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OUTLINE

The Japan Cricket Association (the “**JCA**”) issues this Japan Cricket League Manual (this “**JCL Manual**”) to provide information about the principles, format, and administration of the Japan Cricket League (the “**JCL**”). This JCL Manual, the Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 5th Edition – 2013; the “**Laws of Cricket**”), and the Japan Cricket League Playing Conditions (the “**JCL PCs**”) are the main, but not only, documents governing the JCL.

The captains and representatives of all JCL clubs and all umpires participating in the JCL are required to read this JCL Manual, the JCL PCs, and other related documents (see “Documents Governing the JCL” below). The JCA also recommends that all players in JCL matches be familiar with these documents.

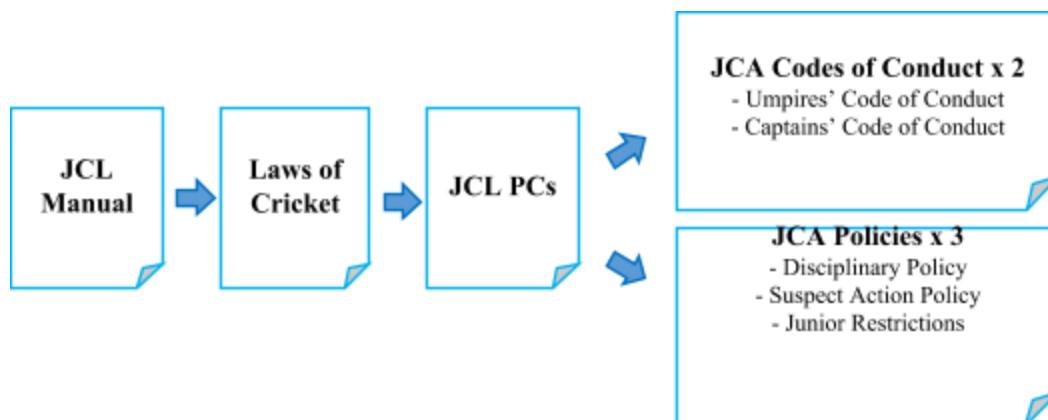
DOCUMENTS GOVERNING THE JCL

**All of these documents are available at:*

http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/JapanCricketLeague_Doc.php

- This JCL Manual
- Laws of Cricket (link available at the following:)
http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/JapanCricketLeague_Doc.php
- JCL PCs
[http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/data/JCL%202016%20Playing%20Conditions%20\(20160330\).pdf](http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/data/JCL%202016%20Playing%20Conditions%20(20160330).pdf)
- JCA Umpires’ Code of Conduct (“**Umpires’ Code of Conduct**”)
http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/JCA%20Umpires%20Code%20of%20Conduct%2020150317.pdf
- JCA Captains’ Code of Conduct (“**Captains’ Code of Conduct**”)
http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/JCA%20Captains%20Code%20of%20Conduct%2020150317.pdf
- Japan Cricket Association Disciplinary Policy for Matches (“**Disciplinary Policy**”)
http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/JCA%20Disciplinary%20Policy%20for%20Matches%2020150317.pdf
- JCA Suspect Bowling Action Policy (“**Suspect Action Policy**”)
http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/JCA%20Suspect%20Bowling%20Action%20Policy%2020150317.pdf
- JCA Junior Playing Restrictions for Senior Cricket (“**Junior Restrictions**”)
http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/JCA%20Junior%20Playing%20Restrictions%20for%20Senior%20Cricket%2020150317.pdf

The framework for these documents is illustrated on the next page.



JCL CONTACTS AND COMMUNICATION

JCL Committee

Committee email address: jcl-committee@googlegroups.com

Chairman: Seiji Sugiura (Sano CC)

Administration Manager: Takuya Kudo (Wyverns CC)

Reports Manager: Ragesh Nair (Tigers CC)

JCA Representative: Dhugal Bedingfield (JCA)

General Communication

The JCL Committee will use the email group below to communicate with the JCL clubs. The JCL clubs can also use this group to communicate with each other.

JCL Clubs Email Group: jcl-teams@googlegroups.com

Abusive, disrespectful or obscene language, and personal or other verbal attacks, will not be tolerated in this email group. The JCL Committee may remove or restrict a member's access to the mailing group and apply further penalties, such as suspension or deduction of competition points, etc.

Communication directed solely to the JCL Committee should be sent to the JCL Committee's email address.

