

World Masters Games 2021

Kansai, Japan

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JAPAN**



Invitations

Welcome to Japan !

To everyone who loves orienteering around the world, we welcome all of you who participate in the World Masters Games in Japan during the early summer of 2022.

Japan is an island country surrounded by sea. However, there are also many mountains and hills, and the land is rich in nature. By running through with a map and compass, you can enjoy and get to know the nature of Japan.

There are mountains and seas in Hyogo Prefecture, the venue for Sprint Races, which will be held on a hill at the foot of Mt. Rokko overlooking the sea, as well as on an artificial island. On the other hand, Tajima, where Forest Races are to be held, is a hilly area, rich in nature and undulating hills.

Japan is one of the countries with the highest life expectancy in the world. We look forward to seeing orienteering friends of all ages from 35 years onwards competing to with each other. Please enjoy and compete together in the early summer of 2022.

Tetsuro Yamanishi
Honorary Chairperson, Japan Orienteering Association



1 Information about the Organizer

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KANSAI JAPAN

The Kansai region is located in the centre of the Japanese islands, and is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, the Seto Inland Sea, and the Sea of Japan.

KOBE

Kobe, a city surrounded by mountains and the sea, has fused Japanese and Western culture into a unique Kobe culture, since the opening of Kobe Port 150 years ago. Special features include Mt. Rokko, Arima-Onsen which is one of the Japan's oldest hot springs, a waterfront, and Japanese sake breweries supported by high-quality water. Also, gourmet foods such as Kobe beef and Kobe sweets are waiting for your arrival.

TAJIMA

The Tajima region, where the Forest events of WMG 2021 are located, is an area full of natural features such as mountains, rivers, waterfalls and the Sea of Japan. After your race, you can rejuvenate yourself at the hot springs and enjoy local food, which consists of seafood, Tajima beef, rice and vegetables cultivated in an environmentally friendly way.

3 Event Centre

The Event Centres will be in Kobe City for the sprint competition and Yabu City for the Forest competition. EC Kobe is easily accessible by public transport and EC Yabu is accessible by shuttle bus and car.

EC Kobe : 20-24 May, “ Duo Kobe ”, Kobe City
<https://goo.gl/maps/fa89oLKbx2R2>
 GPS: 34.6795193, 135.175756

EC Yabu : 23-29 May, Michinoeki (roadside station) “Yoka-Tajima-no-kura”, Yabu City
<https://goo.gl/maps/4tBbsKqxyicNm4ak7>
 GPS: 35.3939964, 134.7402991

4 Programme

Date	Activity	Notes
Fri. 13 May 2022	WMG Accreditation starts ^{*1}	
	WMG Opening Ceremony	Kyoto City
Thu. 19 May 2022	EC Kobe opens ^{*1}	Kobe City
Fri. 20 May 2022	Sprint model events	Kobe City
Sat. 21 May 2022	Sprint Qualification	Kobe City
Sun. 22 May 2022	Sprint Final and medal ceremony	Kobe City
Mon. 23 May 2022	Move to forest area	
	EC Yabu opens ^{*1}	Yabu City Hyogo
Tue. 24 May 2022	Model event – Forest Qualification and Middle Distance Final ^{*2}	Hachikita Kogen, Kami Town Hyogo
Wed. 25 May 2022	Forest Qualification	Sugigasawa Kogen, Yabu City Hyogo
Thu. 26 May 2022	Middle Distance Final and medal ceremony	Uwano Kogen, Kami Town Hyogo
Fri. 27 May 2022	Rest day, Model event – Long Distance Final	Hachi Kogen, Yabu City Hyogo
Sat. 28 May 2022	Long Distance Final and medal ceremony	Mineyama Kogen, Kamikawa Town Hyogo
Sun. 29 May 2022	WMG Closing Ceremony	Osaka City

^{*1} All participants must complete the accreditation process and check-in at the competition venue before participating (competing or getting involved) in a competition.
 For details, please check the website.

https://wmg2021.jp/upload_file/20200717155508630515805.pdf

^{*2} Forest model event terrain is open from 24 to 27 May.

