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Japan Football Association

**PROFILE**

ENGLISH EDITION



## 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.

# DREAM

## COURAGE TO ACHIEVE

# In Pursuit of the World Champion Title with Fairness and Pride

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.



U-21 Japan National Team (2018)



U-18 Japan National Team (2017)



U-16 Japan National Team (2018)

## **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 thirty 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 six 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.



SAMURAI BLUE

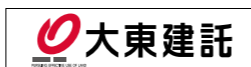
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SUPPORTING COMPANIES





# Passing on the Spirit

Following in the footsteps of Nadeshiko Japan (Japan Women's National Team), which became world champion in 2011, the U-17 Japan Women's National Team captured the number one title in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Costa Rica 2014, demonstrating that the spirit of devotion, perseverance, and never giving up is passed on to the younger generation.

Nadeshiko Japan



Japan Futsal National Team



Japan Women's Futsal National Team



Japan Beach Soccer National Team



U-19 Japan Women's National Team (2017)



U-16 Japan Women's National Team (2017)

## 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.

## 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

Japan has participated in every FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup. The national team is working to achieve its best result in 2019 under the Head Coach, RAMOS Ruy.

# 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.

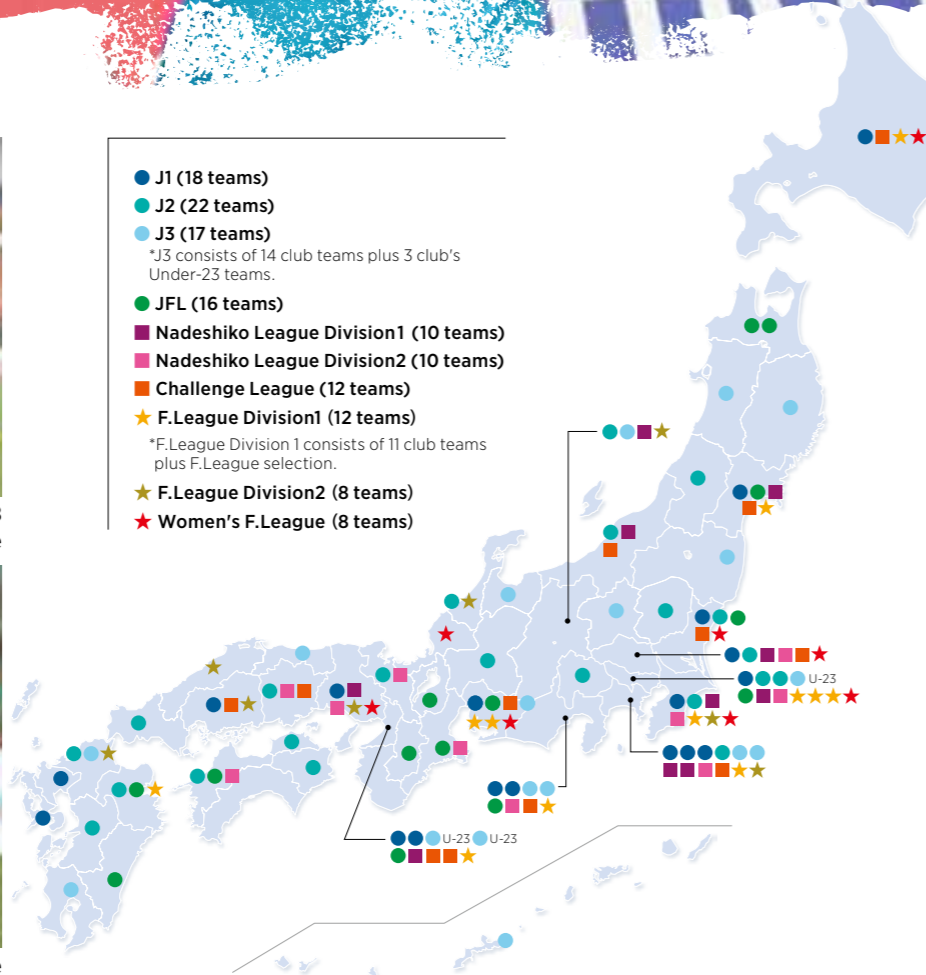


Prince Takamado Trophy JFA U-18 Football Premier League



Nadeshiko League

- J1 (18 teams)
- J2 (22 teams)
- J3 (17 teams)
- \*J3 consists of 14 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 Division1 (12 teams)
- \*F.League Division 1 consists of 11 club teams plus F.League selection.
- ★ F.League Division2 (8 teams)
- ★ Women's F.League (8 teams)

