



World Masters Orienteering Championships

WMOC 2027

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Organisers

Japan Orienteering Association (JOA)

Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2027 Kansai



Welcome all Orienteers!

Early summer is a refreshing season in Hyogo.

Come and enjoy the scenery, culture, food, and sport!

World Masters Games 2027 Kansai



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Sufula
~Sport for Life~

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Invitation

Welcome to Japan!

To everyone who loves orienteering around the world, we welcome all of you who would like to participate in the World Masters Orienteering Championships in Japan during the early summer of 2027.

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

There are mountains and seas in Hyogo Prefecture, the venue for the Championships. The sprint races take place in a fishing port town facing the Sea of Japan, where you can enjoy beautiful coastal scenery. The forest races take place in ski resort areas surrounded by rolling hills and abundant nature.

Japan is a country of the active and long-lived. We look forward to seeing orienteering friends from 35 years of age to older people competing with each other.

Please enjoy and compete together in the early summer of 2027.



Tetsuro Yamanishi

Honorary Chairman, Japan Orienteering Associati

Organisers

1 Information about the Organisers

1.1 Organisers

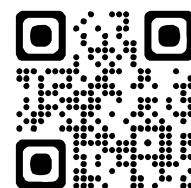
The Japan Orienteering Association (JOA), on behalf of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF), and World Masters Games 2027 Kansai (WMG2027) are responsible for organising the delivery of the orienteering competitions for WMG2027. These competitions have been designated as the World Masters Orienteering Championships for 2027 (WMOC).

1.2 Contacts and information

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1.4 WMOC is part of WMG2027 Kansai

At WMG2027 Kansai, 59 events in 35 official sports will be held across nine prefectures in the Kansai area. Orienteering is an official sport and comprises two events: Sprint and Forest.

Event location

2 Event location

Both the sprint and forest orienteering competitions will be held in the municipalities of Kami Town, Yabu City, and Kamikawa Town, all in the northern part of Hyogo Prefecture.

2.1 Event Centre

2.1.1 The WMOC Event Centre is at the Kasumi B&G Marine Centre, Kami Town, Hyogo.

Registration (race number etc. collection) for WMOC orienteers will be at the Event Centre on Thursday, 20 and Friday, 21 May 2027.

There will also be an Information Point at each orienteering race venue (see 10.2), where registration can also be made.

2.1.2 WMG2027 Participant accreditation will be online.

Materials and transport passes for all WMG participants will be available to pick up at the WMG reception venues in each WMG City, as well as at the WMOC Event Centre.

[The locations of the WMG reception venues are currently not yet finally decided. It is possible but by no means certain that one of the WMG reception venues will be at Kansai International Airport. If this cannot go ahead, the nearest WMG reception venue to Kansai International Airport should be in downtown Osaka.]

2.2 Venues

Event	Terrain	Arena	Distance from Event Centre
Model Sprint	Kasumi seaside town	Kasumi B&G Marine Centre	adjacent
Sprint Q and F	Kasumi seaside town	Shiokaze Park	ca.2 km
Model Forest	Hachibuse Kogen	Ski Resort	ca. 47 km
Forest Q	Higashi-Hachibuse Kogen	Lodge Kaneichiya	ca. 43 km
Middle F	Uwano Kogen	Outdoor Educational Centre	ca. 39 km
Training Event	Hachi-kita Kogen	Ski Resort	ca.43 km
Long F	Mineyama Kogen	Ski Resort	ca. 115 km

2.3 Guide maps of the region



2.4 Embargoed areas

As a general rule, before the WMOC races competitors are not permitted to enter the competition areas shown on the map which the link below leads to. <https://eventor.orienteering.sport/Documents/Event/9834/1/Embargoed-Areas>



However, if your accommodation is located within an embargoed area, this rule is partially relaxed, as outlined below. But, importantly, orienteering activities, reconnoitring the area, and training all remain forbidden.

Sprint areas (Kasumi Seaside Town) - soft embargo.

Areas are accessible until the closure time that will be specified in the day-by-day information in Bulletin 2, at which time a strict embargo will apply. Please leave the embargoed area before the closure time and wait in the Arena zone. The organisers will aim to set the closure time as near to the start of the race as is reasonable and practical for ensuring fairness.

Forest areas (Higashi-Hachibuse Kogen, Uwano Kogen and Mineyama Kogen) - soft embargo.

If you are staying at a lodging facility within the area, you may access that facility, but are not permitted to enter any area other than the access roads to the facility.



Travel

3 Climate

The event will be held in the pleasant late spring season. However, it has been quite hot in recent years, so caution is advised.

Average temperature and rainfall for the period 21 to 28 May for the years 2022 to 2026.

	Temperature	Rainfall
Kasumi (Sprint)	19.9°C (highest 31.3°C / lowest 11.2°C)	2.3mm
Uwano-Kogen (Forest)	16.1°C (highest 26.7°C / lowest 7.5°C)	2.9mm

4 Visas

For information for visa requirement for visiting Japan, please check with the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan:

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/

5 Currency

Japan's currency is the Japanese yen (¥). Cash is still widely used, especially in rural areas. It is a good idea to carry some cash, as smaller shops and local restaurants may not accept cards. ATMs that accept foreign cards are available at convenience stores such as 7-Eleven and Lawson.

Credit cards are commonly accepted in cities, but availability can be limited in rural towns. Visa and Mastercard are the most widely accepted. Some places may not take American Express or Discover. Please check with the shop before ordering or purchasing.

Mobile payment options like Apple Pay, Google Pay, and contactless cards are increasingly accepted, but not everywhere. Some local shops only accept Japanese QR-code apps such as PayPay. It is best to have a backup payment method, such as cash.

In rural areas, cash is often the most reliable payment method. Some places accept credit cards or mobile payments, but it varies by shop. We recommend carrying enough cash for transportation, small purchases, and meals.

6 Communication (mobile data in Japan)

Japan has excellent mobile network coverage, with reliable 4G and 5G available in most cities and rural areas.

However, free public Wi-Fi is not as common as in many Western countries, so having your own data plan is highly recommended during your stay.

For most travellers, an eSIM or a prepaid data SIM is the easiest way to stay connected.

If you are staying short-term, an eSIM is the most convenient option. You can also buy a physical SIM at the airport, or use a pocket Wi-Fi if you are traveling in a group. Please make sure your phone is unlocked and supports eSIM if you choose that option.

7 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, etc. (accident insurance, travel insurance, medical insurance, etc.).

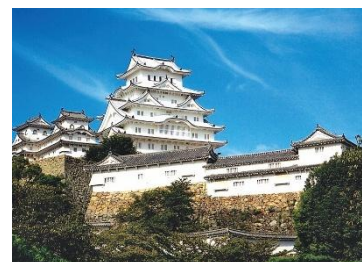
The Japan Orienteering Association (JOA) will provide event liability insurance for any accidents caused by athletes participating in the WMOC.

