

World Masters Orienteering Championships 2027

World Masters Games 2027 Kansai, Japan

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Invitation

Welcome to Japan!

To everyone who loves orienteering around the world, we welcome all of you who would like to participate in the World Masters Orienteering Championships in Japan during the early summer of 2027.

Japan is an island country surrounded by the sea. However, there are many mountains and hills, and the land is rich in green nature. By running in it with a map and a compass, you can enjoy and get to know the nature of Japan.

There are mountains and seas in Hyogo Prefecture, the venue for the Championships. The sprint races take place in a fishing port town facing the Sea of Japan, where you can enjoy beautiful coastal scenery. The forest races take place in ski resort areas surrounded by rolling hills and abundant nature.

Japan is a country of the active and long-lived. We look forward to seeing orienteering friends from 35 years of age to older people competing with each other.

Please enjoy and compete together in the early summer of 2027.

Tetsuro Yamanishi

Honorary Chairman, Japan Orienteering Association



Organisers

1 Information about the Organisers

1.1 Organisers

The Japan Orienteering Association (JOA), on behalf of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF), and World Masters Games 2027 Kansai (WMG2027) are responsible for organising the delivery of the orienteering competitions for WMG2027. These competitions have been designated as the World Masters Orienteering Championships for 2027 (WMOC).

1.2 Contacts and information

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1.3 Event Advisers

IOF Senior Event Adviser: David Roach (LUX)

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Technical delegate for the WMG2027 orienteering competition: Toshio Onoye (JPN)

1.4 WMOC is part of WMG2027 Kansai

At WMG2027 Kansai, 59 events in 35 official sports will be held across nine prefectures in the Kansai area. Orienteering is an official sport and comprises two events: Sprint and Forest.

Event location

2 Event location

Both the sprint and forest orienteering competitions will be held in the municipalities of Kami Town, Yabu City, and Kamikawa Town, all in the northern part of Hyogo Prefecture.

2.1 Event Centre

The WMOC Event Centre is at the Kasumi B&G Marine Centre, Kami Town, Hyogo.

Registration (race number etc. collection) for WMOC orienteers will be at the Event Centre on 20 and 21 May 2027.

There will also be an Information Desk at each orienteering race venue, where registration can also be made.

WMG2027 Participant accreditation will be online. Materials and transport passes for all WMG participants will be available to pick up at the Masters Village in each WMG City.

[The locations of the Masters Village are currently not finally decided.]

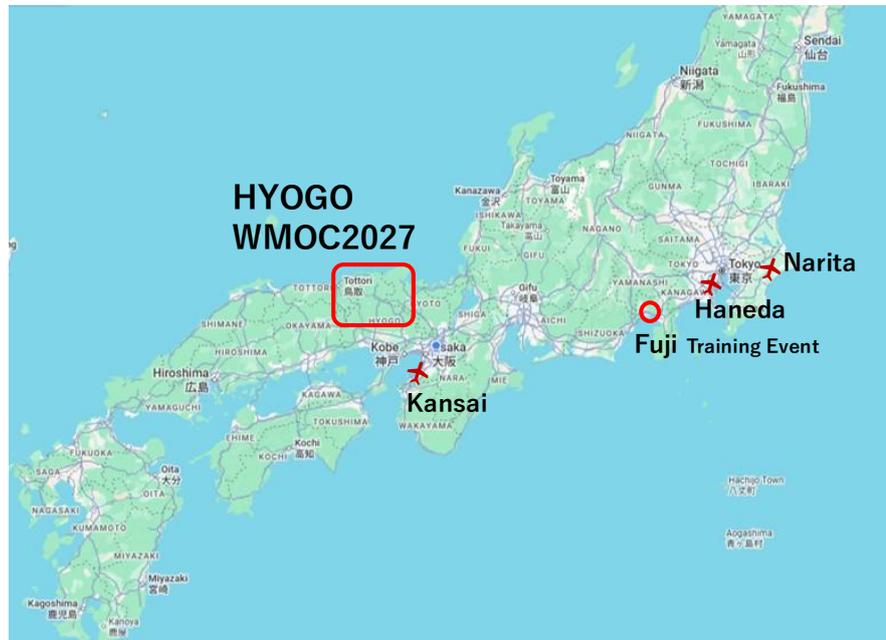
2.2 Venues

Event	Terrain	Arena	Distance from Event Centre
Model Sprint	Kasumi seaside town	Kasumi B&G Marine Centre	adjacent
Sprint Q and F	Kasumi seaside town	Kasumi Primary School <i>[to be confirmed]</i>	ca. 1.5km
Model Forest	Hachibuse Kogen	Ski Resort	ca. 45 km
Forest Q	Higashi-Hachibuse Kogen	Lodge Kaneichiya	ca. 43 km
Middle F	Uwano Kogen	Outdoor Educational Centre	ca. 37 km
Training Event	Hachi-kita Kogen	Ski Resort	ca. 39 km
Long F	Mineyama Kogen	Ski Resort	ca. 113 km