The WMG Sprint competition consists of a Qualification Race and a Final race. The WMG Forest competition consists of a Qualification Race, a Middle Distance Final Race and a Long Distance Final race. Qualifiers for each Final will be determined in accordance with IOF Competition Rules. Details will be published in Bulletin 2 and on <https://wmg2021-orienteeing.jp/en/>

Winning times according to IOF Competition Rules:

Class	SQ and SF	FQ	MF	LF	Class	SQ and SF	FQ	MF	LF	Year of Birth
M35	12-15	50	30-35	70	W35	12-15	40	30-35	55	-1987
M40	12-15	50	30-35	65	W40	12-15	40	30-35	50	-1982
M45	12-15	45	25-30	60	W45	12-15	35	25-30	45	-1977
M50	12-15	45	25-30	55	W50	12-15	35	25-30	45	-1972
M55	12-15	40	25-30	50	W55	12-15	35	25-30	45	-1967
M60	12-15	40	25-30	50	W60	12-15	35	25-30	45	-1962
M65	12-15	40	25-30	50	W65	12-15	35	25-30	45	-1957
M70	12-15	40	25-30	50	W70	12-15	35	25-30	45	-1952
M75	12-15	40	25-30	50	W75	12-15	35	25-30	45	-1947
M80	12-15	40	25-30	50	W80	12-15	35	25-30	45	-1942
M85	12-15	40	25-30	50	W85	12-15	35	25-30	45	-1937
M90	12-15	40	25-30	50	W90	12-15	35	25-30	45	-1932

Legend:

SQ = Sprint Qualification, winning time in minutes

SF = Sprint Final, winning time in minutes

FQ = Forest Qualification, winning time in minutes

MF = Middle Final, winning time in minutes

LF = Long Final, winning time in minutes

Year of Birth = In order to participate, the athlete must be born in the year indicated or earlier.

Classes for older orienteers will be offered if there are entrants for these classes.

Medals: Will be awarded to the competitors finishing in the top three in each A class final.

Sprint Qualification

TBD

Sprint Final : Port Island, Kobe City



Map: ISSprOM 2019 standard, scale 1:4000 or 1:3000, contour interval 2 m. Mapped 2021

Port Island, where the Sprint Final Race will be held, was completed in 1981 as the world's largest artificial island at that time. The island includes a wharf port facility, international exchange facilities, commercial and business facilities, educational facilities and residential apartments.

Terrain consists of office blocks and an adjacent urban park. The area is flat because of how it was made, but there are some multilevel structures and a pedestrian bridge that crosses the main road.

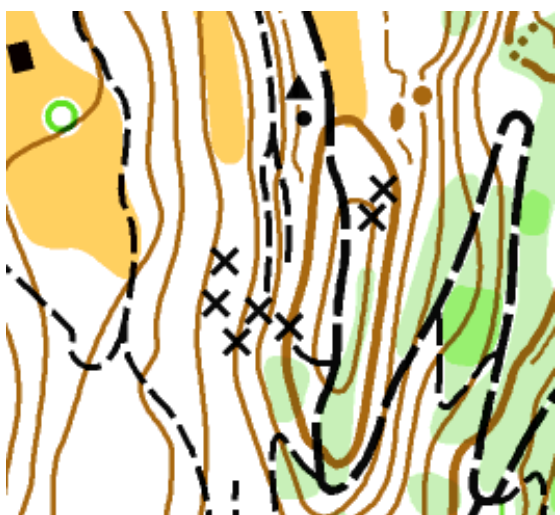
Forest Qualification : Sugigasawa Kogen, Yabu City



Map: ISOM 2017 standard, scale 1:10000 and 1:7500, contour interval 5 m. Mapped 2021

The Forest Qualification Races will take place on the extensive Sugigasawa Kogen (plateau). This is situated between 750 and 850 metres above sea level. It consists of coniferous and broad-leaved forests, grasslands with some marsh, and extensive cultivated land. The flatter parts of the forest have good visibility and runnability with gentle undulations. However, there are fewer features than in the steeper areas. The grassland of "susuki" (Japanese pampas grass) is cut early in the spring and becomes runnable rough open land. In the cultivated land, which is out of bounds to orienteers, the famous radish, "Todoroki-daikon," is grown.