8 Sightseeing



Hyogo Prefecture: <https://www.hyogo-tourism.jp/>

Hyogo Prefecture, where WMOC is being held, has many tourist attractions. There is much more information on the following websites.



Himeji city: Himeji castle



Kami Town: <https://visitkami.com/>

Kami Cho is located in the north area of Hyogo Prefecture. It is an area surrounded by Mother Nature embracing the ocean, mountains, and rivers.

The town is a part of the San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark.

The area has many valuable geological heritages. Besides, the area produces Tajima cattle, the breeding cattle for Kobe beef.

Kasumi area

The Kasumi area faces the Japan Sea. The view at the Kasumi coast is stunningly beautiful. In summer, the coast welcomes lots of sea-goers. In winter, fishermen harvest snow crabs and you can relish crab dishes at hotels in the area.

Kami Town: Okami park



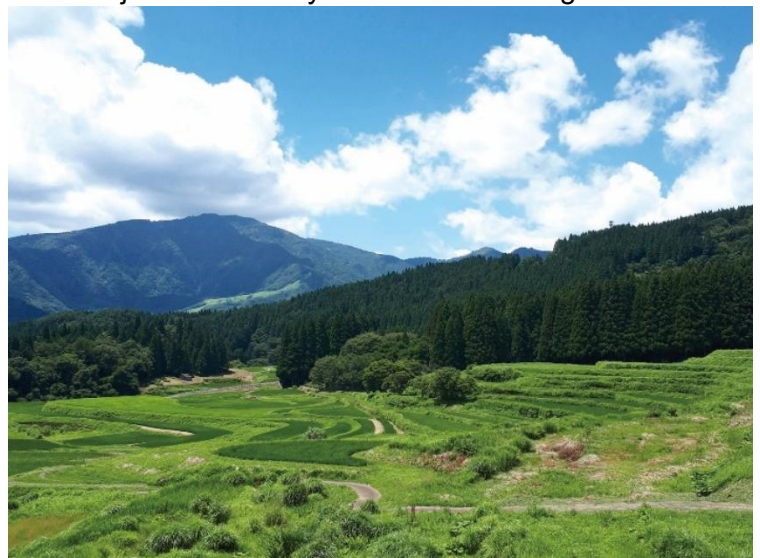
Yabu City: <https://visityabu.jp/>

Yabu is a designated city located in the Tajima region in northern Hyogo Prefecture. It was established in 2004 when the four towns of Yabu, Oya, Yoka, and Sekinomiya merged. It is a mountainous countryside town flowing with rivers and is snowy during the winter.

The area is known for outdoor activities, sacred and cultural festivals, and nature spots such as the beautiful Tendaki Falls and the majestic Mount Hyonosen overlooking the town.

Yabu has lush and beautiful nature during every season. Although Japan is known for its technology and futuristic districts, the traditional and serene atmosphere of the inaka (countryside) can be experienced in Yabu. It is the perfect destination for the outdoor enthusiast with many activities available such as paragliding, canyoning, mountain climbing, skiing, and camping. Come and travel back in time, and enjoy the traditional Japanese landscape with us!

Yabu city: Terraced rice fields and Mt. Hyonosen





Kamikawa Town: <https://www.kamikawa-navi.jp/en/>

Kamikawa Town has the Tonomine Kogen and Mineyama Kogen areas, famous as film and drama locations.

Moreover, it is surrounded by rich nature such as the Ochi River where the clear stream flows, and mountains over 1,000 metres. You can watch snow in winter, Japanese pampas grass in autumn, a firefly in summer, a cherry tree in spring.



Kamikawa Town: Tonomine Highland

9 Food

Japanese cuisine, "Washoku", is a healthy diet that has been registered as an UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. Northern Hyogo is blessed with fresh seafood from the Sea of Japan, many vegetables grown in the mountains, and is also the birthplace of the famous Tajima beef. Enjoy a variety of ingredients!



Competitions and Programme

10 Competitions

10.1 Competitions

The Sprint competition comprises a Qualification race and a Final race. The Forest competitions comprise a Qualification race, a Middle distance Final race, and a Long distance Final race. Qualification for each Final race will be determined in accordance with IOF Competition Rules.

10.2 Programme

Date	Activity	Venue
2 March 2026	WMG Entries open (except for orienteering)	
25 July 2026	WMOC Entries open	
2027		
28 February	Entries close for other WMG sports events	
10 April (Sat)	WMOC entries close – final deadline	
20 April	WMOC Bulletin 2 published	
14 May (Fri)	WMG Opening ceremony	Kyoto
20 May (Thu)	WMOC Event centre open	Kasumi B&G Marine Centre / Kami Town
21 May (Fri)	Sprint Model event	Kasumi B&G Marine Centre / Kami Town
22 May (Sat)	Sprint Qualification WMOC Opening ceremony	Shiokaze Park / Kami Town
23 May (Sun)	Sprint Final Sprint Medal ceremony	Shiokaze Park / Kami Town
24 May (Mon)	Forest Model event	Hachi- Kogen / Yabu City
25 May (Tue)	Forest Qualification	Higashi-Hachibuse Kogen / Yabu City
26 May (Wed)	Middle distance Final Middle distance Medal ceremony	Uwano-Kogen / Kami Town
27 May (Thu)	Rest Day or Training Event	Hachikita-Kogen / Kami Town
28 May (Fri)	Long distance Final Long distance Medal ceremony WMOC Closing ceremony	Mineyama-Kogen / Kamikawa Town
30 May (Sun)	WMG Closing ceremony	Osaka

10.3 Classes, winning times, and age restrictions

Class	SQ & SF	FQ	MF	LF	Class	SQ & SF	FQ	MF	LF	Born before
M35	12-15	50	30-35	70	W35	12-15	50	30-35	70	1993
M40	12-15	50	30-35	65	W40	12-15	50	30-35	65	1988
M45	12-15	45	25-30	60	W45	12-15	45	25-30	60	1983
M50	12-15	45	25-30	55	W50	12-15	45	25-30	55	1978
M55	12-15	40	25-30	50	W55	12-15	40	25-30	50	1973
M60	12-15	40	25-30	50	W60	12-15	40	25-30	50	1968
M65	12-15	40	25-30	50	W65	12-15	40	25-30	50	1963
M70	12-15	40	25-30	50	W70	12-15	35	25-30	50	1958
M75	12-15	35	25-30	50	W75	12-15	35	25-30	50	1953
M80	12-15	35	25-30	45	W80	12-15	35	25-30	45	1948
M85	12-15	35	25-30	45	W85	12-15	35	25-30	45	1943
M90	12-15	30	25-30	40	W90	12-15	30	25-30	40	1938
M95	12-15	30	25-30	40	W95	12-15	30	25-30	40	1933

Legend: SQ = Sprint Qualification

SF = Sprint Final

FQ = Forest Qualification

MF = Middle distance Final

LF = Long distance Final

All expected winning times (which are shown above in minutes) are as specified by the IOF Competition Rules

10.4 Punching system

The SPORTident system will be used. Touch-free mode (Air+) will be activated, in addition to classic SPORTident punching. Both SI Active-Cards (SIACs) and classic SI cards can be used. At the finish, a punching finish will be required. Both SIACs and classic SI cards can be rented from the organisers. See 17.2 for more information and details of rental fees.