2.3 General maps of the region

Hyogo Japan

✈ International Airport



Kansai Area Map

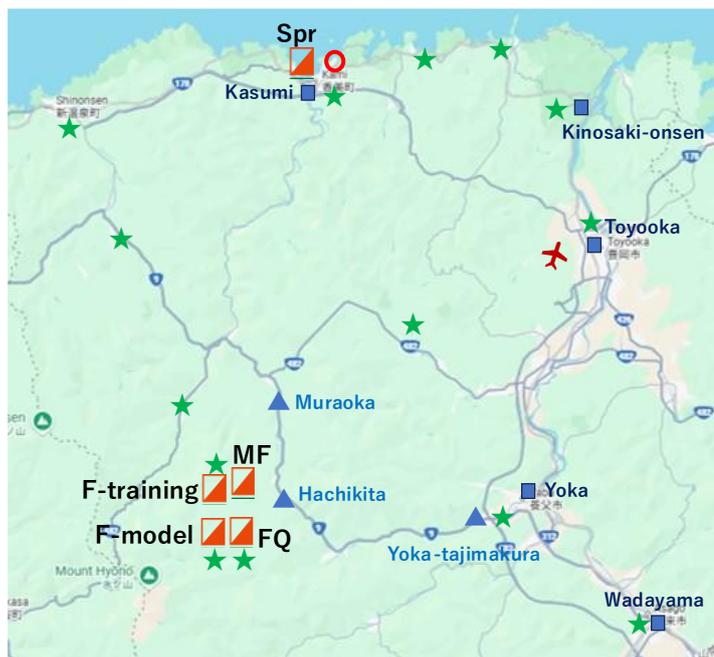
- WMG Masters Village
- WMOC-Event Centre
- ▣ O-Venue Spr: Sprint
FQ: Forest Qualification
MF: Middle Final
LF: Long Final

- ✈ Airport
- JR Rail access station



Northern Hyogo Details

- WMOC-Event Centre
- ▣ O-Venue Spr: Sprint
FQ: Forest Qualification
MF: Middle Final
- ✈ Airport (Tajima)
- JR Rail station
- ▲ WMOC-Bus-stop: Roadside Stop
- ★ Accomodations



2.4 Embargoed areas

As a general rule, before the WMOC races competitors are not permitted to enter the competition areas shown on the map which the link below leads to.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1YJAwGFN50gCafGBzq4CznehIVJ4gFv3j&usp=sharing>

However, if your accommodation is located within an embargoed area, this rule is partially relaxed, as outlined below. But, importantly, orienteering activities, reconnoitring the area, and training all remain forbidden.

Sprint areas (Kasumi Seaside Town) - soft embargo.

Areas are accessible until the closure time that will be specified in the day-by-day information in Bulletin 2, at which time a strict embargo will apply. Please leave the embargoed area before the closure time and wait in the Arena zone. The organisers will aim to set the closure time as near to the start of the race as is reasonable and practical for ensuring fairness.

Forest areas (Higashi-Hachibuse Kogen, Uwano Kogen and Mineyama Kogen) - soft embargo.

If you are staying at a lodging facility within the area, you may access that facility, but are not permitted to enter any area other than the access roads to the facility.

Travel

3 Climate

The event will be held in the pleasant late spring season.

Average temperature and rainfall for the last ten days in May:

	Temperature	Rainfall
Kasumi (Sprint)	18.4°C (highest 23.0°C / lowest 14.4°C)	34.6mm
Uwano-Kogen (Forest)	16.7°C (highest 21.5°C / lowest 12.4°C)	55.8mm

4 Visas

For information for visa requirement for visiting Japan, please check with the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan: https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/

5 Currency

Japan's currency is the Japanese yen (¥). Cash is still widely used, especially in rural areas. It is a good idea to carry some cash, as smaller shops and local restaurants may not accept cards. ATMs that accept foreign cards are available at convenience stores such as 7-Eleven and Lawson.

Credit cards are commonly accepted in cities, but availability can be limited in rural towns. Visa and Mastercard are the most widely accepted. Some places may not take American Express or Discover. Please check with the shop before ordering or purchasing.

Mobile payment options like Apple Pay, Google Pay, and contactless cards are increasingly accepted, but not everywhere. Some local shops only accept Japanese QR-code apps such as PayPay. It is best to have a backup payment method, such as cash.

In rural areas, cash is often the most reliable payment method. Some places accept credit cards or mobile payments, but it varies by shop. We recommend carrying enough cash for transportation, small purchases, and meals.

6 Communication (mobile data in Japan)

Japan has excellent mobile network coverage, with reliable 4G and 5G available in most cities and rural areas.

However, free public Wi-Fi is not as common as in many Western countries, so having your own data plan is highly recommended during your stay.

For most travellers, an eSIM or a prepaid data SIM is the easiest way to stay connected.

If you are staying short-term, an eSIM is the most convenient option. You can also buy a physical SIM at the airport, or use a pocket Wi-Fi if you are traveling in a group. Please make sure your phone is unlocked and supports eSIM if you choose that option.

