



*As of 5 April 2021: Please check the latest sports information guide for registration.

Baseball



- 1 Organisers:** Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, Kobe Local Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, Hyogo Amateur Baseball Association, Japan High School Baseball OB Club Federation
- 2 Co-organiser:** Baseball Federation of Japan
- 3 Managing Organisation:** World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Baseball Organising Committee
- 4 Competition Dates:** Saturday, 14 May – Friday, 27 May 2022 (Competition: 12 Days)

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Saturday, 14 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] • Grade B (30+, 45+) |
| Sunday, 15 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] • Grade B (30+, 45+) |
| Monday, 16 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] • Grade B (30+, 45+) |
| Tuesday, 17 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] • Grade B (30+, 45+) |
| Wednesday, 18 May | — | Preparation day |
| Thursday, 19 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Final Tournaments [Quarterfinals • Semifinals] [Event • Categories] • Grade B (30+, 45+) |
| Friday, 20 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Final Tournaments [Finals]– [Event • Categories] • Grade B (30+, 45+) |
| Saturday, 21 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] • Grade A (30+) |
| Sunday, 22 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] • Grade A (30+, 45+) |



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| Monday, 23 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] • Grade A (30+, 45+) |
| Tuesday, 24 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] • Grade A (30+, 45+) |
| Wednesday, 25 May | — | Preparation day |
| Thursday, 26 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Final Tournaments [Quarterfinals • Semifinals] [Event • Categories] • Grade A (30+, 45+) |
| Friday, 27 May | 9:00 - 17:00 | Finals Tournaments [Finals] [Event • Categories] • Grade A (30+, 45+) |
| Saturday, 28 May | - | Preparation day |

* Provided, depending on the number of registered teams and the use of the stadium, the competition dates may be changed.

5 Main Venues

- (1) The 1st stadium: Hotto Motto Field Kobe
(Midoridai, Suma-ku, Kobe, Hyogo, 654-0163)
- (2) The 2nd stadium: G7 Stadium Kobe
(5, Yasakadai, Suma-ku, Kobe, Hyogo, 654-0161)
- (3) The 3rd stadium: Ajisai Stadium Kita-Kobe
(Arinochoniro, Kita-ku, Kobe, Hyogo, 651-1311)
- (4) The 4th stadium: Miki Disaster Prevention Park
(1708, Shijimichomitsuda, Miki, Hyogo, 673-0515)

6 Competition Capacity

80 teams (A total of about 1,200 participants, that is, 15 to 50 players per team are assumed.)

* 12 - 50 players per team (a minimum of 12 players: the number including the staff)

7 Competition Details

(1) Competition Rules

The completion will be held in accordance with the competition rules of the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) and World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Regulation Baseball

(2) Technical Delegate

Katsuhito Koyama, Vice Chairman, Amateur Baseball Rules Committee, All Japan Baseball Association

(3) Competition Rule

- ① Competition format

< Round Robin Competition Round >

In four categories (Grade A “30+” “45+” and Grade B “30+” “45+”), qualifying blocks by four teams will be determined and the qualifying round played in a round robin format (each team will play three matches).

* At least 3 matches per team will be played.

<Final Tournament>

The first-ranked team of Round Robin Competition Round of the Grade A (30+) and that of the Grade B (30+) will advance to the quarterfinals.

The first-ranked and second-ranked team of Round Robin Competition Round of the Grade A (45+) and that of the Grade B (45+) will advance to the quarterfinals.

* The third-place play off will not be held (the bronze medal will be awarded to the losing teams from the semifinal matches at both venues).

* For each category, final tournament will be held with 8 teams

② Competition system

The qualifying leagues and the final leagues will be held in seven innings and the matches will become official after the end of the fourth inning.

If the match time exceeds 90 minutes after the start of the match, no new innings will be played.

8 Events

(General Category)

| Gender | Grade | Age |
|--------|---------|---------|
| Mixed | A and B | 30+,45+ |

* All teams will compete regardless of the gender.

* One player can participate only in one category.

(1) Grade of the completion (level)

① A: Premier (including players who have competed in national or international competitions)

② B: Open (players who play in regional tournaments and club tournaments)

*The grade of competition (level) is an approximate estimation for forming a team.

(2) Age categories (Applicable to all grades)

① The age of youngest registered team member determines which age category the team will compete in.

② A team may make entry into a younger age category.