10.5 Clothing and equipment

Competitors are free to choose their clothing and footwear. Spiked shoes are prohibited in all races. Dobb-spiked shoes are prohibited in sprint races.

For forest races, wearing long sleeves and full leg cover, and carrying a whistle and mobile phone, are recommended.

10.6 Results

Displays at the arena of provisional results will be updated continuously. A “live” results service should also be available (via the website “Lap Centre”), and full details of how to access this will be given in Bulletin 2. The official results will be posted on the WMOC2027 website on the day of each race, as soon as possible after the race has concluded.

10.7 Medals

The competitors who place first, second or third in each of the A-finals in each age class will be awarded WMG2027 and WMOC2027 medals.

11 Maps

11.1 Scale and contour intervals of the maps

The maps will follow the latest version of the IOF International Specifications for orienteering maps. Sprint: ISSprOM 2019-2 standard, scale 1:4,000 or 1:3,000, contour interval 2 metres. Mapped 2026. Forest: ISOM 2017-2 standard, scale 1:10,000, 1:7,500, or 1:5,000 contour interval 5 metres. Remapped 2026.

11.2 Old maps

Old maps of the race areas are available for download from the WMOC2027 website at

https://wmoc2027.jp/bulletins/WMOC2027_oldmap.pdf

Some of the areas do not have any old maps.

12 Terrain

12.1 Sprint Qualification and Final

Kasumi, Kami Town

The sprint competition will be held in the Kasumi district of Kami Town.

This is a fishing port town facing the Sea of Japan, located within the San'in Kaigan National Park, where you can enjoy beautiful coastal scenery.

The terrain is generally flat, and is at sea level. The competition will take place through an old townscape filled with narrow alleys, and the key to success will be how well you can decipher the complex routes.

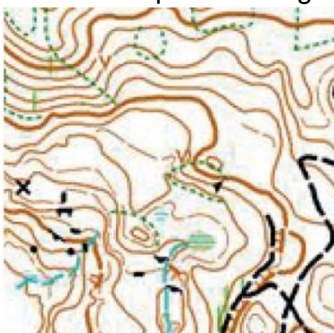


12.2 Forest Qualification

Higashi-Hachibuse Kogen, Yabu City

The Forest Qualification race will take place in the forested area surrounding Higashihachi Ski Resort, located in Yabu City municipality. The terrain is situated at an altitude of approximately 600–800 metres above sea level and is predominantly a single hillside, comprising generally gentle slopes with some steeper sections. Prominent features are limited, and the terrain does not require extensive or complex map reading. In certain areas, eroded re-entrants and valleys are present and form an important element of route choice. The forest is generally fast runnable with very good visibility, making speed and stable navigation key aspects of successful performance. The majority of the forest consists of planted cedar and cypress.

A well-known area of terraced rice fields is located at the western edge of the terrain, contributing to the distinctive landscape of the region.

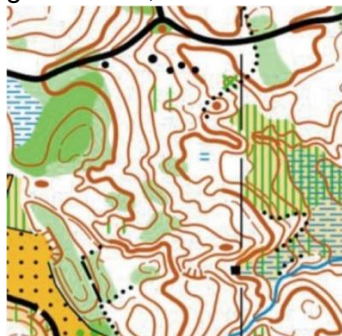


12.3 Middle distance Final

Uwano Kogen, Kami Town

The Middle distance Final will be held on the slopes of the Uwano Kogen, which lies 500–700 metres above sea level. The venue, the Uwano Highland Educational Centre, is sometimes bustling with elementary school students, who come to learn about life in a rich natural environment.

The terrain consists of broad-leaved natural forest and coniferous trees with a network of tracks and forest roads. Visibility and runnability are mostly good, but there are some areas where the trees are covered with fresh greenery and visibility is reduced. In the terrain, there is a Museum for Wood Culture, large grass fields, field athletic facilities, and a campsite area.

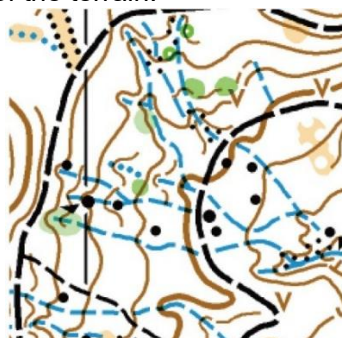


12.4 Long distance Final

Mineyama Kogen, Kamikawa Town

The Mineyama Kogen is a large gently sloping basin located around 900 metres above sea level, surrounded by mountains reaching above the 1,100-metre contour.

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 in the forest has improved significantly in recent years due to deer eating branches, leaves, and undergrowth. A ski resort opened in 2017 in the south part of the terrain.



13 Opportunities for training

13.1 Model Events

As noted in 10.2, the Sprint model event will be held on Friday, 21 May, and the Forest model event will be held on Monday, 24 May.

13.2 Training Event

As noted in 10.2, a training event will be available on Thursday, 27 May.

13.3 Pre-event at Fuji

A Pre-event will take place near Fuji, Shizuoka (between Tokyo and Nagoya) on 15 and 16 May 2027. Details of this event will be announced on the WMOC2027 website. Entry is separate from WMG/WMOC2027.

13.4 Further training opportunities

These will also be posted on the WMOC2027 website.

14 Public races

Public races (Sprint and Forest) for younger people, and those not participating in the main WMOC competition, will also be held. Details will be announced on the WMOC2027 website at a later date.

15 Antidoping

Doping tests may be conducted, in accordance with the WMG Anti-Doping Regulations..

Participate

16 Entries, payments, and athlete registration

16.1 Participation in WMG orienteering events

When you enter WMG, you can participate in up to five events in any sport at no additional cost. (If you participate in more events than this, an additional fee of ¥2,000 will be charged per event.) At WMG2027, orienteering will count as two events: sprint and forest.

If you participate in orienteering at WMG, you will also be competing in WMOC as a competitor, so you will need to pay the combined WMG participation fee and additional fee for the orienteering events as your entry fee.