7 Insurance

The WMG Organisers will take out accident insurance; however, the coverage is limited to injuries sustained by athletes and non-playing officials during competitions at the competition venues. The insurance coverage has a compensation limit and does not cover all risks to participants during the WMG. Therefore, all WMG Participants are advised to take out insurance against diseases and accidents (accident insurance, travel insurance, medical insurance, etc.).

The Japan Orienteering Association (JOA) will provide event liability insurance for any accidents caused by athletes participating in the WMOC.

8 Sightseeing

Hyogo Prefecture, where WMOC is being held, has many tourist attractions. There is much more information on the following websites.

Hyogo Prefecture: <https://www.hyogo-tourism.jp/>

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

Kami Cho is located in the north area of Hyogo Prefecture. It is an area surrounded by Mother Nature embracing the ocean, mountains, and rivers.

The town is a part of the San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark.

The area has many valuable geological heritages. Besides, the area produces Tajima cattle, the breeding cattle for Kobe beef.

Kasumi area

The Kasumi area faces the Japan Sea. The view at the Kasumi coast is stunningly beautiful. In summer, the coast welcomes lots of sea-goers. In winter, fishermen harvest snow crabs and you can relish crab dishes at hotels in the area.

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

Yabu is a designated city located in the Tajima region in northern Hyogo Prefecture. It was established in 2004 when the four towns of Yabu, Oya, Yoka, and Sekinomiya merged. It is a mountainous countryside town flowing with rivers and is snowy during the winter. The area is known for outdoor activities, sacred and cultural festivals, and nature spots such as the beautiful Tendaki Falls and the majestic Mount Hyonoson overlooking the town.

Yabu has lush and beautiful nature during every season. Although Japan is known for its technology and futuristic districts, the traditional and serene atmosphere of the *inaka* (countryside) can be experienced in Yabu. It is the perfect destination for the outdoor enthusiast with many activities available such as paragliding, canyoning, mountain climbing, skiing, and camping. Come and travel back in time, and enjoy the traditional Japanese landscape with us!

Kamikawa Town: <https://www.kamikawa-navi.jp/en/>

Kamikawa Town has the Tonomine Kogen and Mineyama Kogen areas, famous as film and drama locations. Moreover, it is surrounded by rich nature such as the Ochi River where the clear stream flows, and mountains over 1,000 metres. You can watch snow in winter, Japanese pampas grass in autumn, a firefly in summer, a cherry tree in spring.



9 Food

Japanese cuisine, "*Washoku*", is a healthy diet that has been registered as an UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. Northern Hyogo is blessed with fresh seafood from the Sea of Japan, many vegetables grown in the mountains, and is also the birthplace of the famous Tajima beef. Enjoy a variety of ingredients!

Competitions and Programme

10 Competitions

10.1 Competitions

The Sprint competition comprises a Qualification race and a Final race. The Forest competitions comprise a Qualification race, a Middle distance Final race, and a Long distance Final race.

Qualification for each Final race will be determined in accordance with IOF Competition Rules.

10.2 Programme

Date	Activity	Venue
2 March 2026	Entries open (WMG)	
2027		
28 February	Entries close for other WMG sports events	
10 April (Sat)	WMOC entries close – final deadline	
20 April	WMOC Bulletin 2 published	
14 May (Sun)	WMG Opening ceremony	Kyoto
20 May (Thu)	WMOC Event centre open	Kasumi B&G Marine Centre
21 May (Fri)	Sprint Model event	Kasumi seaside town/ Kami Town
22 May (Sat)	Sprint Qualification WMOC Opening ceremony	Kasumi seaside town/ Kami Town
23 May (Sun)	Sprint Final Sprint Medal ceremony	Kasumi seaside town/ Kami Town
24 May (Mon)	Forest Model event	Hachi- Kogen /Yabu City
25 May (Tue)	Forest Qualification	Higashi-Hachibuse Kogen/ Yabu City
26 May (Wed)	Middle distance Final Middle distance Medal ceremony	Uwano-Kogen/ Kami Town
27 May (Thu)	Rest Day or Training Event	Hachikita-Kogen/ Kami Town
28 May (Fri)	Long distance Final Long distance Medal ceremony WMOC Closing ceremony	Mineyama-Kogen/ Kamikawa Town
30 May (Sun)	WMG Closing ceremony	Osaka

Arrangements for a banquet or party have not yet been confirmed. Details will be announced on the WMOC2027 website at <https://wmoc2027.jp/en/> at a later date.