JCL Committee: jcl-committee@googlegroups.com

JCA Contacts



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Club or competition related matters:
Dhugal Bedingfield, Community Cricket Manager
d-bedingfield@cricket.or.jp
090-8455-4441

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Makoto Kubota, Office Manager
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090-6012-3068

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The JCL is positioned at the core of the JCA's player pathway in the Kanto Region.

Objectives

1. To develop a sustainable club structure and encourage the establishment of 2nd XIs
2. To provide a competitive and positive environment for player development
3. To enhance the Spirit of Cricket
4. To enhance a positive image of cricket in Japan

Management

1. The day-to-day management of the JCL is the responsibility of the JCL Committee.
2. The JCL Committee is appointed by the JCA from volunteers from the clubs. A member of the JCA will also be appointed to the JCL Committee.

Format (General)

1. Two divisions with promotion/relegation system
2. 40 overs per innings

Principles of a Sustainable Club Structure



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1. Encourage clubs to establish 2nd XIs
2. Prioritize accommodating the needs of the clubs who enter 2 teams
3. If a club enters 2 teams, the 1st XI will play in Division 1, and the 2nd XI will play in Division 2
4. Highly restrictive criteria are set for each new club that wishes to join the JCL. This is to promote the concept of new players joining existing clubs, rather than having new clubs replacing old clubs. The criteria are detailed here:
http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/Criteria%20to%20enter%20a%20team%20in%20the%20JCL_20121115.pdf

Competitive and Positive Environment

1. Fuji/Sano grounds or similar standard grounds will be used.
2. Neutral umpires will be allocated.
3. Umpire education courses will be provided.
4. Scores must be submitted on-line by the Wednesday after the match.
5. Players must have sports insurance that covers injury and third party liability.
6. Players must wear suitable cricket clothing which is consistent with the team and approved by the JCL Committee.
7. The JCL PCs and codes of conduct and other policies, etc. that apply to the JCL must be strictly observed. It is the responsibility of each captain and umpire to be familiar with these materials.

Expectations of a JCL Club

1. Open to and actively seeks new players particularly in a focused region or area
2. Actively seeks opportunities to create links with university clubs and women's clubs or establish junior and women's teams
3. Actively seeks opportunities to secure and develop home grounds
4. Strongly encourages its best players to be available for selection for the Japan Premier League
5. Strictly abides by the JCL PCs, codes of conduct, policies, principles and fees of the JCL and the JCA—all JCL clubs are deemed to have agreed to these by participating in the JCL



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JCA Commitments to the JCL and JCL Clubs to Achieve the Above:

1. Priority use of the best grounds to ensure that the competition is run in the best environment possible.
2. Assist in establishing links with University clubs or other schools where possible.
3. A Club Health Check is provided as a guide to develop a sustainable/healthy club. Clubs should contact Dhugal Bedingfield, the JCA Community Cricket Manager (d-bedingfield@cricket.or.jp), for any assistance in improving their club structure.
4. Club Health Check: http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/Club%20Health%20Check.doc
5. Assist with documentation and negotiations in securing grounds
6. Assist with ground equipment in securing grounds
7. Assist with plastic equipment or coaching resources in establishing junior teams or programmes
8. JCA's commitment to supporting JCL clubs is not limited to the above and the JCA is prepared to assist in any way possible. Clubs should not be discouraged by difficulties or fear failure in pursuing any of the above activities. The JCA strongly encourages clubs to keep striving forward. All that matters is that we achieve our aims, not the number of failures it takes us to get there. Under no circumstances should any efforts listed above be criticised. If we face difficulties, we will find a solution, or help clubs work through difficult times. If you do not know who to contact in the JCA for any assistance, your first point of contact should be the Community Cricket Manager (see "JCA Contacts and Communication" above).

ADMINISTRATION DUTIES OF JCL CLUBS

Fees

Fees will be invoiced to each club.

Ground costs are a division of costs borne by the JCL for ground maintenance. The costs are calculated based on how many days the grounds are "booked" (not "used"), and there is no refund for cancelled matches, because ground maintenance is not affected by how many matches are played or cancelled. Thus, this cost should be regarded a cost for participating in the JCL. (This policy applies to other JCA official competitions, such as the Japan Cup, the J2C, and the Women's League.)



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Player Registration

Each player must be registered by the end of the Wednesday before the match the player plays in. If a player is not registered by the end of that Wednesday, that player will not appear in the on-line score system. Failing to register a player will result in penalties.

