



WMG/WMOC2027 Kansai  
Orienteering Rehearsal 2-day Event



PREFACE

In May 2027, the World Masters Games (WMG), an international competition for lifelong sports, will be held in the Kansai region, where anyone over the age of 30\*1 can participate. There are 35 sports and 59 events as official competitions, and the orienteering competition is one of them, but it is also held as the World Masters Orienteering Championships (WMOC).

WMOC2027 is expected to attract more than 1,000 participants from overseas as the first event in Asia.

There are sprint events held in urban areas and parks, and forest events held in forests. Kami Town, Yabu City, and Kamikawa Town, located in the northern part of Hyogo Prefecture, will serve as the host municipalities for these events.

One year before the event, in order to smoothly operate the world-class event and build momentum, we will hold a rehearsal competition in collaboration with the executive committees of the host cities and towns.

\*1 Orienteering competitions are 35 years old and above ←

DATE

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July, 2026

LOCATION

Kami Town and Yabu city, Hyogo Prefecture

ORGANISER

Hyogo Orienteering Association

CO-ORGANISERS

WMG2027 Kansai Hyogo Prefecture Executive Committee  
WMG2027 Kansai Yabu City Executive Committee  
WMG2027 Kansai Kamikawa Town Executive Committee  
WMG2027 Kansai Kami Town Executive Committee  
Cooperation: JOA-WMG2027 Executive Committee

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DAY 1

DATE

Saturday 11th July, 2026

LOCATION (ARENA)

Kami Town Sazu Gymnasium  
178 Kasumiku Munagai, Kami  
Town, Hyogo Prefecture, 669-  
6401

TRANSPORTATION

<Public Transport>

Get off at "Satsu" Station on the JR San'in Main Line, then walk for about 7 minutes.

<Car>

Approximately 27km, taking about 40 minutes from the "Toyooka-Izushi" IC on the Kita-Kinki Toyooka Expressway.

<Official bus>

After the event, official buses are planned to operate to the accommodation areas for a fee. For details, please see the official bus page.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

<Competition rules and Format>

International Orienteering Federation (IOF) competition rules. Sprint race

<Map>

Apply ISSprOM2019-2, Scale 1:3,000, Contour interval 2m

<Punching system>

Apply SPORTident system. Both SI Card and SIAC can be used.

<Class>

[Individual]

AL, AS (for experienced competitors, advanced), pre-entry only

B (for experienced competitors, intermediate)

N (for beginner), Jr (for junior high school students), EI (for elementary school students)

[Group] composed of 2-4 people

GA (for adults), GS (for seniors), GJ (for juniors), GK (for kids), GF (for family)

Winning time: 12-15 min Max. running time: 60 min

<Registration>

Registration at the arena: 10:30 - 12:00.

Entry on the Day (EOD) is available for classes other than AL and AS.

<Start>

Sprint races start at 13:00

<Terrain Information> Among the San'in Kaigan Geopark, the white sand beach and the beautiful emerald sea are picturesque. In the summer, it is crowded as a beach.

The terrain is divided into east and west by the Sazu River, and consists of the west area with a small port with many narrow alleys, and the east area of the hot spring and guesthouse town.



DAY 2

DATE

Sunday 12th July, 2026

LOCATION (ARENA)

Yabu City Hachi Kogen  
Exchange Promotion Centre  
1591 Ookubo, Yabu City, Hyogo  
Prefecture 667-1127

TRANSPORTATION

<Public Transport>

- Get off at "Yoka" Station on the JR San'in Main Line, then take an official bus to the arena.

- Get off at "Kasumi" Station on the JR San'in Main Line, then take an official bus to the arena.

<Car>

- From the "Yoka-Hyonosen" IC on the Kita-Kinki Toyooka Expressway, take National Route 9 and turn left at "Sekijinja-mae" (in front of Seki Shrine). Follow the signs to the Hachi Kogen Ski Resort parking lot, approximately 25km from the interchange. Parking is free.

- From "Kasumi IC" on the San'in Kinki Expressway, head south on Prefectural Road 4 for approximately 22 km, turn onto National Route 9, turn right at "Fukuoka", and follow the signs to Hachi Kogen. It's about 44 km from the IC. Parking is free.

<Official bus>

Official buses are planned to operate from JR Yoka Station and JR Kasumi Station to the venue, Hachi Kogen, for a fee. For details, please see the official bus page.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

<Competition rules and Format>

International Orienteering Federation (IOF) competition rules. Middle distance race

<Map>

Apply ISOM2019-2, Scale 1:10,000 and 1: 7,500, Contour interval 5m

<Punching system>

Apply SPORTident system. Both SI Card and SIAC can be used.

<Class>

[Individual]

AL, AS (for experienced competitors, advanced), pre-entry only

B (for experienced competitors, intermediate)

N (for beginner), Jr (for junior high school students), EI (for elementary school students)

[Group] composed of 2-4 people

GA (for adults), GS (for seniors), GJ (for juniors), GK (for kids), GF (for family)

Winning time: AL class 30-35 min Other class 25-30 min Max. running time: 90 min

<Registration>

Registration at the arena: 9:30 - 10:30.