10.3 Classes, winning times, and age restrictions

Class	SQ & SF	FQ	MF	LF	Class	SQ & SF	FQ	MF	LF	Born before
M35	12-15	50	30-35	70	W35	12-15	50	30-35	70	1993
M40	12-15	50	30-35	65	W40	12-15	50	30-35	65	1988
M45	12-15	45	25-30	60	W45	12-15	45	25-30	60	1983
M50	12-15	45	25-30	55	W50	12-15	45	25-30	55	1978
M55	12-15	40	25-30	50	W55	12-15	40	25-30	50	1973
M60	12-15	40	25-30	50	W60	12-15	40	25-30	50	1968
M65	12-15	40	25-30	50	W65	12-15	40	25-30	50	1963
M70	12-15	40	25-30	50	W70	12-15	35	25-30	50	1958
M75	12-15	35	25-30	50	W75	12-15	35	25-30	50	1953
M80	12-15	35	25-30	45	W80	12-15	35	25-30	45	1948
M85	12-15	35	25-30	45	W85	12-15	35	25-30	45	1943
M90	12-15	30	25-30	40	W90	12-15	30	25-30	40	1938
M95	12-15	30	25-30	40	W95	12-15	30	25-30	40	1933

Legend:

SQ = Sprint Qualification

SF = Sprint Final

FQ = Forest Qualification

MF = Middle distance Final

LF = Long distance Final

All expected winning times (which are shown above in minutes) are as specified by the IOF Competition Rules.

10.4 Punching system

The SPORTident system will be used. Touch-free mode (Air+) will be activated, in addition to classic SPORTident punching. Both SI Active-Cards (SIACs) and classic SI cards can be used. At the finish, a punching finish will be required. Both SIACs and classic SI cards can be rented from the organisers. See 17.2 for more information and details of rental fees.

10.5 Clothing and equipment

Competitors can make their own choice of clothing and footwear.

Long sleeves and long trousers are recommended for the forest competition, to prevent injuries.

Spiked shoes are forbidden for all races. Dobb-spiked shoes are forbidden for the Sprint races.

Competitors will be strongly recommended to carry a whistle, a bear bell, and a mobile phone during all the forest races.

10.6 Results

Displays at the arena of provisional results will be updated continuously. A “live” results service should also be available (via the website “Lap Centre”), and full details of how to access this will be given in Bulletin 2. The official results will be posted on the WMOC2027 website on the day of each race, as soon as possible after the race has concluded.

10.7 Medals

The competitors who place first, second or third in each of the A-finals in each age class will be awarded WMG2027 and WMOC2027 medals.

11 Maps

11.1 Scales and vertical contour intervals of the maps

The maps will follow the latest version of the IOF International Specifications for orienteering maps. Sprint: ISSPrOM 2019-2 standard, scale 1:4,000 and/or 1:3,000, contour interval 2 metres. Mapped 2026.

Forest: ISOM 2017-2 standard, scale 1:10,000, 1:7,500, and/or 1:5,000 contour interval 5 metres. Remapped 2026.

11.2 Old maps

Old maps of the race areas will be available for download from the WMOC2027 website at <https://wmoc2027.jp/en/>

Some of the areas do not have any old maps.

12 Terrain

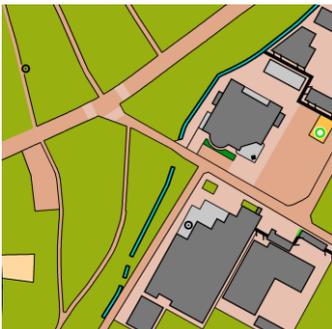
12.1 Sprint Qualification and Final

Kasumi, Kami Town municipality

The sprint competition will be held in the Kasumi district of Kami Town.

This is a fishing port town facing the Sea of Japan, located within the San'in Kaigan National Park, where you can enjoy beautiful coastal scenery.

The competition will take place through an old townscape filled with narrow alleys, and the key to success will be how well you can decipher the complex routes. The terrain is generally flat, and is at sea level.



12.2 Forest Qualification

Higashi-Hachibuse Kogen, Yabu City municipality

The Forest Qualification race will take place in the forested area surrounding Higashihachi Ski Resort, located in Yabu City municipality. The terrain is situated at an altitude of approximately 600–800 metres above sea level and is predominantly a single hillside, comprising generally gentle slopes with some steeper sections. Prominent features are limited, and the terrain does not require extensive or complex map reading. In certain areas, eroded re-entrants and valleys are present and form an important element of route choice. The forest is generally fast runnable with very good visibility, making speed and stable navigation key aspects of successful performance. The majority of the forest consists of planted cedar and cypress.

A well-known area of terraced rice fields is located at the western edge of the terrain, contributing to the distinctive landscape of the region.



12.3 Middle distance Final

Uwano Kogen, Kami Town municipality

The Middle distance Final will be held on the slopes of the Uwano Kogen, which lies 500–700 metres above sea level. The venue, the Uwano Highland Educational Centre, is sometimes bustling with elementary school students, who come to learn about life in a rich natural environment.

The terrain consists of broad-leaved natural forest and coniferous trees with a network of tracks and forest roads. Visibility and runnability are mostly good, but there are some areas where the trees are covered with fresh greenery and visibility is reduced. In the terrain, there is a Museum for Wood Culture, large grass fields, field athletic facilities, and a campsite area.