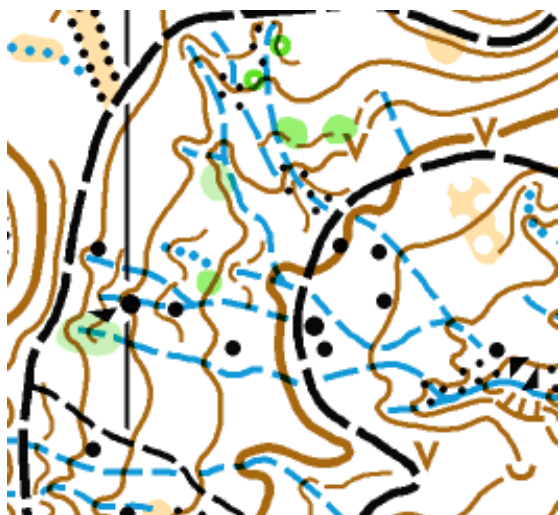
Middle Distance Final : Uwano Kogen, Kami Town



Map: ISOM 2017 standard, scale 1:10000 and 1:7500 contour interval 5 m. Remapped 2021

The Middle Distance Final will be held on the slopes of the Uwano Kogen which lies between 500m and 700m above sea level. The venue, the Uwano Highland Educational Centre, is busy with students throughout the year as it is surrounded by a rich natural learning environment. The terrain consists of broad-leaved natural forest and coniferous trees with a network of trails and forest roads. Visibility and runnability are mostly good, but in parts visibility is reduced once leaves appear on the trees. In the terrain, there is a Museum for Wood Culture, large grass fields, field athletic facilities and a campsite.

Long Distance Final : Mineyama Kogen, Kamikawa Town



Map: ISOM 2017 standard, scale 1:10000 and 1:7500, contour interval 5 m. Remapped 2021

The Mineyama Kogen is a large plateau in the shape of a basin that is located 900m above sea level and is surrounded by mountains for around 1,000-1,100 m.

In the broad-leaved forest zone of oak, there is fine detail including small water courses with marshes and scattered rocky areas. Runnability and visibility are good in most places as much undergrowth and low lying trees have been cleared by deer. A ski area opened in 2017 in the south part of the terrain.

7 Embargoed Areas and Old Maps

Embargoed areas and old maps are shown on the website:

<https://wmg2021-orienteeing.jp/en/basic/>

8 Punching System

The SPORTident punching system will be used. Touch free mode (Air+) will be activated in addition to classic SPORTident punching. Both classical SI- cards and SIAC cards can be used. These SI cards can be rented from the organizers.

	During entry process	Without registration	
	JPY / whole week	JPY / whole week	JPY / race
SIAC	2,000	3,000	700
Classical SI card	1,000	1,500	300

Please see the details on the website and make a registration.

<https://wmg2021-orienteeing.jp/en/>

9 Athlete Registration, Entries and Payment

Registration, including entries for all WMG 2021 events, can be done only via the WMG 2021 website <https://wmg2021.jp/en/games/entry.html>

Registration for WMG 2021 commenced on 13 May 2021 and will close on 28 February 2022.
= Those who register by this date can participate in up to five disciplines of the WMG competition.

Registration for WMG 2021 to only participate in orienteering disciplines is possible until 10 April 2022.

Entries become valid only after payment of the entry fee.

Payment of entry fees (including tax and handling fee) is based on Japanese yen (JPY).

10 Entry Fees

Category of participants		Fee (JPY)	Notes
Residents in foreign countries ^{*2}	Athletes ^{*1}	24,000	Compulsory, including transport pass ^{*3}
	Non-Playing Officials	14,000	Compulsory, including transport pass ^{*3}
	Supporters	14,000	Compulsory, including transport pass ^{*3}
Residents in Japan	Athletes ^{*1}	15,000	
	Non-Playing Officials	5,000	
	Supporters	5,000	

^{*1} Entrants are allowed to participate in up to five disciplines of the WMG competition.

^{*2} WMG fee includes transportation charges for competition and transport passes for sightseeing within the Kansai area.

^{*3} For details on the transport pass, please check the website.

