



This document traces the History of the Japanese Touch Football Association and the results it has achieved at F.I.T. sanctioned events.

Whilst playing international touch games at some endorsed F.I.T events, some records are sketchy or were not kept and do not form part of the official History for Japan.

All credit must go to Shusaku KUCHIMOTO who set the ball roiling for the establishment of the sport in Japan. He was the driving force in establish the sport in that country and then gaining International recognition.

Originally based at Wasada University it quickly spread to pockets around the Tokyo region. On 9th November 1990 Japan became the 8th member of the Federation of International Touch

Committees were formed and Strategic planning ensured the games' future. They arranged coaching clinics for their National teams by experienced Australian coaches prior to them attending the World Cup in Auckland in 2001.

The highlight of their international career was a Bronze Medal for their Mixed team at the World Cup in 2003

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JAPAN WORLD CUP RESULTS

MEN OPEN

Teams Played	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Australia	7		7		1	129	
Cook Islands	4	2	2		18	40	
England	3	3			26	13	
Fiji	4	2	2		20	32	
France	2	2			16	6	
Germany	1	1			13	0	
Ireland	1	1			7	1	
Lebanon	2		2		7	18	
New Zealand	9		9		7	153	
Niue	1		1		0	20	
Papua New Guinea	4		4		11	34	
Samoa	4	1	3		7	44	
Scotland	3	3			24	8	
Singapore	1	1			11	2	
South Africa	9	1	8		27	52	
Tokelau	2		2		2	22	
Tonga	1		1		3	5	
United States	2	1	1		6	7	
Wales	2	2			20	0	
Total	0	62	20	42	0	226	586
Best Position :	4th - 2003, 2007, 2011						
Worst Position :	12th - 1999						
Worst Loss:	0-28; New Zealand 1991						
Undefeated For	5 games, 2011						

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

Wales	14-0	Kumagaya	2003
Germany	13-0	Edinburgh	2011
Singapore	11-2	Coffs Harbour	2015
Scotland	8-1	Kumagaya	2003
Ireland	7-1	Edinburgh	2011
France	10-5	Edinburgh	2011
Samoa	6-1	Coffs Harbour	2015
England	10-6	Edinburgh	2011
Fiji	8-5	Coffs Harbour	2015
Cook Islands	8-7	Edinburgh	2011
South Africa	6-5	Stellenbosch	2007
United States	5-4	Hawaii	1995
Most Touchdown:	16; Hideaki Nara 2011		
In one game :	4; Orimo 2003 / Nara 2011		
Best Average:	1.60 Hideaki Nara 2011 (16/10)		
Highest team score:	80 Touchdowns in 2011		
Highest team average:	6.66 in 2011 (80/12)		

WOMEN OPEN

Teams Played	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Australia	6		6		4	114	
Austria	3	3			28	3	
England	3	2	1		12	13	
Germany	1	1			9	1	
New Zealand	5		5		1	83	
Papua New Guinea	1	1			8	5	
Scotland	4	2	2		24	13	
Singapore	5		4	1	5	39	
South Africa	4		4		3	34	
United States	1	1			10	3	
Wales	1		1		4	6	
<i>England 30</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Scotland 30</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>	
Total	0	36	12	23	1	120	318
Best Position :	5th - 2003 2015						
Worst Position :	8th - 2007, 2011						
Worst Loss:	0-26; New Zealand 2003						
Undefeated For	4 games, 2011						

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

Scotland	11-1	Coffs Harbour	2015
Germany	9-1	Edinburgh	2011
Austria	8-0	Edinburgh	2011
United States	10-3	Coffs Harbour	2015
Papua New Guinea	8-5	Coffs Harbour	2015
Scotland	6-3	Edinburgh	2011
England	5-4	Coffs Harbour	2015
Most Touchdown:	14; Mizuki Imai 2015		
In one game :	5; Mizuki Imai 2015		
Best Average:	1.40; Mizuki Imai 2016 (14/10)		
Highest team score:	59 Touchdowns in 2011		
Highest team average:	5.90 in 2011 (59/10)		

