



Japan Football Association

PROFILE

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Japan Football Association



DREAM

COURAGE TO ACHIEVE

Message from the President

Football is the world's most popular sport that so many people love and enjoy. People all over the world are passionate about football. Football gives us courage and hope. Football inspires us. Through football we can overcome differences in culture, language, religion, and ethnic background to develop friendship with one another. The international community is still troubled by conflicts, discrimination, poverty, global warming and many other unresolved issues. Football may not be able to solve these issues, but it can encourage people to dream and give them hope to live. With respect for all people and for all things related to football, the Japan Football Association will uphold our legacy of high ethical values and transparency as we contribute to the improvement of the level and value of Asian football. We hope the efforts we put forward in cooperation with the football family in Japan and across the world will bring peace and hope to the global community.

TASHIMA Kohzo
President, Japan Football Association

The JFA Ideal

Through football, we realise the full benefits that sports can bring to our lives - the soundness of our bodies, the expansion of our minds, and the enrichment of our societies.

The JFA Vision

By bringing the football experience closer, we bring sport itself closer to all; from this affinity, we will create an environment rich in enjoyment and happiness.

By strengthening the base of football in Japan, we will create world-class National Teams that will move, inspire and encourage the people of Japan.

We will always act in a spirit of fair play, fostering friendships among the people in Japan and beyond, to contribute to the betterment of the international community.

The JFA Values

Joy of Sports : Put the joy and pleasure of sports at the heart of everything that we do.

Players First : Always act in the best interest of players.

Fairness : Strive to be open, act in good faith, and above all be fair at all times.

Moving Forward : Continue to grow with high aspirations and passion.

Respect : Respect and appreciate everyone and everything that we engage with.

In Pursuit of the World Champion Title with Fairness and Pride



SAMURAI BLUE

Never give up and demonstrate devotion and perseverance till the very last moment.
The unremitting pursuit of becoming a team of “world standard” level is ingrained across all age groups of the Japan National Team as they strive to shine on the world stage. But winning is not the only purpose.
Our men’s and women’s teams of all age categories always compete with fair play and respect.
That is the spirit of the Japan National Team.

SAMURAI BLUE (Japan National Team)

Bushido, or the way of the samurai life, is a traditional Japanese code of conduct and the basis of ethical training. Japanese football follows the principle of competing with pride, fairness, and perseverance.

Only twenty years ago, the Japan National Team was struggling in Asia, but today the team has become one of the leading forces in the region - a rare and remarkable speed of development in world standards. Japan has advanced to every FIFA World Cup since France 1998, marking five consecutive appearances, and finished among the top 16 teams in the 2002 tournament jointly hosted by Japan and Korea and in the 2010 tournament held in South Africa.



U-23 Japan National Team



U-20 Japan National Team



U-17 Japan National Team

OFFICIAL PARTNER



OFFICIAL SUPPLIER



SUPPORTING COMPANIES





FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015

Nadeshiko Japan (Japan Women's National Team)

Nadeshiko Japan has participated in every FIFA Women's World Cup since 1991, and seized the world champion title in 2011 after beating the USA in a penalty kick shootout. This was the same year that the Great East Japan Earthquake struck Japan. Nadeshiko Japan's victory gave hope and courage to the many devastated people who suffered a great loss, and also moved the heart of football fans across the world. The team also won silver medal at 2012 London Olympics and FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015. Their swift passing and outstanding skills are highly acclaimed as "a revolution in women's football," and continues to be one of the leading factors in the rising popularity of women's football.

*Nadeshiko Japan was named after a goddess in Japanese mythology, Princess Kushinada, whose nickname was "Yamato Nadeshiko." Nadeshiko, meaning the fringed pink flower, expresses the beauty and inner strength of Japanese women.



Nadeshiko Japan



U-20 Japan Women's National Team



U-17 Japan Women's National Team

Warriors on the Pitch and the Sand

Japan Futsal National Team

Taking full advantage of Japan's unique characteristics such as agility and skills, the team continues to work hard to gain further achievements. U-19 Japan Futsal National Team was established in 2015.



Japan Women's Futsal National Team

Established in 2007, the Japan Women's Futsal National Team came in second place at the 1st AFC Women's Futsal Championship held in 2015.



Japan Beach Soccer National Team

The team has welcomed Marcelo Mendes (Brazil) as its coach in 2014, and will polish its skills to capture higher goals on the world stage.





