Sports Information Guide

*As of 1 March 2021: Please check the latest sports information guide for registration

Baseball (Rubber baseball)



- 1 Organisers: The Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, Shiga Local Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, Moriyama Local Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, Higashiomi Local Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai
- **2 Co-Organiser:** Japan Rubber Baseball Association, Shiga Prefecture, Moriyama City, Higashiomi City
- 3 Managing Organisation: Shiga Rubber Baseball Association
- **4 Competition Dates:** Saturday, 14 May Friday, 20 May 2022 (Competition: 7 Days)

Date	Time	Event	
Saturday, 14 May	9:00 - 19:00	Preliminary Rounds:	
		Men's Grade A / Mixed Grade B	
		Moriyama City Sports Park Baseball Field ([Men] Grade A)	
		Higashiomi Koto Stadium ([Men] Grade A, [Mixed] Grade B)	
		Higashiomi Okunono Sports Park ([Mixed] Grade B · C)	
		Higashiomi Nagayama Park ([Mixed] Grade B)	
Sunday, 15 May	9:00 - 19:00	Preliminary Rounds:	
		Men's Grade A / Mixed Grade B	
		Moriyama City Sports Park Baseball Field ([Men] Grade A)	
		Higashiomi Koto Stadium ([Men] Grade A, [Mixed] Grade B)	
		Higashiomi Okunono Sports Park ([Mixed] Grade B · C)	
		Higashiomi Nagayama Park ([Mixed] Grade B)	
Monday, 16 May	9:00 - 19:00	Preliminary Rounds:	
		Men's Grade A / Mixed Grade B	
		Moriyama City Sports Park Baseball Field ([Men] Grade A)	
		Higashiomi Koto Stadium ([Men] Grade A, [Mixed] Grade B)	
		Higashiomi Okunono Sports Park ([Mixed] Grade B · C)	
		Higashiomi Nagayama Park ([Mixed] Grade B)	

Tuesday, 17 May	9:00 - 19:00	Preliminary Rounds:	
		Men's Grade A / Mixed Grade C	
		Final Tournaments: Mixed Grade B(45+)	
		Moriyama City Sports Park Baseball Field ([Men] Grade A)	
		Higashiomi Koto Stadium ([Men] Grade A, [Mixed] Grade B)	
		Higashiomi Okunono Sports Park ([Mixed] Grade B · C)	
Wednesday, 18 May	9:00 - 17:20	Preliminary Rounds : Mixed Grade C	
		Final Tournaments :	
		Men's Grade A / Mixed Grade B(45+)	
		Moriyama City Sports Park Baseball Field ([Men] Grade A)	
		Higashiomi Koto Stadium ([Men] Grade A, [Mixed] Grade B)	
Thursday, 19 May	9:00 - 15:40	Final Tournaments: Men's Grade A / Mixed	
		Grade B, C	
		Moriyama City Sports Park Baseball Field ([Men] Grade A)	
		Higashiomi Koto Stadium ([Men] Grade A, [Mixed] Grade B)	
Friday, 20 May	9:00 - 15:40	Final Tournaments: Men's Grade A / Mixed	
		Grade B(30+)	
		Higashiomi Koto Stadium ([Men] Grade A, [Mixed] Grade B)	

^{*}Extra days for bad weather: In principle, no extra day will be provided (in the preliminary round, the game will end in a draw.)

5 Venues

- Moriyama City Sports Park Baseball Field
 (335 Ishidacho, Moriyama, Shiga 524-0014)
 [Men's] Grade A
- (2) Higashiomi Koto Stadium(610 Ikeshocho, Higashiomi, Shiga 527-0113)[Men's] Grade A, [Mixed] Grade B
- (3) Higashiomi Okunono Sports Park(70 Aoyamacho, Higashiomi, Shiga 527-0164)[Mixed] Grade B, C
- (4) Higashiomi Nagayama Park(370 Kamiomoricho, Higashiomi, Shiga 527-0062)[Mixed] Grade B

6 Competition Capacity

66 teams

(A team should be composed of 12 to 30 players, including 1 manager, 1 captain and 1 coach (allowed to serve as a player).)

7 Rules and Method of Competition

(1) Competition Rules

2021 Official Baseball Rules (published in 2021 by JSBB, the rule book which must be consulted by players), special rules of this competition and agreed items thereof shall apply.

(2) Technical Delegate

Kazuhiko Tani, Shiga Rubber Baseball Association Vice Chairman

(3) Competition Rule

- 1 game consists of 7 innings or 90 minutes of game time, whichever comes first. When the aggregate score is a tie, the game will be a draw (no extra innings). The offense will end when the offensive team scores 7 runs or there are three outs in one inning.
- The game may be called due to score difference (difference of 10 runs after the 4th innings)
- The game will be declared official after four innings or 70 minutes.
- Qualifying league (2 games per team), knockout tournament, and the final game between the best two teams*.

8 Events

(General Category)

Gender	Event	Grade	Age Categories
Men	_	A: National tournament level	30+
Mixed —		B: Regional tournament level	30+, 45+
	C: A level at which players enjoy the game	30+	
		for interest and exchange	30+

^{*}For mixed teams there are no gender limitation.

9 Eligibility

Nothing in particular. Provided, however, that all participants must enter their history of participation in baseball competitions. Those who apply individually will be randomly assigned to a team by the executive committee.

^{*}Since it is not possible to conduct a round robin tournament in the qualifying league due to the number of teams and schedule, the ranking will be determined based on the number of wins and difference in the number of runs, the "best two teams" will be selected to go to the final game.

^{*}The age of the youngest male player on the team will determinate the team's age category. The age category entered must be either the actual age category or a younger age category.

^{*}One play can participate only in one type of competition.

