

# 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 two sections (A and B) 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: Has lived in Japan for a minimum of three years, and been physically present in the country for a minimum of ten months per year during that period. The player must be able to demonstrate a close, credible and established link to the country.

#### **Section B - Junior/Locally Developed Player Criteria (Male Players Only)**

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

4. The player has spent most (75%) or all of his life in Japan.
  5. 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 consider 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 regularly 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.

\*All players will be considered on a case by case basis and the selection committee has the freedom to choose players who may fall outside of the Selection Policy under special circumstances.

\*\*Players who have previously represented Japan, or played regularly in Japanese domestic competitions, and fulfil either point 1 or 2 of the Core Qualification Criteria and the Junior/Locally Developed Player Criteria, will still be considered for selection even if they leave the country but are playing cricket to an equivalent or higher standard overseas.