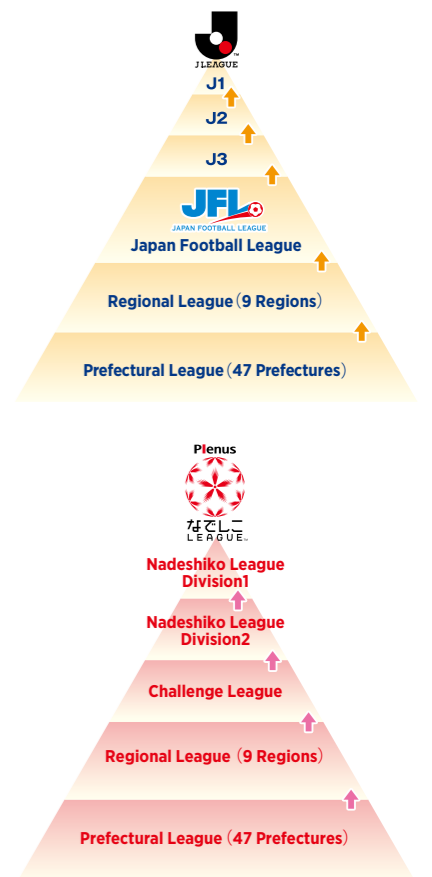


## The National Leagues

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. F. League, the national futsal league has increased to two divisions since 2018. Women's national futsal league started in 2017. Many other leagues take place, including the Prince Takamado Trophy JFA U-18 Football Premier League and regional or prefectural leagues for different age groups.

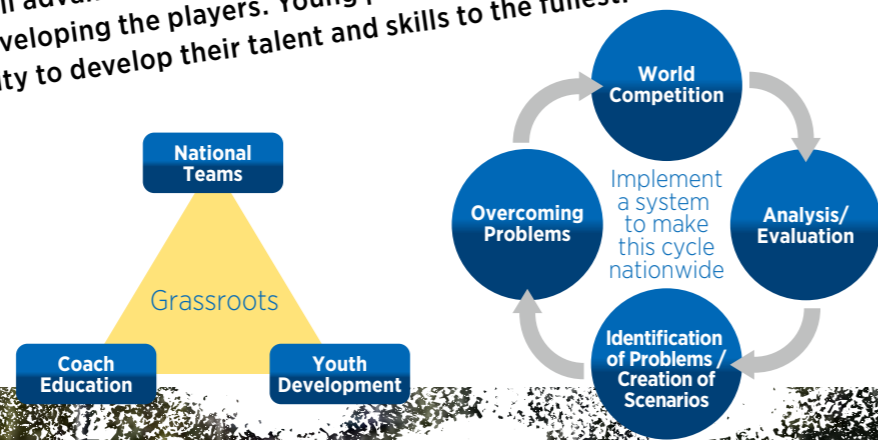
## National Competitions

In addition to the nationwide J.League competitions, there are a variety of competitions for men, such as the Emperor's Cup JFA Japan Football Championship 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 JFA Japan Women's Football Championship, and competitions for different age groups - over 40, over 30, university students, U-18, U-15, and U-12 (9 regions). In recent years, the number of senior players 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 over 35 players, as well as the senior competitions for over 50, over 60, and over 70 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 football players in Japan and Japan's unique player development system. Japanese football's most outstanding characteristics and advantages are technique, organisation, diligence, fairness, and devotion. 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.

