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Judo



- 1 **Organisers:** Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai
Tottori Prefectural Organising Committee of WMG 2021 Kansai,
Yonago Municipal Organising Committee of WMG 2021 Kansai,
Tottori Judo Federation
- 2 **Co-Organisers:** All Japan Judo Federation, Japan Blind Judo Federation,
The Japan Masters Judo Association
- 3 **Dates:** Friday, 21st May – Sunday, 23rd May 2027 (Competition: 3 Days)

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, 20 th May	13:00 - 16:30	Official Practice
Friday, 21 st May Day 1	8:00 - 9:00	Meeting on KATA refereeing
	8:00 - 9:00	Check in for KATA
	9:30 - 9:45	Opening Ceremony
	9:45 - 12:00	KATA Competition and Medal Ceremony for KATA
	10:00 - 11:00	Check in for TEAM
	12:30 - 13:00	Referees' meeting (for TEAM Competition)
	13:00 - 17:00	TEAM Competitions, Medal Ceremony for TEAM
	14:00 - 17:00	*Registration and Weigh-in for Individual Competition (for 22 nd May)
Saturday, 22 nd May Day 2	8:00 - 9:00	Referees' Meeting (for Individual Competition)
	9:00 - 17:00	Men's and Women's Individual Competitions (M6-M9, F1-F9) Vision Impairment Competition Men's and Women's Individual Competition (VM1-VM3, VF1-VF2) *Medal ceremonies will be held after the finals of each weight category.
	14:00 - 17:00	Registration and Weigh-in for Individual Competition (for 23 rd May)
Sunday, 23 rd May Day 3	8:00 - 9:00	Referees' Meeting (for Individual Competition)
	9:00 - 15:00	Men's Individual Competitions (M1-M5) *Medal ceremonies will be held after the finals of each weight category.
	15:00 - 15:15	Closing Ceremony

Venue Opening Time: Friday, 21st – Sunday, 23rd May at 8:00

4 Venue

Main Dojo of Tottori Prefectural Budokan
(3192-14 Ryomitsuyanagi, Yonago City, Tottori 683-0853)
<http://www.budoukan.jp/>

5 Competition Capacity

500 participants (including para athletes)

6 Competition Rules and Methods

(1) Competition Rules

[KATA] The “Judo Kata Competition Rules of Kodokan” and “the agreed items on the Judo Kata Competition Rules of Kodokan” prepared by the “Education Diffusion and MIND Committee KATA sub-division” of All Japan Judo Federation shall apply.
Competition area: 50 tatami mats.

[INDIVIDUAL] Judo Refereeing Rules of the International Judo Federation and agreed items of the Competition shall apply. Provided, however, that the IBSA JUDO Referee Rules will be added to the category of visual impairment.
The judgment criteria of yusei (winning by the judges’ decision) shall be “Yuko” or more. However, if the technical evaluation is equal, there will be no overtime and the winner will be determined by “Hantei” (flag decision).
No repechage or third-place play-off shall be held.
Competition area: 45 tatami mats.

[TEAM] Judo Refereeing Rules of the International Judo Federation and agreed items of the Competition shall apply.
The judgment criteria of yusei (winning by the judges’ decision) shall be “Yuko” or more. However, if the technical score is the same, “Kinsa” will be taken into account and the athlete with 2-fewer “Shido” penalties wins. In the case where the “Shido” penalty difference is fewer than 2, the match will be tied, “Hikiwake”. The winning team will be determined according to the number of wins.
If the number of wins is the same, the winner will be determined based on the techniques (i.e. the number of “Ippon”; when the number of “Ippon” is the same, then the number of “Waza-ari”; when the number of “Waza-ari” is the same, then the number of “Yuko” will apply). If the number is the same, each team will appoint one player to hold a tie-breaking match. The match will be played for 2 minutes in a usual match format. (Since this match is not played in a Golden Score format, the match will continue even if a “Yuko” is drawn.)

When the match cannot be settled after 2 minutes, there will be no overtime and the winner will be determined by “Hantei” (flag decision).

No repechage or third-place play-off shall be held.

Competition area: 45 tatami mats.

- (2) Technical Delegate
Fujio Adachi, Chairperson, Tottori Judo Federation

- (3) Competition rules / “competition method”

[KATA]

Performance will be marked and evaluated.

The KATA competition will consist of seven events (techniques): Nage-no-Kata (Forms of Throwing), Katame-no-Kata (Forms of Grappling or Holding), Kime-no-Kata (Forms of Decisive techniques), Ju-no-Kata (Forms of Gentleness & Flexibility), Kodokan Goshin-jutsu (Forms of Kodokan Self-Defense), Itsutsu-no-Kata (Forms of "Five") and Koshiki-no-Kata (Forms of Classics).

Participants may only participate in one of the above KATA events.

There is no gender distinction in competition. Mixed gender is allowed.

Equipemt for Kime-no-Kata and Kodokan Goshin-jutsu shall be provided by the organisers.

The performance order will be posted at the competition venue by 13:00 on the day before the competition.

[INDIVIDUAL]

If there are three participants, a round-robin tournament will be held, and a winner will be decided in each match. If the results are the same, the ranking will be decided by the content of the technique. If the content is also the same, a ranking match will be held. In all other cases, a tournament will be held, but there will be no repechage. If there are two participants, the two fighters will play three matches, and the first to win two matches will be the winner. If one fighter wins consecutive matches, the third match will not be played. If there is a category with one contestant, a new category will be created that transcends the weight class or age division and pairings will be made.

The order of the games will be posted at the competition venue before the day of the match.

< Age categories in the general division >

	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70+
Men	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9
Women	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9

Matches in the following weight classes for the above age groups will be held.

