



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

Swimming (Swimming)



- 1 Organisers:** Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, Kobe Local Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai
- 2 Co-Organisers:** Japan Swimming Federation, Japan Masters Swimming Association
- 3 Supporters:** Japanese Para-Swimming Federation
- 4 Managing Organisations:** Hyogo Swimming Federation, Kobe City Swimming Association
- 5 Competition Dates:** Wednesday 25 May, Thursday 26 May, Friday 27 May, Saturday 28 May, and Sunday 29 May 2022
* Tuesday, 24 May is official training day.
- 6 Venue**
Kobe Port Island Sports Center
(6-12-1, Minatojima Nakamachi, Chuo-ku, Kobe, Hyogo 650-0046)
- 7 Competition method**
 - (1) The competition will be held in accordance with the FINA (International Swimming Federation) MASTERS RULES (2018-2021) and the WPS (World Para Swimming Federation) rules.
 - (2) Heats will be decided as follows.
 - ① Athletes for the races up to 100 m will be grouped in the ascending order of the time entered by age category.
 - ② Athletes for the races of 200 m or longer will be grouped in the ascending order of the time entered.
 - ③ Physically-handicapped athletes and visually handicapped athletes will be grouped into multi-class.
 - (3) If we have a large number of participants, both sides of the pool will be used for individual starts. All starts in relay events will be from the one side.



8 Event

(General Category)

Event		Distances
Individual	Freestyle	50 m, 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800m
	Backstroke	50 m, 100 m, 200 m
	Breaststroke	50 m, 100 m, 200 m
	Butterfly	50 m, 100 m, 200 m
	Individual Medley	200 m
Relay	Freestyle	4×50 m
	Medley	4×50 m

(Para-Category)

Event		Distances
Individual	Freestyle	50 m, 100 m, 200 m, 400 m
	Backstroke	50 m, 100 m, 200 m
	Breaststroke	50 m, 100 m, 200 m
	Butterfly	50 m, 100 m, 200 m
	Individual Medley	150 m (WPS rule) 200 m

*Individual events (Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Individual Medley) include para-sport categories.

*The events in which physically-handicapped athletes, visually handicapped athletes and intellectually handicapped athletes among athletes with impairments can participate will be determined separately.

9. Schedule

Day 1 25 May (Wed) 9:00 - 17:00

- No.1 Women's 100 m Butterfly
- No.2 Men's 100 m Butterfly
- No.3 Women's 50 m Backstroke
- No.4 Men's 50 m Backstroke
- No.5 Women's 4× 50 m Medley Relay
- No.6 Men's 4× 50 m Medley Relay
- No.7 Women's 200 m Freestyle
- No.8 Men's 200 m Freestyle

Day 2 26 May (Thu) 9:00 - 17:00

- No. 9 Women's 100 m Backstroke
- No.10 Men's 100 m Backstroke
- No.11 Women's 800 m Freestyle
- No.12 Men's 800 m Freestyle
- No.13 Women's 50 m Butterfly
- No.14 Men's 50 m Butterfly
- No.15 Mixed 4× 50 m Freestyle Relay
- No.16 Women's 200 m Breaststroke
- No.17 Men's 200 m Breaststroke

Day 3 27 May (Fri) 9:00 - 17:00

- No.18 Women's 200 m Individual Medley
- No.19 Men's 200 m Individual Medley
- No.20 Women's 400 m Freestyle
- No.21 Men's 400 m Freestyle
- No.22 Women's 150 m Individual Medley
(WPS rule)
- No.23 Men's 150 m Individual Medley
(WPS rule)

Day 4 28 May (Sat) 9:00 - 17:00

- No.24 Women's 100 m Freestyle
- No.25 Men's 100 m Freestyle
- No.26 Women's 50 m Breaststroke
- No.27 Men's 50 m Breaststroke
- No.28 Mixed 4 × 50 m Medley Relay
- No.29 Women's 200 m Backstroke
- No.30 Men's 200 m Backstroke

Day 5 29 May (Sun) 9:00 - 17:00

- No.31 Women's 100 m Breaststroke
- No.32 Men's 100 m Breaststroke
- No.33 Women's 50 m Freestyle
- No.34 Men's 50 m Freestyle
- No.35 Women's 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay
- No.36 Men's 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay
- No.37 Women's 200 m Butterfly
- No.38 Men's 200 m Butterfly

10. Competition Capacity

Approx. 2,500 participants (Actual number)

11 Eligibility

- (1) Swimmers who are healthy and training regularly and also agree to abide by the motto of Master's swimming. Swimmers who understand and agree with the contents of this document.

- (2) Japanese nationals with impairments who wish to participate must register with the Japanese Para Swimming Federation before applying for participation.
- (3) Overseas nationals with impairments who wish to participate must complete one of the following registrations before applying for participation, and attach a copy of PDF file of the relevant documents when applying for participation (only for the documents written in English) and bring original document on the day of competition.
 - ① Player registration for World Para Swimming
 - ② Persons with physical impairments must register with the National Federation of own country
 - ③ Persons with intellectual impairments must register with INAS

12 Validation of Race Record

- (1) To be recognised your record by the Japan Masters Swimming Association as a new national record (Japanese only) or applying a new world record, an athlete needs to register as a masters in their country. (No description of the certifying organisation)

Records will not recognised by WPS.