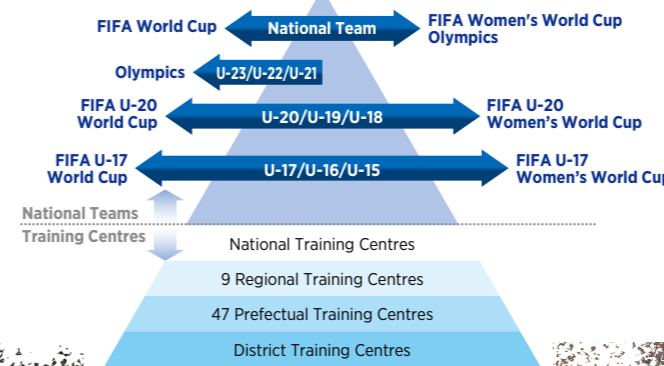


## A Wide Range of Opportunities Help Develop Players

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 Centres

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 are sent off to the national youth 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



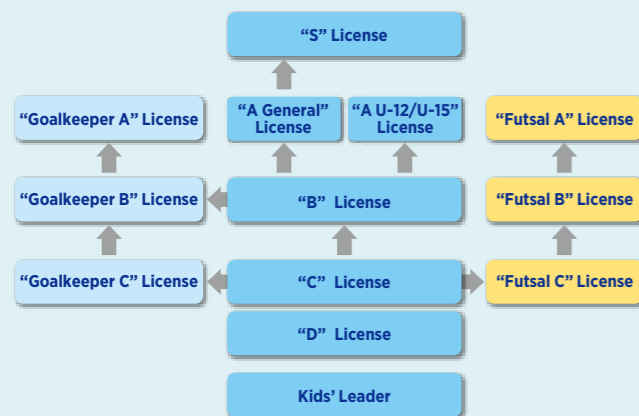
### JFA Youth & Development Official Provider



### JFA Coach Registration System

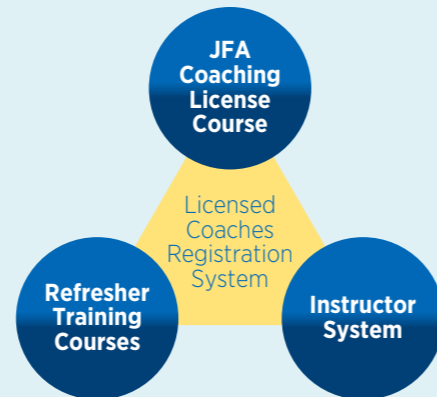
There are 14 courses in total, for JFA Kids' Leaders who coach children under the age of ten, for JFA "S" Licensed coaches who coach the professionals, and for Futsal Coaches, just to name a few. Those who complete the course are granted a license. The coaches must also take part in refresher workshops to hone their knowledge and skills.

### JFA Coaching Licence Course



### Instructors System

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. Not only do these instructors lecture at coaching courses and refresher workshops organised by the JFA, but they are also responsible for spreading JFA's development policy and its specific enforcement measures to coaches throughout the country.



# Outstanding Coaches Develop Leading Players of Tomorrow

JFA has provided 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 developed football nations. 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.



### Football Conference

Once every two years, 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 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 Professional Referees

Since 2002, JFA has established a professional referee system. There are ten referees and four assistant referees who serve the professional game as of April 2018.

## 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

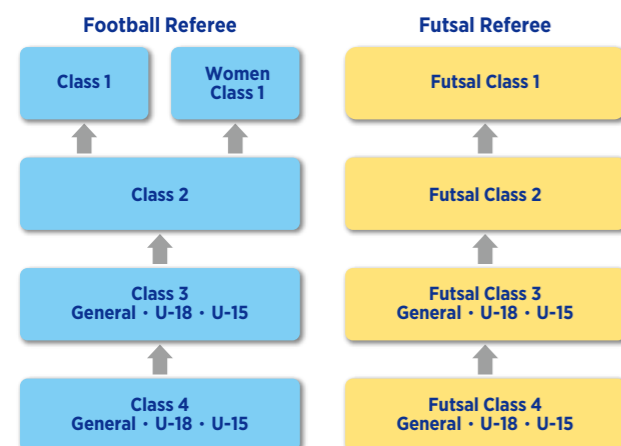
U-18 Referees make up for approximately 35% of all referees. JFA Referee Instructors organize several training and development programmes for talented youth referees to improve the overall refereeing performances at this level.

