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Tenpin Bowling



1 Organisers: Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, World Masters Games 2027 Kansai Tokushima Local Organising Committee, Tokushima Bowling Federation

2 Co-Organiser: JAPAN BOWLING

3 Dates: Friday, 21st May – Monday, 24th May 2027 (Competition: 4 Days)

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, 20th May	10:00 - 16:00 18:00 - 20:00	Unofficial Practice Welcome Party
Friday, 21st May	9:00 - 19:00	Singles Preliminary Rounds (50+,60+,70+)
Saturday, 22nd May	9:00 - 16:30	Singles Preliminary Rounds (30+,40+) and Finals
Sunday, 23rd May	9:00 - 21:30	Doubles Preliminary Rounds and Finals
Monday, 24th May	9:00 - 18:00	Trios Preliminary Rounds and Finals

*The schedule for the preliminary rounds of the singles by age category may be changed within the range of holding times on 21st and 22nd May depending on the number of participants

*The holding times in the table above are a rough estimate, and the final competition schedule will be determined and announced after the entry is closed.

4 Venue

(1) Suehiro Bowl (4-95 Minamisuehirocho, Tokushima, Tokushima 770-0865)

(2) Pop Joy Ishii (16-1 Takaharanakasu, Myozaigun Ishiicho, Tokushima 779-3200)

*The venue according to the competition category and gender and age categories (hereinafter referred to as the “event”) will be determined and announced after the entry is closed.

5 Competition Capacity

(1) Singles: 498 participants

(2) Doubles: 251 teams (502 participants)

(3) Trios: 108 teams (324 participants)

*Participants may enter multiple competition categories (Singles, Doubles, and Trios). However, participating in more than one event within the same category (e.g., entering both Men’s/Women’s Doubles and Mixed Doubles) is not permitted.

*The above capacity shows the maximum number of participants of all the events including the gender and age categories, and the application may be closed before

the number of the items (1) to (3) is reached.

6 Competition Rules and Methods

(1) Competition Rules

All events will be conducted in accordance with the matters stated in this document and the separately determined competition rules. Matters not mentioned in these documents are subject to the competition rules determined by the International Bowling Federation.

(2) Technical Delegate

Fumihiko Sogabe, Board Chairperson, Tokushima Bowling Federation

(3) Competition Rule

① Competition system

a) Applicable to all

The competition will be conducted using two lanes (Dual lane).

b) Singles

All players will play a total of six games in the preliminary rounds. The first half three games will be played in one lane pair, and the second half three games in another lane pair, and the top eight players will advance to the quarterfinals based on the total aggregate score. The quarter-finals, semi-finals, third-place play-off and finals will be played in a single game tournament.

c) Doubles

Two players of a team will play three games each in the preliminary rounds. The top four teams will advance to the semi-finals based on the total aggregate score of the six games in the preliminary rounds. Two players of each team will play one game each in the semi-finals, third-place play-off and finals played in a tournament format and the outcome of the matches will be determined based on the total aggregate score of the two games.

In mixed doubles matches, women will be given a handicap of 15 points per game.

d) Trios

Three players of a team will play three games each in the preliminary rounds. The top four teams will advance to the semi-finals based on the total aggregate score of the nine games in the preliminary rounds. Three players of each team will play one game each in the semi-finals, third-place play-off and finals played in a tournament format and the outcome of the matches will be determined based on the total aggregate score of the three games.

Women will be given a handicap of 15 points per game.

② Registration and entry acceptance of players

Players must complete the entry procedures 30 minutes before the start of the match in which they participate.

③ Determination in the case of the same score

a) In the case of the same score in a series, the team with the least difference between the highest game and the lowest game will be ranked higher.

b) In the case of the same score in two series, the team with the least difference between the highest series and the lowest series will be ranked higher.
c) If the score of one game is the same and the score difference of “a” is the same, the team or player with a large number of strikes including the 10th frame in the individual or team match will be ranked higher.
d) In addition, if the number of strikes is the same, the team or player with a larger number of spares will be ranked higher.
e) If the number of spares is the same, further one more game will be played to determine the winner.