12.4 Long distance Final

Mineyama Kogen, Kamikawa Town municipality

The Mineyama Kogen is a large gently sloping basin located around 900 metres above sea level, surrounded by mountains reaching above the 1,100 metre contour.

In the broad-leaved forest zone of oak, there is fine detail including small water courses with marshes and scattered rocky areas. Runnability and visibility in the forest has improved significantly in recent years due to deer eating branches, leaves, and undergrowth. A ski resort opened in 2017 in the south part of the terrain.



13 Opportunities for training

13.1 Model Events

As noted in 10.2, the Sprint model event will be held on Friday, 21 May, and the Forest model event will be held on Monday, 24 May.

13.2 Training Event

As noted in 10.2, a training event will be available on Thursday, 27 May.

13.3 Pre-event at Fuji

A Pre-event will take place near Fuji, Shizuoka (between Tokyo and Nagoya) on 15 and 16 May 2027. Details of this event will be announced on the WMOC2027 website. Entry is separate from WMG/WMOC2027.

13.4 Further training opportunities

These will also be posted on the WMOC2027 website.

14 Public races

Public races (Sprint and Forest) for younger people, and those not participating in the main WMOC competition, will also be held. Details will be announced on the WMOC2027 website at a later date.

15 Antidoping

Doping tests may be conducted, in accordance with the WMG Anti-Doping Regulations.

Participate

16 Entries, payments, and athlete registration

16.1 Participation in WMG orienteering competitions

At WMG2027, orienteering will count as two events: sprint and forest. When you enter WMG, you can participate in up to five events in any sport at no additional cost. If you participate in more events than this, an additional fee of ¥2,000 will be charged per event.

If you participate in orienteering at WMG, you will also be competing in WMOC as a competitor, so you will need to pay the combined WMG participation fee and additional fee for the orienteering events as your entry fee.

16.2 WMG Accompanying Persons and WMOC Spectators

Participants other than athletes who pay the WMG participation fee (WMG Accompanying Persons) will be given a WMG participation kit and will be able to attend the WMG Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

"WMOC Spectators" do not need to pay the WMG participation fee and are free to enter the WMOC Event Centre and each venue and watch the competitions. However, except for those with special permission (such as for official photography), enter to the competition areas is prohibited.

16.3 Entry Procedure

[At the time of publication of this version of Bulletin 1 the details of the entry process have not been fully finalised. It is however expected that, as is usual for WMOC, the entries system within IOF Eventor, the information portal for all IOF events, will be used. Before beginning to make an entry, please check the WMOC2027 website for the latest information.]

Entries are scheduled to open on 2 March 2026.

As the orienteering competition is part of WMG you need to register for both WMOC and WMG

The process *is expected* to operate as follows:

① If you already have an IOF Eventor account, proceed directly to Step ②. If not, you need to **create your personal account in the IOF Eventor system**. Here is a link that will allow you to do this: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Register> . (This link will also help you if you already have an IOF Eventor account, but have forgotten the password.) Enter all the information that is needed to create your account – a guide to help you to do this can be found at

[https://eventor.orienteering.sport/Documents/Athletes Guide to IOF Eventor 2.2.pdf](https://eventor.orienteering.sport/Documents/Athletes%20Guide%20to%20IOF%20Eventor%202.2.pdf)

Once you have completed this process, you will find that you have been allocated an IOF ID, and you will be able to use your IOF Eventor account and IOF ID not just to enter WMOC2027 and all future IOF events, but also to see the results of all IOF events that you take part in.

② Log in to IOF Eventor. First, please go to the "My pages" tab, and **check that all your details are correct and up to date**. Pay particular attention to your competitor details, checking that these show

the FootO club that you will run for at WMOC2027, and (if you have one) your current SPORTident punching card number.

③ Then go to the “Event Calendar” tab, and search for WMOC2027. When found, click on the line for WMOC2027, and then on the green button “**Enter Selected Events**”.

④ The web page “Entry step 1 of 3” should appear. **Follow the detailed instructions** given in the purple box. Your age class should appear automatically, as should your SPORTident punching card number if you have included this when you set up your IOF Eventor account or edited it. Detailed instructions explain how you can choose which competitions to enter (Sprint, Forest, or both). You can also enter for other members of your family or club, as part of this same process.

⑤ These instructions also explain how to **book optional services**, including **SPORTident rental, WMOC bus transport, and car park passes**. Additional fees apply for each of these services (see 17.2.2). Clicking “Add” for a service then gives a choice of how many units of that service are to be purchased – for example, if WMOC bus transport for an accompanying “WMOC spectator” as well as a WMOC competitor is desired, insert “2” instead of the default “1” unit. Once you are satisfied that you have made the correct entries and booked all the desired optional services, click “Next”.

⑥ The next web page “Step 2 of 3” asks you to **confirm** that you are making the purchase that you desire, and that you accept the terms and conditions. You can either go back and make changes, or click “Confirm and go to payment”.