## 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.

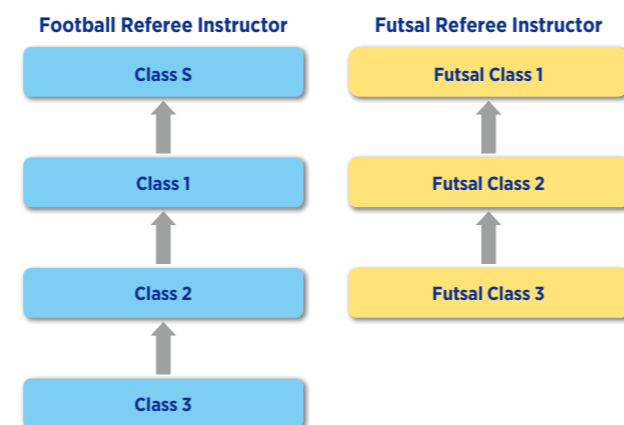
## Referees' Promotion

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.



SATO Ryuji



# Utilising Japan's Experience for Asia, the World and the Future

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.



Dispatching Licensed Coaches and Referee Instructors



Inviting Teams and Delegations from Abroad



International Coaching Course

## Dispatching Licensed Coaches and Referee Instructors

Japan's coaches and referee instructors are dispatched overseas to support the football development in various countries. Their knowledge and experience combined with a strong sense of responsibility and desire to improve can influence many people in those countries.

## International Coaching Course International Referee Instructor Course International Administration Course

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

## Partnering with other countries and regions

JFA has signed partnership memorandum of understanding (MOU) to mutually cooperate in developing football together with the partner associations, federations and football clubs. Friendship and cooperation with these partners are reinforced through a wide range of football exchange activities that include knowledge sharing on coach education and youth 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 April 2018, JFA has signed MOUs with the following football associations and confederation: Chinese Taipei, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Laos, Mongolia, Oman, Qatar, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, Vietnam, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, CONMEBOL and FC Bayern München.

## 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

JFA welcomes teams who wish to train in our facilities and delegations that wish to know the details of our programmes such as the youth 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, FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Japan 2012, the Toyota European/South American Cup, FIFA Club World 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 April 2018). We aim to demonstrate Japan's strengths through these events and contribute to international goodwill and world peace.

# Believing in Potential of Football

We believe that football has the potential to create a bright and exuberant society. 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 – regardless of age, gender or disability – to enjoy football according to their level and purpose. JFA is offering enjoyable events all over the nation, as well as trying to improve the environment of grassroots football through “JFA Grassroots Promotion Partnership Institution”. Around 150 groups are identified as partners as of April 2018, with the theme of “no retirement”, “no substitute” and “inclusive football”. 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.



### 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.



夢先生



### Reconstruction Support

Under the slogan “Go, Japan! Bring together the power of our football family!” 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 organizing charity matches and football coaching classes, JFA extends support to football-related activities in the affected areas. With the cooperation of FIFA, AFC and the world football family, equipment has been donated and facilities have been restored.



### Promoting Natural Grass across the Country

JFA is making efforts to increase natural grass grounds by promoting a pot seedling method for laying lawn surfaces. Lawn grass seedlings are distributed free of charge to prefectural football associations, football clubs, local governments, schools, kindergartens and nursery schools.

### 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 Sustainable Development Goals

JFA aims to contribute to the society by reviewing existing activities, in line with “Sustainable Development Goals” that is established by the United Nations in 2015.



### Protecting Our Beautiful Earth

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.



### Participation in the UN Global Compact

In 2009 JFA became the first sports organisation in the world to sign with the UN Global Compact. 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.



