



*As of 15 April 2020: Please check the latest sports information guide for registration

Football



- 1 **Organisers:** Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Sakai Local Organising Committee
- 2 **Co-Organiser:** Japan Football Association
- 3 **Managing Organisations:** Osaka Football Association
- 4 **Competition Dates:** Monday, 17 May – Friday, 28 May 2021 (Competition: 10 Days)

Date	Time	Event
Monday, 17 May	9:00 - 17:00	50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+ Men / Women Preliminary Round and Final Tournament
Tuesday, 18 May	9:00 - 17:00	
Wednesday, 19 May	9:00 - 17:00	
Thursday, 20 May	9:00 - 17:00	
Friday, 21 May	9:00 - 17:00	
22 & 23 May	-	Rest days (No competition will be played. No official training)
Monday, 24 May	9:00 - 17:00	30+, 35+, 40+, 45+ Men / Women Preliminary Round and Final Tournament
Tuesday, 25 May	9:00 - 17:00	
Wednesday, 26 May	9:00 - 17:00	
Thursday, 27 May	9:00 - 17:00	
Friday, 28 May	9:00 - 17:00	

* Depending on the number of applicants for participation, the contents may be changed.

5 Venue

- (1) Venue: Sakai City Soccer National Training Center (J-GREEN SAKAI)
(15 fields)
- (2) Overview of the facility: Opened on 1 April 2010
Site area 43.1 ha
Parking: 1,152 cars
- (3) Location: 145 Chikkoyawatamachi, Sakai-ku, Sakai City, Osaka 590-0901
- (4) Access: <http://jgreen-sakai.jp/en/access/>
- (5) Other facilities include changing room, shower room, etc.

6 Competition Capacity

(1) The number of participants

240 teams (Expecting Approx. 3,600 participants)

(2) Team composition

○ Number of players

At least 12 players must be registered in a team for playing a match. Since there is no upper limit to the number of players to be registered, unlimited number of players can be registered (provided, however, that medals will be awarded to up to 25 players a team.)

○ Number of staff members (non-players, other than players) to accompany a team

Up to four staff members can enter the bench for each match

* Each team must provide an assistant referee who understands the rules of the competition. (The assistant referee may serve as a staff accompanying the team. Different assistant referees may serve in the first and second half.)

Unless a medical certificate of a hospital is submitted, if a team does not provide the assistant referee, one point will be deducted from the team for each match in which no assistant referee is provided in the first-round league matches. In the ranking tournament, the team will start with 1 point behind (0-1).

(3) Pairing

Pairings will be determined by a draw. The pairing table of the matches will be posted in April 2021 on the official website of the Games.

7 Competition Details

(1) Competition Rules

The football events will be conducted in accordance with the latest competition rules of the International Football Federation (FIFA), and as specified in this document.

(2) Technical Delegate

Ryota Otsuki, Osaka Football Association

(3) Competition format

Based on the results of the first round league matches, the final tournament or the match (for rank) will be played to determine the first to third-ranked teams by age and grade categories.

The competition schedule will be programmed such that each team will play a minimum of five matches during the competition period. Provided, however, if each of the age or the grade categories in which the number of participating teams unbalance, the original categories composition might be changed. (The age

category is incremented by 10 years instead of 5 years, the competition levels are integrated, breaking down the categories and making new categories etc.)

In addition, the ranking will be determined within the new category, and medals awarded to the top three teams within the new category.

- Each team must arrive at the designated competition field 10 minutes before the start of the match in a state in which the AD card has been issued (* refer to 16. (1) Games Check-in), to prepare for the match by removing the accessories, wearing a shin guard, etc. If a team arrives with a delay of over 10 minutes from the start time of the match, the team will be deemed to have withdrawn and will lose the match.
- The match will be played for 60 minutes (30 minutes each for the first half and second half). The half-time interval is 5 minutes in principle.
- If a match ends tied, no extra time will be played (in the qualifying round: draw, in the final tournament: by PK (3 players for each team and additional rounds of one kick each will be used until one team scores and the other misses).
- Win by default. In the case of a win by default, the score of 3-0 shall apply.
- How the ranking is determined in the first league matches
 - Teams with a larger number of points won at the end of the league matches will be ranked higher.
(Win: 3 points, Draw: 1 point, Lose: 0 point)
 - Provided, however, that if the total points are the same, the ranking will be determined as follows:
 - a. Difference in scores → b. Total scores → c. Match result between the teams → d. by a draw

(4) Regulations on substitutions

- Number of players substituted: Not restricted
- Number of substitution times: Not restricted
- Various regulations

There is no limit to the number of players substituted, and a player who has been substituted once can return to the field again.

(5) Competition field

Natural grass and artificial grass field

(6) Athlete's equipment

① Uniform

- a) When applying for participation (web registration), a player can register the 1st (main), 2nd (sub) and 3rd uniforms (shirts with sleeves, shorts socks for both FP and GK). Registration of the 1st (main) and 2nd (sub) is mandatory. The 1st (main) and 2nd (sub) uniforms must be clearly different in colours and avoid using same colour. The 3rd uniform should be

preferably in different colour from the 1st (main) and 2nd (sub) uniforms. In addition, these uniforms must be brought in each match.

