

Chiba Sharks Selection Policy

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

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Outline

The Selection Committee selects a playing XI and a Twelfth Man (the “Team”) from the Full members, Concessionary members, Block members, and One Match members eligible to play (collectively, “Playing Members”) for each match that the Sharks play. The Selection Committee will select teams in a fair and unbiased way in accordance with the guidelines below.

Basic Policy

All Playing Members of the Sharks acknowledge that selection, especially for a social cricket club such as the Sharks, is a difficult process, which requires compromise and sacrifice on the part of the Playing Members.

The Selection Committee will seek to select a Team based on the nature of the competition involved and the necessity to ensure that all Playing Members receive a fair opportunity to play in as many matches as possible. The nature of this balance will change in accordance with the type of match to be played.

Match Types

The main competitions and match formats that the Sharks play, as of March 2013, are set out below.

Japan Cricket League (“JCL”): This is a 40-over-a-side competition with a two-division structure (Division 1 and Division 2). The Sharks enter two teams, with one team in each division (a First XI and a Second XI, respectively).

Japan Cup: This is a 20-over-a-side competition with a structure that incorporates multiple regional groups and national finals. The Sharks enter one team.

Chiba Cup matches: These are limited-over exhibition matches hosted by the Sharks.

Friendly matches: These are matches planned on an irregular basis with other teams.

Player Pools

All Playing Members will be placed in one of three “pools” based on the guidelines set out below.

Pool A: Highly experienced and skilled Playing Members

Playing Members who are available on both Saturdays and Sundays (but more on Saturdays)

*In the case of the JCL, these Playing Members receive priority for Division 1 matches

Pool B: Somewhat experienced and skilled Playing Members

Playing Members who are moving towards Pool A

Playing Members who want an equal number of opportunities to play in JCL Divisions 1 & 2

Playing Members who can play both on Saturday and Sundays

*In principle, all people newly joining the Sharks as Playing Members will initially be placed in Pool B

Pool C: Inexperienced and junior players

Playing Members who are mainly available on Sundays

*In the case of the JCL, these Playing Members receive priority for Division 2 matches

Playing Members are placed in a pool at the beginning of each outdoor cricket season (around March). The Selection Committee is responsible for deciding how each Playing Member's pool will be decided, based on the guidelines set out above. The Selection Committee periodically reviews the pools and may suggest to each Playing Member adjustments as necessary.

Selection Criteria

The Selection Committee selects each Team in accordance with the principles set out below.

1. JCL Division 1 Matches (First XI)

- All available Pool A members
- Some Pool B members, with emphasis placed on team strength
- If required, Pool C members to cover any shortfall

2. JCL Division 2 Matches (Second XI)

- All available Pool C members
- Some Pool B members, with emphasis placed on providing opportunities for Playing Members
- If required, Pool A members to cover any shortfall

3. Japan Cup Matches

- Priority given to Pool B members
- Pool C members and Pool A members are to be considered in light of team balance and provision of opportunities to Playing Members

4. Chiba Cup matches, friendly matches, and other matches

- Selection Committee's discretion (with consideration given to provision of opportunities to Playing Members)

In selecting a Team, the Selection Committee will also be conscious of the following as further selection considerations:

- i. the amount of times a Playing Member has made himself or herself available for matches;
- ii. the amount of times a Playing Member has made himself or herself available for matches and attended trainings;

- iii. the status of a Playing Member with reference to his or her membership of other cricket leagues as described under Article 3.2 of the Chiba Sharks Cricket Club Constitution; and
- iv. the status of the Player Member in relation to the “Policy Regarding Twelfth Man” set out below.

Although the Selection Committee may discuss and select a Team giving consideration to a specific batting or bowling order, in principle the captain of the Team in question will be responsible for deciding the batting and bowling orders in a match on the day of the match.

A Playing Member may enquire with the chairperson of selectors about selection policy for a match. In this case, the chairperson will endeavor to provide an appropriate and satisfactory explanation of the selection policy employed for that match.

Selection of Team Captains

- JCL Division 1:** The First XI Captain (officer) will be captain of each First XI Team, unless unavailable. The First XI Captain (officer) must be a Pool A member. If the First XI Captain (officer) is unavailable, selection of the captain of the First XI Team will be left to the Selection Committee’s discretion.

- JCL Division 2:** The Second XI Captain (officer) will be captain of each Second XI Team, unless unavailable. The Second XI Captain (officer) may be a Pool B or a Pool C member. Notwithstanding the selection criteria principles set out above, if the Second XI Captain (officer) is a Pool B member, he or she will be automatically selected for JCL Division 2 matches, unless unavailable. If the Second XI Captain (officer) is unavailable, selection of the captain of the Second XI Team will be left to the Selection Committee’s discretion.