⑦ The next web page “Entries saved, step 3 of 3 – Payment” will show the amount to be paid, and ask you to pay by credit/ debit card. **Make the card payment** in the normal way. You will be making your payment through the IOF Eventor system to World Masters Games 2027 Kansai, and the payment will be processed through the Stripe payment platform. If for any reason you are unable to make payment using a credit/ debit card, please email: contact@wmoc2027.jp or <https://form.wmg2027.jp/en/contact/index.php>

⑧ The IOF Eventor web page that shows that your payment has been made has a link to the “Event information for WMOC” page. If you click this link, you will see information that confirms all the entries made and optional services purchased. From this page you can also at a later stage **add further entries and optional services**, or amend these.

⑨ As soon as your payment is confirmed as received, your participation will be confirmed by WMG, and your entry will be complete. The WMOC organisers will also have been notified of your IOF ID, which is important information for results processing.

⑩ On the World Masters Games 2027 Kansai website, the WMG user screen (My Page) will then be available, where you can check your information. Inquiries and responses to surveys will be made from this My Page screen.

16.4 WMG Accreditation and competition on-site registration processes

① First, you must complete the WMG authentication process. This is done online. Shortly before the

start of WMG, an electronic AD card function will be added, allowing you to view and print (if necessary) your participant information from your WMG My Page.

- ② You will collect your WMG participant kit. This will take place at the Masters Villages that will be set up in WMG's base cities (several locations, including Kyoto, Osaka, and Kobe). You will also collect your transportation pass here. *The location of the Masters Villages has not yet been finally decided.*
- ③ Orienteering competition registration (collection of bib numbers, rental SI, etc.) will take place at the Event Centre in Kami Town (on 20 and 21 May) or at the Information Centre of each race arena (from 22 May onwards).

17 Entry fees, and charges for optional services

17.1 Entry fees for WMG Competitors or WMG Accompanying persons

WMG Participation Fee	Overseas Residents	Japanese Residents
WMG Competitor	¥34,000 *	¥15,000
WMG Accompanying Person	¥20,000	¥5,000
Additional Fee – Orienteering	All WMG Competitors	
Sprint competition only	¥5,000	
Forest competitions only	¥5,000	
Both competitions	¥10,000	

*WMG Competitors residing overseas will receive an IC card transportation pass (“WMG Original KANSAI ONE PASS”) with ¥2,500 (no expiration date) pre-loaded. This pass is not available to Accompanying Persons, or residents of Japan.

See: <https://kansaionepass.com/ja/> .

KANSAI ONE PASS coverage can be checked at https://kansaionepass.com/ja/pdf/en_map_kansai.pdf.

17.2 optional services

① SPORTident rental fees

	Classic SI Card	SIAC
Entire week, if booked in advance	¥3,500	¥5,000
Per day, if booked in advance	N/A	¥1,400
Entire week, without pre-registration	¥5,000	¥7,000
Per day, without pre-registration	¥1,400	¥2,000

Advance registration deadline: 10 April 2027.

② WMOC bus transport

WMOC bus transport from JR stations or main accommodation areas to each of the events between

21 May and 28 May (Sprint Model, Qualifying, Final, Forest Model, Qualifying, Middle distance Final, Training event, Long distance Final) is available as an option. For more information, see 18.5. Please note that the fares reflect the fairly lengthy journey times involved.

WMOC bus transport fares

Entire week	¥15,000
Sprint days only (3 days)	¥7,000
Forest days only (4 days)	¥10,000

Advance registration deadline: 10 April 2027. Note that due to a shortage of bus drivers, the WMOC organisers will not be able to hire extra buses at short notice. Bookings cannot be accepted after this deadline.

③ Parking fees

A charge will be made for all car parking provided for the event. For more information, see 18.6.

Car park pass fees

	Car	Van, Caravan	Bus
Entire week, if booked in advance	¥7,000	¥10,000	¥40,000
Entire week, without pre-registration*	¥10,000	¥15,000	¥50,000
Per day, without pre-registration*	¥2,000	¥3,000	¥10,000

Advance registration deadline: 10 April 2027.

*Parking ticket must be purchased at the Event Centre

17.3 Entry deadline

The final deadline for entries to WMOC2027 is 10 April 2027 (11:59:59pm Japan time). It will not be possible to accept any entries after this time.

The entry deadline for WMG events other than orienteering is 28 February 2027. Also, some non-orienteering WMG events have a participant limit, so early application is recommended.

17.4 Cancellation

Until 11:59:59 pm on Sunday, 28 February 2027 (Japan time): the amount will be refunded minus a handling fee (10% of the refund amount).

From Monday, 1 March 2027: No refunds will be given. Please be particularly careful if entering after February 2027.

If the competitions, opening/ closing ceremonies, or scheduled competitions are cancelled due to reasons beyond the control of the organisers (natural disasters, terrorism, epidemics, etc.), no refunds will be made for competition entry fees or other fees.

If the event you are scheduled to participate in is cancelled due to the organiser's decision, then entry fees and fees for additional services ordered will be refunded, less a percentage that allows the organisers to retain sufficient funds to cover all of the costs that they have committed to incur before

the decision to cancel the event.

