

(As of June 1st,2021)

World Masters Games 2021 Kansai
Showcase Sports in Kobe City
Walking Sports Information Guide

- 1 Organisers:** Kobe Local Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai
- 2 Co-organiser:** Hyogo Local Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai,
Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai
- 3 Managing Organisation:** Japan Walking Association centred Executive Committee
- 4 Competition Dates:** Sunday, 24 April 2022
(Competition: 1 Day)

Date	Time	Event Details
Sunday, 24 April	9:30 - 16:00	Event opening ceremony, course briefing, safety guidance, departure ceremony, and goal (awards) are to be held at the assembly point. The course will take you to locations such as the 1.17 Kibo no Akari (1.17 Light of Hope) monument commemorating the Great Hanshin Earthquake and its recovery efforts, Meriken Park and other waterfront areas, past the view of the city from Venus Bridge, and the Kazamidori no Yakata (Weathercock House) at the Kobe Ijinkan.

※1 There is no reserve day for bad weather.

5 Venue

Minato no Mori Park (Assembly, Start, Goal) – Approx. 17km

A beginner oriented short course (approx. 10km) will also be prepared.

※The address for the assembly point is “Onohama-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi”.

It is a 15 minute walk heading south from JR Sannomiya station, and to the east of Kobe Customs.

6 Competition Capacity

1000 players (Maximum)

7 Competition Rules and Methods

(1) Competition Rules

The competition will be held in accordance with the Japan Walking Association Competition Rules.

(2) Technical Delegate

Japan Walking Association Managing Director: Shigeyoshi Inoue

Kobe Walking Association President: Masahiro Sato

(3) Competition Format

- Walk the designated course with your group and arrive at the goal point by the designated time (15:00).
- Awards will be given to groups as they arrive (no assembly).
- As this is not a competitive event, no awards will be given for finishing positions.

8 Category

Gender	Age
Men / Women	From middle school age up to 79 years old

9 Eligibility

Middle school age or higher. Provided walking comfortably is possible, persons up to age 79 may participate.

10 Age requirements

※As defined in “9 Eligibility”

11 Medal ceremony

Participation Award, Commemorative Gift, Completion Award, Distance Certificate, Master Walker Award

12 Registration fee

Middle/High school students: 1,000 JPY
All others: 2,500 JPY

13 How to enter / Acceptance period for entry

To be determined

14 Notes on Participation

- (1) Clothing
Clothes suitable for walking
- (2) Competition equipment
Sport shoes suitable for walking
- (3) Insurance
The accident insurance policy of the Japan Walking Association will be applied.
- (4) Measures for bad weather, etc.
Cancellation due to weather will be decided between 20:00 on the day prior and 7:00 on the day of the event. Notice will be provided on the official website and other methods where possible to inform participants. Members of staff will also be positioned at the venue from 7:00 as a backup method of contact.

15 Arranging Accommodation and Transport

Arrangements for accommodation and transport can either be made individually by participants, or via designated travel agents.

16 Others

Sport Check-in

- ① Date and Time: Sunday, 24 April 2022, 8:30 – 9:30
- ② Place: Minato no Mori Park
- ③ Opening Ceremony: Sunday, 24 April 2022, 9:30

After the opening ceremony, groups will be instructed to begin in stages.