J.League

Competitions across the Nation

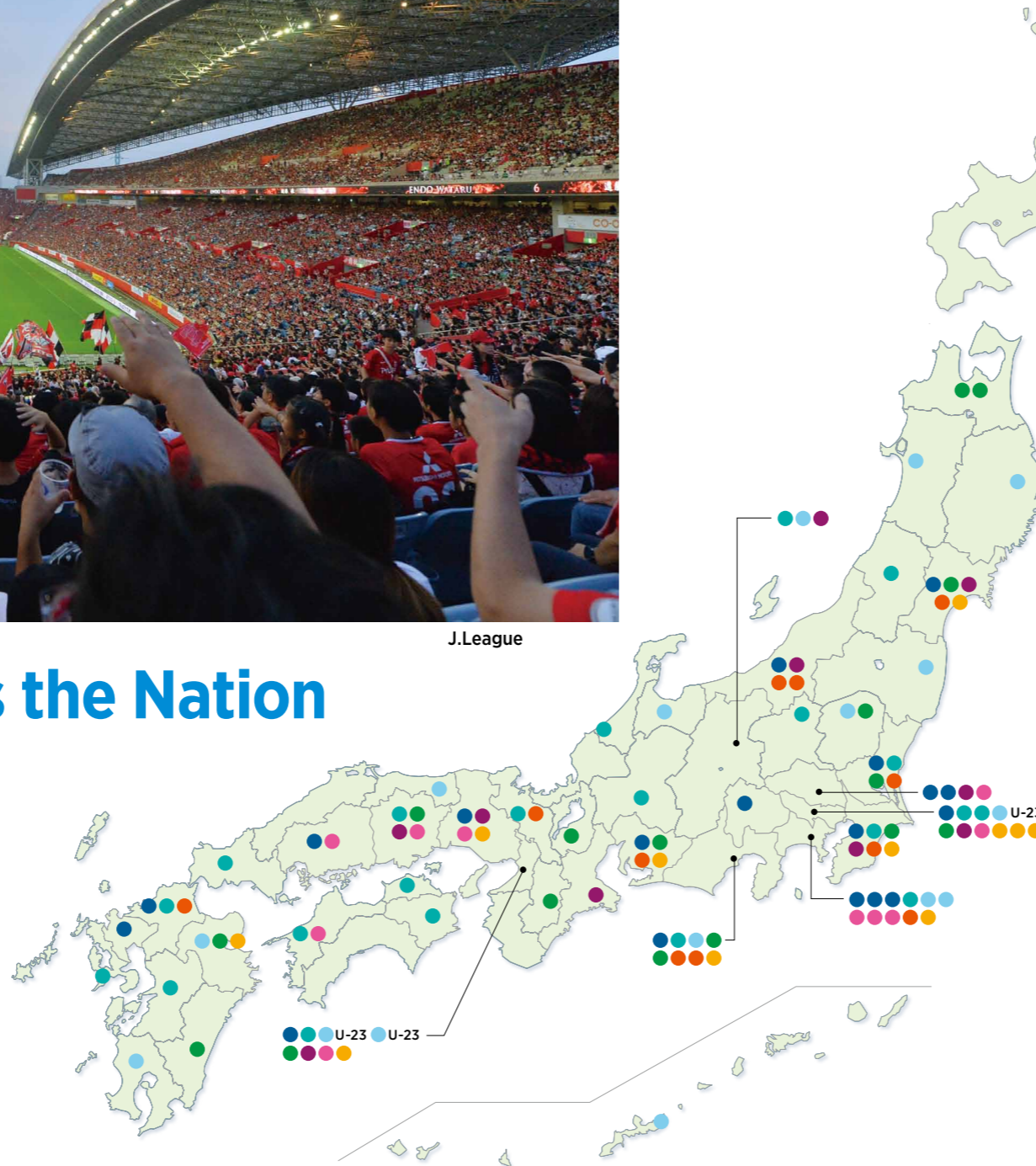
Competitions are organised for different age groups and categories to give everyone a chance to play on the competitive stage. The objective is to provide an environment for people to easily enjoy football, futsal, or beach soccer, and at the same time offer talented players an opportunity to advance to the next level.



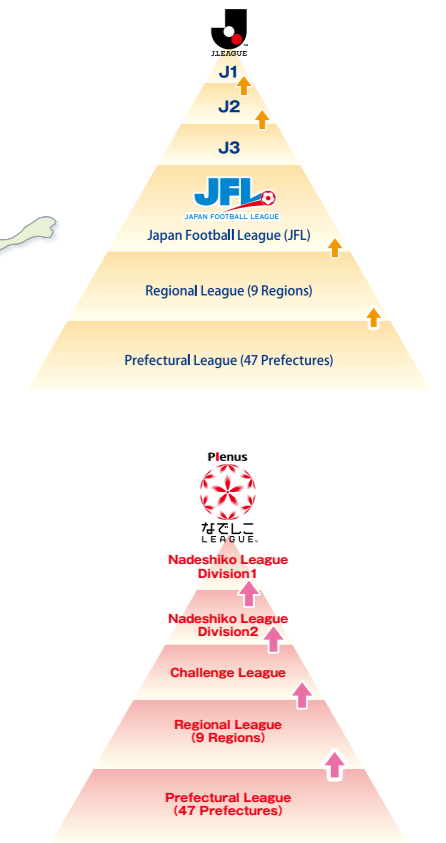
Nadeshiko League



F.League



- J1 (18 teams)
- J2 (22 teams)
- J3 (16 teams)
*J3 consists of 13 club teams plus 3 club's Under-23 teams.
- JFL (16 teams)
- Nadeshiko League Division1 (10 teams)
- Nadeshiko League Division2 (10 teams)
- Challenge League (12 teams)
- F.League (12 teams)



The National Leagues

Japan's national league is structured like a pyramid, with the professional J.League at the top, followed by the top amateur Japan Football League (JFL), the Regional League (9 regions), and the Prefectural League at the base. There is a promotion/relegation system between the leagues which makes the competition fierce and gives the teams the motivation to move to a higher level. The J.League has three categories: J1, J2, and J3. The top women's league is the Nadeshiko League Division 1, followed by the Nadeshiko League Division 2, and the Challenge League. Futsal also has a national league, the F.League, with 12 teams participating. Many other leagues take place, including the Prince Takamado Trophy All Japan Youth(U-18) Football League and regional or prefectural leagues for different age groups.