- Japan Cup:** Selection of the captain for Japan Cup matches will be left to the Selection Committee’s discretion.

- Chiba Cup:** In principle, the First XI Captain (officer) will be captain for Chiba Cup matches, unless unavailable. If the First XI Captain

(officer) is unavailable, then the Second XI Captain (officer) will be captain, or a Playing Member chosen at the discretion of the Selection Committee if the Second XI Captain (officer) is also unavailable.

- Friendly and other matches: Selection of the captain for friendly and other matches will be left to the Selection Committee's discretion.

Process

1. In principle, all Playing Members will be requested to provide their availability for every match, regardless of the type of match in question or of which pool he or she is a member.
2. The Manager will ascertain the availability of the Playing Members for the next scheduled match, and no later than the morning of the day 6 days before the next scheduled match the Manager will send to the Selection Committee a list (e.g., if the next match is scheduled for a Sunday, the Manager will send the list on the preceding Monday morning). The list will include information about the availability of the Playing Members for the next scheduled match, in addition to information about their availability, selection, and actual participation in previously-scheduled matches.
3. The Selection Committee will review the list, and by email or another appropriate form of communication, discuss and select a Team that includes 11 players and a Twelfth Man. The Selection Committee is entitled to offer temporary Playing Member status to non-Sharks players and players from other leagues only if a sufficient number of regular Playing Members is unavailable to form the starting XI for any given match. This policy is also dependent on whether or not temporary Playing Members can complete the necessary registration in time.
4. The Selection Committee will, through the chairperson of selectors, notify the Manager by email of the Team selected no later than 20:00 on the day 5 days before the next scheduled match (e.g., if the next match is scheduled for a Sunday, the chairperson of selectors will send the list on the preceding Tuesday before 20:00).
 - (i) The notification will consist of a list of the full names of 11 Playing Members (numbered in no particular order from 1 to 11) and a Twelfth Man that the Selection Committee has selected in accordance with the policy set out above.
 - (ii) In the list, the Selection Committee will identify the captain, vice captain, match organizer,

and, if it is considered necessary, the wicket keeper.

5. The Manager will notify the Sharks, by email, of the selected Team at least 4 days before the next scheduled match (e.g., if the next match is scheduled for a Sunday, the Manager will notify the Sharks on or before the preceding Wednesday). The Webmaster will endeavor to post the selected Team on the Website.

Policy Regarding Twelfth Man

The Sharks recognize the importance of the Twelfth Man position both for the service and support it provides to the Team as well as the commitment it displays to the Sharks. While the Selection Committee will strive to share the appointment of this position among the Playing Members, lesser-skilled Playing Members are, unavoidably, more likely to be selected in this role. The captain of the Team will endeavor, where possible, to ensure that the Twelfth Man plays as a substitute fielder at some point during the match.

Twelfth Man Duties

The Twelfth Man is expected to arrive at the ground prepared to play; i.e., with necessary kit and equipment. If not required as a member of the starting XI, then he or she should endeavor to help the Manager, match organizer, captain, vice captain, Scorer, and Reporter in the execution of their duties before and during the match. During the match the Twelfth Man should, at all times, be ready to take the field if requested by the captain of the Team.

Special Dispensations for Twelfth Man

Any Playing Member who fulfills the above duties as Twelfth Man and does not play as a member of the starting XI will have reasonable travel expenses to and from the ground covered by the starting XI. Travel expenses only include regular train fees or fuel and highway fees. They do not include car hire, Shinkansen, or Green Car upgrade fees.

If the Twelfth Man plays as a member of the starting XI, then all special dispensations become void (i.e., travel expenses and the automatic selection policy set out below). In addition, any Playing Member who fulfills the above duties as Twelfth Man and does not play as a member of the starting XI in that match will be automatically selected in the starting XI for the same team in the next match he or she makes himself or herself available for, even if that match is in the following season.

If that match is subsequently rained out or cancelled then the Selectors will be deemed to have fulfilled their obligations and the Twelfth Man will not be automatically selected in the starting XI for the subsequent match. Additionally, the automatic selection procedure does not apply to any quarter-final, semi-final or final matches. In these situations, the automatic selection procedure is applied to the next regular match.

If a match is cancelled more than 12 hours before the scheduled start of play, the designated Twelfth Man is not entitled to receive any of the above special dispensations. If a match is cancelled less than 12 hours before the scheduled start of play, the designated Twelfth Man is entitled to the above special dispensations.