



Football



- 1 **Organisers:** Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Sakai Local Organising Committee
- 2 **Co-Organiser:** Japan Football Association
- 3 **Managing Organisations:** Osaka Football Association
- 4 **Dates:** Monday, 17th May – Friday, 28th May 2027 (Competition duration: 10 Days)

Date	Time	Event
Monday, 17 th May	9:00 - 17:00	50+, 60+, 70+ (all categories, Men / Women)
Tuesday, 18 th May	9:00 - 17:00	
Wednesday, 19 th May	9:00 - 17:00	
Thursday, 20 th May	9:00 - 17:00	
Friday, 21 st May	9:00 - 17:00	
Saturday, 22 nd May Sunday, 23 rd May	—	Rest days (No competition. No official practice)
Monday, 24 th May	9:00 - 17:00	30+, 40+ (Categories A and B, Men / Women)
Tuesday, 25 th May	9:00 - 17:00	
Wednesday, 26 th May	9:00 - 17:00	
Thursday, 27 th May	9:00 - 17:00	
Friday, 28 th May	9:00 - 17:00	

*Depending on the number of applicants, the contents may be changed.

5 Venue

- (1) Venue: J-GREEN SAKAI (Sakai City Soccer National Training Center)
- (2) Overview of the facility: Opened on 1st April 2010
Site area: 43.1 ha
Parking: 1,152 cars
- (3) Location: 145 Chikkoyawata-machi, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka 590-0901
- (4) Access: Refer to the J-GREEN SAKAI website (<http://jgreen-sakai.jp/en/access/>)
- (5) Other facilities include changing rooms, shower rooms, etc.

6 Event



Sport	Grade Category	Age Category
Football	A Competitive	Men: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+,70+ Women: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+,70+
	B Recreational	Men: 30+, 40+, 50+ Women: 30+, 40+, 50+
	C Open	Men: 60+,70+ Women: 60+,70+

*Players cannot participate in multiple teams (Players are allowed to participate in one team and in one category)

(1) Grade Category

- A: Competitive (This grade is for players who play at a competitive level)

It is recommended that teams with international players or players active at the prefectural (representative) level should enter in this grade category .

- B: Recreational (This grade is for social and casual players)
- C: Open (For all social and casual players)

(2) Age / Gender Category

- The age category is determined by the age of the youngest participant in the team. (This rule is applied to all the players regardless of field players and goalkeepers.)

* Age Determination Day: As of 31st December 2027

Example: The age category of a team composed of one 33-year-old participant and the remaining participants aged 40 or older will compete in the 30+ category.

- Women may join men's team.

<Caution>

The composition of the original categories may be changed depending on the number of participants.

Example: Integrate the age categories or grade categories.

7 Eligibility

Age requirement: Minimum age is 30 (born on or before 31st December 1997)

8 Capacity

(1) The number of participants

240 teams (Expecting approx. 3,600 participants)

(2) Team composition

- Number of players:

At least 12 players must be registered in a team for playing a match. No upper

limit to the number of players to be registered. (however the number of medals awarded is up to 25 players per team.)

○ Number of staff members (non-players) to accompany a team:

Up to four can enter the bench for each match (limited to those who have registered as a non-playing official or supporter.)

*Each team must provide an assistant referee who understands the rules of the competition. (A staff member accompanying the team may serve as an assistant referee. Different assistant referees may serve in the first and second half.) If a team does not provide an assistant referee, the team will start with 1 point behind (0-1).

*For Category B and C matches, one referee shall be selected from the preceding or following playing teams (selected by the Sakai City Organising Committee after the draw). Substitution during the match is permitted. Failure to provide a referee shall result in a deduction of two points from the team's total.

(3) Pairing

Pairings will be determined by a draw conducted by the Sakai City Organising Committee. The pairing table of the matches will be posted around April 2027 on the official website of the Games.

9 Competition Rules and Methods

(1) Competition Rules

The football events will be conducted in accordance with the latest competition rules of the International Football Federation (FIFA), and as specified in this document. In addition, sliding tackles and shoulder charges are prohibited in the B (Recreational) and C (Open) grade categories.

