

# Japan Cricket Association

## National Squad Player Eligibility & Selection Policy

The Japan Cricket Association (JCA) adhere to the guidelines set out by the International Cricket Council (ICC) with regards to eligibility for our Men's and Women's National Squads. All players must meet the Eligibility Rules before they are considered for selection. Eligible players will be selected according to the Selection Policy.

\*Please note that additional eligibility criteria may apply in special cases or tournaments..

### **Eligibility Rules**

**A Male player must meet each of the following three sections (A, B, and C) to be eligible to play for Japan. A Female player must only meet section A.**

#### **Section A - Core Qualification Criteria**

**A Player must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:**

1. The Player was born in Japan;
2. The Player is able to demonstrate (by his/her possession of a valid passport issued by the Japan) that he/she is a national of Japan;
3. The Player is a Resident of Japan, in other words: -
  - a. The Player has resided in Japan for a minimum of 183 days in each of the immediately preceding four years (male Players only, only two such players can be selected)
  - b. The Player has resided in Japan for a minimum of 183 days in each of the immediately preceding seven years (male Players only).
  - c. The Player has resided in Japan for a minimum of 183 days in each of the immediately preceding two years (female players only).

#### **Section B - Development Criteria**

**A Player must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:**

4. The Player has played in a minimum of 50% of the domestic league matches that his club team was scheduled to play within officially sanctioned JCA competitions in any 3 of the preceding 5 domestic league seasons (scorecards required as proof);
5. The Player has spent a cumulative total of at least 100 working days in Japan coaching cricket, playing cricket or working in the administration or development of cricket in Japan in the immediately preceding 5 years;
6. The Player has previously represented Japan at Under-19 level or above after satisfying the additional Development Criteria in these Regulations or similar requirements under predecessor eligibility regulations.

#### **Section C - Junior/Locally Developed Player Criteria**

**A Player must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:**

7. The player has spent most (75%) or all of his/her life in Japan;
  8. The player has played two (2) seasons or more of junior cricket in Japan?
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**Selection Policy:**

**If you can prove what is required above then you are eligible for selection.**

**The JCA will then take into account all of the following attributes when selecting a squad:**

- **Age:** As a way of building for the future the JCA are taking a long term view and young players with great potential will be looked upon favourably.
- **Character:** Players must represent the values and understand the vision held by the JCA.
- **Commitment:** Players must be able/willing to attend training sessions and functions and secure time off for tournaments.
- **Contribution:** Players are expected to give an amount of time to the development and growth of cricket in their local area as defined by the JCA.
- **Performance:** Players must be competing and performing well in officially sanctioned JCA competitions. These are: JCL, Japan Cup, JPL, University Championships, Women's League and National Age-Group Leagues/Tournaments.
- **Team Balance:** The balance of the team will be taken into account.