



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

## Soft Tennis



- 1 **Organiser:** Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai  
World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Kyoto Prefecture Local Organising Committee, World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Fukuchiyama City Local Organising Committee
- 2 **Co-organiser:** Japan Soft Tennis Association, Kyoto Prefecture, Fukuchiyama City
- 3 **Managing Organisation:** Kyoto Soft Tennis Association
- 4 **Competition Dates:** Friday, 20 May – Saturday, 28 May 2022 (Competition: 8 Days)

Date	Time	Event
Friday, 20 May	9:30 - 17:00 17:00 -	Official Training Details of the Opening Ceremony
Saturday, 21 May	9:30 - 18:00	[Competitive ( <i>Athlete</i> ) Men's Doubles Preliminary Rounds 30+, 40+, 50+ Women's Doubles Preliminary Rounds 30+, 40+, 50+
Sunday, 22 May	9:30 - 18:00	[Competitive] Men's Doubles Preliminary Rounds 30+, 40+, 50+ Women's Doubles Preliminary Rounds 30+, 40+, 50+
Monday, 23 May	9:30 - 18:00	[Competitive] Men's Doubles Final Tournaments 30+, 40+, 50+ Women's Doubles Final Tournaments 30+, 40+, 50+ Medal Ceremonies Official Training (for recreational grade)
Tuesday, 24 May	9:30 - 18:00	[Recreational] Doubles Preliminary Rounds 60+, 80+, 100+, 120+, 140+
Wednesday, 25 May	9:30 - 18:00	[Recreational] Doubles Final Tournaments 60+, 80+, 100+, 120+, 140+ Medal Ceremonies Official Training (For Competitive) after the ceremony
Thursday, 26 May	9:30 - 18:00	[Competitive] Men's Doubles Preliminary Rounds 60+, 70+, 80+ Women's Doubles Preliminary Rounds 60+, 70+, 80+



Friday, 27 May	9:30 - 18:00	[Competitive]		
		Men's Doubles	Preliminary Rounds	60+, 70+, 80+
		Women's Doubles	Preliminary Rounds	60+, 70+, 80+
Saturday, 28 May	9:30 - 18:00	[Competitive]		
		Men's Doubles	Final Tournaments	60+, 70+, 80+
		Women's Doubles	Final Tournaments	60+, 70+, 80+
		Medal Ceremonies / Closing Ceremony		

\*Medal ceremonies will be held at any time after the ranking of each category by type of competition has been determined.

## 5 Venue

Sandanike Park Tennis Court, Fukuchiyama City  
(377-1 Izaki, Fukuchiyama, Kyoto 620-0017)

## 6 Competition Capacities

### (1) Competitive: Doubles

Each age category 90 pairs 180 participants (12 events × 180 participants)

Total 2,160 participants

### (2) Recreational: Doubles

Each age category 60 pairs 120 participants (5 events × 120 participants)

Total 600 participants

\*Competitive and Recreational divisions cannot participate in duplicate.

\*Duplicate participation in both the Competitive and Recreational divisions is not possible.

## 7 Rules and Method of Competition

### (1) Competition Rules

All events will be conducted in accordance with the competition rules of the International Soft Tennis Federation.

### (2) Technical Delegate

Teruaki Nogiwa, Secretary General, Japan Soft Tennis Association

Vice: Technical Delegate: Norio Nakayama Vice President, Kyoto Soft Tennis Association

### (3) Category

① Competitive event..... Advanced soft tennis players

② Recreational event..... Players with few experience

### (4) Competition Rule

① All matches are 7 games long. (first to four games)

② Qualifying league is a round robin match (subject to change depending on the number of participants)

③ The top pair in the qualifying league will advanced to the final round.

④ The final round is played by the tournament method.

⑤ Match schedule will be announced in advance through official website and e-

mail in advance.

⑥ Umpire

1) Competitive event

Preliminary Round .....Participants are asked to make calls on the other matches in the same league, except for 80+ category, For the 80+ category the chair umpire and the line umpire will be assigned by the organiser.

Final Tournament.....The chair umpire and the line umpire will be appointed by the organiser.

2) Recreational event

Preliminary Round .....Only the chair umpire will be appointed by the organiser.

Final Tournament.....The chair umpire and the line umpire will be assigned by the organiser.