7 Event

(General Category)

Event	Gender	Age Categories
Singles	Men	30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
	Women	30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
Doubles	Men	30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
	Women	30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
	Mixed	30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
Trios	No category	30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+

*The age of the youngest player in the doubles and trios shall determine the age category.

*Athletes must compete in their designated age group based on their age as of 31st December 2027. However, this is not the case if athletes wish to compete in a lower age category.

8 Eligibility

Nothing in particular

9 Consideration for persons with impairments who participate in the general category competition.

In this event, consideration shall be taken for participants with impairments in the general category competition. The content of consideration according to the types of impairments is the following:

Persons with hearing impairments

○ **Arrangement of sign language interpreters at the competition venue**

10 Age Requirement

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

*The age on the event day shall be as of December 31, 2027.

11 Medal Ceremony

Medals will be awarded to the first to third-ranked players/teams of each category.

12 Registration Fee

(1) Competition participation fee (including tax and handling fee)

* Check World Masters Games 2027 Kansai Participation Terms and Conditions for detail.

① 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

② 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) Rental fee for competition equipment, etc.

Bowling shoes can be rented as follows. Provided, however, the number is limited and coins are required to pay the rental fee.

Venue	Rental fees	Remarks
Suehiro Bowl	300 yen	Size is from 16 cm to 32 cm
Pop Joy Ishii	300 yen	Size is from 14 cm to 32 cm

13 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

Those who wish to apply for the rental of bowling shoes must comply with the rules of the competition venue.

14 Notes on Participation

(1) Clothing

The name of each player should be clearly marked on the upper garment (preferably on the back).

It is also preferable to wear shirts with sleeves.

In addition, all the members of the same team desirably wear the same uniform in the doubles and trios.

(2) Competition equipment, etc.

All players must use the house balls or the ones that conform to the standards of competition equipment set forth by the International Bowling Federation.

Furthermore, for players who plan to use house balls and who may require enlarged finger holes, it is recommended that they have their finger hole size verified at the venue where they will be competing by 19th May 2027.
Each player may bring maximum four balls into the venue.
All players must wear bowling shoes.

(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

① Doping control in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the rules of the International Masters Games Association shall apply to this competition.

②Anti-doping activities (doping inspections and anti-doping education activities) shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the International Masters Games Association.

③ 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.

④This 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.

15 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.

16 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

① Date and Time:

From 7:30 each day of the competition

② Venue

At the venue of competition in which one participates

(3) Medal Ceremony

A Medal Ceremony for each event will be held after finals at the competition venue. Details regarding time and place will be determined and announced after application deadline.

(4) Unofficial Practice

① Date & Time: Thursday, 20th May, 10:00 -16:00

Shift A 10:00–11:50
Shift B 12:00–13:50
Shift C 14:00–15:50

② Venue: Suehiro Bowl / Pop Joy Ishii

③ Fee: JPY 2,000 per person per shift (Payment on site on the day)

④ Notes:

a) Participation is optional.

b) Advance application is required, and shift assignments will be adjusted based on preference (capacity limits apply for each shift).

*Details regarding the application process and other specifics will be announced as soon as they are finalized.

(5) Welcome Party

① Date & Time: Thursday, 20th May, starting at 18:00 (approx. 2 hours)

② Venue: THE PACIFIC HARBOR

3-5-1 Nakasucho, Tokushima city, Tokushima

③ Fee: JPY 10,000 per person (Buffet style / includes food and free-flowing drinks)

④ Capacity: Approx. first 300 general participants

(Accompanying family members and guests are also welcome to attend)

⑤ Notes:

a) Participation is optional.

b) Advance application is required.

*Details regarding the application process and other specifics will be announced as soon as they are finalized.