAX theatres; it is the first Potter film to be released in IMAX 3D. "...Order of the Phoenix" opened to a worldwide five-day opening of \$333 million, twenty-fifth of all-time, and grossed \$942 million total, second to 'Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End' for the greatest total of 2007. The film was nominated for two BAFTA Film Awards in 2008.



## 8 HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART II

2011  
DIRECTOR: DAVID YATES  
IMDB RATING: 8.1

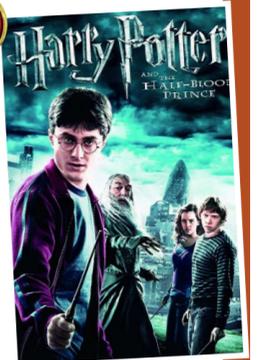
The conclusion of the series, 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2' was released in 2D, 3-D and IMAX cinemas worldwide from 13 to 15 July 2011, and is the only Harry Potter film to be released in 3-D. The film was a commercial success and one of the best-reviewed films of 2011, earning praise for the acting, Yates's direction, musical score, visual effects, cinematography, action sequences, and satisfying conclusion of the saga. At the box office, 'Part 2' claimed the worldwide opening weekend record, earning \$483.2 million, as well as setting opening day and opening weekend records in various countries. 'Part 2' grossed over \$1.3 bil-

## 6 HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF BLOOD PRINCE

2009  
DIRECTOR: DAVID YATES  
IMDB RATING: 7.6

With an estimated budget of \$250 million, "...The Half Blood Prince" is one of the most expensive films ever made and the most expensive film in the Harry Potter film series. The film was simultaneously released in regular cinemas and IMAX 3D. The film released theatrically worldwide on 15 July and was a major commercial success, breaking the record for the biggest single-day worldwide gross. In five days the film made \$394 million, breaking the record for highest five-day worldwide gross. With a total gross of \$934 million, it became the eighth-highest-grossing film of all time, and 2009's second-highest-grossing film (behind 'Avatar'). It is the fifth-highest-grossing film in the franchise.

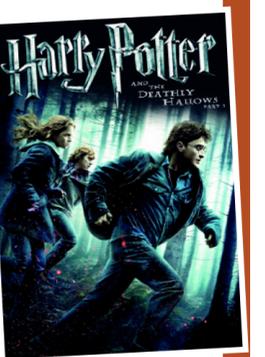
The film also received positive reviews, with praise for Yates's direction, the performances, Delbonnel's cinematography, Nicholas Hooper's musical score, and "emotionally satisfying" story. It was nominated at the 82nd Academy Awards for Best Cinematography and the 63rd British Academy Film Awards for Best Special Visual Effects and Best Production Design.



## 7 HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART I

2010  
DIRECTOR: DAVID YATES  
IMDB RATING: 7.7

'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1' was released in 2D cinema and IMAX formats worldwide on 19 November 2010. The film received positive reviews with critics praising its performances, cinematography, visual effects and musical score. In the film's worldwide opening weekend, 'Part 1' grossed \$330 million, the third-highest in the series, and the highest opening of 2010, as well as the eighth-highest of all time. With a worldwide gross of \$977 million, 'Part 1' is the third-highest-grossing film of 2010, behind 'Toy Story 3' and 'Alice in Wonderland'; and the third-highest-grossing Harry Potter film in terms of worldwide totals, behind '...Deathly Hallows Part 2' and 'Philosopher's Stone'. Additionally, it received two nominations at the 83rd Academy Awards: Best Art Direction and Best Visual Effects.



lion worldwide and became the third-highest-grossing film at the time, as well as the highest-grossing film of 2011. As of 2022, it is the 13th-highest-grossing film of all time, the highest-grossing film in the Harry Potter series. The film won several awards and was nominated for many more, including three nominations at the Academy Awards for Best Art Direction, Best Makeup and Best Visual Effects.

**PREMIER BADMINTON LEAGUE**  
**PBL**

The inaugural session of this annual league was held in 2016. Five seasons of the annual tournament have been held so far with Bengaluru Raptors being the current champions. Each season spans over two months.

**Format:** Each team plays six ties of five matches each: two men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Top four teams qualify for knockouts. Semi-final winners go into the final, to win the PBL Trophy.

**Composition:** Each team has 10 players with a maximum of 5 foreign players.

**Teams:** Hyderabad Hunters, Bengaluru Raptors, Awadhe Warriors, Mumbai Rockets, Chennai Smashers, Northeastern Warriors, Pune 7 Aces

**Most victorious team:** Bengaluru Raptors are the current champions, and have been the winners in the fourth and fifth editions consecutively.

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**PRO WRESTLING LEAGUE**  
**PWL**

The league holds tournaments annually under the aegis of Wrestling Federation of India, for the Pro Wrestling League Trophy. The league was set up in 2015.