All prospective entrants should note that athletes having Russian or Belorussian citizenship may enter the orienteering events. This is in accordance with World Masters Sport policy.

16.2 WMG Accompanying Persons and WMOC Spectators

Participants other than athletes who pay the WMG participation fee (WMG Accompanying Persons) will be given a WMG participation kit and will be able to attend the WMG Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Spectators at the WMOC races (including participants in public races) are not required to pay the WMG participation fee and are free to enter the WMOC Event Centre and each WMOC venue, as well as watch the WMOC competitions. However, except for those with special permission (such as for official photography), entering the competition areas is prohibited.

16.3 Entry Procedure ~if you are only participating in orienteering events

Entry procedures will be conducted using the entry system within IOF Eventor, the information portal site for all IOF events. Before starting the registration process, please check the WMOC2027 website for the latest information.

However, since orienteering is also part of the WMG, you will also need to register with WMG.

The procedure is as follows:

- ① If you already have an IOF Eventor account, proceed directly to Step ②. If not, you need to **create your personal account in the IOF Eventor system**. Here is a link that will allow you to do this: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Register> . (This link will also help you if you already have an IOF Eventor account, but have forgotten the password.) Enter all the information that is needed to create your account – a guide to help you to do this can be found at https://eventor.orienteering.sport/Documents/Athletes_Guide_to_IOF_Eventor_2.2.pdf
- Once you have completed this process, you will find that you have been allocated an IOF ID, and you will be able to use your IOF Eventor account and IOF ID not just to enter WMOC2027 and all future IOF events, but also to see the results of all IOF events that you take part in.

② Log in to IOF Eventor. First, please go to the “My pages” tab, and **check that all your details are correct and up to date**. Pay particular attention to your competitor details, checking that these show the FootO club that you will run for at WMOC2027, and (if you have one) your current SPORTident punching card number. **It is also vital that your email address is up-to-date and correct, as otherwise you will not receive the information you must have to register with WMG.**

③ Then go to the “Event Calendar” tab, and search for WMOC2027. When found, click on the line for WMOC2027, and then on the green button “**Enter Selected Events**”.

④ The web page “Entry step 1 of 3” should appear. **Follow the detailed instructions** given in the purple box. Your age class should appear automatically, as should your SPORTident punching card number if you have included this when you set up your IOF Eventor account or edited it.

The default is for an entry to both the sprint and forest competitions. If wishing to enter only one competition, click on the icon to the right of the fee amount shown, and select the chosen competition. Note that entering a qualification race also automatically creates registration to the related final race or races. You can also enter for other members of your family or club, as part of this same process.

⑤ These instructions also explain how to **book optional services**, including **SPORTident rental, bus transportation to the venues, and car park passes**. Additional fees apply for each of these services (see 17.2). Clicking “Add” for a service then gives a choice of how many units of that service are to be purchased – for example, if WMOC bus transport for an accompanying “WMOC spectator” as well as a WMOC competitor is desired, insert “2” instead of the default “1” unit. Once you are satisfied that you have made the correct entries and booked all the desired optional services, click “Next”.

Japanese residents entitled to the lower WMG Participation Fee need to claim the discount by selecting the relevant item within the menu of optional services.

⑥ The next web page “Step 2 of 3” asks you to **confirm** that you are making the purchase that you desire, and that you accept the terms and conditions. You can either go back and make changes, or click “Confirm and go to payment”.

⑦ The next web page “Entries saved, step 3 of 3 – Payment” will show the amount to be paid, and ask you to pay by credit/ debit card. **Make the card payment** in the normal way. The payment will be processed through the Stripe payment platform and paid to WMG2027 via the Japan Orienteering Association (JOA). If for any reason you are unable to make payment using a credit/ debit card, please email: contact@wmoc2027.jp

⑧ The IOF Eventor web page that shows that your payment has been made has a link to the “Event information for WMOC” page. If you click this link, you will see information that confirms all the entries made and optional services purchased. From this page you can also at a later stage **add optional services**, or amend these.

⑨ The process for registering with WMG will then begin automatically. Your entry information and payment status in IOF Eventor will be transmitted to WMG by JOA (system integration), and your WMG2027 My Page will be created automatically. System integration may take some time.

⑩ After the system integration is complete, JOA will email you instructions on how to log in to your WMG2027 My Page.

⑪ **Please then log in to your WMG2027 My Page and upload the following images.**

(a) A recent photograph (front view, without a hat)

(b) An identity verification documents:

[Overseas Residents] Please upload an image of your valid passport.

[Japanese Residents] Please upload one image of a document with your photograph issued by a public institution. These include My Number Card*, driver's license, passport, residence card, etc. (*When submitting your My Number Card, please be sure to photograph and submit only the front side. Documents showing the back side (individual number) will not be accepted.) Alternatively, please upload two images of documents issued by a public institution, such as your health insurance card, a copy of your resident registration certificate, or your national pension book.

This procedure is **mandatory for verifying your identity when receiving your WMG participant kit or taking part in any WMG event**, so please register with WMG as soon as possible.

This completes your entry into both WMOC2027 and WMG2027.

16.4 Entry Procedure ~if you are also participating in other sports at WMG

If you wish to enter other WMG sports competition, please do so via the WMG system. The registration deadline for other sports competition is February 28, 2027; however, early registration is recommended as some events may reach capacity.

Please note that if you register for orienteering before other sports, the WMG registration and linking process may take some time.

If you have already registered for other WMG sports competition, you cannot add the Orienteering event through the standard WMG entry system; **a separate procedure is required**.

In this case, please first contact

contact@wmoc2027.jp

with the following information:

The Orienteering events you wish to enter (Sprint, Forest, or both).

Your existing WMG-ID number.

Your IOF ID number (if you do not have one, please refer to section 16.3, item ①, to obtain one).

The WMOC2027 Secretariat will then contact you regarding details such as optional services and payment methods for additional fees; please follow the instructions provided.

Once the registration process with WMG is completed based on this information, the Orienteering event will be added to your WMG "My Page." Please note that the data-linking process may take some time.

16.5 WMG Accreditation and competition on-site registration processes

- ① First, you must complete the WMG authentication process. This needs to be done online. In the weeks before the start of WMG, an electronic AD card function will be added, allowing you to view and print (if necessary) your participant information from your WMG My Page.
- ② Once you arrive, you will collect your WMG participant kit and transportation pass. This can be done at the WMG reception venues that will be set up in WMG's base cities (several locations, including Kyoto, Osaka, and Kobe) or at the WMOC-Event Centre in Kasumi. The location of the WMG reception venues has not yet been finally decided. Further details will be announced on the WMG2027 and WMOC2027 web pages and in Bulletin2.
- ③ WMOC registration (collection of bib numbers, rental SIs, etc.) will take place at the WMOC Event Centre in Kasumi (on 20 and 21 May) or at the Information Point at each race arena (from 22 May onwards).

