

November 2020

World Masters Games 2021 Kansai
To Applicants for Japan Open Disc Golf

About Postponement of the WMG2021

1. Decision of WMG2021 Kansai Organization Committee

The Organizing Committee Kansai, which is the main organization of the WMG2021, has been exploring the possibility of holding the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai in May 2021 as originally scheduled up until today, with the assumption that the situation of the Covid-19 infectious disease would be under control. It is expected that WMG2021 will be able to realize its objectives by fulfilling two conditions; first, one complete measure being taken against the new coronavirus infectious disease, and second, two easing the restriction of immigration regulations.

At this time, it is not possible to determine whether we are able to establish a system in which we can be operated with confidence. In addition, even if the system has been established, there is a possibility that we must impose severe restrictions of the participants, and that will create conflict with the philosophy of the World Masters Games, as follows:

- ① Sports enthusiasts will gather from all over the world and enjoy lifelong sports;
- ② to enjoy interaction between participants and local residents, and
- ③ participants enjoy tourism with family and friends.

In light of the above, we have been conducting much many careful discussions with host municipalities, co-organizers, NFs, sponsors and International Masters Games Association (IMGA). As a result, we held an Organizing Committee's board meeting on October 28, and reached the conclusion of our postponement policy; to postpone the Games to the time which we believe it would be the most practical time to hold the Games. We will propose this to the International Masters Games Association (IMGA) at its General Assembly held on November 4th.

2. Decision of WMG2021 Kansai Sakai City Committee

As an organizer of the WMG2021 Kansai Japan Open Disc Golf, we accept their decision as an appropriate one. It is very unfortunate, but we also decided to postpone the Japan Open Disc Golf Tournament for one year.

3. Initiatives for the Future

We apologize for any inconvenience which may be caused to more than 300 participants who have already registered to the Japan Open Disc Golf, however, above all, we will make a decision on the necessary matters as promptly as possible in order to respond with full consideration to those participating in the Games. In response to the expectations of the Disc Golf enthusiasts around the world, we will make our best effort to achieve the success of the festival.

4. Outline of the Games due to postponement

○Name: World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Japan Open Disc Golf

(No change)

○Date: May 13th 2022(Friday) ~May 20th 2022(Friday)

○Tournament Venue: Fukui prefecture Sakai city Seaside Nature Park and Fukui Country Club

(No change)

5. Re-entry to the Games

We apologize for any inconvenience which may be caused to people who already finished registration and who are on the waiting list, but we decided to cancel all registrations tentatively. As for the entry fee which you have already paid, we will contact you in advance and refund the full fee amount except service charges. We will announce when re-entry starts in on the official website as soon as we amend the content of WMG Japan Open Tournament Rules and Regulations.

6. Shuttle Bus and Optional Tours

Reservations for accommodation and special activities and other important matters will be announced as soon as contents further details have been decided.