Registration Form:

Japanese: [http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/2015_MemberRegistrationForm\(J\).xls](http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/2015_MemberRegistrationForm(J).xls)

English: [http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/2015_MemberRegistrationForm\(E\).xls](http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/2015_MemberRegistrationForm(E).xls)

The completed registration form should be sent to registration@cricket.or.jp

Insurance

Each player must be covered by sports insurance that covers not only injury, but also third party liability, before each match played.

Recommended insurance: Sports Anzen Insurance

Sports Anzen Insurance: <https://www.spokyo.jp/spoannet.html>

TEAMS, DIVISIONS & ROUND-ROBIN FORMAT

The JCL will be played in two divisions, with each team playing the other teams in its division on a round-robin basis, followed by semifinals and a grand final in each division (and if required, a promotion/relegation play-off).

Division 1

1. Tokyo Wombats
2. Wyverns 1st XI
3. Chiba Sharks 1st XI
4. Sano 1st XI
5. Paddy Foley's 1st XI
6. MAX
7. Tigers 1st XI



Each Division 1 team will play the other Division 1 teams **twice** in the round-robin phase.

Division 2

1. Adore
2. Fuji Far East
3. Wyverns 2nd XI
4. Sano 2nd XI
5. Chiba Sharks 2nd XI
6. Paddy Foley's 2nd XI
7. Tigers 2nd XI

Each Division 2 team will play the other Division 2 teams **once** in the round-robin phase.

POINTS TABLES

The following points system applies for round-robin matches:

Regular Win: 4 points

Bonus Point Win: 5 points

Tie or No Result: 2 points

Loss: 0 points

Forfeit: -2 points

*The non-forfeiting team in the same match will also receive 5 points.

Bonus Points

The team batting second will receive one bonus point if the target is reached no later than when 80% of the overs it was entitled to receive have been bowled.

The team bowling second will receive one bonus point if it bowls the opposition out no



later than when 80% of the overs it was required to bowl have been bowled.

If there is any dispute, the JCL Committee will make a ruling, and its ruling will be final.

PRE-FINALS RANKINGS

After the round-robin phase of the competition, if two teams or more finish on an equal number of competition points, then the methods set out below will be used to decide the ranking of those teams in the order of priority in which those methods are listed (i.e., method (1) will be used first, and if the teams remain level even after method (1) has been used, then method (2) will be used, and so on).

- (1) The number of wins by the tied teams in the round-robin phase (the higher the number, the higher the ranking)
- (2) (If only two teams are on equal points, then) the number of wins in matches between the two teams on equal points (the higher the number, the higher the ranking)
- (3) Net run rate (the higher the net run rate, the higher the ranking; scores from any match that ends as a “no result” will not be counted in net run rates)
- (4) Coin toss

FINALS FORMAT

The following finals format applies to each of Division 1 and Division 2.

Semifinals

Semifinal A: 1st plays 4th (to be played at Sano International Cricket Ground)

Semifinal B: 2nd plays 3rd (to be played at Sano River Ground)

Grand Final

Winner of Semifinal A v Winner of Semifinal B (Sano International Cricket Ground)

Notes:



- (a) If reserve days apply for semifinal or grand final matches, then the JCL Committee will decide the location of those matches in question
- (b) If any semifinal or grand final match ends in no result (after all reserve days, if applicable, have been exhausted), the winner of the match in question will be determined by the ranking each team in that match held at the end of the round-robin phase of that division.

PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- (1) The JCL has a system of relegation and promotion that applies to each JCL club that only has one team in the JCL (i.e., each JCL club that does not have teams in both Division 1 and Division 2; a “**One-Team Club**”). The JCL Committee will decide on the relegation and promotion of One-Team Clubs based on the provisions set out below.

In principle, the **lowest-ranked** One-Team Club in **Division 1** (at the end of the **round-robin** phase) and the **highest-ranked** One-Team Club in **Division 2** (at the end of the **finals** phase; see (2) below) play a promotion/relegation play-off match (the “**P/R Play-Off**”) at the end of each season. The winner and loser of that match will play in Division 1 and Division 2, respectively, from the following season.

However, the terms and conditions set out below apply.

- (a) The lowest-ranked One-Team Club in Division 1 **will be exempted** from the P/R Play-Off if it falls under **either of the following**:
 - (i) it finishes the round-robin phase ranked third or higher; **or**
 - (ii) it plays in the JCL Division 1 Grand Final.
- (b) If the lowest-ranked One-Team Club in Division 1 is exempted (in accordance with (1)(a) above) and the highest-ranked One-Team Club in Division 2 falls under **both of the following**, then that highest-ranked One-Team Club in Division 2 will **be automatically promoted** to Division 1 from the following season:
 - (i) the highest ranked One-Team Club in Division 2 finishes the round-robin phase ranked first; **and**
 - (ii) the highest ranked One-Team Club in Division 2 wins the Division 2 Grand Final.