17 Entry fees, and charges for optional services

17.1 Entry fees for WMG Competitors or WMG Accompanying Persons

WMG Participation Fee	Overseas Residents	Japanese Residents
WMG Competitor	¥34,000 *	¥15,000
WMG Accompanying Person	¥20,000	¥5,000

Additional Fee – Orienteering	All WMG Competitors
Sprint competition only	¥5,000
Forest competitions only	¥5,000
Both competitions	¥10,000

*WMG Competitors residing overseas will receive an IC card transportation pass ("WMG Original KANSAI ONE PASS") with ¥2,500 (no expiration date) pre-loaded. This pass is not available to Accompanying Persons, or residents of Japan.

See: <https://kansaionepass.com/ja/>.

KANSAI ONE PASS coverage can be checked at https://kansaionepass.com/ja/pdf/en_map_kansai.pdf.

17.2 Optional services

① SPORTident rental fees

	Classic SI Card	SIAC
Entire week, if booked in advance	¥3,500	¥5,000
Per day, if booked in advance	N/A	¥1,400
Entire week, without pre-registration	¥5,000	¥7,000
Per day, without pre-registration	¥1,400	¥2,000

Advance registration deadline: **10 April 2027**.

② WMOC bus transport

For each event from 21 May to 28 May (Sprint Model, Qualifying, Final, Forest Model, Qualifying, Middle distance Final, Training Event, Long distance Final), a WMOC bus transport service will be available from JR Kasumi Station, JR Yoka Station, and roadside stations near some major accommodation areas.

Please note that the fares reflect the fairly lengthy journey times involved.

WMOC bus transport fares

Entire week	¥15,000
Sprint days only (3 days)	¥7,000
Forest days only (5 days)	¥10,000

Advance registration deadline: **28 February 2027**.

Note that due to a shortage of bus drivers, the WMOC organisers will not be able to hire extra buses at short notice. Bookings cannot be accepted after this deadline.

③ Parking fees

A charge will be made for all car parking provided for the event. For more information, see 18.4.4.

Car park pass fees

	Car	Van, Caravan	Bus
Entire week, if booked in advance	¥ 7,000	¥10,000	¥40,000
Entire week, without pre-registration*	¥10,000	¥15,000	¥50,000
Per day, without pre-registration*	¥ 2,000	¥3,000	¥10,000

Advance registration deadline: **10 April 2027**.

* After the deadline, parking tickets can be purchased at the Event Centre or at Information Points. Purchases cannot be made at the parking area.

17.3 Entry deadline

The final deadline for entries to WMOC2027 is 10 April 2027 (11:59:59pm Japan time). It will not be possible to accept any entries after this time.

The entry deadline for WMG sports events other than orienteering is 28 February 2027. Also, some non-orienteering WMG events have a participant limit, so early application is recommended.

Even if you are only participating in the orienteering, applications for various services associated with the WMG (such as pre-designating a pick-up location for your WMG participant kit) must be made by 28 February 2027. These services may no longer be available after this date, so we recommend that you apply by this date if possible.

17.4 Cancellation

Until 11:59:59 pm on Sunday, 28 February 2027 (Japan time): the amount will be refunded minus a handling fee (10% of the refund amount).

From Monday, 1 March 2027: No refunds will be given. Please be particularly careful if entering after February 2027.

If the competitions, opening/ closing ceremonies, or any other scheduled activities are cancelled due to reasons beyond the control of the organisers (natural disasters, terrorism, epidemics, etc.), no refunds will be made for competition entry fees or other fees.

If an event you are scheduled to participate in is cancelled due to the organiser's decision, then entry fees and fees for additional services ordered will be refunded, less a percentage that allows the organisers to retain sufficient funds to cover all of the costs that they have committed to incur before the decision to cancel the event.

Please refer to the WMG cancellation policy for details.

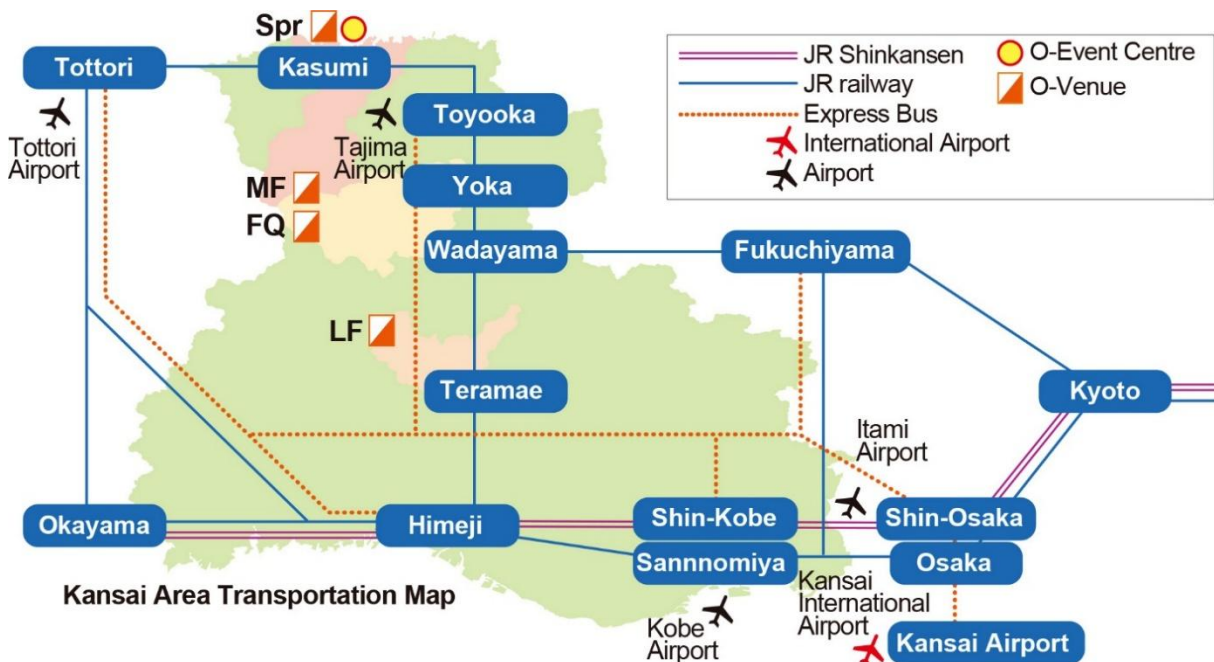
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18 Transport and parking

18.1 Access to northern Hyogo from Kansai and Tokyo airports

From Kansai Airport, you can access northern Hyogo via cities such as Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe, and Himeji. You can also reach these cities by Shinkansen from Tokyo (Narita and Haneda Airports) or from Nagoya.