**Format:** In the group stage, all the teams meet each other once. Of nine weight categories, seven are held. The teams can block any one category but they want and they have to play all bouts even if they win the match before the last bout. Top qualifiers go to playoffs. During playoffs, all the nine category bouts are held. The team that wins five bouts is victorious.

**Composition:** Each team consists of nine players: five domestic players and four foreign players. Players spanning across Asia, Europe, Africa and American continent are part of the teams.

**Teams:** Delhi Sultans, Haryana Hammers, Mumbai Maharathi, UP Dangal, MP Yoddha, and NCR Punjab Royals, who have won in 2017 and 2018.

**ULTIMATE TABLE TENNIS**  
**UTT**

This is a professional level table tennis league in India with matches held annually under the aegis of the Table Tennis Federation of India for the Ultimate Table Tennis Trophy. It was set up in 2017.

**Format:** Each team plays five ties in a round-robin format, with a match decided over three games. Each tie has nine matches. Every game is played to eleven points. The team that wins most games in a tie is the winner. No player can play more than one singles match in the same tie.

**Composition:** Each team has six players, four Indian and two overseas players, in the squad.

**Teams:** Chennai Lions, Dabang Delhi TTC, Goa Challengers, Puneri Paltan TT, RP-SG Mavericks Kolkata, U Mumba TT.

Falcons TTC, Shaze Challengers, Oilmax-Stag Yodhas, Maharashtra United, Warriors TTC have been dissolved.



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**INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**IPL**

The IPL is a Twenty20 cricket league founded by the BCCI. First match was held in April 2008. The annual tournament for the IPL Trophy has seen 14 seasons so far.

**Format:** Each team plays in a home-and-away double round robin. Top four teams qualify for playoffs.

**Composition:** Each squad can have 18 to 25 players, with eight overseas players. A maximum of four overseas members can be in playing XI.

**Teams:** Chennai Super Kings (CSK), Delhi Capitals (DC), Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), Mumbai Indians (MI), Punjab Kings (PBKS), Rajasthan Royals (RR), Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH). The 2022 edition will have two new franchises from Ahmedabad and Lucknow.

**Biggest winners:** MI has won on five occasions.

**IN LEAGUE WITH THE BEST**

The talent surge we are witnessing in Indian sports is largely due to the formation of leagues in various sports. They have been successful in spotting potential, nurturing new players and providing opportunities. Here's a look at some of the prominent leagues in India...

**INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE**  
**ISL**

The first match of this league was played in October, 2014, at Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata. Each season of the annual tournament runs for 6 months. The 8th is season currently on.

**Format:** League follows double round robin format with each team playing against each other twice. The team with most points at the end of regular season wins ISL Premier and League winners shield. Top four teams qualify for the playoffs with the champion being awarded the ISL Cup.

**Composition:** Each team can sign a maximum of six foreign players and can play a maximum of four overseas players in the playing XI.

**Teams:** ATK Mohun Bagan, Bengaluru FC, Chennaiyin FC, FC Goa, Hyderabad FC, Jamshedpur FC, Kerala Blasters, Mumbai FC, NorthEast United FC, Odisha FC, SC East Bengal.

**Biggest winners:** ATK Mohun Bagan, previously ATK, have won in 2014, 2016 and 2020.

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**PRO KABADDI LEAGUE**  
**PKL**

It is a franchise-based league backed by the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI), and supported by International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) and Asian Kabaddi Federation (AKF). It launched in 2014, with the first game for the PKL Trophy played on Aug 31, 2014 at Mumbai.

**Format:** The annual tournament follows a double round robin league followed by playoffs.

**Team composition:** The squad can have a minimum of 18 players and a maximum of 25 players, with a minimum of two and maximum of four overseas players. On a match day, it is mandatory to play at least one overseas player in the squad.

**Teams:** Bengal Warriors, Bengaluru Bulls, Dabang Delhi K.C., Gujarat Giants, Haryana Steelers, Jaipur Pink Panthers, Patna Pirates, Puneri Paltan, Tamil Thalaivas, Telugu Titans, U Mumba, UP Yoddha

**Biggest winners:** Patna Pirates won on three occasions. Bengal Warriors are defending champions.

**PRIME VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**  
**PVL**

The Pro Volleyball League was a professional men's indoor volleyball league in India, backed by Volleyball Federation of India. The inaugural season was held in Feb 2019, with Chennai Spartans emerging as the winners. However, the league has changed and will now be called Prime Volleyball League. The inaugural season is set to begin early 2022 in Kochi.

**Format:** Each team plays against each other in a round-robin format with the top four teams moving into the semi-finals. Season 1 had a total of 18 matches.

**Composition:** Each team has 12 players with maximum of two reserves. Each team has two international players apart from Indian icons, Indian nationals players and U-21 players.

**Teams:** Bengaluru Torpedoes, Ahmedabad Defenders, Hyderabad Black Hawks, Kolkata Thunderbolts, Kochi Blue Spikers, Chennai Blitz, Calicut Heroes.