⑦ How to determine the ranking in the league

The ranking will be determined by the descending order of the winning percentage.

If the winning percentages are identical, the ranking will be determined by what is set forth in each item below.

- 1) If 2 pairs have the same winning percentage, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- 2) If 3 pairs or more have the same winning percentage, only the results of matches among them are compared and the ranking will be determined in descending order of the winning percentage.
- 3) If the ranking cannot be determined by the provisions of the 2), only the results of matches among them are compared and when only 2 pairs are the same winning percentage, the 1) will be applied.
  1. The pair having a larger number of games after subtracting the number of games lost from the number of games won will be ranked higher.
  2. The pair having a larger number of points after subtracting the number of points lost from the number of points won will be ranked higher.

## 8 Events

(General Category)

Event	Age categories *2*3
Men Doubles (Competitive)	30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+, 80+
Women Doubles (Competitive)	30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+, 80+
Doubles (Recreational) *1	60+, 80+, 100+, 120+, 140+

\*1 In the Recreational event, men's doubles pairs, women's doubles pairs and mixed doubles pairs can compete.

\*2 How to determine the age categories

**Competitive** : the age of the youngest player in the doubles pair will determine the teams age category of the team.

**Recreational**: the combined age of the players will determines the team age category of the team.

\*3 The age category entered must be either the actual age category or a younger age category.

(For example, a pair of the age category of 140 is allowed to participate in the age category of 120.)

## 9 Eligibility

- (1) Players are not required to register for membership of Japan Soft Tennis Association.
- (2) Persons with impairments are also allowed to participate. (Provided, however, that persons in a wheelchair or using equipment which may cause damage to the court are not allowed to participate.)

## 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 39 during Games time but have turned 40 by 31 December 2022, you would compete in the 40-44 age category.

## 11 Medal Ceremony

The Gold, Silver and Bronze (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Bronze) medals will be awarded to the first, second and third-ranked athletes, except the case in which only the first and second ranked athletes are eligible depending on the category.

## 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.)

(2) Additional charges (extra fee)

None

(3) Rental fee for competition equipment, etc.

Carry out free rental of rackets. If you wish to rent, please make a request when you apply.

### 13 How to Apply for Participation

(1) How to apply for participation in the competition.

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.

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\* Although the entry application is based on a pair of players in principle, individual (one person) entry application is also allowed. Those who apply individually will be randomly paired with the other player by the organiser.

### 14 Notes on Participation

(1) Clothing

In principle, tennis wear will be worn, but sportswear such as WMG official wear is also permitted.

(2) Competition equipment, etc.

① Rackets

Each player him/herself must be provided with a racket compliant with the ISTF standards.

② Shoes

No shoes such as spike shoes that may damage artificial turf are allowed.

Other shoes except tennis shoes with flat bottom are allowed.

\* Sandanike Park Tennis Court - Artificial grass court with sand

③ Balls

The organiser will provide the balls to be used in the match.

\* Each player must provide him/herself with balls for training.

However, this will not apply to participants from overseas.

(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 [World Anti-Doping Code](#) and [the rules](#)

[of the International Masters Games Association](#) 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.

④ 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) Response to bad weather

There are schedule changes during stormy weather, etc., but there will be no reserve days.

(6) Others

Those who apply individually will be randomly paired with other player by the organiser.

## 15 Application for Accommodation and Transportation

(1) Accommodation

Refer to the Accommodation Information Page on the [World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Official Website](#) for information on accommodation.

(2) Transportation

Refer to the Transportation Information Page on the [World Masters Game 2021 Kansai Official Website](#) for transportation information including access to the venue.

## 16 Accreditation and Sports Check-in

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

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(2) Sport Check-in

① Date and time

Check-in must be completed 1 hour before the start of the first day's match of each category and each event

\* The order of the game is notified in advance by e-mail etc.

② Venue

In front of the Sandanike Park Clubhouse

(3) Reservation of the training court

① Date and time

Friday, 20 May 2022, 9:30 -

Monday, 23 May afternoon, after the completion of the matches

Wednesday, 25 May afternoon, after the completion of the matches

② Place

In front of the Sandanike Park Clubhouse (to be confirmed)

③ Remarks

The organiser will not assign courts, so please share the courts.

## 17 Contact

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