③ Men's and women's teams can participate.

| Gender | Grade | Age |
|--------|---------|---------|
| Mixed | A and B | 30+,45+ |

9 Eligibility

Age requirement: 30+ :Minimum age is 30 (born on or before 31 December 1992)
45+: Minimum age is 45 (born on or before 31 December 1977)

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.

10 Staff etc.

- A maximum of 10 bench staff members (Non-playing officials) are allowed to participate, including the manager, coach/trainer, umpires, scorer, etc. (who can serve as a player.)
- It is mandatory for a team to have a manager.
- It is mandatory for a team to have at least one umpire and one scorer.
 - The umpire will serve in matches other than in those of his/her own team.
 - No qualification is required of the umpire. Provided, however, that his/her experience as an umpire will be checked at the time of entry registration.
 - The scorer will be responsible for recording scores of his/her own team.

11 Medal Ceremony

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

(*No third-place play off will be held.)

The medal ceremony will be held after the final.

→ Only the bronze medals will be awarded after the end of the semifinals in the venues.

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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At the time of application for participation, information of a team schedule (participation in the opening and closing ceremonies, etc.) will be checked in addition to the basic information on the entry.

- Each team must enter at the time of entry registration the “highest level of regulation baseball tournament participated in the past” and “requirement or not of the official record of the team's competition results and individual results.”

14 Notes on Participation

(1) Clothing

All members involved in play on the field, including the manager, coach, players and base coach must wear unified uniforms as a team. Provided, however, players who actually play on the ground must wear an identifiable back number on the upper garment of the uniform. The manager, scorer and trainer must wear the uniform when they appear on the field.

(2) Competition equipment

- ① Inspection date & time: Before each match between Saturday, 14 May and Friday, 27 May 2022.
- ② Venue for inspection: Each competition venue
- ③ Inspection items: Verification of balls and bats to be used in the match by persons in charge of the venue and the umpires in charge.
- ④ Main rules for equipment:
 - All teams and athletes must provide themselves with their own equipment and manage and maintain the equipment safely at their own risk.
 - The gloves must be those for regulation baseball as shown in the competition rules of the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC), and players must use only wooden bats specified in the rules except that female players may use aluminum bats.
 - The balls for the match will be provided by the organiser, while balls for training and warming-up must be provided by each team. All batters, runners, base coaches, and bat boys and bat girls must wear helmets with double ear flaps when entering the field.
- ⑤ Rental equipment: Helmets can be rented for the teams which apply for renting during registration process. Beside helmets, in principle, competition equipment will not be rented, and related equipment will be sold at the managers' meeting and at each venue.

(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) In case of bad weather

Decision will be taken by the organising committee of the regulation baseball completion and posted on the office website at 6:00

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.

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

(2) Sport Check-in

- ① Date and Time: Saturday, 14 May – Friday, 27 May 2022
Entry acceptance of the team representative of the first and second matches will be at 8:00 onward.
Entry acceptance of the team representative of the second and third matches will be at 11:00 onward.
- ② Check-in Venue:
- The 1st stadium: Hotto Motto Field Kobe
 - The 2nd stadium: G7 Stadium Kobe
 - The 3rd stadium: Ajisai Stadium Kita-Kobe
 - The 4th stadium: Miki Disaster Prevention Park
- ③ Others: Verification at the venue of each block by the team representative of the participating teams and the venue director of the schedule of the match, playing members and equipment.

(3) Team Managers Meeting

- ① Date and Time: ① Thursday, 12 May 2022, 16:00 – 18:00 (Grade B)
② Friday, 20 May 2022, 16:00 – 18:00 (Grade A)
- ② Venue for meeting: Hotto Motto Field Kobe
- ③ Others:
- Package distribution (completion overview, schedule, match rules, venue map, starting member table, cultural program, etc.)
 - Introduction of persons in charge of the regulation baseball matches
 - Overview of the WMG2021 Kansai Competition
 - Match schedule
 - Briefing on match rules
 - Question-and-answer session

(4) Training • Warm-up

The warm-up time zone in the stadium outfield before the start of each team in which balls and bats are used will be established. Warming-up such as running without using balls and bats around each stadium is allowed.

(5) Record

At the time of entry registration of the team, it is checked whether they want the team and individual players' result in the competition to be officially certified and will be finally confirmed at the managers' meeting. The certification of the team and individual players' results in each competition will be performed by internationally qualified scorers and the matches they will be in charge will be determined.

(6) Social event

Closing ceremony