- (c) The highest-ranked One-Team Club in Division 2 may submit to the JCL Committee a written appeal regarding automatic promotion to Division 1 if **all** of the following conditions apply:
- (i) there are extenuating circumstances (e.g., the lowest-ranked One-Team Club in Division 1 is exempted from the P/R Play-Off under (a) above);
 - (ii) that highest-ranked One-Team Club in Division 2 does not finish the round-robin phase ranked first in Division 2; and
 - (iii) that highest-ranked One-Team Club in Division 2 wins the Division 2 Grand Final.

If an appeal is submitted, the JCL Committee will, at its own discretion, decide whether to allow the automatic promotion of that highest-ranked One-Team Club in Division 2 (for the sake of clarity, the submission of an appeal will not automatically result in the JCL Committee's approval of that appeal, and the JCL Committee may, at its discretion, reject that appeal).

- (2) The highest-ranked One-Team Club team in Division 2 at the end of the **finals** phase will be determined according to the following order:
- (a) the winner of the Division 2 grand final;
 - (b) the loser of Division 2 grand final; and
 - (c) the loser of a Division 2 semifinal.

In the case of (c) above, if two One-Team Clubs are losers in the Division 2 semifinals, then the team ranked higher of those two teams after the round-robin phase will be considered the highest-ranked One-Team Club team in Division 2.

- (3) A One-Team Club in Division 2 will not be eligible for the P/R Play-Off if it doesn't qualify for the semifinals in Division 2. In that case, there will no promotion or relegation of One-Team Clubs.
- (4) If a P/R Play-Off match ends in no result (after all reserve days, if applicable, have been exhausted), then the lowest ranked One-Club Team in Division 1 will remain in Division 1 in the following season, and the highest ranked One-Club Team in Division 2 will remain in Division 2 in the following season.

FORFEITURE OF MATCHES

By agreeing to participate in the JCL, each JCL club, regardless of whether it is a One-Team Club or a club that has two teams in the JCL (i.e., a club that has teams in both Division 1 and Division 2; a "**Two-Team Club**"), affirms that it has an adequate

number of players to field a legitimate team in each match it participates in and promises to use its best efforts to field a full team of eleven players (preferably with a 12th man) at each of those matches. Each JCL club also acknowledges that **failing to field a team** in a match (or “forfeiting”) causes inconvenience to the JCL and, in particular, the opponent club in the forfeited match.

As stated in “Point Tables” above, **two competition points will be deducted** from a team on each occasion it forfeits a match.

In addition, the forfeiting club must:

- (a) pay the other club’s share of the ground booking for that match and the ball fee for the other club; and
- (b) pay the other club’s share of the umpire costs (if any have been incurred; this includes the cost of any pre-booked car or train tickets, etc.).

If a match is forfeited, the ground that was to be used in the forfeited match may be used for practice. In this case, the non-forfeiting club has preference with regard to use of the ground for practice (if the non-forfeiting club does not wish to use the ground, the forfeiting club may then use the ground). Regardless of whether the ground is used for practice and which team uses the ground for practice in that case, the forfeiting team will pay the amounts set out in (a) and (b) above in all cases. No other club may use the ground for practice on that day without the express permission of the JCA.

If a club fails to field a team multiple times, the JCL Committee may impose more severe penalties.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY (1ST AND 2ND XI; GENERAL, FINALS, AND PLAY-OFFS)

General (“Three-Player Rule”)

To promote the concept of each club having a team in each division, each Two-Team Club will be allowed to play up to **three players** in an individual round for both its 1st XI and 2nd XI (the “Three-Player Rule”).

For example (for a Two-Team Club called “Club A”):

Round 4 of Division 1: Eleven players play for Club A in its 1st XI team.

Round 4 of Division 2: In Club A’s 2nd XI team for Round 4, Club A may include up to three players who played in Club A’s 1st XI team in Round 4. The remaining eight or more players must be players who did not play in the 1st XI in Round 4.

***Notes:**

- To participate in a team as 12th man (or a substitute fielder), the player in question must be registered as a member of that team's club for the JCL.
- In addition, if a player is ineligible to play under the Three-Player Rule in a round-robin match, but would otherwise be eligible to play (i.e., is registered as a member of that team's club and is not subject to any penalty that stops his or her participation), then the player in question may participate as 12th man (or a substitute fielder).