JAPAN WORLD CUP RESULTS

MIXED OPEN

Teams Played	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Amerika Samoa	1	1			5	3	
Australia	5		5		6	71	
Cook Islands	1		1		1	5	
England	1		1		3	4	
France	2	1	1		10	9	
Italy	1	1			13	1	
New Zealand	4		4		8	60	
Niue	1		1		1	5	
Papua New Guinea	2	1	1		9	8	
Samoa	3		3		9	25	
Scotland	1		1		0	6	
Singapore	2	2			14	2	
South Africa	3	1	2		12	13	
Thailand	1	1			9	5	
Tonga	2		1	1	8	12	
United Arab Emirates	1	1			9	1	
United States	1	1			6	4	
Wales	1	1			10	1	
Total	0	33	11	21	1	133	235
Best Position :	3rd - 2003						
Worst Position :	10th - 1999						
Worst Loss:	1-20; New Zealand 1999						
Undefeated For	3 games; 1999						

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

Italy	13-1	Coffs Harbour	2015
Wales	10-1	Sydney	1999
United Arab Emirates	9-1	Coffs Harbour	2015
Singapore	7-1	Sydney / Kumagaya	99/03
Thailand	9-5	Kumagaya	2003
Papua New Guinea	7-3	Sydney	1999
South Africa	6-2	Kumagaya	2003
United States	6-4	Kumagaya	2003
Amerika Samoa	5-3	Hawaii	1991
France	5-3	Coffs Harbour	2015
Most Touchdown:	13; Daiki Nakanowatari 2015		
In one game :	5; Daiki Nakanowatari 2015		
Best Average:	1.18 Nakanowatari 2015 (13/11)		
Highest team score:	50 Touchdowns in 2015		
Highest team average:	4.86 in 1999 (34/7)		

MENS OVER 30 YEARS

Teams Played	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Australia	6		6		2	92	
Cook Islands	2		2		5	11	
England	3	2	1		14	17	
Fiji	3		2	1	9	22	
France	1		1		6	8	
Germany	1	1			7	3	
Luxembourg	1	1			13	0	
New Zealand	4		4		0	69	
Niue	1		1		1	4	
PNG	3	2	1		16	17	
Samoa	4		4		4	33	
Scotland	1	1			9	7	
South Africa	5		5		14	49	
Switzerland	1	1			8	2	
Tokelau	1		1		2	13	
United States	6	1	4	1	14	27	
Wales	2	2			15	3	
Totals	0	45	11	32	2	139	377
Best Position :	5th - 2003						
Worst Position :	9th - 1999						
Worst Loss:	0-22; New Zealand 1999						
Undefeated For	3 games, 2011						

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

Luxembourg	13-0	Edinburgh	2011
Wales	9-1	Edinburgh	2011
Switzerland	8-2	Stellenbosch	2007
Germany	7-3	Edinburgh	2011
PNG	8-6	Coffs Harbour	2015
Scotland	8-7	Edinburgh	2011
England	6-5	Edinburgh/Coffs	11/15
United States	4-3	Coffs Harbour	2015
Most Touchdown:	10; Weesang Daniel Paaka 2011		
In one game :	3; by six scorers various years		
Best Average:	1.00 Weesang Paaka 2011 (10/10)		
Highest team score:	66 Touchdowns in 2011		
Highest team average:	6.60 in 2011 (66/10)		

JAPAN WORLD CUP RESULTS

MIXED OVER 30 YEARS

Teams Played	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Australia	2		2		0	28	
Cook Islands	2		2		7	10	
New Zealand	2		2		1	32	
Samoa	2		2		2	17	
Total	0	8	0	8	0	10	87
Best Position : 5th - 1999							
Worst Position : 5th - 1999							
Worst Loss: 1-23; New Zealand 1999							
Winning streak : No win yet recorded							

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

Most Touchdown: 3; Ju Sato 1999			
In one game : 2; Tastuo Fukumoto 1999			
Best Average: 0.37 Ju Sato 1999 (3/8)			
Highest team score: 10 Touchdowns in 1999			
Highest team average: 1.25 in 1999 (10/8)			

