

JCA Junior Playing Restrictions for Senior Cricket

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Outline

The Japan Cricket Association (the “**JCA**”) imposes the following restrictions (these “**Junior Restrictions**”) to reduce the risk of injury to younger players playing in senior cricket competitions authorized by the JCA, which includes the Japan Cricket League and the Japan Cup.

Determination of Age Group

A player’s age group is determined by the age of the player on 2 April of that year.

For example:

- If a player is 18 years old on 2 April, he or she will be regarded as “Under 19” for that season
- If a player is 19 years old or older on 2 April, then these Junior Restrictions do not apply

(The examples above apply even if the player is the same age before the first game he or she plays in the season in question.)

Each player who falls under the classification of “Under 19” is considered a “**Junior.**”

Batsman

Each Junior is required to wear a minimum of batting pads, batting gloves, a protector (box) and a helmet.

Fielders

Juniors are not permitted to field within 10 meters of the batsman. For the purpose of clarity, “within 10 metres” is considered to be a radius of a half-pitch length from the striker (batsman).

This restriction does not apply to the wicketkeeper or to any slip or gully fielder behind the wicket who is within 10 metres of the batsman.

If the wicketkeeper is a Junior, he or she must wear a helmet when standing up to the stumps.

Bowlers

The following bowling restrictions apply to all bowlers who are Juniors.

Age group	Max. over limit for one day	Min. break between spells	Max. length of spell
Under 19	10	4	8
Under 18	10	4	7
Under 17	10	4	6
Under 16	10	4	6
Under 15	10	4	5
Under 14	10	4	5
Under 13	8	4	4
Under 12	8	4	4

Captains' Responsibilities

If a player is a Junior, then his or her captain must mark on the official team sheet and scorebook to that effect. The age of the Junior must be written after his or her name.

For example: Taro TANAKA (16)

If a team has any Juniors, the captain of that team is responsible for ensuring that these Junior Restrictions are followed.

Umpires' Responsibilities

The umpires must check before the start of play if any Junior will play for either team in the match. The umpire must be satisfied that each Junior is clearly marked on the team sheet with his or her name and age.

During the match, the umpire may at any time stop play, call "Dead-Ball" if required, and ask a player to take any action that is required for compliance with these Junior Restrictions.

Any Junior who acts as a substitute during the match must inform the umpire via his or her captain of the Junior substitute's age. That Junior substitute and his or her captain must then adhere to these Junior Restrictions.

Penalties

All Juniors, captains, and umpires must comply with these Junior Restrictions during matches. In the unlikely event that a breach of these Junior Restrictions occurs, no immediate penalty will be imposed. However, after the match, the umpires or a team captain must report any breach to the committee that oversees the competition in question. That committee will deal with any alleged breach and take further action if considered necessary.