



Baseball



- 1 Organisers:** Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, Kobe Local Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, Hyogo Amateur Baseball Association, Japan High School Baseball OB Club Federation
- 2 Co-Organiser:** Baseball Federation of Japan
- 3 Managing Organisations:** World Masters Games 2027 Kansai Baseball Organising Committee

4 Dates: Saturday, 15th May – Friday, 28th May 2027 (Competition: 12 Days)

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, 15 th May	9:00 - 17:00	Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] Grade B (30+, 45+)
Sunday, 16 th May	9:00 - 17:00	Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] Grade B (30+, 45+)
Monday, 17 th May	9:00 - 17:00	Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] Grade B (30+, 45+)
Tuesday, 18 th May	9:00 - 17:00	Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] Grade B (30+, 45+)
Wednesday, 19 th May	—	Preparation day
Thursday, 20 th May	9:00 - 17:00	Final Tournaments [Quarterfinals • Semifinals] - [Event • Categories] Grade B (30+, 45+)
Friday, 21 st May	9:00 - 17:00	Final Tournaments [Finals] – [Event • Categories] Grade B (30+, 45+)
Saturday, 22 nd May	9:00 - 17:00	Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] Grade A (30+)
Sunday, 23 rd May	9:00 - 17:00	Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] Grade A (30+, 45+)
Monday, 24 th May	9:00 - 17:00	Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] Grade A (30+, 45+)
Tuesday, 25 th May	9:00 - 17:00	Round Robin Competition Round [Event • Categories] Grade A (30+, 45+)
Wednesday, 26 th May	—	Preparation day
Thursday, 27 th May	9:00 - 17:00	Final Tournaments [Quarterfinals • Semifinals] - [Event • Categories] Grade A (30+, 45+)
Friday, 28 th May	9:00 - 17:00	Finals Tournaments [Finals] [Event • Categories] Grade A (30+, 45+)
Saturday, 29 th May	—	Preparation day

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

5 Venues

- (1) The 1st stadium: Hotto Motto Field Kobe
(Midoridai, Suma-ku, Kobe, Hyogo, 654-0163)
- (2) The 2nd stadium: G7 Stadium Kobe
(5 Yasakadai, Suma-ku, Kobe, Hyogo, 654-0161)
- (3) The 3rd stadium: Ajisai Stadium Kita-Kobe
(Arinochoniro, Kita-ku, Kobe, Hyogo, 651-1311)
- (4) The 4th stadium: Samty Dream Stadium
(1708 Shijimichomitsuda, Miki, Hyogo, 673-0515)
- (5) The 5th stadium: Akashi Tocalo Stadium
(1-27 Akashi-koen, Akashi, Hyogo, 673-0847)

6 Competition Capacity

80 teams

* A team should be composed of 12 - 50 players.

7 Competition Rules and Methods

(1) Competition Rules

The completion will be held in accordance with the competition rules of the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) and World Masters Games 2027 Kansai Regulation Baseball

(2) Technical Delegate

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

(3) Rules

- ① Competition format *Subject to change depending on the number of registered teams.
< Round Robin Competition Round >

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

*At least 3 matches per team will be played.

<Final Tournament>

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

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

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

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

- ② Competition system

The qualifying leagues and the final leagues will be held in seven innings. However, if the match time exceeds 80 minutes from the start, no new innings will be played (with the exception of the final, which shall have no time restriction).



8 Events

(General Category)

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

*All teams will compete regardless of the gender.

*One player can participate only in one grade and one age category.

(1) Grade of the completion (level)

- ① A: Competitive (including players who have competed in national or international competitions)
- ② B: Recreational (players who play in regional tournaments and club tournaments)

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

(2) Age categories (Applicable to all grades)

- ① The age of youngest registered team member determines which age category the team will compete in.
- ② A team may make entry into a younger age category.
- ③ Men's and women's teams can participate.

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

9 Eligibility

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

45+: Minimum age is 45 (born on or before 31 December 1982)

10 Staff etc.

- A maximum of 10 bench staff members (Non-playing officials) are allowed to participate, including the manager, coach/trainer, umpires, scorer, etc. (who can serve as a player.)
- It is mandatory for each team to have a manager.
- It is mandatory for each team to have at least one umpire.
 - The umpires will serve as base umpires for matches involving teams other than their own on the same day and at the same venue.
 - No qualification is required of the umpire.
 - The umpire may change for each match.

11 Medal Ceremony

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

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



The medal ceremony will be held after the final.

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

12 Registration Fee

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

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

- Competition participants (Basic fee: allowed to participate in 5 types of competition across all sport)

- 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

(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 \(Entry System\) dedicated to the application for the entry to the competition](#) via PC or smartphone.

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

→ Each team must enter at the time of entry registration the “highest level of regulation baseball tournament participated in the past”.

14 Notes on Participation

(1) Clothing

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

(2) Competition equipment

- ① Inspection date & time: Before each match between

Saturday, 15th and Friday, 28th May 2027

- ② Venue for inspection: Each competition venue

- ③ Inspection items: Verification of balls and bats to be used in the match by persons in charge of the venue and the umpires in charge.



④ Main rules for equipment:

- All teams and athletes must provide themselves with their own equipment and manage and maintain the equipment safely at their own risk.
- The gloves must be those for regulation baseball as shown in the competition rules of the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC), and players must use only wooden bats specified in the rules except that female players may use aluminum bats.
- The balls for the match will be provided by the organiser, while balls for training and warming-up must be provided by each team. All batters and runners must wear helmets with double/single ear flap(s).
- The use of metal spikes is permitted.

(3) 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.).

(4) 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](#).

○By entering the Games, 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.

○This competition aims to promote anti-doping activities as an activity to protect clean sports and clean athletes in order to leave various values of sports to the next generation through sports in cooperation with the Japan Anti-Doping Agency.

(5) In case of bad weather

Decision will be taken by the organising committee of the regulation baseball completion and posted on the 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 at the following venues of games accreditation before participating (competing or otherwise 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

① Date and Time: Between Saturday, 15th and Friday, 28th May 2027

Sport Check-in must be made one hour prior to the start of each match

② Check-in Venue:

- The 1st stadium: Hotto Motto Field Kobe
- The 2nd stadium: G7 Stadium Kobe
- The 3rd stadium: Ajisai Stadium Kita-Kobe
- The 4th stadium: Samty Dream Stadium
- The 5th stadium: Akashi Tocalo Stadium

③ Others: Verification at the venue of each block by the team representative of the participating teams and the venue director of the schedule of the match, playing members and equipment.

(3) Team Managers Meeting

① Date and Time: Friday, 14th May 2027, around 13:00 to 14:00

② Venue for meeting: Scheduled on-line meeting

③ Others:

- Introduction of persons in charge of the regulation baseball matches
- Overview of the WMG2027 Kansai Competition
- Match schedule
- Briefing on match rules
- Question-and-answer session

(4) Practice, Warm-up

The warm-up time zone in the stadium outfield before the start of each team in which balls and bats are used will be established.

(5) Record

The results of each game will be posted on the official website.