MEN OVER 35 YEARS

Teams Played	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Australia	5		5		2	91	
Cook Islands	2		2		6	12	
Fiji	2	2			8	6	
France	2		2		5	13	
Ireland	1	1			10	4	
New Zealand	6		6		8	110	
PNG	4		2	2	22	24	
Samoa	2		2		6	19	
Scotland	1	1			7	3	
Singapore	3		3		7	30	
Spain	1			1	6	6	
Switzerland	2	2			12	8	
United States	2	1	1		12	12	
Totals	0	33	7	23	3	111	338
Best Position : 4th - 2003							
Worst Position : 6th - 2011							
Worst Loss: 0-25; Australia 1991							
Undefeated For 4 games 2011							

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

Ireland	10-4	Edinburgh	2011
Scotland	7-3	Edinburgh	2011
Switzerland	7-4	Edinburgh	2011
United States	8-6	Edinburgh	2011
Fiji	5-4	Coffs Harbour	2015
Most Touchdown: 9; Takuma Miki 2011			
In one game : 3; Tsuji 2011 / Kawai 2015			
Best Average: 1.125 Takuma Miki 2011 (9/8)			
Highest team score: 52 Touchdowns in 2011			
Highest team average: 6.50 in 2011 (52/8)			

JAPAN WORLD CUP RESULTS

MEN OVER 40 YEARS

Teams Played	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Australia	1		1		3	10	
England	1			1	5	5	
Fiji	1	1			5	1	
New Zealand	1		1		1	9	
Niue	1		1		2	4	
Singapore	1	1			4	0	
United States	1		1		3	4	
Wales	1		1		1	3	
Totals	0	8	2	5	1	24	36
Best Position : 7th - 2015							
Worst Position : 7th - 2015							
Worst Loss: 1-9; New Zealand 2015							
Undefeated For 2 games 2015							

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

Fiji	5-1	Coffs Harbour	2015
Singapore	4-0	Coffs Harbour	2015
Most Touchdown: 3; Maruyama & Saito 2015			
In one game : 2 by Maruyama & Igarashi 2015			
Best Average: 0.37; Maruyama & Saito 2015 (3/8)			
Highest team score: 24 Touchdowns in 2015			
Highest team average: 3.00 in 2015 (24/8)			

MENS OVER 50 YEARS

Teams Played	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Australia	2		2		0	38	
Ireland	2		2		3	22	
Italy	1		1		2	8	
Niue	2	1		1	8	4	
Totals	0	7	1	5	1	13	72
Best Position : 4th - 2015							
Worst Position : 4th - 2015							
Worst Loss: 0-21; Australia 2015							
Undefeated For 1 game 2015							

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

Niue	5-1	Coffs Harbour	2015
Most Touchdown: 5; Kazufumi Takai 2015			
In one game : 2; Takai & Ayashiro 2015			
Best Average: 0.28; Takai & Ayashiro 2015 (2/7)			
Highest team score: 13 Touchdowns in 2015			
Highest team average: 1.85 in 2015 (13/7)			

MIXED UNDER 20

Teams Played	P	W	L	D	F	A
Australia	1		1		3	7
Cook Islands	1			1	2	2
Maori	2		2		2	13
New Zealand	2		2		6	24
Niue	1	1			7	4
Total	7	1	5	1	20	50
Best Position : 4th - 2001						
Worst Position : 4th - 2001						

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

Niue	7-4	Manukau City	2001
Worst Loss: 3-13; New Zealand 2001			
Winning streak : 1 game, 2001			
Event high scorer 7; Tomotake Terasawa 2001			
In one game : 4; Tomotake Terasawa 2001			

JAPAN WORLD CUP RESULTS

Overall Performance

Divisions	P	W	L	D	F	A	Ave.
Mens	62	20	42	0	226	586	0.39
Women	36	12	23	1	120	318	0.4
Mixed	33	11	21	1	133	235	0.57
Men 30	45	11	32	2	139	377	0.37
Mixed 30	8	0	8	0	10	87	0.11
Mens 35	33	7	23	3	111	338	0.33
Mens 40	8	2	5	1	24	36	0.67
Men 50	7	1	5	1	13	72	0.18
Mixed 20	7	1	5	1	20	50	0.40
	239	65	164	10	796	2099	

