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Softball



- 1 Organisers:** Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai • Shiga Local Organising Committee, World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Kusatsu Local Organising Committee, World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Moriyama Local Organising Committee, World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Higashiomi Local Organising Committee, Shiga Softball Association
- 2 Co-organiser:** Japan Softball Association, Shiga Prefecture, Kusatsu City, Moriyama City, Higashiomi City
- 3 Competition Schedule:** Sunday, 23 May – Saturday, 29 May 2021
(Competition: 6 Days)

| Date | Time | Event |
|-------------------|--------------|---|
| Sunday, 23 May | 8:30 – 17:30 | Men's/Women's...Preliminary 1 st Rounds |
| Monday, 24 May | 8:30 – 17:30 | Men's/Women's...Preliminary 2 nd Round |
| Tuesday, 25 May | 8:30 – 17:30 | Men's/Women's...Final Tournaments, Medal Ceremonies |
| Wednesday, 26 May | | Extra day |
| Thursday, 27 May | 8:30 – 17:30 | Men's/Women's...Preliminary 1 st Round |
| Friday, 28 May | 8:30 – 17:30 | Men's/Women's...Preliminary 2 nd Round |
| Saturday, 29 May | 8:30 – 17:30 | Men's/Women's...Final Tournaments, Medal Ceremonies |

4 Venues

- (1) Moriyama City Sports Park, Moriyama Citizens Baseball Stadium and Softball Stadium
(94 Miyake-cho, Moriyama, Shiga 520-0051 and 335 Ishida-cho, Moriyama, Shiga 524-0014)
- (2) Higashiomi Nunobiki Sports Park (Multipurpose Ground)
(1503 Shibaharacho, Higashiomi, Shiga 527-0067)
- (3) Higashiomi Nagayama Park



(370 Kamiomoricho, Higashiomi, Shiga 527-0062)

(4) Yabase Kihan Island Park (Multipurpose Ground)
(2108 Yabasecho Kihan, Kusatsu, Shiga 525-0066)

(5) Kusatsu Green Stadium
(289-13 Shimogasacho, Kusatsu, Shiga 525-0029)

| City and Venue Name | Number of competition fields (Men) | Number of competition fields (Women) | By type | Maximum number of teams to participate | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------|
| | | | | First half | Second half |
| Moriyama City Sports Park (Sports Ground, Baseball Stadium, Softball Stadium) | | 5 | Competitive 35+ (Leather) | 8 | 8 |
| | | | Competitive 45+ (Leather) | 8 | 8 |
| | | | Recreational 35+ (Rubber) | 15 | 15 |
| Kusatsu City Yabasekihanto Park | 2 | | Recreational 35+ (Rubber) | 8 | 8 |
| Kusatsu Green Stadium | 1 | | Competitive 35+ (Leather) | 8 | 8 |
| Higashiomi City Nunobiki Sports Park | | 4 | Recreational 35+ (Leather) | 8 | 8 |
| | | | Recreational 45+ (Leather) | 8 | 8 |
| | | | Recreational 55+ (Leather) | 8 | 8 |
| Higashiomi Nagayama Park | | 3 | Recreational 45+ (Rubber) | 12 | 12 |
| | | | Recreational 55+ (Rubber) | 8 | 8 |

5 Competition Capacity

182 Teams (A team should be composed of 9 to 20 players and 1 manager (allowed to participate as a player).)

91 teams in the first half and 91 teams in the second half

6 Competition Rules and Methods

(1) Competition Rule

The events will be conducted in accordance with the official rules of the World

Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) and the Japan Softball Association.

(2) Technical Delegate

Takashi Nishimura, High Performance Division, Shiga Softball Association

(3) Competition Rules (including local rules)

The preliminary round is played as a round robin format and the playoffs are played as a knockout tournament.

