

Japan Cricket Association

National Squads Player Eligibility & Selection Policy

Eligibility Criteria

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

1. The Player is a national of Japan **or** has represented Japan previously in an ICC Event.
2. The player currently resides and has spent most (75%) or all of his/her life in Japan.
3. The player currently resides and has played minimum two (2) seasons of junior cricket in Japan.

Eligible players will be selected according to the Selection Policy.

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*The above is applicable only to the selection of the National Squads. The Final Team Selection criteria may vary subject to tournament regulations. Exceptional circumstances may be taken into consideration.

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 an annual squad:

- **Performance:** Players must be performing well in officially sanctioned JCA competitions. These are: JCL, Japan Cup, JPL, University Championships, Women's League, J-Bash and National Age-Group Leagues/Tournaments; **or** equivalent / higher standards overseas*.
- **Fitness:** The JCA has a strict fitness policy and all players must meet set fitness standards in order to be selected. Players will then be subject to regular fitness tests and risk non-selection if failing to meet set standards.
- **Team Balance:** The balance of the team will be taken into account.
- **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.
- **Character:** Players must represent the values and understand the vision held by the JCA.
- **Trials:** Players are expected to attend the National Trials. Exceptions may be made for existing squad members who may have adequate reasons, or players who are playing to a higher or equivalent standard overseas*.
- **Commitment:** Players must be able/willing to attend training sessions and functions and secure time off for tournaments.
- **Finances:** Players must be willing and able to make the necessary financial commitment to representing Japan. This includes paying annual fees and tournament fees plus any applicable costs for training clothing. Payments must be made punctually.
- **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.
- ***Players based overseas:** Those who meet the eligibility criteria but live outside of Japan must commit to attending at least one national camp per year and align themselves to a Japanese Club. Some leeway will be given to those who have spent time in Japan previously.

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