

## Chiba Sharks Awards Criteria

\*All defined terms used in this document are as defined in the Chiba Sharks Cricket Club Constitution, unless stated otherwise.

The Sharks are committed to recognizing outstanding performances and contributions by its members. For reasons of fairness, some awards are based on First XI performances, while others are based on Second XI performances.

After each completed First XI match played by the Sharks, the Webmaster or a delegate will hand out voting papers to the starting XI. Each member of the starting XI will then decide which players he or she thinks were the three best players in that match and will attribute points to those players. Each member of the starting XI will attribute 3 points to the best player, 2 points to the second best player, and 1 point to the third best player. In addition, each member of the starting XI will also note the player who was the best fielder in the match. If a member of the starting XI so desires, he or she may choose one player to be one of the three best players in that match, and also the best fielder in that match. Voting papers should be returned to the Webmaster or the delegate before leaving the field of play.

Examples of papers given back to the Webmaster by players after the completion of a match are set out below (names used below are fictional):

Example 1:

3 points:        Itchy  
2 points:        Sharky  
1 point:         Scratchy  
Best Fielder:   Hammerhead

Example 2:

3 points:        Itchy  
2 points:        Sharky  
1 point:         Scratchy  
Best Fielder:   Sharky

In Example 1 above, the voter thinks that Itchy was the best player for that match, Sharky the second best, Scratchy the third best, and Hammerhead the best fielder.

In Example 2 above, the voter thinks that Itchy was the best player for that match, Sharky the second best player and also the best fielder, and Scratchy the third best player.

These records will be collated by the Webmaster and used to determine the recipients of some of the awards presented at the Sharks awards ceremony. The recipient of the most “best player” points for any eligible match is judged “Man of the Match” for that match.

To prevent players who mainly play First XI matches from receiving points in Second XI

matches, this system is not employed in Second XI matches. Instead, the Second XI Captain, or the delegated captain on the day, will decide who he or she believes deserves the “Man of the Match” award for that match. In addition, the Second XI Captain and the Selection Committee are responsible for deciding the recipients of the annual awards whose eligibility is limited to players who mainly play Second XI matches.

Awards will be awarded according to the criteria below. In the criteria below, matches decided by the Management Committee to be included for the purpose of determining award recipients are referred to as “eligible matches” (in principle, JCL Division 1 matches, Japan Cup matches, and some friendly matches featuring a high turnout of regular First XI players, unless otherwise stated).

1. Best Fielder: The Playing Member (as defined in the Chiba Sharks Selection Policy; the same applies throughout this document) who has received the highest number of “best fielder” points in eligible matches in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
2. Best Batsman: The Playing Member who scores the highest number of runs in eligible matches in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
3. Best Bowler: The Playing Member who takes the highest number of wickets in eligible matches in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
4. Best First Year Player: From among the Playing Members who are participating in their first year with the Sharks, the member who receives the highest number of points (in accordance with the ranking system set out above) in eligible matches, in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
5. Most Improved Player: The Playing Member who has displayed the highest level of improvement in his or her cricketing skills in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony, as decided by the Selection Committee and the Skills Adviser, regardless of whether that Playing Member plays mainly First XI or Second XI matches.
6. Best Second XI Batsman: The Playing Member, chosen by the Second XI Captain

in consultation with the Selection Committee, who has been the best batsman as a regular Second XI player in Second XI matches in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.

7. Best Second XI Bowler: The Playing Member, chosen by the Second XI Captain in consultation with the Selection Committee, who has been the best bowler as a regular Second XI player in Second XI matches in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
8. Cricketer of the Year: The Playing Member who receives the highest number of points (in accordance with the ranking system set out above) in eligible matches, in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
9. Spirit of the Shark: The member, chosen by the First XI and Second XI Captains, who best embodies the spirit of the Sharks and who through his or her actions makes a significant contribution to the Sharks over a period of time.

If any problem arises in determining the awards recipients in accordance with the criteria above, the Management Committee will resolve the problem through consultation.