Finals and Play-Offs

To play in a semifinal, grand final, or play-off match, a player, regardless of whether he plays for a One-Team Club or a Two-Team Club, must be registered for that club before the final round of the round-robin phase. The rules set out below also apply.

- (1) To play in a semifinal, grand final, or play-off match for a **One-Team Club**, a player must have played at least one game for that club before the semifinal or the play-off match.
- (2) To play in a semifinal or grand final for a **Two-Team Club**, a player must have played at least one game for that club before the semifinal if:
 - (a) the **Two-Team Club** has a team in a semifinal or grand final for **Division 1 only**; or
 - (b) the **Two-Team Club** has a team in a semifinal or grand final for **Division 1** and has a team in a semifinal or grand final for **Division 2**.
- (3) To play in a semifinal or grand final for a **Two-Team Club** that has a semifinal or grand final in **Division 2 only**, a player must comply with the following:
 - (a) he has played at least one game in Division 2 for that club before the semifinal; and
 - (b) of the matches played by him for that club in that JCL season, at least 50% were Division 2 matches (the "50% Rule").
- (4) In the case of 2(b) above, the Three-Player Rule" will apply as follows: each Two-Team Club will be allowed to play up to **three players** in the semifinals for both its 1st XI and 2nd XI (in this way, the semifinals will be considered a "round"), and if a Two-Team Club has a team in the grand final for Division 1 and has a team in the grand final for Division 2, then that club will be allowed to play up to **three players** in the grand finals for both its 1st XI and 2nd XI (in this way, the grand finals will be considered a "round"). However, the JCL Committee

urges all Two-Team Clubs to use reasonable efforts to field two completely separate teams for its Division 1 and Division 2 matches during the finals phase

***Notes:**

- With regard to (1), (2), and (3) above, if a match is a “no-result” due to rain, forfeiture, etc., then a captain may list a player as being in the playing XI for that match by listing that player in the “Captain's Report for no-result or forfeited matches” submitted before the Wednesday after that scheduled match.
- The captain is not obliged to submit the “Captain’s Report for no-result or forfeited matches.” But it will be deemed that a player has not played any match during the season if, in addition to that player not appearing in any scoresheet for a completed match during the season, the player has not been listed in a “Captain's Report for no-result or forfeited matches.”
- “Captain’s Report for no-result or forfeited matches” are not considered when determining a player’s eligibility under the 50% Rule.
- Participation in any semifinal is not considered when determining a player’s eligibility to play in the Division 2 grand final under the 50% Rule.
- If a player is ineligible to a play in a semifinal or grand final under the Three-Player Rule or the 50% Rule, but would otherwise be eligible to play in the semifinal or grand final (i.e., the player is registered and has played at least one game for that club before the semifinal and is not subject to any penalty that stops his or her participation), then the player in question may participate as 12th man (or a substitute fielder).

CANCELLATION AND POSTPONEMENT (INCLUDING RESERVE DAYS IN ROUND-ROBIN PHASE)

Each club **must endeavour to** play each match on the originally scheduled day and to avoid cancelling or postponing matches. Cancellation and postponements are to be considered a “last resort”. A decisions to cancel or postpone a match must be made in accordance with the “**Guidelines on Fitness for Play in Wet Weather**” set out in the JCL PCs.

JCL Groundskeeper, Yoshi Uehara, will update all clubs of the status of the grounds in Sano on the Friday before each match. In addition, club representatives may contact him on the morning of each match to confirm weather conditions on the morning of the match in Sano.

Yoshitaka Uehara: 09095309267, y-uehara@cricket.or.jp

Reserve Dates: Division 1

There will be no reserve days scheduled for Division 1 round-robin matches.

Reserve Dates: Division 2

There will be reserve days scheduled for Division 2 round-robin matches.

If before the scheduled start time of a Division 2 round-robin match it is decided by the captains and umpires (or by the JCL Committee) that no play will be possible in that match, then that match will be postponed, and the two teams scheduled to play that match will replay that match on one of the scheduled reserve days. Each reserve day will be allocated on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

When the match is postponed, the two teams must:

- (1) contact each other and reach agreement regarding which of the remaining reserve days will be the rescheduled date of the match; and
- (2) immediately notify the JCL Committee of the desired date for replaying the match.

The JCL Committee will then approve or reject the proposed date for replaying the match.