- b) The player's number should be attached to the back of the shirt. It is optional whether the number is attached to the front shirt and the shorts or not.
- c) Changes in the colour of the uniform will not be allowed after the entry deadline (end of December 2020).

○ Shoes

Players must use shoes with fixed spikes or turf training shoes. Replaceable spikes and sports shoes cannot be used.

○ Others

- a) All accessories (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are prohibited and must be removed. Covering jewelry with tape is not allowed.
- b) The shin guard must be made of a suitable material and must provide appropriate protection and covered with socks.
- c) Use of glasses other than those made of plastic or similar material is prohibited.

(7) Match coordination meeting

No meeting will be held. The uniforms of both teams shall be determined by the Sakai City Organising Committee before the entry of the teams.

(8) Others

- ① There will be no fourth referee.
- Team Bench: When viewed from the competition field headquarters on the pitch
Left side: Team listed on the left (up) of the match table
Right side: Team listed on the right (down) of the match table

8 Event

(General Category)

Discipline	Grade Categories	Age Categories	
Football	A Competitive	Men:	30+,35+,40+,45+,50+,55+,60+
		Women:	30+,35+,40+,45+,50+,55+,60+
	B Recreational	Men:	30+,35+,40+,45+,50+,55+,60+
		Women:	30+,35+,40+,45+,50+,55+,60+
	C Open	Men:	65+,70+
		Women:	65+,70+

*1 Players cannot participate in multiple teams (Players are allowed to participate in one team and in one category)

*2 Participation in age categories younger than the actual age category is

allowed.

(1) Grade Category

- A: Competitive (This grade is for players who play competitive level)

It is recommended that teams with international players or players active at the prefectural (representative) level should enter in such category (Grade).

- B: Recreational (This grade is for social and casual players)
- C: Open (No grade for this category)

(2) Age / Gender Categories

- The age category is determined by the age of the youngest participant in the team. (This rule is applied to all the players such as field players and goal keepers.)

* Age Determination Day: As of 31 December 2021

Example: The age category of a team composed of one 33-year-old participant and the remaining participants with 40 years of age or older will compete in 30+ category.

- Women may join men's team.

<Caution>

The composition of the original categories may be changed depending on the number of participants.

Example 1: The age category is incremented by 10 years instead of 5 years, the competition levels A and B are integrated.

Example 2: Breaking down the categories and making new categories (Breaking down the categories)

9 Eligibility

Age requirement: Minimum age is 30 (born on or before 31 December 1991)

In line with the sport-specific rules, an athlete must compete in their designated age group, with your age determined as at 31 December 2021. For example, if you are 39 during Games time but have turned 40 by 31 December 2021, you would compete in the 40+ age category.

10 Consideration for persons with impairments who participate in the general category competition.

In this event, consideration shall be taken for participants with impairments in the general category competition. The content of consideration according to the types of impairments is the following:

■ Persons with hearing impairments

- Use of flags for judgment

Flags and the like will be used for make known the competition status.

11 Medal Ceremony

(1) Awarding of medals

The Gold, Bronze and Silver medals will be awarded to the first to third-ranked teams by age category, gender and grade categories (*the third-place play off will be played.)

In addition, the medal ceremony will be held at the Satellite Village Osaka. Details of the time etc., will be published on the website at a later date (after the game schedule is confirmed).

(2) Posting of results

- Publication on the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Official Website
- Publication at the venue

The results will be posted next to the competition reception at the competition venue.

12 Registration fee

(1) Competition participation fee (including tax and handling fee)

* Check [World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Participation Terms and Conditions](#) for detail.

- 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.)
- 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.

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14 Notes on Participation

(1) 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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(2) 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.

(3) In case of bad weather

The competition will be held in light rain. Provided, however, that when heavy rains, storm alert, or lightning strikes are likely to occur, the competition may be unavoidably suspended or cancelled and all entered participants will be notified

by e-mail and World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Official Website.

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 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 special service desks. 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 [World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Participation Terms and Conditions](#) for detail.

* The Masters Village Osaka is the venue for entry registration nearest to the football competition field (about 20 minutes by bus).

(Reference)

Masters Village Osaka

Location: 4-45-1 Ebisujimacho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City, Osaka 590-0985

Name: Portas Square

Access: Directly connected to Nankai Sakai Station (In front of Hotel Agora Regency Sakai)

(2) Sport Check-in

○ Venue Location: 145 Chikkoyawatamachi, Sakai-ku, Sakai City, Osaka 590-0901

Name: J-GREEN SAKAI (Entry registration: In front of the clubhouse)

○ How to Check-in:

- Be sure to bring the AD card received at the reception of the competition in order to register in the competition (this registration procedure can be made by one representative of a team.)
- All teams must complete the registration procedure at least 30 minutes before the start of the first match on the day on which they will play.
- * Be sure to complete the competition entry registration before reporting to the match reception desk (**note that the Games Accreditation venue is different from Sport check-in venue**).

(3) Preliminary training

- No warm-up football field is available at the J-GREEN Sakai.
- Players will not be allowed to enter the field until the prior match is finished.
- No players will be allowed to enter an unused field and the field in which a match is being played.