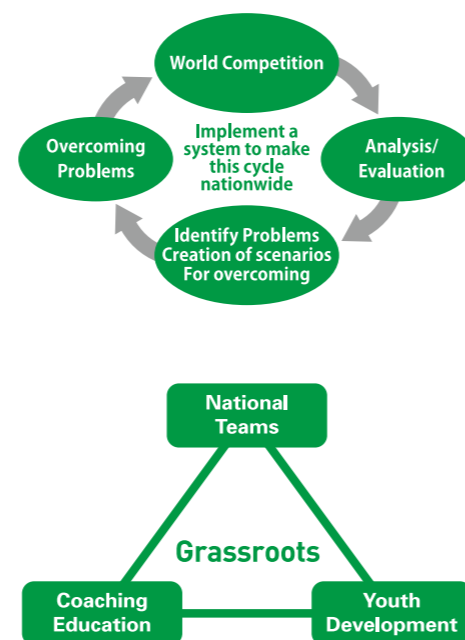
National Competitions

In addition to the nationwide J.League competitions, there are a variety of competitions for men, such as the Emperor's Cup for Class 1 teams, other competitions for university teams or junior/senior high school teams, and different age group competitions for club teams (includes the J.League development system). On the women's side, there is the Empress's Cup (All Japan Women's Championship), and competitions for different age groups - 40 plus, 30 plus, university students, U-18, U-15, and U-12 (9 regions). In recent years, the number of senior citizens is increasing and attention is directed to provide an environment where football can be enjoyed as a lifelong sport. Additional age group competitions have been launched, including the Sports Masters for 35 plus players, as well as the senior competitions for 50 plus, 60 plus, and 70 plus players.



Developing World-Class Players

The popularity of football exploded along with the inauguration of the professional league. The level of Japanese football developed remarkably, and today many Japanese footballers play in the top European leagues. Behind this success is the increasing number of players and Japan's unique player development system. Japanese football's most outstanding characteristics and advantages are technique, organisation, diligence, fairness, and devotion. The JFA pursues a high level, world-class football that takes full advantage of Japan's strengths and specialties - a unique Japanese style of developing the players. Young players are trained according to their age and maturity to develop their talent and skills to the fullest.



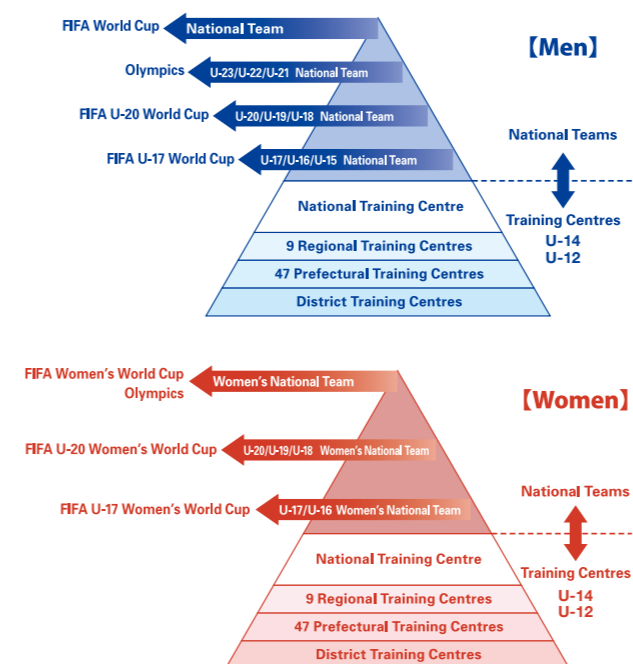
■ A Wide Range of Opportunities Help Develop Players

Throughout their years in the Japanese education system, many Japanese students take part in extracurricular sport activities offered by their high schools and colleges. There are also local community club teams and each J.League club has an academy for different age groups. The availability of such diverse training opportunities allows players to test their abilities and develop their talent.

The JFA organises numerous tournaments and championships throughout the year in order to give all players the experience of playing in as many matches as possible. Efforts are made to develop these tournaments into a league series so that players can grow through trial and error and acquire the mental strength necessary to take on any challenges.

■ National Training Centre

Talented players in different age groups are handpicked from around the country to be trained and educated for a given period of time in a fully equipped environment. Outstanding players are selected to the next level, and the most talented join the national teams. World-standard training is provided with special focus on developing the unique skills of each player.



■ JFA Academy

The JFA Academy adopts a "lodging system" to offer long-term education and training for elite players. There is an Academy in Fukushima*, Kumamoto (Uki City), Osaka (Sakai City), and Ehime (Imabari City) and JFA aims to expand its base to other locations in order to promote the Academy concept nationwide.

*After the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, the Academy in Fukushima has been temporarily relocated to Shizuoka.

■ JFA Youth & Development Programme

The objective of the programme is to promote football and to support the development of future players for the ongoing advancement of Japanese football. Various projects are carried out in every field that serves as the foundation of Japanese football, including football across all age groups from youth to senior, women, futsal and beach soccer as well as technical programmes.



JFA Youth & Development Official Partner



JFA Youth & Development Official Supporter



JFA Youth & Development Official Provider



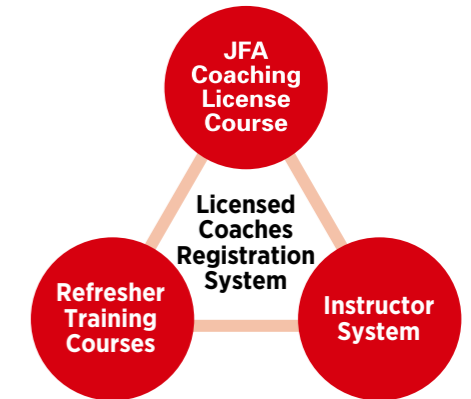
Outstanding Coaches Develop Tomorrow's Leading Players

The JFA has been providing education and training for coaches for over fifty years. The programme has successfully developed thanks to the cooperation of coaches nationwide as well as the assistance from FIFA and the football nations all over the world. The JFA has adopted global trends and scientific viewpoints to offer a unique and systematic system for training coaches. As a result, there are many highly capable and qualified coaches managing teams in Japan as well as in Asia.