The teams have **seven days** from the originally scheduled date of the postponed match to propose a date for replaying the match. If no agreement is reached between the teams involved, the JCL Committee will select a date for the match to be replayed.

In principle, the teams must choose the earliest available reserve date. The JCL Committee will approve use of a reserve date that is not the earliest available reserve date only in unusual and unavoidable circumstances.

In addition, the club appointed to provide umpires for the originally scheduled match will, in principle, be required to provide umpires for the rescheduled date. Only in unusual and unavoidable circumstances (for example, where the rescheduled date falls within a few weeks of the originally scheduled date) will the JCL Committee consider requests for a change in umpire appointments for rescheduled matches.

Even if before the rescheduled start time of the replayed match it is decided by the captains and umpires (or by the JCL Committee) that no play will be possible in the match, the teams involved may not reschedule the match again.



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SCORESHEETS AND CRICHQ SCORING SYSTEM

As indicated in the JCL PCs, each team is responsible for providing a scorebook and scorers for each match. The score must be recorded in each team's scorebook by two separate people at all times. From 2015, the score may be recorded using the CricHQ scoring system, but at least one paper scorebook must be used at each match.

Teams have the option of scoring on paper and entering results into the CricHQ score system later OR scoring live using the CricHQ scoring app. Note: at least one paper scorebook must be used at all times. A guide on how to score official matches using CricHQ can be found here:

<https://support.crichq.com/portal/helpcenter/articles/how-do-i-score-an-official-fixture>

For matches scored using paper score books only the winning team is responsible for entering the score in the CricHQ online scoring system and sending a photo of the original score sheet (paper) by the Wednesday immediately following the match. A photo of the original score sheet (paper) must be sent regardless of whether the match is also scored using the CricHQ scoring app or not. Failing to send that photo will result in penalties.

For more information on scoring and club administration using CricHQ please refer to the following document.

<http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/data/CricHQ%20Guide%2020150714.pdf>

Send the photo of the score sheet to the following address

jcl-committee@googlegroups.com

TEAM SHEETS

Each team playing in a match must prepare a team sheet and submit it to the umpires at the toss.

Spellings of names on the team sheets must precisely match spellings of names registered in the JCA online scoring system.

Players not listed on the team sheet will not be able to play in the match.

The umpires must submit a photo of each team's team sheet to the JCL Committee by the Wednesday immediately following the match. Failing to do so will result in penalties.

Team sheet:

http://www.cricket.or.jp/match/jcl_data/JCA%20Team%20Sheet%2020150317.doc

Send photos of the team sheets to the following address:



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UNIFORMS

Each team must be attired in cricket clothing approved by the JCL Committee. In principle, approved cricket clothing means the following:

- predominately white cricket shirt (collared shirt or collared t-shirt);
- white cricket trousers (or very light-coloured trousers suitable for sport; not jeans or denim trousers);
- sports shoes;
- white or very light-coloured jumper or vest (in cool conditions); and
- white cap or hat or hat or cap in team colours.

Coloured cricket clothing may be worn if the design of that clothing is submitted in advance to the JCL Committee for approval. The uniform will not be approved if a large amount of red (the colour of a cricket ball) is used.

Regardless of the colour of the uniform worn, at least ten members of the playing XI must be wearing the same uniform. In the case of white uniforms, differences in manufacturer labels and logos are permitted. If less than ten members of the playing XI are not wearing the same uniform, penalties will apply. See “Administration-Related Penalties” below.

USE OF HELMETS FOR BATTING AND FIELDING

The JCA Junior Playing Restrictions for Senior Cricket apply to the JCL. Those restrictions stipulate compulsory rules regarding use of helmets by junior players.

Although senior players (players who are 19 years old or older as of 2 April in the relevant season) are not compulsorily required by the JCL to wear helmets when batting, fielding in positions close to the batsman, wicketkeeping close to the wicket, etc., the JCL Committee strongly **advises** the use of helmets by all players in such circumstances.

In line with recommendations made by the England & Wales Cricket Board, the JCL Committee also recommends use of helmets that conform to the British Standard “BS7928:2013” for design and manufacture of cricket head protectors. Please refer to the following URL for more details:

<http://www.ecb.co.uk/information/ecb-and-pca-guidance-head-protectors-helmets>

UMPIRING FEES, REPORTS, & PENALTIES

The following applies in addition to the provisions set out in the JCL PCs.