Please refer to the WMG cancellation policy for details.

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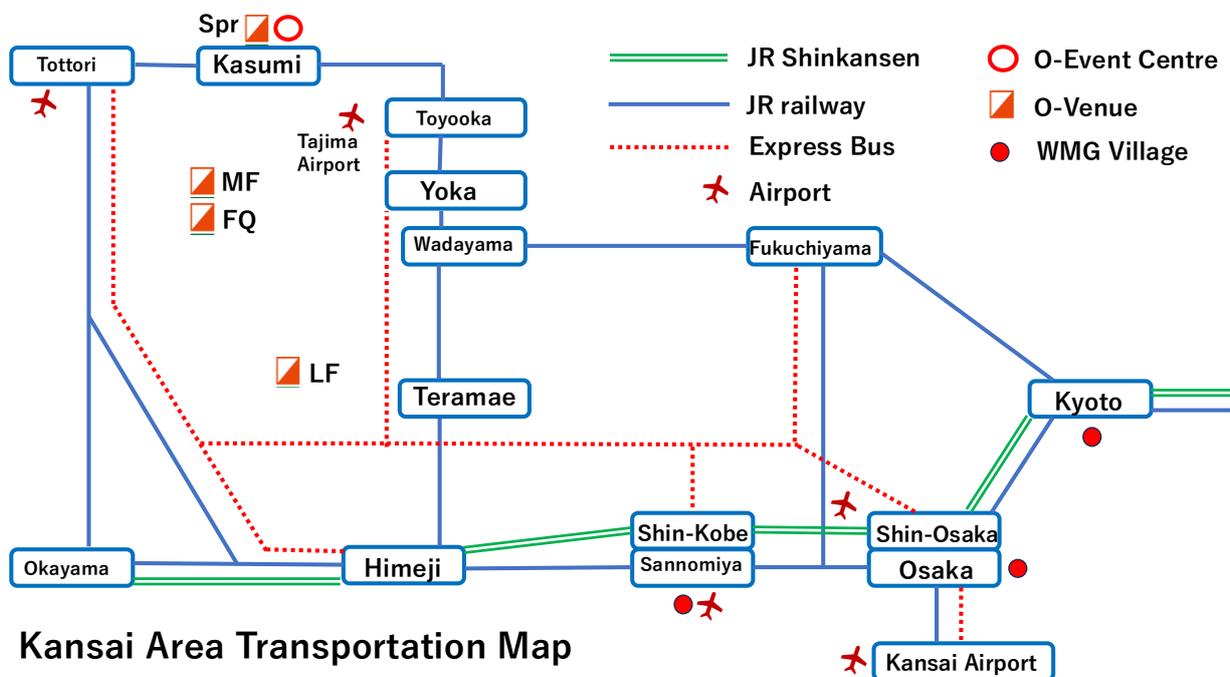
18 Transport and parking

18.1 Access to northern Hyogo from Kansai and Tokyo airports

From Kansai Airport, you can access northern Hyogo via cities such as Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe, and Himeji. You can also reach these cities by Shinkansen from Tokyo (Narita and Haneda Airports) or from Nagoya.

To get to northern Hyogo from the above cities, the most common route is by train (JR-West), but there are also express buses.

Domestic airports include Tottori Airport and Tajima Airport.



Kansai Area Transportation Map

Northern Hyogo is sparsely populated, so the train service is relatively infrequent. Please note that reservations are required for express trains. Conversely, there are relatively good train connections from the major cities listed above to Teramae, the closest main station to the Long distance Final venue on the final day. Teramae is within the "urban" area that extends from Teramae to Kansai Airport and that is covered by the pre-loaded WMG Original KANSAI ONE PASS IC card.