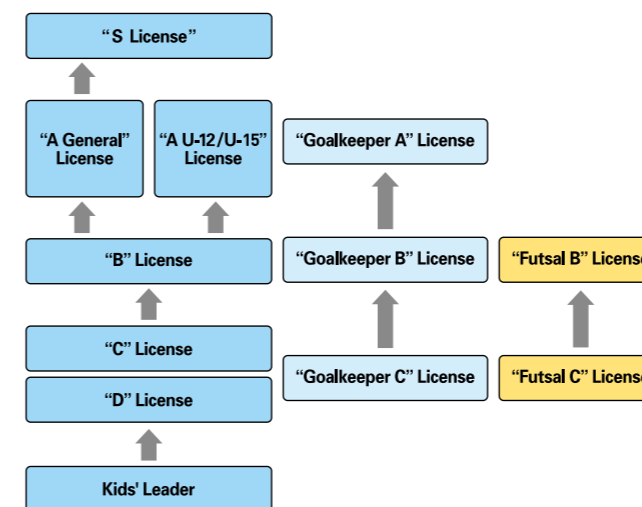


The JFA Coach Registration System

There are 13 courses including those for JFA Kids' Leaders who coach children under the age of ten, for JFA Class S coaches who coach the professionals, or for Futsal Coaches. Coaches who complete the course are granted a license. They must also take part in refresher workshops to hone their knowledge and skills.



JFA Coaching License Course



Instructors System

The JFA has been putting in efforts to the education and development of instructors who can train coaches to improve their competence and become leaders in their field. The instructors lecture at coaching courses and refresher workshops organised by the JFA and they are also responsible for spreading the JFA's development policy and its specific enforcement measures to coaches throughout the country.

Football Conference

Once every two years, the JFA invites coaches around the nation to take part in the conference where lectures are given by leading experts from abroad so they can gain knowledge about developed football nations. Reports are also made about the latest trends and developments in national and international football, followed by an open discussion. The objective is to establish a common awareness of the future path of Japan's football among all coaches, from the top to grassroots level.





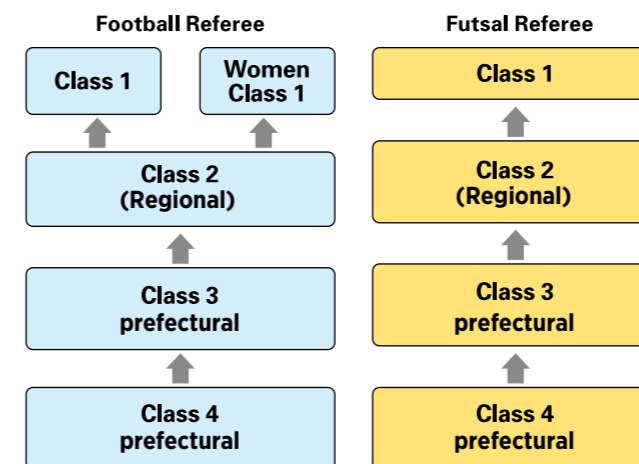
Wide-ranging development system producing world class referees

Referees are an integral part of football. JFA will continue to provide a consistent service at every level of football with highly competent referees with constant monitoring and evaluation to ensure we can best meet the needs of the referees. Working in collaboration with our stakeholders, JFA referee instructors will actively develop programmes to ensure there is blended development in the physiological, technical, psychological and social skills to maximise their potential.

The registration systems of Referees and Referee Instructors

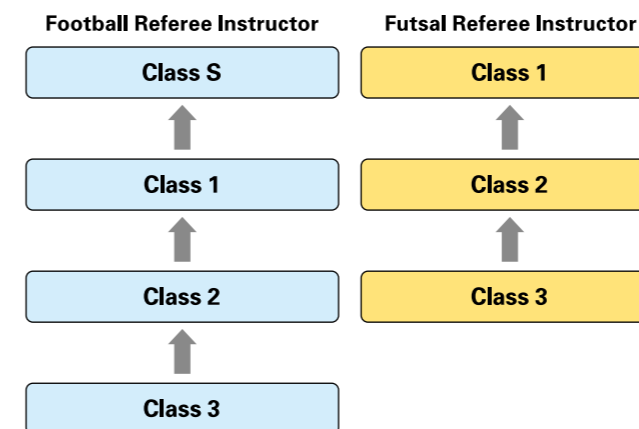
Referees' Promotion

Football and futsal referees are classified into four levels - Class 1 to 4.



Referee Instructors' Promotion

Football referee instructors are classified into four levels - Class S to 3 while futsal referee instructors are classified in three levels - Class 1 to 3.



The Professional Referee

Since 2002 JFA has established a professional referee system. As of 2016, there are ten referees and four assistant referees who serve the professional game.



The Referee Instructors Training Centre

The referee instructors in JFA play a very important role in developing referees at all levels. The training center will continuously develop instructors with innovative learning experiences in modern training techniques.

The Youth Referees

U-18 Referees make up for approximately 30% of all referees. JFA Referee Instructors organise several training and development programmes for talented youth referees to improve the overall refereeing performances at this level.

Referee Exchange Programme

JFA has an exciting exchange programme with referees and referee instructors from other countries who experience officiating in Japan. Referees and instructors from JFA have also benefitted from this exchange programme learning valuable skills as part of their future development.



