



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



Athletics (EKIDEN)

- 1 **Organisers:** Organizing Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Wakayama Local Organizing Committee, Wakayama Athletics Association
- 2 **Co-organisers:** Japan Association of Athletics Federations, Japan Master Athletics, Japan Para Athletics
- 3 **Co-operator:** Wakayama Masters Athletics
- 4 **Competition Dates:** Saturday, 21 May – Sunday, 22 May 2022 (Competition: 1 Day)

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, 21 May	13:00 - 18:00	Registration on the day
	13:00 - 18:00	before the competition Training on the day before
Sunday, 22 May	7:00 - 8:30	Registration on the day
	9:00 start	before the competition Men's Race
	11:30 start	Women's Race
	13:30 start	Mixed Race

*Athlete's bibs, Transponders and sash (Tasuki) will be provided when athlete register for an event.

5 Venue

Tanabe Sports Park (1-23-1-1 Uenoyama, Tanabe City, Wakayama 646-0061)
<http://www.city.tanabe.lg.jp/sports/sisetu/index.html>

6 Competition Capacity

105 teams (600 runners are assumed to participate including staff.)

7 Rules and Method of Competition

(1) Competition Rules

All events will be conducted in accordance with the EKIDEN Rules of the Japan Association of Athletics Federations, or as otherwise specified in this document



(2) Technical Delegate

Yukio Seki, Technical Worksteam Member, World Athletics. Sport Technical Committee Member/Head of Technical Control, World Para Athletics. Director of International Affairs and Technical Matters, Japan Association of Athletics Federations appointed by the World Athletics.

(3) Competition Rule

- ① The EKIDEN (road relay race) will be held in a predetermined course.
- ② All runners must run in their designated sections.
- ③ When a runner becomes unable to run, that is, walks, stops or falls down, he/she must be moved to the left side end of the road by officials, team staff, etc. Thereafter, the Referee and the Official Doctor (medical staff) will determine whether he/she will be allowed to continue.
- ④ If a runner is found unable to continue in the middle of the race or he/she is ordered to stop running the race, the section of the race of the team will be invalidated in principle.
- ⑤ The relay (take over) line is shown with a white line having a width of 50mm. The sash (tasuki) must be passed by the incoming runner to the outgoing runner within a distance of 20m from the relay line in the forward direction and the sash must not be thrown from the front of the relay line.
- ⑥ The runner receiving the sash (tasuki) must stay inside the 20m takeover zone. In addition, the incoming runner who has passed the sash (tasuki) must leave the course immediately.
- ⑦ A moved-up start will be ordered by the Referee or the Chief Judge of the Official Car. In this case, the relay line will serve as the start line.

8 Event

(General Category)

(1) Event type/Section

EKIDEN (5 - 6 runners per team)

[Men]: 6 runners per team (5 km per runner)

[Women]: 5 runners per team (3 km per runner)

[Mixed]: 6 runners per team (3 km per runner)

(2) Event·Age Categories (The Orders of runners for each event are as follows.)

	1 st Runner	2 nd Runner	3 rd Runner	4 th Runner	5 th Runner	6 th Runner
Men	35+	55+	50+	45+	40+	30+
Women	35+	50+	45+	40+	30+	

Mixed	(W) 50+	(M) 60+	(M) 50+	(W) 50+	(M) 30+	(W) 30+
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*An athlete can compete in a younger category.

(3) Team composition

Team compositions for each event are as follows.

Men' team: 6 runners / Women's team: 5 runners / Mixed team: 3 men and 3 women

Each team needs to nominate a manager. Managers are eligible to participate in the events as runners.

Each team can have a maximum 2 extra runners.

9 Eligibility

Anyone over 30 years of age or older can participate.

10 Age Requirement

Minimum age is 30 (born on or before 18 May 1992)

In line with the sport-specific rules, an athlete must compete in their designated age group, with your age determined as at 18 May 2022 – the first day of Athletics competition at the Games. For example, if you turn 40 by the first day of competition, you would compete in the 40+ age category.

11 Medal Ceremony

Medals will be awarded to the first to third-ranked teams in each division.

Men's Division: First to third-ranked teams

Women's Division: First to third-ranked teams

Mixed Division: First to third-ranked teams

Section winner awards will be awarded to first to third-ranked runners in each age 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.

None

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) About clothing

All participants must wear the athlete's bibs distributed on the front and back of the uniform so as to be readily visible.

(2) Competition equipment, etc.

None

(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) Procedure for Bad Weather

The competition will be cancelled if a warning of heavy rains, storms, or lightning is issued in the completion area.

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 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

Date and Time: Saturday, 21 May 2022, 13:00 - 18:00 Registration on the day before

Sunday, 22 May 2022, 7:00 - 8:30 Reservation on the day

Venue: Tanabe Sports Park

Remarks: Distribution of athlete's bibs, Transponders (timing chips) and sash

(3) WMG2021 Kansai Social Event

- The opening ceremony will be held near the special stage provided for the purpose in the venue about 1 hour before the start of the race.
- The medal ceremony will be held at any time as soon as the award winners are gathered at the special stage provided for the purpose in the venue.