- ① The length of a game shall be 80 minutes per a game. A new inning will not be played if remaining game time is less than five minutes remaining. In addition, the plate umpire of the game shall call the “declaration of the final inning” to both teams.
- ② There are fields with and without the outfield fence (boundary). In the field without the outfield fence, a special rule shall apply when the hit ball to the outfield goes beyond a certain distance. There may be special rules for each venue.
- ③ If a team is late for the start time of a game, two runs are added for each 5 minutes delay and additional two runs are added for 10 minutes delay. If a team does not come after 15 minutes from the beginning, the game will be forfeited and the opponent team will win the game. Provided, however, this shall not apply if the delay is caused by unavoidable reasons such as traffic conditions.
- ④ Use of metal cleats is prohibited.
- ⑤ In the preliminary round (1st and 2nd day), the winning team will be awarded with 2 points and 1 point awarded to each team for tie game.
- ⑥ In the playoffs, there is no tie game. If the game is still tied after 80 minutes, the winner shall be determined by lottery.
- ⑦ Each team shall bring one umpire registered as an official umpire. He/she shall be assigned as an umpire for designated games during the competition. If a team cannot register an umpire, 5,000 yen will be charged to the team. All umpires shall wear umpire clothing and will not be allowed to serve as an umpire with a team uniform or plain clothes.
- ⑧ Regarding the submission of team records, each team shall enter the result of own team game in the scoresheet and submit it to the umpire immediately after the completion of the game.
- ⑨ When a team protests, all protests shall be submitted to the local organising committee. In addition, the time spent on protests during a game shall be counted as game time.
- ⑩ Regarding equipments, the local organising committee shall provide the bases and certified balls for the competition. All other equipments (gloves, mitts, bats, helmets, catcher gear sets, practice balls, etc.) shall be prepared by the participating teams. In addition, bats and catcher gear sets shall be

checked by the umpire before the start of the game. Players are requested to use equipment in accordance with the WBSC standards.

- ⑪ Regarding uniforms, players of each team shall wear uniforms of the same colour and design with a uniform number. The same attires are applied to the manager and coaches. Hats and visors shall be of the same colour. If the colour of the uniform is similar as that of the opponent team, players shall wear bibs (provided by the local organising committee).
- ⑫ All players shall gather 10 minutes before the start of the game and have the equipment tested by the umpire (for safety checks on bats, helmets, catching tools, spikes, etc.)
- ⑬ Game schedule

| Game | Start time | | End time |
|----------------------|------------|---|----------|
| 1 st game | 8:30 | - | 9:50 |
| 2 nd game | 10:00 | - | 11:20 |
| 3 rd game | 11:30 | - | 12:50 |
| 4 th game | 13:00 | - | 14:20 |
| 5 th game | 14:30 | - | 15:50 |
| 6 th game | 16:00 | - | 17:20 |

7 Events

| Gender | Event | Grade | Age Categories |
|--------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Women | Leather ball (Fast Pitch) | A: Competitive | 35+, 45+ |
| | | B: Recreational | 35+, 45+,55+ |
| | Rubber ball (Fast Pitch) | B: Recreational | 35+, 45+, 55+ |
| Men | Leather ball (Fast Pitch) | A: Competitive | 35+ |
| | Rubber ball (Fast Pitch) | B: Recreational | 35+ |

* The following definition on the grade shall apply.

A: Competitive: Regional tournament level

(Applicable to players competing in regional competitions and playing in club teams)

B: Recreational: A level at which players enjoy the game for interest and exchange

(Applicable players who participate not for purposes of competition, but for hobby and interaction)

* Players are eligible to play either the actual age category or a younger age category.

The age of the youngest player in the team will determine the team's age category.

* If there are not enough entry teams in an age category, such age categories and grades may be integrated and implemented.

* Teams can apply for entry to both the first half competition and second half competition

8 Eligibility

Nothing in particular

9 Age Requirement

Minimum age is 35 (born on or before 31 December 1986)

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 44 during the event but will be 45 by 31 December 2021, you would compete in the 45+ age category.

10 Medal Ceremony

The Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the first, second and third-ranked teams for both first half and second half competitions by type, competition level and age category.

11 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.
None (Competition equipment will not be rented.)

12 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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13 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) Procedure for Bad Weather

Information on the decision of cancellation and others will be posted on the official website.

14 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.

15 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.

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(2) Sport Check-in

① Date and Time

1 hour before the start of each game during the event

② Venue

To be performed at each venue (headquarters).

23 – 25 May Teams participating in the first half competition

27 – 29 May Teams participating in the second half competition

③ Remarks

All teams must submit the starting line-up.

In case of withdrawal from a game, the team must report to the headquarters at least two hours before the start of the game.

(3) Medal Ceremony

① Date and Time

First half Tuesday, 25 May 2021 * After the final game

Second half Saturday, 29 May 2021 * After the final game

② Venue

At the each final tournament venue