



Criteria to Enter a Team in the Japan Cup

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1. New teams will be allowed to enter the Japan Cup in 2021 on an application-approval basis. New teams can apply by using the Japan Cup application form [<https://forms.gle/fpq7wCNqn5G9Emir6>]. A decision on whether the new team will be accepted will be made by the JCA Community Cricket Manager in consultation with Japan Cup committees and Regional Associations. In most regions the number of teams is limited by ground availability. Applications for the 2021 season should be made as early as possible and will officially close on Feb 26th, 2021.
2. The club must be located within one of the regional associations in Japan [<https://cricket.or.jp/en/regional-associations>]
3. The club must become a member of the regional association in which it is applying to enter the Japan Cup. Note: clubs are not permitted to be a member of more than one regional association and therefore can not compete in more than one regional Japan Cup qualifying league.
4. The club must abide by the laws of cricket, the spirit of cricket, JCA regulations, Japan Cup competition regulations and any regulations set by their regional association. The team must share the JCA's vision for the growth of cricket in Japan.
5. The club must be available to play all matches scheduled by the Japan Cup committee. Note: All Japan Cup regional qualifying leagues consist of at least 5 rounds of matches per team. Leagues generally consist of between 5 and 8 rounds of matches per team.
6. The club must be available to participate in the Japan Cup Finals tournament which is held each year over the long weekend in Sano in October, e.g., October 9th-10th, 2021.
7. The club must have at least 15 registered players, all of whom are JCA members and are covered by sports insurance.
8. The club must be able to provide full coloured cricket uniforms, including pants, shirts and caps, for all club members who play in the Japan Cup.
9. The club must pay all competition fees and umpire fees, as well as any extra membership fees set by the regional association.
10. The club must be able to provide neutral umpires to umpire Japan Cup matches as requested by the Japan Cup committee in their region.