For & Against History

<i>Excluding finals</i>				<i>Best Attack</i>		<i>Including finals</i>				
Most	Year	Best Ave.	Year	Divisions		Most	Year	Best Ave.	Year	
74	2011	74	7.40	2011	Mens	80	2011	80	6.67	2011
42	2011	42	5.25	2011	Women	59	2011	59	5.90	2011
45	2015	34	4.86	1999	Mixed	50	2015	34	0.05	1999
59	2011	59	6.56	2011	Men 30	66	2011	66	6.60	2011
10	1999	10	1.25	1999	Mixed 30	10	1999	10	1.25	1999
44	2011	44	6.29	2011	Mens 35	52	2011	52	6.50	2011
24	2015	24	3.00	2015	Mens 40	24	2015	24	3.00	2015
5	2015	5	1.25	2015	Men 50	7	2015	7	1.86	2015
15	2001	15	3.00	2001	Mixed 20	20	2001	20	2.86	2001

<i>Excluding finals</i>				<i>Best Defence</i>		<i>Including finals</i>				
Less	Year	Best Ave.	Year	Divisions		Less	Year	Best Ave.	Year	
31	2003	32	6.40	2003	Mens	42	1999	42	7.00	1999
33	2011	33	4.13	2011	Women	38	2011	38	3.80	2011
46	1999	46	6.57	1999	Mixed	46	1999	46	6.57	1999
41	2015	51	5.67	2011	Men 30	47	2015	59	5.90	2011
87	1999	87	10.9	1999	Mixed 30	87	1999	87	10.9	1999
33	2011	33	4.71	2011	Mens 35	39	2011	39	4.88	2011
36	2015	36	4.50	2015	Mens 40	36	2015	36	4.50	2015
38	2015	38	9.50	2015	Men 50	72	2015	72	10.3	2015
31	2001	31	6.20	2001	Mixed 20	50	2001	50	7.14	2001

JAPAN WORLD CUP RESULTS

<i>Excluding finals</i>			<i>Best For & Against</i>	<i>Including finals</i>		
<i>Best Average</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Divisions</i>		<i>Best Average</i>	<i>Year</i>	
74-70	1.06	2011	Mens	53-55	0.96	2015
42-33	1.27	2011	Women	59-38	1.55	2011
34-46	0.74	1999	Mixed	34-46	0.74	1999
59-51	1.16	2011	Men 30	66-59	1.12	2011
10-87	0.11	1999	Mixed 30	10-87	0.11	1999
44-33	1.33	2011	Mens 35	52-39	1.33	2011
24-36	0.67	2015	Mens 40	24-36	0.67	2015
5-38	0.13	2015	Men 50	13-72	0.18	2015
15-31	0.48	2001	Mixed 20	20-50	0.40	2001



HEAD TO HEAD 1995 - 2018

JAPAN

TEST

HISTORY

MENS	P	W	L	D	F	A
Australia	4		4		10	49
Great Britain	0					
New Zealand	3		3		15	39
	7	0	7	0	25	88
Biggest Win: Worst Loss : 1-16; Australia 2016						

WOMEN	P	W	L	D	F	A
Australia	2		2		4	30
Great Britain	0					
New Zealand	2		2		3	26
Singapore	3	3			25	12
	7	3	4	0	32	68
Biggest Win: 10-4; Singapore 2018 Worst Loss : 2-18; Australia 2016						

MIXED	P	W	L	D	F	A
Australia	3		3		1	52
Great Britain	2	2			11	6
Hong Kong	1		1		6	7
	6	2	4	0	18	65
Biggest Win: 8-5; Great Britain 1995 Worst Loss : 0-18; Australia 1995						

SUMMARY

Overall Performance - Japan

Division	P	W	L	D	F	A
Men	7	0	7	0	25	88
Women	7	3	4	0	32	68
Mixed	6	2	4	0	18	65
	20	5	15	0	75	221

Biggest Winning Margin

Women 10-4 v Singapore 2018

Worst Loss

Mixed 0-18 v Australia 1995

Overall Performance - Opponents

Teams	P	W	L	D	F	A
Australia	9	0	9	0	15	131
Great Britain	2	2	0	0	11	6
Hong Kong	1		1		6	7
New Zealand	5	0	5	0	18	65
Singapore	3	3			25	12
	20	5	15	0	75	221