



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 was born in Japan.
3. The Player has had his/her primary and permanent residence in Japan for at least the preceding three years prior to representing Japan in an international match.

If you can prove what is required above, then you are eligible for selection. Selection will be made based on the Selection Policy.

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:

The JCA is committed to developing players from the grassroots up and the purpose of the Japan National Teams is to inspire the next generation of players and fans. Players should have the mindset of developing the sport in Japan and the necessary characteristics to be role models within Japanese society.

All players may be subject to interview prior to selection to demonstrate their understanding of the mission and their role within it. The JCA will then consider all of the following attributes when selecting squads:

- **Character:** Players must represent the values and understand the vision held by the JCA and behaviour should be of the highest standard, on and off the pitch.
- **Commitment:** Players must commit to representing Japan for the long term, and be able/willing to attend training sessions, 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.
- **Trials:** Players are expected to attend the National Trials. Exceptions may be made for existing squad members with adequate reasons, or players who are playing overseas*.
- **Contracting:** Players must be willing to sign the National Player Agreement and able to meet any financial commitment required. This includes paying annual and tournament fees, plus any applicable costs for clothing. Payments must be made on time.
- **Fitness:** There are minimum fitness levels that players are expected to meet in order to be selected. Players can expect to be fitness tested regularly.
- **Performance:** Players should be performing well in club cricket wherever they are based. Japan-based players should be participating in JCA sanctioned competitions.



- **Balance:** The balance of the squad will be considered.
- **Potential:** As a way of building for the future the JCA are taking a long-term view with regards to developing high potential players, and this will be considered in selection.

***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. Leeway will be given to those who have spent time in Japan previously.

The above is only applicable to the selection of National Training Squads. Final Team Selection depends on the nature of individual tournaments, while players performing well in domestic cricket in Japan or overseas may be added throughout the year.

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