10 Age Requirement

Minimum age is 30 (born on or before 31 December 1992)

In line with the sport-specific rules, an athlete must compete in their designated age group, with your age determined as at 31 December 2022. For example, if you are 44 during Games time but have turned 45 by 31 December 2022, you would compete in the 45+ age category.

11 Medal Ceremony

The Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the first, second and third-ranked teams by types and by age category.

Medal ceremonies will be held at any time after the competition where the ranking has been determined.

12 Registration Fee

- (1) Competition participation fee (including tax and handling fee)
 - * Check World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Participation Terms and Conditions for detail.
 - ① Competition participants (Basic fee: allowed to participate in 5 disciplines)
 - a) Overseas participants: 24,000 yen/person
 (Including a transportation pass for mobility within the Kansai area.)
 - b) Domestic participants: 15,000 yen/person
 (Does not include a transportation pass. Could be bought optionally at an additional cost.)
 - ② Persons related to the competition (Basic fee)
 - a) Overseas participants: 14,000 yen/person
 (Including a transportation pass for mobility within the Kansai area.)
 - b) Domestic participants: 5,000 yen/person
 (Does not include a transportation pass. Could be bought optionally at an additional cost.)

*When a helper (a person who supports an athlete with impairment participating in a competition) participates in the competition for providing such support, he/she is required neither to apply for participation in the competition nor to pay a registration participation fee (provided, however, that the helper must apply for participation as a competition official when he/she requires a kit for participating in the competition, a transportation pass and others).

- (2) Additional charges (extra fee)
 - None
- (3) Rental fee for competition equipment, etc.

 None (Competition equipment will not be rented.)

13 How to Apply for Participation

Application is made through the entry system on the official website (Entry System) dedicated to the application for the entry to the competition via PC or smartphone.

* Check <u>World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Participation Terms and Conditions</u> for detail.

14 Notes on Participation

(1) About clothing

The 2021 Official Baseball Rules shall apply to the uniform, uniform numbers and the like.

All players in the same team must wear uniforms of the colour, shape, and design (including the hat and undershirts, except the colour of the spikes).

The uniform numbers must be 0 to 99. The size of the uniform numbers must be between 15.2cm and 21.0cm long, 16.0cm wide and 4cm in thickness.

(2) About competition equipment

The 2021 Official Baseball Rules shall apply. The ball used shall be a JSBB certified ball. (The balls will be provided by the competition organiser)

(3) Insurance

The organiser will subscribe to accident insurance for participants, but this insurance is applicable only to "injuries incurred during the competition in the competition venues" of the "competition participants and persons related to the competition", and does not cover all kinds of risks during the competition. Therefore, all persons taking part in the competition are requested to subscribe to required insurance at own risk and costs.

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(4) Doping Control

- ① The doping control in accordance with the <u>World Anti-Doping Code</u> and <u>the rules of the International Masters Games Association</u> shall apply to this competition.
- ② Anti-doping activities (doping inspections and anti-doping education activities) shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the International Masters Games Association.
- ③ Participants are deemed to have agreed to be subject to doping control procedures in accordance with the rules of the International Masters Games Association upon entry to the competition. Participants are advised to check the rules of the International Masters Games Association Rules for more details.
- This competition aims to promote anti-doping activities as an activity to protect clean sports and clean athletes in order to leave various values of sports to

the next generation through sports in cooperation with the Japan Anti-Doping Agency.

(5) Procedure for Bad Weather

Information including cancellation will be posted on the web and published on the bulletin boards designated by each venue.

15 Application for Accommodation and Transportation

(1) Accommodation

Refer to the Accommodation Information Page on the <u>World Masters Games</u> 2021 Kansai Official Website for information on accommodation.

(2) Transportation

Refer to the Transportation Information Page on the <u>World Masters Game 2021</u>
<u>Kansai Official Website</u> for transportation information including access to the venue.

16 Others

All participants must complete the accreditation process and check-in at the competition venue before participating (competing or getting involved) in a competition.

(1) Games Accreditation

Accreditation services shall be provided at the Opening Village, each Prefectural Masters Village, Center Village, and the Temporary Accreditation Venue. The participant must bring a valid photo identification and complete accreditation process personally by one day before the competition. (No exception will not be allowed.) Furthermore, even when participating in team competitions or as a team, each participant must complete accreditation process.

Accreditation process can be completed at any of designated service desks; however, operation hours and dates differ depending on the location.

* Check <u>World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Participation Terms and Conditions</u> for detail.

(2) Sport Check-in

Date and Time

Saturday, 14 May to Tuesday, 17 May 2022 8:00 – 17:30

- *The competition entry must be completed at least one hour before the start of the game of the own team
- ② Venue (Only on the day of competition)
 - (1) Moriyama City Sports Park Baseball Field Venue Headquarters (335 Ishidacho, Moriyama, Shiga 524-0014)
 - (2) Higashiomi Koto Stadium Venue Headquarters (610 Ikeshocho, Higashiomi, Shiga 527-0113)

- (3) Higashiomi Okunono Sports Park Venue Headquarters (70 Aoyamacho, Higashiomi, Shiga 527-0164)
- (4) Higashiomi Nagayama Park Venue Headquarters (370 Kamiomoricho, Higashiomi, Shiga 527-0062)
- 3 Remarks

Entry shall be accepted at the venue of the first game of each team. Entry can be made by the team representative alone. The team list must be submitted upon entry.

- (3) Equipment Check
 - ① Date and TimeBefore the start of the game (umpire in charge)
 - VenueEach game venue
 - ③ Remarks Umpires shall check the bats, catcher masks, protectors and helmets brought in by each team.
- (4) WMG2021 Kansai Social Event Under study