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To all ILS Member Federations

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Dear Colleague

Please see the important message below from the Japan Lifesaving Association (JLA) regarding the 10th World Masters Games. To mark the '**One year to go countdown**', we ask that you share this widely through your own websites and social media channels with your Masters competitors to encourage them to participate in this great event. A promotional poster is attached

Calling all Masters competitors – register now for the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, Japan



WORLD MASTERS GAMES 2021 KANSAI / JAPAN

Are you missing international lifesaving competition due to Covid-19? Here is a rare opportunity to take part in one of the biggest sporting occasions for masters anywhere in the world before the next Lifesaving World Championships in September 2022.

From 17 to 30 May 2021 the 10th edition of the World Masters Games (WMG) will take place in the greater Kansai region of Japan. The organisers are hoping for 50,000 participants from both from within Japan and from the international community.

Lifesaving sport in the ocean will again be a part of this great celebration of Masters' competition, offering the chance to compete against other sports enthusiasts from around the world for the chance to be recognised as the number one in the world.

In exactly one year from now, the lifesaving competition will take place over two days of 22 and 23 May 2021 at the beautiful Wakasa Wada Beach, Takahama Town in the Fukui Prefecture. This is the first beach to receive the prestigious Blue Flag certification in Asia.



Organised by the International Masters Games Association (IMGA), overall entry to the event is managed by the WMG Organising Committee. The Lifesaving events will be managed by the ILS Full Member, the JLA, with the support of the local Wakasa Wada Lifesaving Club of the Fukui Lifesaving Association.

Entry is already open and closes on **Sunday 28 February 2021 at 11:59pm Japan Standard Time**. For those international competitors entering the WMG has set a participation fee of 24,000 Yen per person (approximately 205 Euros – for a comparison with other currencies please

see Appendix 1). However, that entry fee also permits any competitor the chance to compete in up to 3 of the 59 disciplines across the 35 different sports that are part of the games (a full list of all the sports included in Appendix 2). Competitors will receive a free original competition rash vest.

For persons related to the competition (i.e. non-competitors/accompanying people, the fee is 14,000 yen per person (approximately 120 Euro). For international competitors and non-competitors, the fee also

includes a free transportation pass for the duration of the WMG for the whole of the greater Kansai area so you can get around to all of the competition venues.

Additional Age Groups

There are some other notable features setup for this competition. For the Lifesaving events, a special **25-29 Age Group** has been added to the existing 10 normal age categories. And for those competitors who want to participate in the team events, you can join other colleagues to make up a team in any of the 7 Team Age Groups.

Furthermore, you do not have to belong to the same club or be from the same nation even to enter the team events. We know Masters like to participate in as many events as they possibly can – the WMG 2021 offers the chance to all lifesaving competitors to do just that by joining together to make a team.

International Technical Officials

If any ILS International Technical Official is interested in officiating at the WMG, please contact the JLA (details below) for further information.

Contact Information:

If you require further advice please contact:

- **JLA WMG Organizing Committee** lifesaving.wmg2021@gmail.com
- **Technical Delegate for WMG 2021 Kansai – Shusaku MIYABE**
Executive Director / Director of Sports, Japan Lifesaving Association / ILS Sports Commission, Multi-Sport Games Committee, Chair
- **Tourist Bureau of Takahama** <https://visittakahama.com/>
- **VOYAPON** <https://voyapon.com/?s=takahama>



Further Information:

For further information access the relevant documents from the links provided below:

- **Lifesaving Sport at the WMG 2021 Kansai** – this contains details of how to apply for entry through the official entry portal on the WMG 2021 website, via computer or smartphone. A full list of the lifesaving events and age groups is also included:
[Lifesaving Sport at the WMG 2021 Kansai](#)
- **The WMG 2021 Kansai terms and conditions** – it is important to read these
[WMG 2021 Kansai Terms and Conditions](#)
- **WMG 2021 Kansai Venues** – A diagram showing the venues for all of the WMG Sport disciplines
[WMG 2021 Kansai Venues](#)
- **WMG 2021 Kansai Transport and Travel Lifesaving** – Information on the Transport and Travel Options for Takahama Beach
[WMG 2021 Kansai Transport and Travel Lifesaving](#)
- **WMG Links** - A document containing further useful links, including social media, and FAQs for the lifesaving competition
[WMG 2021 Kansai - Useful Links for Lifesaving](#)