- (2) To be recognised your record by Japanese Para-Swimming Federation etc., an athlete needs to register for each federation respectively.

13 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

- **Consideration for providing information on a bulletin board.**
The competition status shall be broadcast and displayed on the bulletin board.
- **Start signal with other means than voice**
Provide a start signal with light.
- **Accompaniment of a person to help an athlete with impairments**
Take care to provide a helper to accompany an athlete with impairments to the competition area.

14 Age Categories

The age as of 31 December 2022 shall apply.

- (1) Individual events

Division	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
age	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 to 49	50 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64	65 to 69	70 to 74	75 to 79	80 to 84	85 to 89	90 to 94	95 to 99	100 to 104

(2) Relay events type (total age of the four swimmers)

Division	100	120	160	200	240	280	320	360
age	100 to 119	120 to 159	160 to 199	200 to 239	240 to 279	280 to 319	320 to 359	360 to 399

15 Technical Delegate

Kazuhiro Oki, Vice Chairman and Director of the Hyogo Swimming Federation

16 Medal Ceremony

- (1) A participation medal will be awarded.
- (2) An official record certificate will be awarded for a certified record (An ID card will be issued on the competition date).
- (3) The first to third-ranked athletes by age group, by event for individual and by event for relay will be awarded at a medal ceremony.

<Medal Ceremony>

Awards will be presented to the first to third-ranked athletes around 30 minutes after the end of each event.

- (4) The certificate of the establishment of a new Japanese record in the 2022 Masters Swimming Competition will be awarded at the medal ceremony to an individual competitor or a relay team that broke the Japanese record.
- (5) The certificate of the establishment of a new world record in the FINA recognized Masters Swimming Competition will be awarded at the medal ceremony to an individual competitor or a relay team that broke the world record.
- (6) Medals will be awarded at the medal ceremony to the first to third-ranked to physically handicapped athletes and visually handicapped athletes based on the WPS multi-point system*¹ by age category. Medals will be awarded at the medal ceremony to the first to third-ranked intellectually handicapped athletes. In each case minus one rule shall be applied.*²

*¹ What is the WPS multi-point system?

...A system that gives points according to the degree and time of impairment. Ranking is enabled even when the degree of impairment is mixed within the

same event.

*2 What is the minus one rule?

...When the number of entries is three, medals will be awarded to the first and second ranked athletes by age category.

When the number of entries is two, a medal will be awarded to the first ranked athlete alone by age category.

17 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.)

*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.)

18 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.

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

detail.

19 Notes on Participation

(1) Clothing

FINA approved swimwear

(2) Restrictions

① Individual events

A maximum of two events for an athlete per day.

* Note: Relay events do not count towards this total.

② Relay events type

- A relay team must be composed of athletes who have applied for one or more individual events in the present competition.
- An athlete cannot participate in the same relay event from a plurality of age categories.

③ Invalidation of a race record

In the case where there is a significant difference from the entry time, such athlete will not be included in the ranking and will not be awarded.

(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

The competition will be held if the public transportation is operating normally.

20 Health management conditions

- (1) Athletes must control their own health at their own risk and responsibility in order not to interfere with competition management.
- (2) If an athlete is advised to withdraw from the competition during the competition period, he/she must follow the instructions.

21 Declaration

- (1) All competitors must declare their time when entering the competition.
- (2) When any of the following is applicable to competitors, they must fill out the designated declaration form when entering the competition.
 - ① Persons with impairments must provide a document which indicates the impairment class and special matters related to the impairment, and the registration number with an impairment association, such as an international or national para swimmers federation, etc. In the case where it is not possible to identify the class, those persons may be asked to submit a medical certificate.
 - ② Persons with impairments who are not allowed to participate due to the special matters in the item ① after a call and who are required to be accompanied by an assistant to participate in the competition.
- (3) Persons to which the following items are applicable must fill out declaration in the designated form at the information desk on the day of competition.
 - ① An athlete or team aiming to break the world record (including the first swimmer in a relay event)
 - ② A team in which the second or subsequent swimmers will start in the water in a relay event.

22 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.

23 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 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.

(2) Sport Check-in

① Date and Time:

Tuesday, 24 May - Sunday, 29 May 2022, 8:00-17:00

② Venue: To be determined

(3) Official training

① Training date:

Tuesday, 24 May 2022, 10:00-17:00

* Practice with official race starters between 11:00-11:30 & 15:30-16:00

② Training venue:

Kobe Port Island Sports Center

(4) Party

Parties for the purposes of goodwill, friendship and exchange among participants will be held in which they can participate freely. The details will be posted on the website of the organiser.

Social Party

Farewell Party