## Organisation Structure



## General Information

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**Establishment** 1921  
**Affiliated to FIFA** 1929  
**Affiliated to AFC** 1954  
**Official website** <http://www.jfa.jp/eng/>  
**Executive**



## Organisation Chart



## Objective and Activities

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

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

## Financial Scale

Fiscal Year	2005	2010	2015	2017
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>17,772,470</b>	<b>15,691,067</b>	<b>18,787,825</b>	<b>19,585,719</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>17,276,174</b>	<b>15,879,408</b>	<b>17,527,842</b>	<b>19,592,681</b>

(Unit:JPY 1,000)

## Number of Registration in the year 2017

Football Teams	28,210	Football Players	915,306	Futsal Teams	2,707	Futsal Players	43,618	Football Coaches	11,181	Futsal Coaches	2,122	Football Referees	271,662
Futsal Referees	25,111	Football Referee Instructors	2,622	Futsal Referee Instructors	571	Football Instructors	80,308	Futsal Instructors	1,539	Kids' leaders	942	Officers	1,717
<b>Total</b>										<b>1,356,699</b>			

### SAMURAI BLUE at major international competitions

Year	Competition	Head Coach	Result
1968	Olympic Games (Mexico)	NAGANUMA Ken	3rd place
1992	AFC Asian Cup (Hiroshima)	Hans Ooft	<b>Champions</b>
1998	FIFA World Cup (France)	OKADA Takeshi	Group stage
2000	AFC Asian Cup (Lebanon)	Philippe Troussier	<b>Champions</b>
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	<b>Champions</b>
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	<b>Champions</b>
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

### Olympic Games (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
2017	Korea Republic	UCHIYAMA Atsushi	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
2017	India	MORIYAMA Yoshiro	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	Olympic Games (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	Olympic Games (Athens)	UEDA Eiji	Top 8
2007	FIFA Women's World Cup (China)	OHASHI Hiroshi	Group stage
2008	Olympic Games (Beijing)	SASAKI Norio	4th place
2011	FIFA Women's World Cup (Germany)	SASAKI Norio	<b>Champions</b>
2012	Olympic Games (London)	SASAKI Norio	Runner-up
2014	AFC Women's Asian Cup (Vietnam)	SASAKI Norio	<b>Champions</b>
2015	FIFA Women's World Cup (Canada)	SASAKI Norio	Runner-up
2018	AFC Women's Asian Cup (Jordan)	TAKAKURA Asako	<b>Champions</b>

\*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
2016	Papua New Guinea	TAKAKURA Asako	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	<b>Champions</b>
2016	Jordan	KUSUNOSE Naoki	Runner-up

### FIFA Futsal World Cup

Year	Venue	Head Coach	Result
1989	Netherlands	MIYAMOTO Masakatsu	Group stage
2004	Chinese Taipei	Sergio Sapó	Group stage
2008	Brazil	Sergio Sapó	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
2017	Bahamas	Marcelo Mendes	Group stage

### Fair Play Award

Year	Competition	Category
1968	Olympic Games (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	Olympic Games (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 National Team
2011	FIFA Women's World Cup (Germany)	Nadeshiko Japan
2011	FIFA Fair Play Award	Japan Football Association
2012	Olympic Games (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
2016	FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup (Papua New Guinea)	U-20 Japan Women's National Team
2016	FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup (Jordan)	U-17 Japan Women's National Team

## JAPAN FOOTBALL MUSEUM



The Japan Football Museum exhibits the many outstanding achievements of the JFA throughout its 97-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 has adopted a programme to provide financial assistance to the prefectural football associations and local governments for building football facilities, including 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
- 2006 Apr.** TOYOTA Cup 2005 (now known as the FIFA Club World Cup). Japan hosted the competition in 2005-2008, 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2016 .
- 2009 Aug.** 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 opened in 2015.
- Sep.** The JFA Medical Centre opened in the J.Village in Fukushima, the first medical facility to receive a grant from FIFA's Goal Programme.
- 2010 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 FIFA U-17 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 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 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Costa Rica.
- 2015 Jun.-Jul.** Japan Women's National Team finished Runner-up at the FIFA Women's World Cup in Canada.
- 2016 Jan.** U-23 Japan National Team became champions for the first time at the AFC U-23 Championship in Qatar.
- Sep.-Oct.** U-17 Japan Women's National Team finished Runner-up at the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Jordan.
- Nov.-Dec.** U-20 Japan Women's National Team finished 3rd place at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Papua New Guinea.
- Dec.** Japan hosted the FIFA Club World Cup 2016 and Kashima Antlers finished Runner-up.