Utilising Japan's Legacy for Asia, the World and the Future

The JFA aims to share its knowledge and know-how gained throughout the years and Japan's football culture that values fairness and respect. JFA will continue to contribute to the development of Asian football.



■ Partnering with other countries and regions

The JFA has signed partnership MOUs to mutually cooperate in developing football together with the partner associations and federations. Friendship and cooperation with these partners are reinforced through a wide range of football exchange activities that include knowledge sharing on coach education and development, grassroots programmes, women's football, marketing, IT, football facilities, referees exchange programmes, and hosting training camps for national teams of all age groups.

As of August 2016, JFA has signed MOUs with England, France, Germany, India, Iran, Jordan, Mongolia, Singapore, Spain, Tajikistan, UAE and Vietnam.

■ Dispatching Licensed Coaches and Referee Instructors

Japan's coaches and referee instructors are dispatched overseas to support the football development in various countries and regions. Their knowledge and experience combined with a strong sense of responsibility and desire to improve are well-received by those countries.

■ International Coaching Course

■ International Referee Instructor Course

■ International Administration Course

In an effort to share the know-how and latest information, the JFA organises an International Coaching Course, an International Referee Instructor Course and an International Administration Course for the AFC Member Associations.

■ JFA Youth Development Programme

Financial support is provided to development projects and to the operation of youth competitions in various Asian countries.

■ Inviting Teams and Delegations from Abroad

The JFA welcomes teams who wish to train in our facilities and delegations that wish to know the details of our programmes such as the development system or the operation of competitions.



■ Hosting International Competitions

Japan has hosted numerous international competitions - the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan, the 1979 FIFA World Youth Championship, the Toyota European/South American Cup, just to name a few - and Japan's well-organised operational capabilities and hospitality are widely recognised throughout the world.

Japan is currently bidding for the FIFA Futsal World Cup 2020 and the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023(as of July 2016). We aim to demonstrate Japan's strengths through these events, and contribute to international goodwill and world peace.



Believing in Football's Potential

We believe that football has the potential to create a bright and exuberant society. The JFA is engaged in various CSR activities that safeguard the dignity of sports.

Furthering efforts at the grassroots level

"Football for All" is the slogan for JFA to promote an environment that enables everyone – kids, the elderly, women, those with a disability – to enjoy football according to their level and purpose. Various events are organised around the country, such as the "JFA Kids Programme" designed for kids to enjoy playing sports, "Nadeshiko Hiroba" for women, and "Enjoy 5" which promotes futsal.

Expanding the opportunity to watch, play, or participate in sports will foster a sports culture in Japan and provide a chance for people of all generations to come together.



Reconstruction Support

Under the slogan "Go, Japan! Bring together the power of our football family!" the JFA has been engaged in the relief efforts for the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 and the April 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake. In addition to organising charity matches and football coaching classes, the JFA extends support to football-related activities in the affected areas. With the cooperation of FIFA, the AFC and the world football family, equipment has been donated and facilities have been restored.



Measures to Prevent Corruption

Determined to safeguard the dignity and integrity of sports, JFA collaborates with FIFA, government ministries and agencies, and various organisations to battle issues surrounding sports such as match fixing, racial discrimination and doping.

Participation in the UN Global Compact

The JFA became the first sports organisation in the world to sign with the UN Global Compact in 2009. The JFA pledges to apply the power of football to fight corruption and to help realise a world that recognises human rights, labour standards, and a sustainable environment. We shall act in compliance with the UN Global Compact, reinforce our organisational foundation, and contribute to the betterment of the global society.



The JFA "Kokoro" Project

Under the "Kokoro" Project, athletes who have overcome setbacks and failures to capture their dream spend a day at an elementary and junior high school serving as a Dream Teacher. They teach children how wonderful and important it is to have a dream and to work hard toward achieving one's goal. The power of sport is fully utilised to encourage children to work toward their dream.



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Promoting Natural Grass across the Country

The JFA promotes pot seedling method for laying lawn surfaces to increase natural grass grounds. These are distributed free of charge to prefectural football associations, football clubs, local governments, schools, kindergartens and nursery schools.

Protecting our Beautiful Earth

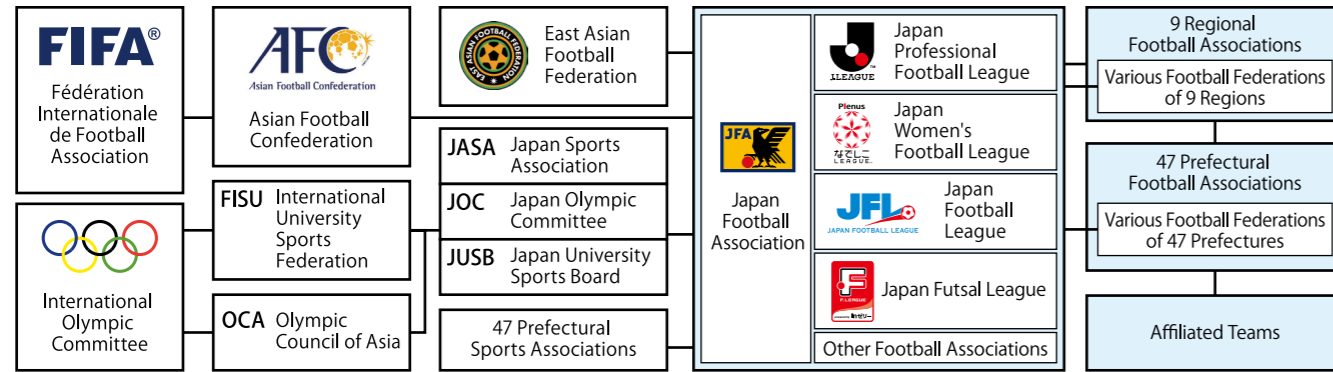
The JFA supports the Japanese government's "Fun to Share" campaign to realize a low-carbon society. International media praised Japanese football fans picking up the trash after the game during the 1998 FIFA World Cup. This is just an example of how football family can contribute to save energy and maintain a clean environment.