Appendix 1

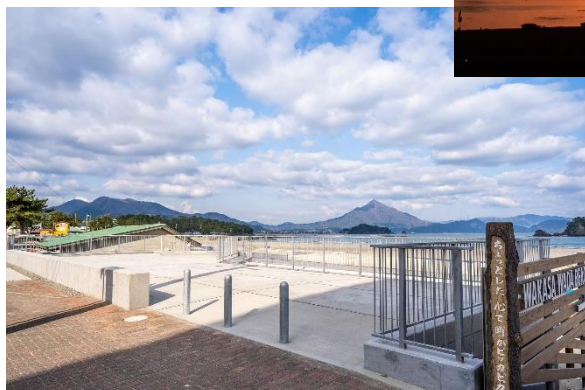
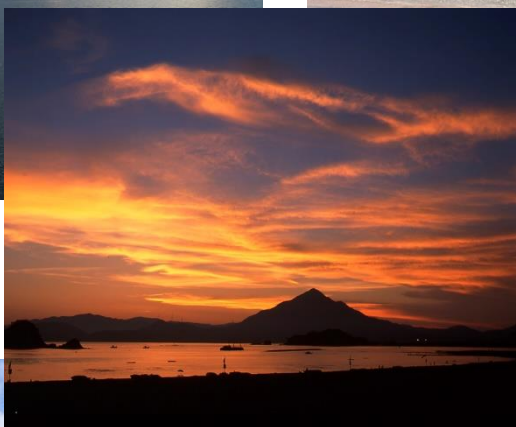
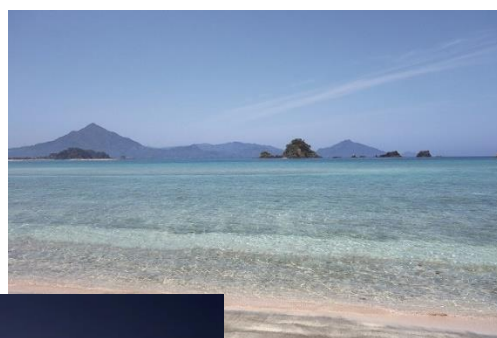
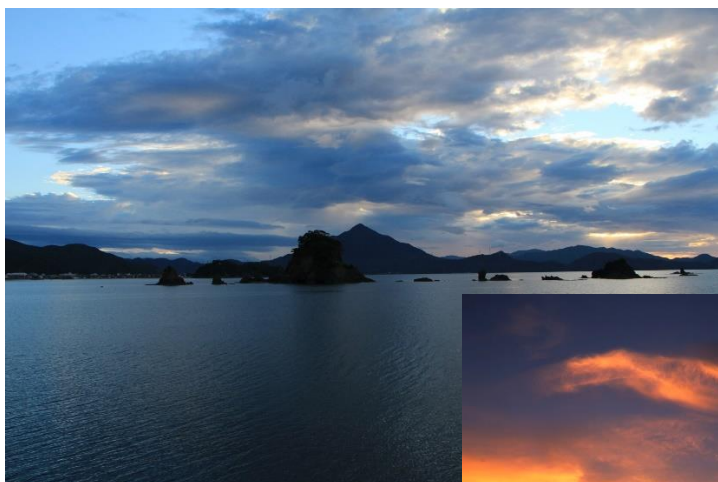
Comparison of Entry Fees (approximate)

Competition Participant 24,000 Yen per person

- 205 Euro
- 185 GBP
- 225 USD,
- 345 AUD,
- 315 CAD,
- 370 NZD,
- 4,100 ZAR

Person related to the Competition 14,000 Yen per person

- 120 Euro
- 105 GBP
- 130 USD
- 200 AUD
- 180 CAD
- 215 NZD
- 2,400 ZAR



Appendix 2

Sports at the World Masters Games (59 Disciplines, 35 Sports):

- Archery (Outdoor Archery/Indoor Archery),
- Athletics (Track & Field/10 km Road Race/Half Marathon/EKIDEN/Race walking),
- Badminton,
- Baseball (Baseball/Rubber Baseball),
- Basketball,
- Canoe (Marathon/Sprint/Slalom/Polo/Dragon Boat),
- Cycling (Track/Road Race/Mountain Bike/BMX),
- Dance Sports,
- Football (Football/Futsal),
- Flying Disc (Ultimate),
- Gateball,
- Golf,
- Ground Golf,
- Handball,
- Hockey,
- Judo,
- Karate,
- **Lifesaving,**
- Orienteering (Sprint/Forest),
- Rowing,
- Rugby,
- Sailing (Sailing/Windsurfing),
- Shooting (Clay/Rifle),
- Softball,
- Soft Tennis,
- Squash,
- Swimming (Swimming/Diving/Water Polo/Artistic Swimming/Open Water),
- Table Tennis,
- Taekwondo,
- Tennis,
- Tenpin Bowling,
- Triathlon (Triathlon/Aquathlon/Duathlon),
- Tug of War,
- Volleyball (Indoor/Beach Volleyball),
- Weightlifting

Showcase Sports at the World Masters Games (Sports to be held for both purpose of raising mood towards 2021 and providing more opportunity to join in WMG.)

- Disc Golf <Fukui>、
- Paddle Tennis/Trail Running<Shiga>、
- Sports Climbing<Kyoto>、
- Rowing/Wheelchair Softball、 Wellness Darts<Osaka>、
- Baton Twirling/Igo Ball/Lawn Bowls/Nordic Walking/Petanque/Walking/<Nishinomiya city>、
- Para-Sports Competition (Wheelchair Basketball、 Rolling Volleyball、 Boccia) <Hyogo>、
- KIN-BALL Sport/Kanreki Baseball<Nara>、
- Beach Rugby/Sport Wellness Fukiya<Wakayama>、
- Ground Golf/Marathon/Triathlon/SEA TO SUMMIT (Kayaking + Cycling + Mountain Climbing) <Tottori>、 Billiard/Marathon/Rafting/Rubber Baseball/Surfing/Touch Rugby<Tokushima>、
- Double Dutch/Petanque<Kyoto city>、
- Triathlon<Osaka city>、
- Flag Football/Walking<Kobe city>