(2) Technical Delegate

Ryota Otsuki, Osaka Football Association

(3) Competition format

The competition format will be decided based on the number of participating teams in each age and grade category. Each age and grade category will play to determine the first to third places.

The competition schedule will be programmed such that each team will play a maximum of two matches a day and a minimum of five matches during the competition period. However, this may not be guaranteed in cases of wins by default. If each of the age or the grade category in which the number of participating teams is imbalanced, the original category composition might be changed. (The age and grade categories may be integrated or broken down to new categories)

In addition, the ranking will be determined within the new categories, and medals will be awarded to the top three teams within the new categories.

- Each team must arrive at the designated competition field at least 10 minutes before the start of the match in a state in which the AD card has been issued (* refer to 16. (1) Game Accreditation), to complete the Field Check-in and prepare for the match by removing the accessories, wearing a shin guard, etc. If a team arrives with a delay of over 10 minutes from the start time of the match, the team will be deemed to have withdrawn and will lose the match.
- The match will be played for 60 minutes (30 minutes each for the first and second half). The half-time interval is 5 minutes in principle.
- If a match ends tied, no extra time will be played (in the league matches: draw, in the tournament matches: by PK (3 players for each team and additional rounds of one kick each will be used until one team scores and the other misses).
- In the case of a win and lose by default, the score of 3-0 shall apply.
- How the ranking is determined in the league matches
 - Teams with a larger number of points won at the end of the league matches will be ranked higher.
(Win: 3 points, Draw: 1 point, Lose: 0 point)
 - Provided, however, that if the total points are the same, the ranking will be determined as follows:
 - a. Difference in scores → b. Total scores → c. Match result between the teams → d. by a draw

(4) Regulations on substitutions

- Number of players substituted: Not restricted
- Number of substitution times: Not restricted
- Various regulations:

There is no limit to the number of players substituted, and a player who has been substituted once can return to the field again.

(5) Competition field

Natural grass and artificial grass fields

(6) Athlete's equipment

① Uniform

- a) When applying (web registration), a player can register the 1st (main), 2nd (sub) and 3rd uniforms (shirts with sleeves, shorts and socks for both FPs and GK). Registration of the 1st (main) is mandatory. If the 2nd and 3rd uniform are registered, each shirt should be preferably in a different colour to the 1st (main) uniform.
- b) The player's number should be attached to the back of the shirt. It is optional whether the number is attached to the front of the shirt and the

shorts or not.

- c) Changes in the colour of the uniform will not be allowed after the end of December 2026. If the entry is made in and after January 2027, changes in the colour of the uniform will not be allowed in principle after the entry.

○ Shoes

Players must use shoes with fixed spikes or turf training shoes. Replaceable spikes and sports shoes cannot be used.

○ Others

- a) All accessories (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are prohibited and must be removed. Covering these accessories with tape is not allowed.
- b) The shin guard must be made of a suitable material and must provide appropriate protection and covered with socks.
- c) Use of glasses other than those made of plastic or similar material is prohibited.

(7) Match coordination meeting

No meeting will be held. The uniforms of both teams shall be determined by the Sakai City Organising Committee before the check-in of the teams.

(8) Others

① There will be no fourth referee.

○ Team Bench: When viewed from the competition field headquarters to the pitch

Left side: Team listed on the left (up) of the match table

Right side: Team listed on the right (down) of the match table

10 Consideration for persons with impairments who participate.

In this sport, consideration shall be taken for participants with impairments. The content of consideration according to the types of impairments is the following:

Persons with hearing impairments

- Use of flags for judgment

Flags and the like will be used for making the competition status known.

11 Medal Ceremony

(1) Awarding of medals

The Gold, Bronze and Silver medals will be awarded to the first to third-ranked teams by age, gender and grade categories (*the third-place playoff will be held.) The medal ceremony will be held at the Master's Village Osaka or the competition venue. Details of the time etc., will be published on the website at a later date (after the game schedule is confirmed).

