

Chiba Sharks Cricket Club Membership Regulations

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1. General provisions

These membership regulations (these “**Regulations**”) set out details concerning membership categories, rights, and fees with regard to the Chiba Sharks Cricket Club (the “Sharks”). Terms used below have the same meanings as terms used in the Chiba Sharks Cricket Club Constitution (the “**Constitution**”) unless expressly stated otherwise. Membership in any category does not guarantee selection in any match; however, a member will be eligible for selection in accordance with their membership category under these Regulations and the Constitution.

2. Membership rights, duties, and fees

2.1 Sharks’ membership rights and fees are set out in “2.4” below.

2.2 The term “**Basic Coverage**” used throughout this document refers to coverage of each individual member’s share of the expenses set out below.

- Club registration fee for the JCL and Japan Cup, which incorporates:
 - ground rental for relevant matches;
 - ground equipment rental for relevant matches;
 - match balls for relevant matches; and
 - the JCA’s competition-related administrative costs
- Umpire fees (both for JCA-organized matches and other matches)
- Training facility rental
- Administrative expenses for the Sharks (meeting room rental, scorebooks, stationery, etc.)
- Transportation subsidy when participating in a match as 12th Man

2.3 For the sake of clarity, Basic Coverage does not necessarily cover the following:

- Annual JCA registration fee for individual players
- The following for matches not organized under the auspices of the JCA or EKCA (e.g., friendly matches):
 - ground rental for relevant matches;
 - ground equipment rental for relevant matches;
 - match balls for relevant matches; and

- competition-related administrative costs
- Personal match day expenses (including food and drinks)
- Transportation
- Sharks functions
- Sharks uniforms
- For a starting member of a match, the individually owed share of the portion of the match day 12th Man transportation subsidy that exceeds 2,000 yen

2.4 Sharks' membership rights and fees are set out below.

(a) Full membership: 10,000 yen per annum

This membership category applies to most players who are employed and generally available for matches throughout the season (ordinarily from April through October).

Rights:

- (i) Basic Coverage until the following AGM
- (ii) Sports insurance until the following AGM
- (iii) Eligibility for selection in all Sharks matches until the following AGM
- (iv) Entitlement to attend and vote at general meetings
- (v) Invitations to all Sharks social events

(b) Concessionary membership: 8,000 yen per annum

This membership category applies to students, part-time workers, and people without work or subject to other extenuating circumstances recognized by the Management Committee.

Rights:

- (i) Basic Coverage until the following AGM
- (ii) Sports insurance until the following AGM
- (iii) Eligibility for selection in all Sharks matches until the following AGM
- (iv) Entitlement to attend and vote at general meetings

- (v) Invitations to all Sharks social events

(c) Junior membership: 5,000 yen per annum

This membership category applies to students who are already insured by a junior team (e.g., My-Ys).

Rights:

- (i) Basic Coverage until the following AGM
- (ii) Eligibility for selection in all Sharks matches until the following AGM
- (iii) Entitlement to attend and vote at general meetings
- (iv) Invitations to all Sharks social events

(d) Occasional membership: 5,000 yen per annum

This membership category applies to people who expect their availability to be very limited or who are joining the club for a very short time.

Rights:

- (i) Basic Coverage until the following AGM (subject to “(iii)” below)
- (ii) Sports insurance
- (iii) Eligibility for selection in four JCL or Japan Cup Sharks matches until the following AGM (two Japan Cup games played on the same day are considered one match)
- (iv) Eligibility to play in extra Sharks matches if requested by the Selection Committee (i.e. if a playing XI is short) until the following AGM
- (v) Entitlement to attend and vote at general meetings (if the player intends to remain a member of the Sharks after the following AGM)
- (vi) Invitations to all Sharks social events

(e) 1st Year membership: 5,000 yen per annum

This membership category applies to any new member playing in their first year for Chiba Sharks Cricket Club.

Rights:

- (i) Basic Coverage until the following AGM
- (ii) Sports insurance until the following AGM
- (iii) Eligibility for selection in all Sharks matches until the following AGM
- (iv) Entitlement to attend and vote at general meetings
- (v) Invitations to all Sharks social events

(f) Non-playing membership: Free

This membership category applies to people who are interested in the social side of the Sharks or who wish to focus solely on umpiring.

Rights:

- (i) Sports insurance until the following AGM (for umpires only)
- (ii) Invitations to all Sharks social events

- 2.5 In principle, members of each membership category (excluding Non-playing members, if they so wish) will be required to assist the Sharks in fulfilling the Sharks' umpiring commitments.
- 2.6 Requests regarding the possibility of other modes of membership may be made to the Management Committee in extenuating circumstances only. The Management Committee may, at its discretion, approve or deny any such request.
- 2.7 Sharks' membership fees must be paid, preferably by bank transfer, before the first match of the season. The President will send out details of the bank transfer process at the appropriate time.

3. Exercising rights

A Prospective Participant may not exercise members' rights if he or she fails to pay the appropriate fees before his or her first match. The Management Committee will use its discretion to oversee this requirement and may be lenient towards a Prospective Participant who is making a genuine attempt to pay.

4. Nominations and appointments

- 4.1 A member may be nominated for or appointed to office as applicable if he or she is a member in any category except for Non-playing membership at the time when the election is carried out. In the case of election at an AGM or appointment after an AGM, a member who accepts nomination for or appointment to office must declare their intention to be a Full, Concessionary, Junior or Occasional member for the following year and to pay the appropriate membership fee.
- 4.2 Any non-member or Non-playing member may be nominated for office at an AGM or appointed to an office after and AGM if (a) he or she pays, the fee to become a Full or Concessionary member at that time and (b) the Management Committee accepts the non-member's membership for the period until the following AGM.