

JCA Captains' Code of Conduct

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Outline

The Japan Cricket Association (“JCA”) recognizes, in accordance with the Laws of Cricket, that the captain of a cricket team is the sole person responsible for the conduct of his or her team both on and off the field.

In all JCA-organized cricket matches, the captain is responsible for his or her team abiding by the Laws of Cricket and playing within the spirit of the game.

All captains participating in JCA-organized cricket matches are expected to read and be familiar with the Spirit of Cricket preamble in the Laws of Cricket. The preamble is provided below.

The Preamble –The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

1. There are two Laws which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

Responsibility of captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Player's conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticizing by word or action the decisions of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

2. Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

3. The umpires are authorized to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair

4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the umpires
- The game and its traditional values

5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
 - to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
 - to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

6. Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

7. Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

Responsibilities for JCA-organized matches

In addition to the principles set out in the Spirit of Cricket preamble above, all captains of teams in JCA-organized cricket matches bear the following responsibilities, unless otherwise specifically stipulated in the playing conditions, etc. for that match:

- he or she will liaise with the opposition captain and umpires before the match and decide arrangements for the retrieval of keys and ground equipment and transportation of the umpires;
- he or she will enter the scoresheets for each game played and provide a match summary no later than the following Wednesday;
- he or she will submit a Captains' Report using the online form provided no later than the Wednesday following each game played;
- he or she will ensure that the ground and equipment is left in a tidy and clean state after each match;
- he or she will work with the other captain and umpires if problems arise or recalculations are needed;
- he or she will respect that at times playing cricket in Japan can be a challenging experience and also remember that the integrity of the game must be upheld; and
- he or she will ensure that his or her team fulfills its umpiring duties (including providing umpires for other matches as required) prescribed by the JCA.

Penalties

Penalties will apply for breaches of this Captains' Code of Conduct by captains of teams in the JCA-organized cricket matches and in other instances decided by the committee in charge of those matches. For examples of penalties that may be applied, refer to the playing conditions for each of those competitions.