

Chiba Sharks Selection Policy (updated Feb. 2022)

*All defined terms used in this document are as defined in the Chiba Sharks Cricket Club Constitution, unless stated otherwise.

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Outline

The Selection Committee* selects a playing XI and a Twelfth Man (a “**Team**”) from the Full members, Concessionary members, Junior members, 1st Year members, and Occasional members eligible to play (collectively, “**Playing Members**”) for each match that the Sharks play. The Selection Committee will select teams in a fair and unbiased way in accordance with the guidelines below.

The Selection Committee consists of two Appointed Selectors (officers) (one of whom is chosen to be and referred to as the “Chairperson of Selectors**,” while the other is simply referred to as the “**Appointed Selector**”), the First XI Captain (officer), and the Second XI Captain (officer).*

Basic Policy

All Playing Members of the Sharks acknowledge that selection, especially for a social cricket club such as the Sharks, is a difficult process, which requires compromise and sacrifice on the part of the Playing Members.

The Selection Committee will seek to select a Team based on the nature of the competition involved and the necessity to ensure that all Playing Members receive a fair opportunity to play in as many matches as possible. The nature of this balance will change in accordance with the type of match to be played.

Match Types

The main competitions and match formats that the Sharks play, as of February 2022, are set out below.

Japan Cricket League (“JCL”): This is a 40-over-a-side competition with a three-division structure (Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3). The Sharks enter two teams—a First XI and a Second XI that play in different divisions.

Japan Cup: This is a 20-over-a-side competition with a structure that incorporates multiple regional groups and national finals. The Sharks enter one team.

JCL T20 This is a 20-over-a-side competition involving JCL registered teams. The Sharks enter one team.

Chiba Cup matches: These are limited-over exhibition matches hosted by the Sharks.

Friendly matches: These are matches planned on an irregular basis with other teams.

Selection Criteria

The Selection Committee selects each Team in accordance with the principles set out below in order of priority.

1. First XI Matches in the JCL

- Selection of available players considered to be the most capable focusing on team strength and balance.
- Provision of opportunities to other players who have potential to play at this level.

2. Second XI Matches in the JCL

- Provision of opportunities to non-1st XI players.
- Reward to players who have put in time and effort for the club off the field.

3. Japan Cup Matches

- Provision of opportunities to all players, with consideration given to team strength.

4. JCL T20 Matches

- Selection of available players considered to be the most capable focusing on team strength and balance.
- Provision of opportunities to other players who have potential to play at this level.

5. Chiba Cup matches, friendly matches, and other matches

- Selection is at the Selection Committee's discretion, with consideration given to provision of opportunities to Playing Members.

In selecting a Team, the Selection Committee will also be conscious of the following as further selection considerations:

- i. the number of times a Playing Member has made himself or herself available for matches;
- ii. the number of times a Playing Member has made himself or herself available for and attended trainings; and
- iii. the status of the Playing Member in relation to the "Policy Regarding Twelfth Man" set out below.

Although the Selection Committee may discuss and select a Team giving consideration to a specific batting or bowling order, in principle the captain of the Team in question will be responsible for deciding the batting and bowling orders in a match on the day of the match.

A Playing Member may enquire with the Chairperson of Selectors about selection policy for a match. In this case, the Chairperson of Selectors will endeavor to provide an appropriate and satisfactory explanation of the selection policy employed for that match.

Selection of Team Captains

1st XI: The First XI Captain (officer) will be captain of each First XI Team, unless unavailable. If the First XI Captain (officer) is unavailable, selection of the captain of the First XI Team will be left to the Selection Committee's discretion.

2nd XI: The Second XI Captain (officer) will be captain of each Second XI Team, unless unavailable. If the Second XI Captain (officer) is unavailable, selection of the captain of the Second XI Team will be left to the Selection Committee's discretion.