(2) Posting of results

- Publication on the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Official Website
- Publication at the venue

The results will be posted next to the competition reception at the competition venue.

12 Registration Fee

(1) Competition participation fee (including tax and handling fee)

* Check [World Masters Games 2027 Kansai Participation Terms and Conditions](#) for detail.

- Competition participants (Basic fee: allowed to participate in 5 types of events across all sports)
 - a) Overseas participants: 34,000 yen/person
 - b) Domestic participants: 15,000 yen/person
- Official/Coach, Helper, Partner (Basic fee)
 - a) Overseas participants: 20,000 yen/person
 - b) Domestic participants: 5,000 yen/person

*When a helper (a person who assists a para athlete in a competition) participates in the competition to provide support, he/she is not required to apply for participation and is not required to pay a registration fee (provided, however, that the helper must apply for participation as a competition official when he/she requires a participant's kit, etc.).

(2) Additional charges (extra fee)

None

(3) Rental fee for competition equipment, etc.

None (Competition equipment will not be rented.)

13 How to Apply for Participation

Application is made through the [entry system on the official website dedicated to the application for the entry to the competition](#) via PC or smartphone.

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14 Notes on Participation

(1) Insurance

The Organisers will take out accident insurance; however, the coverage is limited to injuries sustained by Athletes and Non-playing Officials during competition at the competition venue. The insurance coverage has a compensation limit and does not cover all risks to participants during the Games. Therefore, participants of the Games are advised to take out insurance against diseases and accidents (accident insurance, travel insurance, medical insurance, etc.).

(2) Doping Control

- Doping control in accordance with the [World Anti-Doping Code](#) and [the rules of the International Masters Games Association](#) shall apply to this competition.
- Anti-doping activities (doping inspections and anti-doping education activities) shall be conducted in accordance with [the rules of the International Masters Games Association](#).
- 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](#) for more details.
- This competition, in cooperation with the Japan Anti-Doping Agency, 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.

(3) In case of bad weather

The competition will be held in light rain. Provided, however, that when heavy rains, storm alert, or lightning strikes are likely to occur, the competition may be unavoidably suspended or cancelled and all entered participants will be notified by e-mail and World Masters Games 2027 Kansai Official Website.

15 Application for Accommodation and Transportation

(1) Accommodation

Refer to the Accommodation Information Page on the [World Masters Games 2027 Kansai Official Website](#) for information on accommodation.

(2) Transportation

Refer to the Transportation Information Page on the [World Masters Game 2027 Kansai Official Website](#) for transportation information including access to the venue.

16 Others

All participants must complete the accreditation process, sport check-in and field check-in at the competition venue before participating (competing or getting involved) in a competition.

(1) Games Accreditation

Accreditation services shall be provided at in the manner prescribed by the organisers. For details regarding however, the registration period, times, and other matters, please check [the World Masters Games 2027 Kansai Participation Terms and Conditions](#).

(2) Sport Check-in

○ Venue Location: 145 Chikkoyawata-machi, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka 590-0901

Name: J-GREEN SAKAI (1st floor of the club house <planned>)

○ How to Check-in:

- All teams must complete the registration procedure at least 30 minutes before the start of the first match on the day on which they will play and receive the member list form (this procedure can be made by one representative of a team.)

*Be sure to complete the Games Accreditation process before the Sport check-in. **(note that the Games Accreditation venue is different from Sport check-in venue).**

(3) Field Check-in

- All members must show at the field entrance the AD card received at the Games Accreditation to complete the Field Check-in 10 minutes before the start of each match (this procedure must be made by each participant not by a representative). Also a member list must be filled out and handed in per team. Each participant may be requested for identification at the field entrance.

(4) Warming up

- No warm-up football field is available at the J-GREEN Sakai.
- Players will not be allowed to enter the field until the prior match is finished.
- No players will be allowed to enter an unused field and the field in which a match is being played.
- When the prior match is finished, and after completing the Field Check-in, players are allowed to enter the field for warming up.