Men: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, +100kg

Women: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, +78kg

< Age categories in the visual impairment division >

Men	30-39	40-49	50+	Women	30-39	40+
	VM1	VM2	VM3		VF1	VF2

Matches in the following weight classes for the above age groups will be held.

Men: -64kg, -70kg, -81kg, -95kg, +95kg

Women: -46kg, -52kg, -60kg, -70kg, +70kg

*IBSA international classification will not be conducted at the Games.

<Duration>

M1/F1-M6/F6	3 min	VM1-VM3	2.5 min
M7/F7-M8/F8	2.5 min	VF1-VF2	2.5 min
M9/F9	2 min		

[TEAM]

The ranking will be determined in an elimination tournament format. The match time will be the following.

Men	1 st Senpo (M1 - M2)	2.5 min	Women	1 st Senpo	2.5 min
	2 nd Jiho (M3 - M4)	2.5 min		2 nd Chuken	2.5 min
	3 rd Chuken (M5 - M6)	2.5 min		3 rd Taisho	2.5 min
	4 th Fukusho (M7 - M8)	2.5 min			
	5 th Taisho (M9)	2 min			

*Athletes who participate in a men's team will participate in their corresponding age group without distinction of weight. However, if a team does not have an athlete in one age category, the opponent will either win by default or compete with an older athlete (1 age category higher).

*In a women's team, there is no age category for Senpo, Chuken and Taisho (first, second and third positions) and no distinction of weight. The youngest team member will be the Senpo, the second youngest, Chuken, and the oldest, Taisho. If a team of 3 cannot be formed, the 2 members will move up to first and second positions.

7 Eligibility

[Declaration and content of own record, etc.]

- In principle, Japanese competitors must be at least a shodan grade holder and must be registered with the All Japan Judo Federation.
- Overseas competitors must be ranked Ikkyu or higher.

- Athletes in the Visual Impairment Division must be able to prove that they are visually impaired by providing documents (in Japanese or English) such as a disability certificate (record book) or medical certificate. Athletes shall bring the original to the registration and on the day of the match.

[Necessary procedures]

Japanese athletes must have completed the FY2027 Registrations with All Japan Judo Federation.

8 Age Requirement

Minimum age is 30 (born on or before 31st December 1997).

*The age shall be determined as of 31st December 2027.

9 Medal Ceremony

KATA	In each event (technique), first to third-ranked athletes will be awarded with a medal.
INDIVIDUAL	4 athletes, ranked first to third, will be awarded with medals by event and by age category.
TEAM	4 teams in men's and women's will be ranked first to third respectively and awarded with medals.

10 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: 34,000yen/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

*When a helper (a person who assists a para athlete in a competition) participates in the competition to provide support, he/she is not required to apply for participation and is not required to pay a registration fee (provided, however, that the helper must apply for participation as a competition official when he/she requires a participant's kit, etc.).

(2) Additional charges (extra fee)

None

(3) Competition equipment rental

- Arms and armor (only in the division of KATA)

*The performance of KATA will be performed using the arms and armor loaned at the venue (no carry-in equipment required)

*Rental fee is free.

*Arms and armor may be rented for training (the day before and on the day of the competition), but they must be returned on the same day.

11 How to Apply for Participation

- (1) How to apply for participation in the competition.

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.

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

- (2) How to apply for competition equipment rental

Equipment will be rented to corresponding athletes checking in at the competition venue.

12 Notes on Participation

- (1) Clothing

Athletes must wear IJF approved white judogi.

*The competitors shall not be distinguished by the colour of the judogi, but by the red and white belts worn.

All participating athletes must appropriately sew the right sized bib to their judogi to be worn.

- ① Athletes without a bib (name and affiliation) attached to their uniform will be disqualified.
- ② The name of the affiliation shall be the name of the association to which they belong or of the region (state, city) they are from.
- ③ The bib used in international competitions with own name printed in English will be accepted. (IJF bibs may also be used.)
- ④ The size is 30 cm to 35 cm in width and 25 cm to 30 cm in length.
- ⑤ The colour of fabric is white.
- ⑥ The font is in thick plain block style written horizontally, in black for men and in dark red for women.
- ⑦ The athlete's name shall be printed on the upper 2/3 of the bib and the association's (state/municipal) name in the lower 1/3.
- ⑧ The bib should be sewn to a place 5 cm to 10 cm below the rear collar and all peripheries of the cloth must be sewn as well as diagonally using a durable thread.

For contestants in the visually impaired category, referees will provide necessary support according to the degree of disability, regardless of whether the contestant has a mark sewn on his/her judogi.

- (2) Competition equipment, etc.

Only the KATA equipment/armor provided and loaned at the venue can be used.

- (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) Procedure for Bad Weather

If the holding of the event is affected by paralyzed traffic to the venue because of bad weather, the event program may be changed.

13 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.

14 Others

All participants must complete the accreditation process and check-in at the competition venue before participating (competing or 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 (weigh-in included for individual matches)

Venue: Entrance and weigh-in room of Tottori Prefectural Budokan

[KATA] Date and Time: Friday, 21st May 2027, 8:00 – 9:00

[TEAM] Date and Time: Friday, 21st May 2027, 10:00 – 11:00

[Individual (M6-M9, F1-F9, VM1-VM3, VF1-VF2)]

Date and Time: Friday, 21st May 2027, 14:00 – 17:00

*Athletes unable to check-in and weigh-in on time due to participation in team competitions will be given an extended time (to be announced).

[Individual (M1-M5)]

Date and Time: Saturday, 22nd May 2027, 14:00 – 17:00

(3) WMG 2027 Kansai Social Events

Date and Time: Saturday, 22nd May 2027, 16:00 – 20:00 (planned)

Place: TBD

Content: Stage events, street booths (food & beverage food stalls)

Fee: Free entry (food and beverages are for sale)