To get to northern Hyogo from the above cities, the most common route is by train (JR-West), but there are also express buses. Domestic airports include Tottori Airport and Tajima Airport.

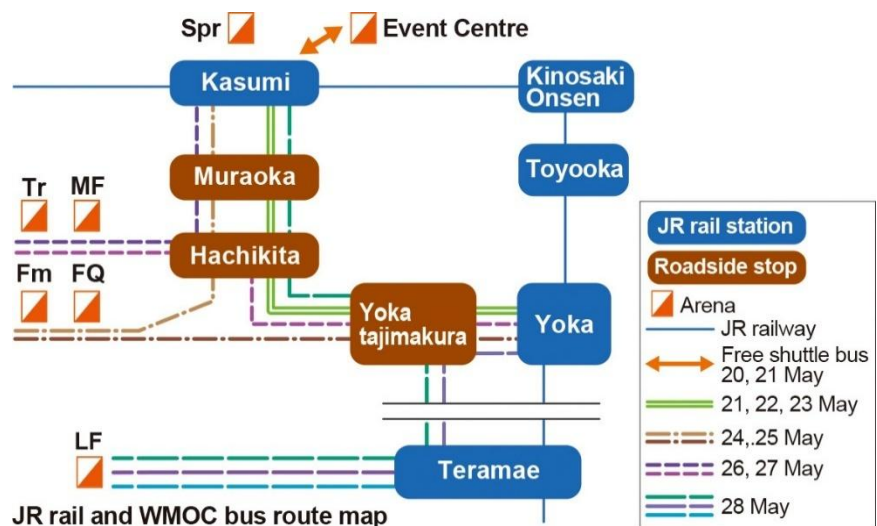


Northern Hyogo is sparsely populated, so the train service is relatively infrequent. Please note that reservations are required for express trains. Conversely, there are relatively good train connections from the major cities listed above to Teramae, the closest main station to the Long distance Final venue on the final day. Teramae is within the "urban" area that extends from Teramae to Kansai Airport and that is covered by the pre-loaded WMG Original KANSAI ONE PASS IC card. The card will be pre-loaded with ¥2,500 upon delivery, but please add more funds as needed.

18.2 Transport in northern Hyogo

The diagram below gives an outline of transport in the Kami Town and Yabu City areas, in which the Sprint races, forest Qualification and Middle distance Final are all to be held.

WMOC bus transport to the race venues will operate from Kasumi Station (Kami Town) and Yoka Station (Yabu City). As noted above, there is a relatively infrequent train (JR) service at these stations. Timetables and other information will be posted on the WMOC2027 website, and in Bulletin 2.



18.3 Car rental

As noted above, the event area is not particularly well served by public transportation, so if you are travelling as a small group, we would recommend renting a car. Also, if you have a car, you will have a wider range of accommodation to choose from.

If you are considering renting a car, there is only limited availability in northern Hyogo, so it is better to rent at major locations such as Kansai Airport, Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe, Himeji, etc. You can use the expressway to get from Osaka to northern Hyogo, and it takes about 2-3 hours, depending on traffic. Please note that in Japan, cars drive on the left side of the road.

18.4 Access to the Event Centre and Venues

18.4.1 On Thursday, 20 May and Friday, 21 May, a free shuttle bus will operate from JR Kasumi Station to the Event Centre at the B&G Marine Centre. Cars and buses can be parked near the B&G Marine Centre. Please pick up your parking tickets here for subsequent days.

18.4.2 The venue for the Sprint Qualification and Final is within walking distance from JR Kasumi Station and the parking area.

18.4.3 Paid bus service to each venue for the forest competition (WMOC bus)

The organisers will provide bus transportation services from Kasumi Station (Kami Town) and Yoka Station (Yabu City) to each venue, via multiple pick-up points. Please make your reservation by **28 February 2027** at the latest. After that date, it will not be possible to reserve bus transportation. Please see the table and diagram for the planned routes.

In addition to the buses mentioned above, Himeji-Tottori Buses are now also available to take you to the event venues from Himeji Station, Tottori Station, and Kinokuni Onsen. On May 24 and May 27, you can choose buses that stop at tourist spots or buses that are solely for sightseeing. More information will be given on the WMOC2027 website.

18.4.4 All parking spaces will be located near the venue. Please refer to the table. A parking permit must be purchased in advance.

Date	Activity Arena	Time from parking area (Min.)	Departure point, via A: Yoka-tajimakura RS B: Hachikita RS C: Muraoka RS (RS - Roadside Stop)	Travel time (Min.)
20-21 May (Thu,Fri)	Event Centre Open Kasumi B&G Marine Centre	0~5	JR Kasumi Station (Free shuttle bus)	5
21 May (Fri)	Sprint Model event Kasumi B&G Marine Centre	0~5	JR Kasumi Station JR Yoka Station via A, B, C	5 80
22 May (Sat)	Sprint Qualification Shiokaze Park	15-20	JR Yoka Station via A, B, C	80
23 May (Sun)	Sprint Final Shiokaze Park	15-20	JR Yoka Station via A, B, C	80
24 May (Mon)	Forest Model event Hachi Kogen Ski Resort	5~10	JR Yoka Station via A JR Kasumi Station via B, C	45 60
25 May (Tue)	Forest Qualification Higashihachibuse Kogen	5~10	JR Yoka Station via A JR Kasumi Station via B, C	45 60
26 May (Wed)	Middle distance Final Uwano Kogen Outdoor Educational Centre	5~10	JR Yoka Station via A, B JR Kasumi Station via B, C	40 45
27 May (Thu)	Training Event Hachikita Kogen Ski Resort	5~10	JR Yoka Station via A, B JR Kasumi Station via B, C	40 45
28 May (Fri)	Long distance Final Mineyama Kogen Ski Resort	5~10	JR Teramae Station JR Yoka Station via A JR Kasumi Station via A, B, C	25 75 120

19 Accommodation

Please refer to accommodation booking websites, or to the tourist information websites below.

Kami Town: <https://visitkami.com/>

Yabu City: <https://visityabu.jp/>

Kamikawa Town: <https://www.kamikawa-navi.jp/en/>

For the Sprint, Forest Qualification and Middle distance Final races: Yabu City and Kami Town are host municipalities and can offer a range of accommodation, some of which will be served by the WMOC bus transport service. In addition, you can also use accommodation facilities in Toyooka City, Tottori City and neighbouring cities, and there are hot springs available.

For the Long distance Final race: A wide variety of accommodation types is available in and around Himeji City and Kamikawa Town.