<https://wmg2021.jp/en/games/trafficguide.html>

“Original KANSAI ONE PASS” can be used on transportation for Sprint Events.

Please be careful about the usage period when using the “Original JR Kansai Wide Area Pass”

No WMG fee for children under 12 years old.

- Public transportation charges are based on each transportation. Usually, children aged 6-12 years old are charged, and children under 6 years old can travel for free.

11 Cancellation

Before 28 February 2022: WMG 2021 will refund the balance after a handling charge (5% of paid entry fee) has been deducted.

After 1 March 2022: No refund

12 Transport and Parking

For the Sprint Qualification and Final there will be no organized transport. Competitors are advised to use Kobe public transport to get there. Both Sprint Qualification and Final venues are easily and conveniently accessible by public transport. There will be no designated parking areas for Sprint competitions.

From Kobe to Tajima area, where the Forest competitions will be held, you can use the railway or a direct bus. The direct bus is free of charge.

For the Forest competitions area, there will be shuttle buses connecting the event centre, Railway stations, competition venues, and the main accommodation centres. A limited number of parking spaces will be available for Forest Races.

For further information will be available on <https://wmg2021-orienteeing.jp/en/> or contact info@wmg2021-orienteeing.jp

13 Clothing

Competitors can make their own choice of clothing and footwear. However, spiked shoes are not allowed for Sprint model, the Sprint Qualification and Sprint Final.

14 Child Care and Luggage Store

There is no childcare service, but a space for childcare is available. There will be a luggage storage service available.

15 Climate

In Japan, the rainy season lasts for about a month from the beginning of June in many regions. The event is held in the pleasant season before that. Average temperature and rainfall for the last ten days in May over the past 8 years is 21.3 degrees Celsius (highest 25.2 / lowest 18.1) and 53.2 mm in Kobe. Those in Toyooka in Tajima are 19.3 degrees Celsius (highest 25.7 / lowest 14.4) and 55.1 mm, respectively.

16 Antidoping

The Games are subject to doping control based on the [World Anti-Doping Rules](#) and the [International Masters Games Association Rules](#), and the anti-doping activities.

17 Visas

For information about visa requirements to visit Japan, please check the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan: https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/

18 Insurance

Athletes participate in the WMG at their own risk. Travel insurance is recommended.

19 Travel to Kobe

Kansai International Airport is known as the gateway to Japan from overseas and is connected by direct flights from 30 countries. Kobe, located on the north side of Osaka Bay, is very accessible, with a limousine bus about 60 minutes from Kansai International Airport, and also from Tokyo, 2 hours 40 minutes by Shinkansen.

20 Accommodation

Kobe and the surrounding areas offer a wide variety of accommodation types, including high grade 5-star hotels, budget hotels, B&Bs, Japanese inns, and guest houses.

For the Forest events, the host areas Yabu City, Kami Town and Kamikawa Town offer accommodations. In addition, accommodations in Toyooka City and neighbouring towns are also available. They have a wide range of accommodations including luxury hotels, B & Bs, Japanese inns, guest houses, cottages, campsites, and hard floors with “tatami” mats. In this area you can enjoy traditional Japanese hospitality such as hot springs and local natural foods.

For further information, follow the accommodation links on

<https://wmg2021.jp/en/accommodation/index.html> or <https://wmg2021-orienteering.jp/en/>

21 Food

Japanese cuisine is varied, including vegetables, meat, and seafood. You can enjoy various cooking styles such as Japanese, Western, and Chinese. There are many dishes that use a lot of vegetables, so it is said to be good for your health.

“Washoku” was designated as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2013.

22 Training Opportunities

6-7 November 2021	Pre WMG 2-days event (Middle distance at Kami Town and Long distance at Kamikawa Town, Hyogo)
28 November 2021	Pre WMG Sprint event (Kobe City)
16-17 May 2022	Training event (Fuji City, Shizuoka)

Details of these events will be found on the WMG 2021 website,

<https://wmg2021-orienteering.jp/en/>

Entry is separate from WMG 2021.

Further training opportunities will be also posted on the websites.

23 Public Races

Public races will be offered during WMG. Further details will be provided on the website.

24 COVID-19

Follow the policy of the Organizing Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai for COVID-19.