

## Chiba Sharks Selection Policy

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

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### Outline

The Selection Committee selects a playing XI and, if required, a Twelfth Man (collectively, a “**Team**”) from the Full members, Under 23 members, Junior 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.

### Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is composed of the following Sharks:

- Chair of Selectors (officer)
- Appointed Selector (officer)
- First XI Captain (officer)
- Second XI Captain (officer)
- Third XI Captain (officer)
- Japan Cup Captain (officer)
- Other persons as required in accordance with Article 16.3 of the Constitution

### 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 Teams 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 2025, are set out below.

- Japan Cricket League (“JCL”):** This is a 40-over-a-side competition with a four-division structure (Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, and Division 4). The Sharks enter three teams—a First XI, a Second XI, and a Third 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.
- JCL T10** This is a 10-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**

*\*A Japanese translation is provided for some parts below*

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

#### **1. First XI Matches in the JCL**

##### **JCL T20 matches**

##### **JCL T10 matches**

##### **Japan Cup regional & national finals**

- **Team goal:** Win the competition
- チームとしての目標 / 目的 : 優勝
- The best XI will be selected based on team balance. If a Playing Member disrupts team harmony and does not make any improvement in behavior, then the player will be removed from the next round of selections.
- シャークスの模範となるべき選手であること、チームの和を乱すような行動が見られ、特に改善が見られない場合は次のラウンドから選考から外す

- All Playing Members must remain aware that they represent the Sharks in all matches, but these matches in particular are often high-profile matches, and players are expected to participate with that in mind
- どのセレクションにも共通ですが特にこれらの試合は注目度が高い試合が多いのでシャークスを代表してプレーしていることを求めます

## 2. Second XI Matches in the JCL

- **Team goal:** Win the competition
- チームとしての目標 / 目的：優勝
- The best XI will be chosen following the selection of the 1st XI, taking into consideration team balance
- チームバランスを考慮したうえで 1stXI の次に選ぶべき BestXI を選出する
- Playing Members who have the potential to be selected for the 1st XI in the future will also be selected (U19 national team players, etc.)
- 将来的に 1st XI に選出される可能性のある選手を選出する (U19 代表選手など)

## 3. Third XI Matches in the JCL

- **Team goal:** Provide all members with opportunities to compete
- チームとしての目標 / 目的：出場機会の提供
- Playing Members who have not been selected for the 1st & 2nd XIs will be selected in the 3rd XI, in order to provide more equal opportunities to all Playing Members
- 1st、2nd に選出されていない選手に対して、全員に出場機会をより均等に提供できるように選出する
- Playing Members who have made a particular contribution to the club will be given priority
- 特にクラブのために貢献している選手は優先的に選出する

## 4. Japan Cup Matches (round matches only; see “1” above for regional finals and national finals)

- **Team goal:** Win the competition
- チームとしての目標 / 目的：優勝
- A balance will be created by selecting the 8 best Playing Members available in that round taking into account team balance, with 3 more Playing Members selected to provide equal opportunities to all players
- チームバランスを考慮したうえで BestXI となる選手を 8 人、全員に出場機会が均等に提供できるように 3 人選出する

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

- Priority will be given to players who have experienced lower rates of selection when available, taking into consideration rates of selection for each competition
- 各大会での選出率を考慮し、選出率が低い選手を優先的に選出する

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, the Sharks Captain of the Team in question will, in principle, 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 Chair of Selectors about selection policy for a match. In this case, the Chair of Selectors will endeavor to provide an appropriate and satisfactory explanation of the selection policy employed for that match.

### **Seasonal Appointment of Captaincy Roles by the Management Committee**

In accordance with Article 8 of the Constitution, the Management Committee makes the following captaincy-related appointments at the beginning of each season. Each of the following is an officer position.

- (i) First XI Captain;
- (ii) Second XI Captain;
- (iii) Third XI Captain; and
- (iv) Japan Cup Captain.

In addition, the Management Committee conducts seasonal appointments for other captaincy-related positions related to other competitions played by the Sharks (e.g., “JCL T10 Captain” and “JCL T20 Captain”). Such appointments do not have the status of “officer.”

\*Note: The “First XI Captain” (officer), “Second XI Captain” (officer), and “Third XI Captain” (officer) appointed on a seasonal basis by the Management Committee must be three separate individuals (for example, the First XI Captain (officer) and the Second XI Captain (officer) must not be the same person). Otherwise, concurrent appointments may be made by the Management Committee (for example, the same individual may be appointed “First XI Captain” and “JCL T20 Captain” or the same individual may be appointed “Japan Cup Captain” and “JCL T10 Captain”, etc.).

### **Selection of Team Captains for Each Match**

- First 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.
- Second 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.
- Third XI:** The Third XI Captain (officer) will be captain of each Third XI Team, unless unavailable. If the Third XI Captain (officer) is unavailable, selection of the captain of the Third XI Team will be left to the Selection Committee's discretion.
- Japan Cup Captain:** The Japan Cup Captain (officer) will be captain of each Japan Cup Team, unless unavailable. If the Japan Cup Captain (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 JCL T20 Captain (non-officer; appointed by the Management Committee at the start of each season) 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.
- JCL T10 Captain:** The JCL T10 Captain (non-officer; appointed by the Management Committee at the start of each season) will be captain of each JCL T10 Team, unless unavailable. If the JCL T10 Captain is unavailable, selection of the captain of the JCL T10 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 & 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 ("post") 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 (if there is more than one match on a weekend, then matches), no later than 18:00 on the Monday before the next scheduled match or matches (availability can be ascertained from the Sharks' "Team App" application). The Appointed Selector will send to the Selection Committee a list containing information about the availability or unavailability of the Playing Members for the next scheduled match or matches, and will notify the Playing Members (through "Team App," etc.) that posting availability for the match or matches in question has now closed.
2. The Selection Committee will review the list, and by teleconference (e.g., Zoom) or another appropriate form of communication, discuss and select a Team for each match that includes 11 players and, if required, a Twelfth Man. The Chair of Selectors will organize the forum for discussion.
3. If there is a shortfall in Playing Members for the match or matches in question, the Chair of Selectors may decide to allow Playing Members to post their availability even after the deadline for posting has elapsed.
4. If a Twelfth Man is selected, the Chair of Selectors will contact the Twelfth Man by email to confirm that Playing Member's acceptance of the role.
5. The Selection Committee will, through the Chair of Selectors, notify the Manager by email (or some other form of written communication) of the Team selected no later than 18:00 on the Wednesday before the next scheduled match.
  - (i) The notification must 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 if required) that the Selection Committee has selected in accordance with the policy set out above.
  - (ii) In the list, the Selection Committee must identify the captain and, if it is considered necessary, the vice-captain and the wicket keeper.
6. The Manager will notify the Sharks, by email or Team App, of the selected Team on Wednesday evening.

### **Policy Regarding Twelfth Man**

The Selection Committee may select a Twelfth Man for each match if a Twelfth Man is considered a requirement for that match. 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 captain in the execution of 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 3,000 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.