- (1) The two teams playing in a JCL match will equally share the costs of transportation (actual cost, up to amount of a *shinkansen* fare) and lunch (500 yen per umpire) for the umpires standing in their match.
- (2) Each umpire must submit an Umpires' Report (via the online form) and the team sheets from both teams (see "Team Sheets" above; to be sent by email) upon the conclusion of each completed match. Failing to do so will result in penalties.

Online form: <http://goo.gl/forms/1218V4slfM>

Email for team sheets: jcl-committee@googlegroups.com

- (3) Each team will be subject to the following penalties for not providing two umpires (unless otherwise instructed by the JCL Committee) at a match for which it is responsible for providing umpires. The number of points displayed below indicates the amount of the deduction
 - (a) Two club members: 0 points
 - (b) One club member and one non-club-member: 0.5 points
 - (c) One club member only: 1 point
 - (d) Two non-club-members: 1 point
 - (e) One non-club-member only: 1.5 points
 - (f) No umpires: 2 points

If any non-club-member is provided as an umpire (i.e., in the case of (b), (d), and (e)), the JCL Committee may, at its sole discretion, decide to forgo applying the penalty if it is satisfied that the non-club-members in question are qualified and experienced umpires. However, if a team provides a non-club-member, it may not object to the penalty, and the penalty will be applied in all but the rarest of cases.

CAPTAINS' REPORTS

After each match, the captains must complete the online Captains' Report at the link below by the Monday immediately following the match. Failing to complete it on time will result in penalties.



Non-Profit Organization
Japan Cricket Association
Tel.: 050-3766-4483
URL: <http://www.cricket.or.jp>

Completed matches: <http://goo.gl/forms/XeA0P1eCZC>

No result matches: <http://goo.gl/forms/QyLbHF8Hm6>

ADMINISTRATION-RELATED PENALTIES

A team will be subject to a **deduction of one competition point** on each occasion it falls under any of the following:

- (1) if it is the winning team (or the “home team” in the case of a tie or “no result”), it fails to input the score in the online scoring system and to send a photo of the score sheet by the Wednesday following a match;
- (2) it fails to submit a Captain's Report by the Monday following a completed match;
- (3) it fails to provide an umpire for a match at which it is scheduled to provide an umpire;
- (4) an umpire provided by the team fails to wear approved umpiring attire (see Umpire’s Code of Conduct);
- (5) it fails to submit an Umpire’s Report and the teams’ team sheets for a completed match at which it provides umpires by the Monday following the match; or
- (6) it fails to wear approved cricketing attire (see “Uniforms” above).

Penalties for actions including, but not limited to, those set out above will be imposed at the discretion of the JCL Committee and might be based, among other factors, upon Captains’ Reports and Umpires’ Reports submitted after matches.

For information about other penalties imposed in relation to the actions of players in matches, please see the Disciplinary Policy.

DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES

The Disciplinary Policy regarding disciplinary penalties applies for events that occur during matches.

With respect to application of the Disciplinary Policy, please note the clarifications below.

Match bans as provided for under Section 5 of the Disciplinary Policy are subject to the interpretations below.

- (a) In principle, match bans will only apply to JCL matches (including semifinals, grand finals, and play-off matches), and, as stated in the Disciplinary Policy,



may be carried over to the following JCL season. However, in exceptional circumstances, if the JCA representative to the JCL Committee or the JCA management believes that a match ban imposed by the JCL Committee should apply to non-JCL matches as well, then the JCA representative to the JCL Committee or the JCA management will separately announce to that effect to the JCL Committee, to the player subject to the ban, and to other concerned persons and then impose that ban.

- (b) In the JCL, “match bans” are interpreted to mean “round bans.” For example, if a player receives a “two-match ban” under the Disciplinary Policy, then in the JCL this will equate to a “two-round ban” (so, if the player received the ban for an incident in Round 1, he would be banned from playing all matches in Rounds 2 and 3, regardless of whether those matches are Division 1 matches or Division 2 matches).

(See the link for the Disciplinary Policy under “Documents Governing the JCL” above.)

SUSPECT BOWLING ACTIONS

In addition to rules provided in the Laws of Cricket and the JCL PCs, see the Suspect Action Policy regarding handling of suspect bowling actions.

For JCL matches, the reporting process mentioned in the Suspect Action Policy will be conducted via the Umpires’ Report that an umpire is required to submit before the Wednesday following a match.

(See the link for the Suspect Action Policy under “Documents Governing the JCL” above.)