Japan Cup Captain:	The Japan Cup Captain (unofficial officer) will be captain of each Japan Cup Team, unless unavailable. If the Japan Cup Captain (unofficial officer) is unavailable, selection of the captain of the Japan Cup Team will be left to the Selection Committee's discretion.
JCL T20 Captain:	The Japan Cup Captain (unofficial officer) will be captain of each JCL T20 Team, unless unavailable. If the JCL T20 Captain is unavailable, selection of the captain of the JCL T20 Team will be left to the Selection Committee's discretion.
Chiba Cup:	In principle, the First XI Captain (officer) will be captain for Chiba Cup matches, unless unavailable. If the First XI Captain (officer) is unavailable, then the Second XI Captain (officer) will be captain, or a Playing Member chosen at the discretion of the Selection Committee if the Second XI Captain (officer) is also unavailable.
Friendly and other matches:	Selection of the captain for friendly and other matches will be left to the Selection Committee's discretion.

Process for matches played on a Saturday or Sunday

1. In principle, all Playing Members will be requested to provide their availability for every match, regardless of the type of match in question.
2. The Appointed Selector will ascertain the availability of the Playing Members for the next scheduled match, no later than the afternoon of the Monday before the next scheduled match (availability can be ascertained from the Sharks' "Team App" application). The Appointed Selector will send to the Selection Committee a list including information about the availability or unavailability of the Playing Members for the next scheduled match.
3. The Selection Committee will review the list, and by teleconference (e.g., Zoom) or another appropriate form of communication, discuss and select a Team that includes 11 players and a Twelfth Man. The Chairperson of Selectors will organize the forum for discussion.
4. The Chairperson of Selectors will contact the 12th man by email to confirm that Playing Member's

agreement to take the role.

5. The Selection Committee will, through the Chairperson of Selectors, notify the Manager by email of the Team selected no later than 18:00 on the Wednesday before the next scheduled match.
 - (i) The notification will consist of a list of the full names of 11 Playing Members (numbered in no particular order from 1 to 11) and a Twelfth Man that the Selection Committee has selected in accordance with the policy set out above.
 - (ii) In the list, the Selection Committee will identify the captain, vice-captain, match organizer, and, if it is considered necessary, the wicket keeper.
5. The Manager will notify the Sharks, by email, of the selected Team on Wednesday evening.

Policy Regarding Twelfth Man

The Sharks recognize the importance of the Twelfth Man position both for the service and support it provides to the Team as well as the commitment it displays to the Sharks. While the Selection Committee will strive to share the appointment of this position among the Playing Members, lesser-skilled Playing Members are, unavoidably, more likely to be selected in this role. The captain of the Team will endeavor, where possible, to ensure that the Twelfth Man plays as a substitute fielder at some point during the match.

Twelfth Man Duties

The Twelfth Man is expected to arrive at the ground prepared to play; i.e., with necessary kit and equipment. If not required as a member of the starting XI, then he or she should endeavor to help the Match Organizer, Captain, Vice-captain, and Reporter in the execution of their duties before and during the match and actively volunteer to score the match. During the match the Twelfth Man should, at all times, be ready to take the field if requested by the captain of the Team.

Special Dispensations for Twelfth Man

1. Any Playing Member who fulfills the above duties as Twelfth Man and does not play as a member of the starting XI will have reasonable travel expenses to and from the ground reimbursed. The club covers the first 2000 yen and the starting XI covers the remainder. Travel expenses only include regular train fees or fuel and highway fees. They do not include car hire, Shinkansen, or Green Car upgrade fees.

***Notes: (i)** If the match is canceled before the Twelfth Man has started traveling to the match, travel expenses will not be reimbursed.

(ii) If the Twelfth Man plays as a member of the starting XI, then this special dispensation will become void.

2. Any Playing Member who fulfills duties as Twelfth Man and does not play as a member of the starting XI in that match will be automatically selected in the starting XI for the same team (or a different team depending on ability) in the next match he or she makes himself or herself available for, even if that match is in the following season.

***Notes: (i)** If that next match is subsequently rained out or cancelled, then the Selection Committee will be deemed to have fulfilled their obligations and the Twelfth Man will not be automatically selected in the starting XI for the subsequent match. Additionally, the automatic selection procedure does not apply to any quarter-final, semi-final or final matches. In these situations, the automatic selection procedure is applied to the next regular match.

(ii) If a match is cancelled more than 12 hours before the scheduled start of play, the designated Twelfth Man is not entitled to receive this special dispensation. If a match is cancelled less than 12 hours before the scheduled start of play, the designated Twelfth Man is entitled to this special dispensation.

(iii) If the Twelfth Man plays as a member of the starting XI, then this special dispensation will become void.