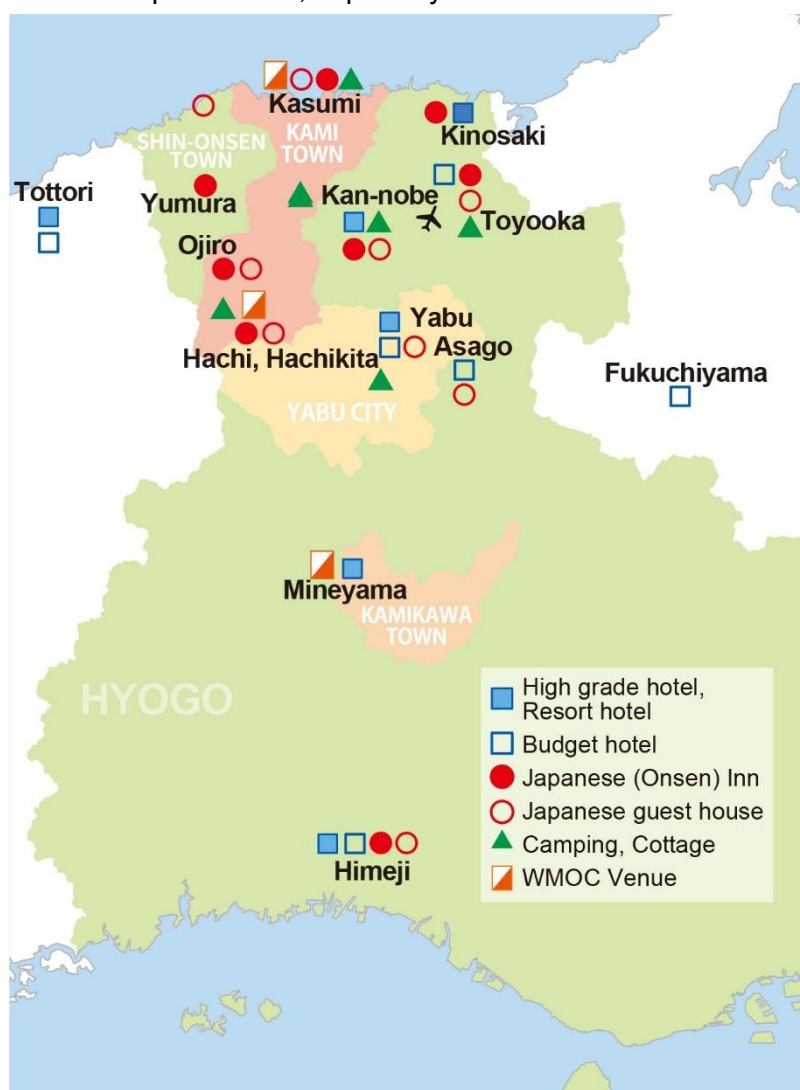
There are many Japanese-style inns and guesthouses in northern Hyogo. These usually provide both breakfast and dinner. They often have tatami-floored rooms, but some have beds. You can find this type of accommodation near the event venues. There are also famous hot springs. However, please note that there are few restaurants and supermarkets, especially in the areas near the forest events.

On the other hand, there are not many luxury or urban hotels where meals are served separately, so we would recommend booking early.

Himeji City and Tottori City have many city hotels, and bus transportation is available from these locations. (see 18.4.3)

There are also a wide variety of other accommodation options, from luxury resorts to budget-friendly guesthouses, scattered throughout the surrounding area, so if you are traveling by car, you will have a wide range of choices.

There are also campsites and cottages available.



Safety information (based on JOA guidelines)

20 General risks and countermeasures in orienteering

20.1 For forest races

1. Getting lost: Orienteering carries the risk of "getting lost." If you lose track of your location, you can often regain your bearings by reaching a forest road. When exiting from the mountain to a road, choose a safe path. It can get dark in the forest before sunset, making it difficult to read the map. Be aware of the finish closing time and aim to return by then. It is recommended to carry a whistle and a mobile phone for emergencies. If you cannot reach the finish (event arena) on time, return to the forest roads before dark and head towards the finish using the roads.
2. Injuries: There is a possibility of cuts, lacerations, punctures, bruises, sprains, dislocations, muscle or tendon tears, fractures, and internal injuries due to falls and natural terrain or vegetation. There is also a risk of secondary infections (e.g., tetanus) from wounds. You can reduce risks by ensuring your footing as you progress.
3. Hypothermia: There is a risk of hypothermia regardless of weather conditions. To prevent hypothermia, it is recommended to wear long sleeves and long trousers. During rainfall, consider wearing synthetic underwear instead of cotton, and using waterproof overclothes.
4. Dehydration: Activities in the mountains can be prolonged. Carry drinking water as needed or ensure adequate hydration before the event. There are no places to purchase drinks along the course. In accordance with the IOF Competition Rules, , for races where the winning time exceeds 30 minutes, water stations (marked with a cup symbol on the map) will be set up at least every 25 minutes.
5. Falls and Slips: There are steep slopes and cliffs. Do not proceed recklessly, and ensure that your surroundings are safe as you move.
6. Falling Rocks: There is a possibility of falling rocks on steep slopes. Check for safety above you in areas where small stones are rolling.
7. Stepping through: There is a risk of stepping through the ground on unmaintained paths. It is recommended to wear sturdy shoes.
8. Wildlife and Plant Accidents: There is a possibility of encountering deer, wild boar, wasps, pit vipers, leeches, ticks, and other wildlife that may cause harm. If you encounter an animal, do not provoke it unnecessarily.
9. Others: There are general risks associated with outdoor activities, such as fractures, sprains, sudden illness, and delays in rescue.
10. If you need rescue: If you are unable to move, make as much noise as possible and seek help from other participants. If possible, move to the nearest aid station, water station, control point, or forest road. If you have a mobile phone, immediately contact the emergency number on the map. If you find someone needing rescue, stop your competition immediately and start assisting the person.

20.2 For sprint races

Sprint races are held in parks or urban areas, and the competition duration is short, so the risks posed by the natural environment are low. However, the characteristics of the sport do pose the following risks.

1. Contact or collision with others: During the race, there is a risk of contact or collision with other competitors, or pedestrians other than competitors. In urban areas, visibility may be poor due to buildings, etc., and sudden collisions may occur. In the unlikely event of contact or collision, be sure to report it to the event organisers.
2. Contact and collision with automobiles and bicycles: There is a risk of contact and collision with automobiles and bicycles when running on roads, etc. The event organisers will take this into consideration when planning the courses, and will endeavour to reduce the risk by clearly indicating dangerous areas and making advance public announcements, but please also be aware of your surroundings.
3. Injuries and illnesses due to high speeds and high physical loads: Sprint events require running at high speeds, which causes sudden increases in physical load. Furthermore, in urban areas, there are many stairs and steps, and if the road surface is hard or slippery due to rain, there is a risk of suffering severe bruises or fractures if you fall. To avoid injuries and cardiovascular complaints, please make sure to warm up and cool down sufficiently before and after the race. If you feel unwell, please stop the race immediately.
4. Dehydration and heatstroke: Temperatures tend to be higher in urban areas than in forested areas. If you are exposed to direct sunlight during hot weather, or if you are doing strenuous exercise in high humidity, failing to drink enough water increases the risk of dehydration and heatstroke. Be sure to drink plenty of water frequently, both before and after the race.
5. Damage to property: Please be careful not to damage hedges, fences, or other man-made objects through contact or collision while running. If you do damage any such objects, be sure to report it to the event organisers.