JUNIOR PLAYING RESTRICTIONS

The Junior Restrictions apply to the JCL. All captains, umpires, and junior players are required to know, and to comply with, the Junior Restrictions

(See the link for the Junior Restrictions under “Documents Governing the JCL” above.)

GROUND INFO

Fuji

<http://tinyurl.com/Fuji-grounds>



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Japan Cricket Association
Tel.: 050-3766-4483
URL: <http://www.cricket.or.jp>

The container at the Fuji grounds contains all of the ground equipment. The container is locked using a combination lock. The combination will be informed to all clubs at the beginning of the season

All players must be very polite and respectful with softball and baseball players at the Fuji grounds. The softball community has the power to ban cricket from the ground, and the baseball community south of Ground 2 has helped cricket a lot. Some softball players would love an excuse to ban cricket from the ground and it has taken a lot of effort to get regular access to the grounds.

If there is an issue please do not even argue. Immediately call either JCL Committee member Jarrad Shearer (090-3540-9729) or the JCA CEO Alex Miyaji (090-6012-3068).

Please make sure the container is kept tidy.

Sano River Ground

<http://tinyurl.com/sano-grounds>

(JCA HQ - <http://tinyurl.com/jca-headquarters>)

The teams playing a match at Sano must organise for someone to pick up the ground equipment from the storage shed located at the JCA Head Office in Sano.

JCA Head Office
2472 Kanayanaka-cho, Sano-shi, Tochigi, 327-0026

The equipment must then be returned after the match. Please make sure the storage shed is kept tidy.

Sano International Cricket Ground (Tanuma)

<http://tinyurl.com/Tanuma-HS-ground>

(JCA HQ - <http://tinyurl.com/jca-headquarters>)

The teams playing a match at Sano International Cricket Ground must organise for someone to pick up the key for the gate, which is located inside the storage shed at the JCA Head Office in Sano (see **Sano** above).

JCA Head Office
2472 Kanayanaka-cho, Sano-shi, Tochigi, 327-0026

The equipment at Sano International Cricket Ground is located in the shed second from

the right in the long row of sheds. The shed is locked using a combination lock. The combination will be informed to all clubs at the beginning of the season. The equipment must then be returned after the match, and the key for the gate must be returned to the Sano office shed.

List of Ground Equipment

- Stumps
- Box with bails, counters, markers, chalk
- White disks for 30-yard circle
- Tape measure
- Boundary rope (four for Sano 3)
- Scoreboard
- Tent, table & chairs (table and chairs are not the JCA's, so they should be treated with utmost care)

Ground Preparation and Clean-up

Each team is responsible for preparing the ground, such as setting up the stumps, preparing the 30-yard circle as shown in Appendix B (the 15-yard marks are not required), placing the boundary rope, and setting up the scoreboard, tents, tables and chairs.

Do not let the other team do all the work. If the ground is already set up when your team arrives, your team should volunteer to do the clean up on your own.

Do not leave garbage at the ground. After the match, each player should look around and pick up any garbage, regardless of whose it was or when it was disposed.

When using Sano River Ground 2, 3, or 4, and there are no softball or baseball people left at their ground, please close the two gates and lock them.

APPENDIX A: Match Preparation Flow

Captains, representatives, and umpires need to take the following actions as necessary before and after matches.

Before Match

Playing clubs

- Register new players by Wednesday
- Insure players before Friday



Wednesday & Thursday

Playing clubs

- Contact JCL Teams email group
 - Announce captain & contact details
 - Request details about umpires
 - Confirm details about match prep (pick up for umpire, key, equipment, etc.)
 - Does equipment need to be returned or tidied?

Umpiring clubs

- Announce umpires & contact details
- Request transport if necessary



Match Day

Captains

- Contact Uehara Yoshitaka regarding weather as necessary
- Pass team sheet to the umpire at toss
- Confirm scoresheets are perfect & take photos of scoresheets
- Return or tidy equipment as required
- Remove all rubbish from ground!

Umpires

- Take photos of teams sheets
- Confirm scorecards are perfect
- Remove all rubbish from ground!



No later than Monday after match

Umpires

- Submit umpire's match report (all umpires must do this)

Captains

- Both captains: Submit captains' match reports



No later than Wednesday after match

Captains

- Winner: Send photos of scoresheets to JCL Committee
- Winner (or "home" captain if "No Result"):
 - Send summary of match to JCL clubs
 - Enters scoresheet in JCA online scoring database

Umpires

- Send photos of team sheets to JCL Committee

APPENDIX B: 30-Yard (27.5 m) Circle