ONE GOAL Campaign

JFA participates in the "ONE GOAL Campaign," an initiative aimed at helping children in Asia eat better and to ingest the appropriate nutrition they need to grow up healthy and strong.

Organisation Structure



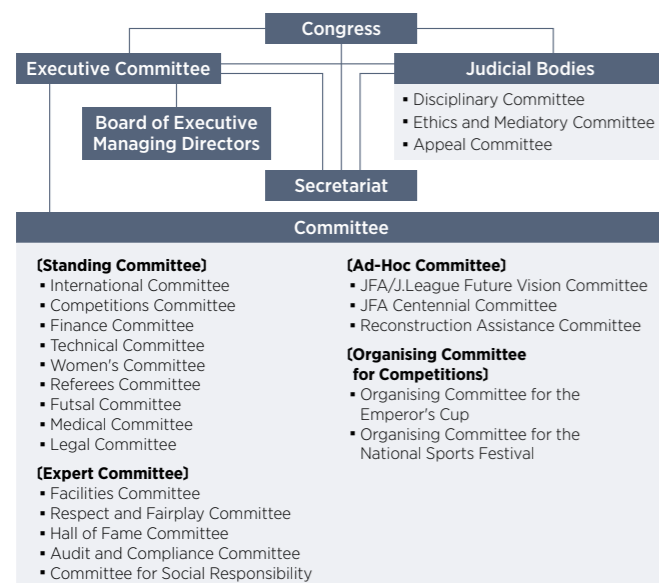
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Organisation Chart



Objective and Activities

As the entity presiding over and representing football in Japan, the Japan Football Association (JFA) aims to contribute to the healthy mental and physical development of people by creating a rich sports culture through football. The JFA is engaged in the following activities to accomplish its objective.

- 1 Organising national football teams in each age group and category, dispatching teams to various competitions, and hosting competitions in which national teams participate.
- 2 Organising the All-Japan Soccer Championship Tournament (the Emperor's Cup) and other football competitions.
- 3 The development and education of football players, coaches, and officials and the promotion of the sport of football.
- 4 The registration of players, teams, coaches, and officials.
- 5 The management of intellectual properties and the licensing of trademarks.
- 6 Social and international contribution.
- 7 Any other activities required to accomplish the objective of the JFA.

Financial Scale

Fiscal Year	2005	2010	2015
Revenue	17,772,470	15,691,067	18,787,825
Expenses	17,276,174	15,879,408	17,527,842

(Unit:JPY 1.000)

Number of Registration in the year 2015

Teams (football)*	Players (football)	Teams (futsal)*	Players (futsal)	Referees (football)	Referees (futsal)
28,386	951,459	2,739	44,211	254,741	24,580
Referee Instructors (football)	Referee Instructors (futsal)	Coaches (Registered)	Coaches	"Kids' Leader"	Association Executives
2,411	508	78,570	11,792	971	1,715
Total(Excluding Teams*)				1,374,443	

Including the spectators of matches hosted by the JFA and various events, members of the official JFA ticketing website, and supporters of the JFA, the number of football family will rise to **5.26 million** (as of 2015).

• SAMURAI BLUE at major international competitions

Year	Competition	Head Coach	Result
1968	Olympics (Mexico)	NAGANUMA Ken	3rd place
1992	AFC Asian Cup (Hiroshima)	Hans Ooft	Champions
1998	FIFA World Cup (France)	OKADA Takeshi	Group stage
2000	AFC Asian Cup (Lebanon)	Philippe Troussier	Champions
2001	FIFA Confederations Cup (Korea/Japan)	Philippe Troussier	Runner-up
2002	FIFA World Cup (Korea/Japan)	Philippe Troussier	Top 16
2003	FIFA Confederations Cup (France)	Zico	Group stage
2004	AFC Asian Cup (China)	Zico	Champions
2005	FIFA Confederations Cup (Germany)	Zico	Group stage
2006	FIFA World Cup (Germany)	Zico	Group stage
2007	AFC Asian Cup (Thailand/Vietnam/Malaysia/Indonesia)	Ivica Osim	4th place
2010	FIFA World Cup (South Africa)	OKADA Takeshi	Top 16
2011	AFC Asian Cup (Qatar)	Alberto Zaccheroni	Champions
2013	FIFA Confederations Cup (Brazil)	Alberto Zaccheroni	Group stage
2014	FIFA World Cup (Brazil)	Alberto Zaccheroni	Group stage
2015	AFC Asian Cup (Australia)	Javier Aguirre	Top 8

• Olympics (since 1996)

Year	Venue	Head Coach	Result
1996	Atlanta	NISHINO Akira	Group stage
2000	Sydney	Philippe Troussier	Top 8
2004	Athens	YAMAMOTO Masakuni	Group stage
2008	Beijing	SORIMACHI Yasuharu	Group stage
2012	London	SEKIZUKA Takashi	4th place
2016	Rio de Janeiro	TEGURAMORI Makoto	Group stage

