

JCA Captains' Code of Conduct

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Outline

The Japan Cricket Association (“JCA”) recognises, in accordance with the Laws of Cricket, that the captain of a cricket team is the sole person responsible for the conduct of his or her team both on and off the field.

In all JCA-organised cricket matches, the captain is responsible for his or her team abiding by the Laws of Cricket and playing within the spirit of the game.

All captains participating in JCA-organised cricket matches are expected to read and be familiar with the Spirit of Cricket preamble in the Laws of Cricket. The preamble is provided below.

1. The Preamble –The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match officials and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

- Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.
- Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.
- Play hard and play fair.
- Accept the umpire’s decision.
- Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.
- Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.
- Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.
- Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

2. Responsibilities for JCA-organised matches

In addition to the principles set out in the Spirit of Cricket preamble above, all captains of teams in JCA-organised cricket matches bear the following responsibilities, unless otherwise specifically stipulated in the playing conditions, etc. for that match:

a). Pre Game:

1. he or she will liaise with the opposition captain and umpires before the match and decide arrangements for the retrieval of keys and ground equipment and transportation of the umpires; and
2. he or she will ensure that his or her team fulfils its umpiring duties (including providing umpires for other matches as required) prescribed by the JCA or competition committee.

b). In Game:

1. he or she will control the behaviour of all players and will take action if required;
2. he or she will ensure all players are in the correct clothing for the competition in which they are playing;
3. he or she will respect the playing times allocated for each innings in the competition they are participating and remember that the integrity of the game must be upheld; and
4. he or she will work with the other captain and umpires if problems arise, or recalculations are needed.

c). Post-Game:

1. he or she will enter full online scores for each game played and provide a match summary no later than the following Monday;
2. he or she will submit a Captains' Report using the online form provided no later than the Monday following each game played; and
3. he or she will ensure that the ground and equipment is left in a tidy and clean state after each match.

3. Penalties

Penalties will apply for breaches of this Captains' Code of Conduct by captains of teams in JCA-organised cricket matches and in other instances decided by the JCA Disciplinary Panel.

If three or more players from one team are reported in a single game, the captain will automatically be cited under this code of conduct for failure to control the team.

For examples of penalties that may be applied, refer to the JCA Disciplinary Policy.