

JCA Umpires' Code of Conduct

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An important responsibility for teams in competitions organized by the Japan Cricket Association (the “JCA”) is the provision of umpires in matches played by other teams. Penalties apply for failing to fulfill this responsibility (see the playing conditions of each competition for details).

Umpire Conduct and Knowledge

Umpires are required to conduct themselves to the best of their abilities, not only during the match that they have been assigned to, but also in all areas before and at the conclusion of the match.

In principle, umpires standing in JCA-organized matches will have attended at least one of the umpire education seminars held annually by the JCA. They will have a thorough understanding of the Laws of Cricket and the current playing conditions of the competition in which they umpire. Information regarding the Laws of Cricket and each set of playing conditions are available on the JCA website (<http://www.cricket.or.jp/>).

Umpire Presentation and Appearance

Umpires should present themselves at the ground in a respectable manner and attire themselves in approved umpiring clothing during the match they are umpiring.

In matches where red cricket balls are used, approved umpiring clothing is as follows:

- black trousers
- a white shirt
- a white hat
- a white or light-coloured top in cool conditions
- sports shoes



It is not appropriate for umpires to wear casual clothes, such as jeans, sandals, or no shoes. A team that provides umpires who do not dress appropriately will be subject to penalties that apply in that competition.

Communication with Playing Teams

Umpires are expected to communicate with both captains in the week before the match they are going to umpire (ideally on or before the Thursday before a match if the match is to be played on a weekend). Specifically, the umpires should notify the captains of their mode of transportation, expected travel expenses and expected time of arrival at the station or ground. If the umpires require a pick-up from the station, then this should also be confirmed.

Professional Attitude

Umpires in Japan are not professional, but they are expected to umpire the game they are assigned to in a fair manner without bias towards either team. Captains, players, scorers and other people involved in the game will generally respect an umpire who approaches the game in a professional manner more than an umpire who does not.

Umpires' Report

All umpires are required to submit a report for each game they umpire using a report form provided on the JCA website. Penalties apply for failing to submit these forms (see the playing conditions for each competition).