• FIFA U-20 World Cup

Year	Venue	Head Coach	Result
1979	Japan	MATSUMOTO Ikuo	Group stage
1995	Qatar	TANAKA Koji	Top 8
1997	Malaysia	YAMAMOTO Masakuni	Top 8
1999	Nigeria	Philippe Troussier	Runner-up
2001	Argentina	NISHIMURA Akihiro	Group stage
2003	United Arab Emirates	OKUMA Kiyoshi	Top 8
2005	Netherlands	OKUMA Kiyoshi	Top 16
2007	Canada	YOSHIDA Yasushi	Top 16

• FIFA U-17 World Cup

Year	Venue	Head Coach	Result
1993	Japan	KOMINE Tadatoshi	Top 8
1995	Ecuador	MATSUDA Tamotsu	Group stage
2001	Trinidad and Tobago	TASHIMA Kohzo	Group stage
2007	Korea Republic	JOFUKU Hiroshi	Group stage
2009	Nigeria	IKEUCHI Yutaka	Group stage
2011	Mexico	YOSHITAKE Hirofumi	Top 8
2013	United Arab Emirates	YOSHITAKE Hirofumi	Top 16



• Nadeshiko Japan at major international competitions

Year	Competition	Head Coach	Result
1991	FIFA Women's Championship (China) *	SUZUKI Tamotsu	Group stage
1995	FIFA Women's Championship (Sweden) *	SUZUKI Tamotsu	Top 8
1996	Olympics (Atlanta)	SUZUKI Tamotsu	Group stage
1999	FIFA Women's Championship (USA) *	MIYAUCHI Satoshi	Group stage
2003	FIFA Women's World Cup (USA)	UEDA Eiji	Group stage
2004	Olympics (Athens)	UEDA Eiji	Top 8
2007	FIFA Women's World Cup (China)	OHASHI Hiroshi	Group stage
2008	Olympics (Beijing)	SASAKI Norio	4th place
2011	FIFA Women's World Cup (Germany)	SASAKI Norio	Champions
2012	Olympics (London)	SASAKI Norio	Runner-up
2014	AFC Women's Asian Cup (Vietnam)	SASAKI Norio	Champions
2015	FIFA Women's World Cup (Canada)	SASAKI Norio	Runner-up

*the exiting FIFA Women's World Cup

• FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup

Year	Venue	Head Coach	Result
2002	Canada	IKEDA Shinobu	Top 8
2008	Chile	SASAKI Norio	Top 8
2010	Germany	SASAKI Norio	Group stage
2012	Japan	YOSHIDA Hiroshi	3rd place

• FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

Year	Venue	Head Coach	Result
2008	New Zealand	YOSHIDA Hiroshi	Top 8
2010	Trinidad and Tobago	YOSHIDA Hiroshi	Runner-up
2012	Azerbaijan	YOSHIDA Hiroshi	Top 8
2014	Costa Rica	TAKAKURA Asako	Champions

• FIFA Futsal World Cup

Year	Venue	Head Coach	Result
1989	Netherlands	MIYAMOTO Masakatsu	Group stage
2004	Chinese Taipei	Sergio Sapo	Group stage
2008	Brazil	Sergio Sapo	Group stage
2012	Thailand	Miguel Rodrigo	Top 16

• FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup

Year	Venue	Head Coach	Result
2005	Brazil	RAMOS Ruy	4th place
2006	Brazil	TORIKAI Hiroyuki	Top 8
2007	Brazil	Nenem	Group stage
2008	France	KAWAHARAZUKA Takeshi	Group stage
2009	United Arab Emirates	RAMOS Ruy	Top 8
2011	Italy	RAMOS Ruy	Group stage
2013	Tahiti	RAMOS Ruy	Top 8
2015	Portugal	Marcelo Mendes	Top 8

• Fair Play Award

Year	Competition	Category
1968	Olympics (Mexico)	Japan National Team
1995	FIFA World Youth Championship (Qatar)	U-20 Japan National Team
2001	FIFA Confederations Cup (Korea/Japan)	Japan National Team
2002	FIFA U-19 Women's World Championship (Canada)	U-19 Japan Women's National Team
2002	FIFA Fair Play Award	Japan Football Association
2003	FIFA Confederations Cup (France)	Japan National Team
2004	Olympics (Athens)	Nadeshiko Japan
2005	FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup (Rio de Janeiro)	Japan Beach Soccer National Team
2007	FIFA U-20 World Cup (Canada)	U-20 Japan National Team
2007	FIFA Club World Cup (Japan)	Urawa Red Diamonds
2009	FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup (Dubai)	Japan Beach Soccer National Team
2011	FIFA U-17 World Cup (Mexico)	U-17 Japan Women's National Team
2011	FIFA Women's World Cup (Germany)	Nadeshiko Japan
2011	FIFA Fair Play Award	Japan Football Association
2012	Olympics (London)	U-23 Japan National Team
2012	FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup (Japan)	U-20 Japan Women's National Team
2012	FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup (Azerbaijan)	U-17 Japan Women's National Team
2014	FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup (Costa Rica)	U-17 Japan Women's National Team

■ JAPAN FOOTBALL MUSEUM

The Japan Football Museum exhibits the many outstanding achievements of the JFA throughout its 95-year history, including valuable documents and historical artefacts that trace the path to today's success and prosperity paved by the pioneers of Japanese football. The Japan Football Museum will pass on to future generations the legacy of Japanese football.



■ JFA Football Hall of Fame

Coaches, players, referees, teams, members of the Association, media personnel, and all others who have contributed to the development of Japanese football are recognised here at the JFA Football Hall of Fame.



