

Chiba Sharks Awards Criteria

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

The Sharks are committed to recognizing outstanding performances and contributions by its members in cricket matches. In principle, JCL matches, Japan Cup matches, JCL T20 matches (if played from 2022 onward), and other matches (including friendlies) as decided by the Management Committee will be subject to these criteria.

After each completed match played by the Sharks, each starting XI member and the 12th man give votes to the three best players from that match, as well as a “Best Fielder.”

From the 2021 season, voting is conducted via the Sharks Team App.

Examples of voting in matches are shown below. Names used are fictional.

Example 1:

3 votes: Itchy
2 votes: Sharky
1 vote: Scratchy
Best Fielder: Hammerhead

Example 2:

3 votes: Itchy
2 votes: *Sharky*
1 vote: Scratchy
Best Fielder: *Sharky*

The Best Fielder may be a player who has already received votes in that match, or another player.

For instance, in Example 1 above, Itchy was the best player, Sharky the second best, Scratchy the third best, and Hammerhead the best fielder. But in Example 2 above, Itchy was the best player, Sharky *the second-best player and also the best fielder*, and Scratchy the third-best player. **Both of these examples are acceptable.**

These records will be collated by the President and Team Manager and used to determine the recipients of some of the awards presented at the Sharks awards ceremony. The recipient of the most votes for each match of any type (excluding “Best Fielder” votes) is judged “Player of the Match” for that match.

Awards will be awarded according to the criteria below.

1. Best Fielder: The Playing Member (as defined in the Chiba Sharks Selection Policy; the same applies throughout this

- document) who has received the highest number of “Best Fielder” votes in matches in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
2. Best Batsman: The Playing Member who scores the highest number of runs in matches (excluding Second XI matches) in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
 3. Best Bowler: The Playing Member who takes the highest number of wickets in matches (excluding Second XI matches) in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
 4. Best First Year Player: From among the Playing Members who are participating in their first year with the Sharks, the member who receives the highest number of votes (in accordance with the ranking system set out above; excluding Best Fielder votes) in matches in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
 5. Most Improved Player: The Playing Member who has displayed the highest level of improvement in his or her cricketing skills in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony, as decided by the Selection Committee, the Skills Adviser, and Team Manager.
 6. Best Second XI Batsman: The Playing Member who, as a Second XI Regular (which means a Playing Member who plays at least three 2nd XI matches during the season in question and also plays more Second XI matches than First XI matches during the season in question) scores the highest number of runs in matches (excluding First XI matches) in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
 7. Best Second XI Bowler: The Playing Member who, as a Second XI Regular (see definition in “6.” above) takes the highest number of wickets in matches (excluding First XI matches) in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
 8. Best T20 Player: The Playing Member who receives the highest number of

votes (in accordance with the ranking system set out above; excluding Best Fielder votes) in Twenty20 matches (excluding Twenty20 matches played by a Second XI, if applicable) in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.

9. Cricketer of the Year: The Playing Member who receives the highest number of votes (in accordance with the ranking system set out above; excluding Best Fielder votes) in matches (excluding Second XI matches) in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
10. Spirit of the Shark: The member, chosen by the First XI and Second XI Captains with input as necessary by the President, Team Manager and Life Members, who best embodies the spirit of the Sharks and who through his or her actions makes a significant contribution to the Sharks over a period of time.

If any problem arises in determining the awards recipients in accordance with the criteria above, the Management Committee will resolve the problem through consultation.