

World Masters Games 2021 KANSAI Japan

Japan will host the World Masters Games in May 2021. It is the first time that the World Masters Games (WMG) will be held in Asia. The first WMG was held in 1985 in Toronto, Canada. Australia has a strong history of participation and hosted the 3rd WMG in 1994 (Brisbane), the 5th in 2002 (Melbourne) and the 7th in 2009 (Sydney). The most recent WMG was hosted across the ditch, in Auckland in 2017, and now KANSAI Japan is gearing up to host the 10th WMG.

The Games will be held across the Kansai region in Fukui, Shiga, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, Wakayama, Tottori and Tokushima.

14 –30 May 2021

The World Masters Games is an international sports festival. Anyone aged around 30 years and older can participate. And participate they do! So far over 170,000 have taken part in the WMG.

In 2021, there will be 35 sports played (59 disciplines) and the 10th WMG is expected to welcome the largest ever number of competitors and participants—around 50,000 competitors and 200,000 participants.



The joy, determination and sense of achievement the Games give competitors are clearly shared by people of all ages looking at images from past World Masters Games!



It is a great mix of sports, with some that might surprise—dragon boat racing, tenpin bowling, tug of war and gateball.

Entries are still open and close on 28 February 2021, but disciplines (events) have maximum numbers and entry is on a first-come-first-served basis, closing once capacity is reached.

People take part in the WMG not just for the love of sport, but also for the chance to get to know a new city and country. Sports tourism is an opportunity for the WMG host prefectures and

cities to welcome people and invite them to explore. There are special sports activity plans that have been designed with WMG visitors in mind. The Kansai area has so many attractions, natural and manmade. And knowing that Australians love to travel and try new foods, be assured that the Kansai area has a particularly strong and thriving food culture!



Entries close 28 February 2021.
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