■ JFA Medical Centre

The first medical facility in Japan to benefit from the FIFA Goal Programme, the JFA Medical Centre was established at J-Village. The Centre is temporary closed due to the Great East Japan Earthquake. Once it is restored, the Centre will continue to provide medical consultation and support to players as well as to the local citizens, and will carry out research in various fields including sports medicine and the prevention of injuries and impairments.

■ National Training Centres

There are currently three national training centres: J-Village* (Fukushima), J-Step (Shizuoka), and J-Green Sakai (Osaka). The facilities are fully equipped for training by athletes of all sports, including teams from abroad. They can also be used for holding training sessions for instructors and referees.

*Since the Great East Japan Earthquake, the J-Village was temporary closed. The facility is now being restored and will be reinstated for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.



■ Football Centres

In order to expand the role of the football centres as a base for community sports, the JFA adopt a programme to provide financial assistance to the prefectural football associations and local governments for their maintenance and repair projects to upgrade grounds and pitches, floodlights, clubhouses, and other related facilities. Plans are underway to build a football centre operated directly by the JFA.

■ JFA Sports Managers College

The JFA Sports Managers College provides education for those involved in the operation and management of sports organisations, sports clubs, and football centres.

- 1921 Sep.** Establishment of Japan Football Association (JFA) on 10 September
- 1929 May** The JFA affiliated to FIFA (later expelled during World War II).
- 1950 Sep.** The JFA re-joined FIFA.
- 1954 Oct.** The JFA affiliated to the AFC.
- 1958 May** ICHIDA Soichi became the first Japanese representative to be appointed to the FIFA Executive Committee.
(NOZU Yuzuru was appointed to the FIFA Executive Committee from 1969 to 1978 and OGURA Junji was appointed from 2002 to 2011. TASHIMA Kohzo is appointed from 2015)
- 1960 Aug.** The JFA succeeded in bringing Dettmar Cramer of the West Football Association to Japan as coach.
- 1965 Jun.** The Japan Soccer League (JSL) kicked off with eight teams. Japan's first national league continued until 1992.
- 1968 Oct.** Japan National Team won bronze medal at the Mexico Olympics, led by head coach NAGANUMA Ken. The team also received the inaugural FIFA Fair Play award.
- 1969 Jul.-Oct.** Japan hosted the first FIFA coaching school.
- 1979 Aug.-Sep.** Japan hosted the FIFA World Youth Championship (now the FIFA U-20 World Cup).
- 1981 Feb.** The Toyota European/South American Cup was held for the first time (~2004).
- 1987 Mar.** His Imperial Highness Prince Takamado became Honorary Patron of the JFA.
- 1989 Sep.** The Japan Women's Football League (currently the Nadeshiko League) kicked off.
- 1991 Nov.** The Japan Professional Football League was established as a legal corporation (10 clubs).
- 1992 Oct.-Nov.** Held the Tenth Asian Cup in Hiroshima. Japan National Team became champions for the first time.
- 1993 May** Japan Professional Football League (J.League) kicked off (15 May).



- Aug.** Japan hosted the FIFA U-17 World Championship (now the FIFA U-17 World Cup).
- 1996 May** The 2002 FIFA World Cup was announced to be co-hosted by Japan and Korea Republic. This was the first time the World Cup had been held in Asia, and the first ever jointly hosted tournament.
- 1998 Jun.-Jul.** Japan National Team participated in the FIFA World Cup (France) for the first time.
- 1999 Apr.** U-20 Japan National Team finished Runner-up in the Tenth FIFA World Youth Championship in Nigeria.

- 2002 May-Jun.** Japan and Korea Republic co-hosted Asia's first FIFA World Cup. Japan National Team made it through to the Round of 16.
- 2003 Mar.** Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado became Honorary Patron of the JFA.
- 2005 Dec.** Japan hosted the FIFA Club World Championship TOYOTA Cup 2005 (now known as the FIFA Club World Cup). Japan hosted the competition in 2005-2008, 2011 and 2012.
- 2006 Apr.** The JFA Academy Fukushima opened as an elite training facility. JFA Academy Kumamoto-Uki opened in 2009 and JFA Academy Sakai opened in 2012 and JFA Academy Imabari in 2015.
- 2009 Aug.** The JFA Medical Centre opened in the J.Village in Fukushima, the first medical facility to receive a grant from FIFA's Goal Programme.
- Sep.** The JFA Dream Asia Project was launched to encourage the development of Asian football.
- 2010 Sep.** U-17 Japan Women's National Team finished Runner-up at the U-17 FIFA Women's World Cup in Trinidad and Tobago.
- 2011 Jun.-Jul.** Japan Women's National Team became champions for the first time at the FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany.



- 2012 Jan.** SAWA Homare was awarded the FIFA Women's World Player of the Year for 2011, head coach SASAKI Norio was awarded the Women's Coach of the Year Prize and the JFA received the FIFA Fair Play Award in the FIFA Ballon d'Or 2011.
- Jul.-Aug.** U-23 Japan National Team participated in the London Olympics, finished at fourth place. Japan Women's National Team won silver medal at the London Olympics.
- Aug.-Sep.** Japan hosted the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. U-20 Japan Women's National Team reached the 3rd place.
- 2014 Mar.-Apr.** U-17 Japan Women's National Team became champions for the first time at the U-17 FIFA Women's World Cup in Costa Rica.
- 2015 Jun.-Jul.** Japan Women's National Team finished Runner-up in the FIFA Women's World Cup in Canada.
- 2015 Dec.** Japan hosted the FIFA Club World Cup 2015.
- 2016 Jan.** U-23 Japan National Team became champions for the first time at the AFC U-23 Championship in Qatar.