21 Safety information and requests

Please carry a whistle in case of an emergency.

We recommend that you carry a mobile phone for emergency contact.

Emergency contact information will be listed on the map and on your race number. However, using a mobile phone to gain an advantage in the competition is against IOF Competition Rules.

On the back of your race number, please write the emergency contact information for a family member, friend, or companion.

Please pay attention to your own physical condition and do not push yourself too hard during the races. Information on safety navigation for each day's terrain will be published in Bulletin 2.

Recent increases of bear sightings in Japan have mainly been in eastern Japan, with very few sightings in the area of the event. The organisers plan to take all possible safety measures.

22 Responding to natural disasters

If a weather warning is issued for the day of a race, or if there are reports of bear sightings, and it is deemed that the safety of the participants or transportation access cannot be ensured, the race may be cancelled.

If any competition venue or terrain becomes unusable due to a natural disaster (storm, fire, etc.) or emergency, the organisers will endeavour to hold races at a backup venue.

Participant Agreement

To participate in WMG2027 and WMOC2027, you must agree to both of the following sets of terms when registering:

(a) Written Consent for Participation in World Masters Games 2027 KANSAI

In participating in the World Masters Games 2027 KANSAI (hereinafter referred to as 'the Games'), I understand, consent to and comply with the 'Participation Terms and Conditions', the 'Sport Information Guideline', the 'Cancellation and Refund Policy', the 'Personal Information Policy', the 'Terms of Use of the Entry System', the 'World Anti-Doping Regulations' and the 'World Masters Sport Regulations' and to follow other operational instructions on the Games. I further agree to the following terms:

1. I am fully aware that participation in the Games involves the risk of accidents, loss of personal belongings, injury, illness and other damage and loss due to various causes as well as the risk of causing damage and loss to third parties. I will make every effort to avoid those risks.
I agree that bodily injury may be unavoidable due to contact, etc. if it occurs during a competition conducted in the normal range and in an environment where appropriate competition management is performed. I will not hold the Organiser responsible for the injury.
2. As far as I know, I have no illness or injury that would interfere with my participation in the Games, and I will have a health checkup in advance, consult a doctor and obtain guidance from the doctor before the Games.
3. I agree to be subject to doping control procedures in accordance with the World Masters Sport Regulations upon entry to the competition.
4. In participating in the Games, I understand that the Organiser and companies, organisations and news media recognised by the Organiser may photograph me in and around the venue of the Games, and I agree that the images, photos, etc., including my portraits, will be used for any commercial or non-commercial purposes, such as posting, broadcasting, advertisement and promotion, in any type of media.
Furthermore, I agree that I am not allowed to charge the Organiser for any use of my portraits under any nominal terms.
5. I guarantee that I am an adult, or if not, that I am at least 12 years old and that my participation is with parental or guardian relative's consent. Furthermore, I guarantee that my participation in the Games is with the consent of my legal representative, such as a parental authority, if I am a minor (below the age of 18 years in accordance with the Civil Code and the Act on the Protection of Personal Information of Japan), an adult ward, a person under curatorship or a person under assistance.
6. I (as well as my family, relatives, legal representative and any participating partner) will release the Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai; the Executive Committees of prefectures, ordinance-designated cities and municipalities; the World Masters Sport; and all volunteers, contractors, sponsors and other related organisations from any liability, loss and damage, in the absence of deliberate or serious negligence.

Participation Terms and Conditions:

<https://wmg2027.jp/en/assets/images/entry/terms-and-conditions63e0-en.pdf>

Sport Information Guideline: <https://wmg2027.jp/en/competition/>

Cancellation and Refund Policy: <https://wmg2027.jp/en/assets/images/entry/cancellation-policy-en.pdf>

Personal Information Policy: https://wmg2027.jp/en/assets/images/entry/personal_information_en.pdf

Terms of Use of the Entry System: <https://wmg2027.jp/en/assets/images/entry/entry-system-en.pdf>

World Anti-Doping Regulations: https://wmg2027.jp/assets/images/entry/wada_code_2015.pdf

World Masters Sport Regulations:

https://wmg2027.jp/assets/images/entry/imga_anti-doping_rules2015.pdf

(b) Agreement to participate in the World Masters Orienteering Championships 2027 (WMOC2027)

By registering for WMOC2027, you agree to the following terms and conditions.

1. I understand the general risks (see Section 20.) associated with orienteering, which takes place in a natural environment, as well as the potential for unforeseen issues, and I participate with this understanding.
2. I will adhere to all rules and precautions set by the organisers and will take sufficient care to protect the environment while participating in the event.
3. If I am unwell on the day of the event, I will voluntarily withdraw from participation. I will pay close attention to my safety and health, and will promptly cease competing if I experience any abnormalities in my condition.
4. I consent to receiving first aid in the event of injury or illness during the event, and acknowledge that compensation will be within the scope of the insurance taken out by the organisers.
5. I accept responsibility for the management of my valuables and belongings, and agree that the organisers will not be held responsible for any loss or theft.
6. I agree to the collection of my personal information by the organisers under the following conditions:
 - 1) Personal information collected by the organisers will only be used for tasks necessary for the operation of this event and for the announcement and promotion of future events hosted by the JOA.
 - 2) Personal information collected by the organisers will not be provided to third parties except in cases of outsourced work, legal requirements, or emergencies.
 - 3) The organisers will promptly respond to any requests from participants to disclose, correct, add, or delete their personal information.
7. I agree that the organisers will decide on any necessary reduction or cancellation of the event due to earthquakes, disasters, severe weather, incidents, epidemics, or other unforeseen events, and I will follow their decision regarding the refund of participation fees.
8. I agree that images, photos, articles, and records (including personal information such as name, age, gender, and results) of me during the event may be reported, published, and used in newspapers, television, magazines, the internet, pamphlets, etc. I also agree that the rights to these publications and their use belong to the organisers.
9. I will not provide false information about my age, gender, or identity, nor will I participate on behalf of someone else.
10. I will not enter the competition areas outside the designated event days, using the maps



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