

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, 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 give votes to the three best players from that match, as well as a “Best Fielder.”

Unless otherwise decided by the Management Committee, 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 the 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. The order in which the criteria is set out is not an order of importance or priority.

1. Best Fielder: The Playing Member (meaning a Sharks member who belongs to a membership category under the Chiba Sharks Cricket Club Membership Regulations that enables

participation in matches; 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 and Third 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 and Third 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 voting system set out above, but with weightings set out below; 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.
Votes for the Best First Year Player are weighted as follows.
 - Votes in First XI matches, Japan Cup matches, and JCL T20 matches (and JCL T10 matches and Chiba Cup Matches, if played):
Multiplied by 3
 - Votes in Second XI matches:
Multiplied by 2
 - Votes in Third XI matches and friendly matches:
No multiplication factor (i.e., counted “as is”)
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 Training Facilitator, and Team Manager.

6. Best Second XI Batsman: The Playing Member who, as a Second XI Regular (defined below) scores the highest number of runs in Second XI matches in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.

“**Second XI Regular**” means a Playing Member who fulfills all of the following requirements during the season in question:

- In the starting XI for at least four Second XI matches;
- Plays more Second XI matches than First XI matches; and
- Plays a number of Second XI matches that is equal to or more than the number of Third XI matches the Playing Member has played.

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 Second XI matches in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.

8. Best Third XI Batsman: The Playing Member who, as a Third XI Regular (defined below) scores the highest number of runs in Third XI matches in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.

“**Third XI Regular**” means a Playing Member who fulfills all of the following requirements during the season in question:

- In the starting XI for at least four Third XI matches; and
- Plays more Third XI matches than First XI matches, and plays more Third XI matches than Second XI matches (note, however, that the Playing Member in question is not required to have played more Third XI matches than First XI matches and Second XI matches combined).

9. Best Third XI Bowler: The Playing Member who, as a Third XI Regular (see definition in “8.” above) takes the highest number of wickets in Third XI matches in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.

10. 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.
- 11 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 and Third XI matches) in the period from the end of the preceding awards ceremony until the beginning of the current awards ceremony.
12. Spirit of the Shark: The member, chosen by the Sharks Captains with input as necessary by the President, Manager, and Life Members, who has best embodied the spirit of the Sharks and who through his or her actions has made a significant contribution to the Sharks over a period of time, including the previous year in particular.

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