Entry on the Day (EOD) is available for classes other than AL and AS.

<Start>

Middle distance races start at 10:30

<Terrain Information>

The event will be held at Hachi Kogen, one of the largest snow parks in the Kansai region, located on the southern slopes of Mt. Hachibuse (1221m elevation), adjacent to Mt. Hyonosen, the highest peak in Hyogo Prefecture. The area is broadly divided into a ski resort area and a forest area with high runnability and few distinctive features. Runnability ratio: A 85%, B 5%, C 5%, D 5%



## OFFICIAL BUS SERVICE

Public transportation in this region is not always well-developed.

The organizers plan to operate an official bus service for those who are not participating in the event by car."

The bus route will connect JR "Kasumi" Station and JR "Yoka" Station, making several stops at "Michi-no-Eki" (Roadside Station) along the way. There is no bus service from the "Michi-no-Eki" to each accommodation.

When booking accommodation, please be sure to inquire about the availability of transportation to the nearest "Michi-no-Eki".

DAY 1 Saturday, 11 July, 2026

Bus Route A: Arena (Sazu Gym) - Roadside Stations ("Muraoka Farm Garden", "Hachikita", "Yoka Tajima-no-Kura") - JR "Yoka" Station

Departure Time: Departure from the arena at 15:00 (scheduled)

DAY 2 Sunday, 12 July, 2026

<Outbound> From JR Station to the arena "Hachi Kogen"

Bus Route B1: JR "Kasumi" Station - Roadside Stations ("Muraoka Farm Garden", "Hachikita") - Arena ("Hachi Kogen")

Departure time: JR Kasumi Station at 8:40, approximately 70 minutes

Bus Route C1: JR "Yoka" Station - Roadside Stations ("Yoka Tajima-no-Kura") - Arena(Hachi Kogen)

Departure time: JR "Yoka" Station at 8:50, approximately 50 minutes

<Return> From the arena "Hachi Kogen" to JR Station

Bus Route B2: "Hachi Kogen" - Roadside Stations ("Hachikita", "Muraoka Farm Garden") - JR "Kasumi" Station

Departure time: "Hachi Kogen" at 14:00 (scheduled), approximately 60 minutes

Bus Route C2: "Hachi Kogen" - Roadside Stations (~Yoka Tajima-no-kura) - JR "Yoka" Station

Departure time: "Hachi Kogen" at 14:00 (scheduled), approximately 45 minutes

## FARE

DAY 1: Bus A - 1,000 yen

DAY 2: Buses B1, B2, C1, C2 - 1000 yen each

Note:

- You can freely combine the outbound and return routes for DAY 2.

- Advance application is required to use the official bus. Please apply by 15 June, 2026.

## PARTICIPATION

<Entry fee, and charges for optional services>

[Entry fee]

- Experienced competitor classes (AL, AS, B): 2,000 yen/day

- Other classes (N, G): 1,000 yen/day

- Junior high school students and younger (Jr, AL, GJ, GK) classes: Free

- Residents of Yabu City, Kamikawa Town, and Kami Town, or those who attend school or work in these areas: Free

[Optional service]

SI Card: If you want to rent an SI card, please apply when you make entry.

However, the SI card rental fee is included in the entry fee for classes other than those with experienced competitors classes (AL, AS, B).

Rental Fee: SI Card 300 yen/day SIAC: 500 yen/day

Please note that a fee of 7,000 yen (13,000 yen for SIAC) will be charged for lost SI cards.

Official Bus ticket; 1,000 yen/bus trip

Valid for one use per bus trip.

## ENTRY PROCEDURE

Please make entry via Japan-O-Entry (<https://japan-o-entry.com>) following the on-screen instructions. by following the on-screen instructions at Japan-O-Entry (<https://japan-o-entry.com>). On the top screen, clicking the English button will switch the display to English.

Entry page: Day 1 <https://japan-o-entry.com/event/view/2490>

Day 2 <https://japan-o-entry.com/event/view/2533>

For classes other than those for experienced competitors (AL, AS), EOD (entry on-the-day) will be accepted, but there is a limited number of spots available. Please make entry in advance if possible.

SI card rental and official bus applications can be made at the same time as your entry.

## ENTRY DEADLINE

- Entry Deadline for the event: Monday, 29 June, 2026

- Official Bus Application Deadline: Monday, 15 June, 2026

## ACCOMMODATION

Please refer to accommodation booking websites, or to the tourist information websites below.

<Tourist information>

Kami Town: <https://visitkami.com/>

Yabu City: <https://visityabu.jp/>

<Accommodation>

Kami Town: Kami Town Kasumi Tourism Associ:

Tel +81-796-96-1234

<https://www.kami-tourism.com/booking/index.html> (in Japanese)

Yabu City: Yabu City Tourism Association

Tel +81-79-663-1515

<https://www.yabu-kankou.jp/sightseeingcategory/stay> (in Japanese)