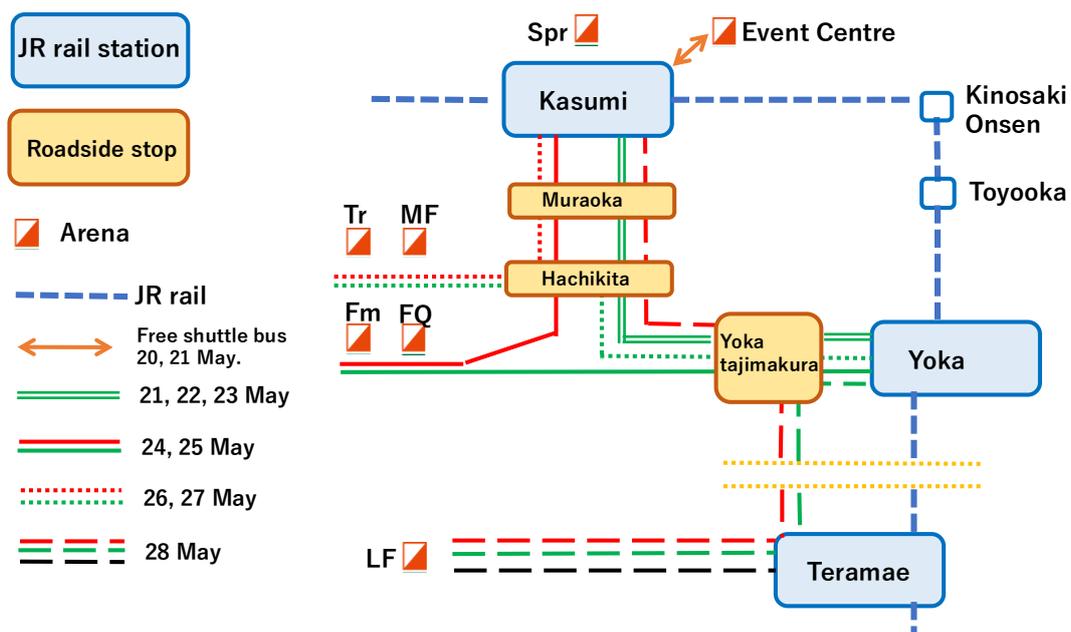
18.2 Transport in northern Hyogo

The diagram below gives an outline of transport in the Kami Town and Yabu City areas, in which the

Sprint races, forest Qualification and Middle distance Final are all to be held.

WMOC bus transport (see 18.5) to the race venues will operate from Kasumi Station (Kami Town) and Yoka Station (Yabu City). As noted above, there is a relatively infrequent train (JR) service at these stations. Timetables and other information will be posted on the WMOC2027 website, and in Bulletin 2.

JR rail and WMOC bus route map



18.3 Car rental

As noted above, the event area is not particularly well served by public transportation, so if you are travelling as a small group, we would recommend renting a car. Also, if you have a car, you will have a wider range of accommodation to choose from.

If you are considering renting a car, there is only limited availability in northern Hyogo, so it is better to rent at major locations such as Kansai Airport, Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe, Himeji, etc. You can use the expressway to get from Osaka to northern Hyogo, and it takes about 2-3 hours, depending on traffic. Please note that in Japan, cars drive on the left side of the road.

18.4 Access to the Event Centre and Sprint venues

The Event Centre at the Kasumi B&G Marine Centre will be open on 20 and 21 May. A free shuttle bus will run from JR Kasumi Station to the B&G Marine Centre.

Cars, vans, caravans and buses can be parked at the B&G Marine Centre, or at the nearby car park for orienteers only, and using the free shuttle bus.

The venue for the Sprint Qualifying and Final races is within walking distance from JR Kasumi Station. From the orienteers' car park, you can either walk or take the free shuttle bus.

18.5 WMOC bus transport to each venue

The organisers are arranging a bus transport service to each venue from a number of key locations. As noted at 17.2 above, this service is optional, with fares depending on the days used. All bookings for this WMOC bus transport must be made by 10 April 2027 at the latest – **it will not be possible to book bus transport on arriving at the Event Centre in the days before the first race.** The JR stations and roadside bus stops close to major accommodation from which the planned service will operate are shown in the table below and the diagram above.

This may be subject to change, so please keep an eye on the information on the WMOC2027 website.

Date	Activity	Arena	Departure point, via A: Yoka-tajimakura RS B: Hachikita RS C: Muraoka RS (RS - Roadside Stop)	Travel time (Min.)
21 May (Fri)	Sprint Model event	Kasumi B&G Marine Centre	JR Yoka St. via A, B, C	80
22 May (Sat)	Sprint Qualification	Kasumi Primary School	JR Yoka St. via A, B, C	80
23 May (Sun)	Sprint Final	Kasumi Primary School	JR Yoka St. via A, B, C	80
24 May (Mon)	Forest Model event	Hachi Kogen Ski Resort	JR Yoka St. via A JR Kasumi St. via B, C	45 60
25 May (Tue)	Forest Qualification	Higashihachi Lodge Kaneichiya	JR Yoka St. via A JR Kasumi St. via B, C	45 60
26 May (Wed)	Middle distance Final	Uwano Kogen Outdoor Educational Centre	JR Yoka St. via A, B JR Kasumi St. via B, C	40 45
27 May (Thu)	Training Event	Hachikita Kogen Ski Resort	JR Yoka St. via A, B JR Kasumi St. via B, C	40 45
28 May (Fri)	Long distance Final	Mineyama Kogen Ski Resort	JR Teramae St. JR Yoka St. via A JR Kasumi St. via A, B, C	25 75 120

18.6 Car parking

Car parking is planned as detailed in the table below. As noted in 17.2 above, charges will apply for car parking, and passes will need to be purchased. These arrangements may be subject to change, so please check the information on the WMOC2027 website.

Date	Activity	Arena	Travel time to the arena
21 May (Fri)	Sprint Model event	Kasumi B&G Marine Centre	Adjacent, or 5-10 minutes by free shuttle bus.
22 May (Sat)	Sprint Qualification	Kasumi Primary School	10 minutes on foot, or 10 minutes by free shuttle bus.
23 May (Sun)	Sprint Final	Kasumi Primary School	10 minutes on foot, or 10 minutes by free shuttle bus.
24 May (Mon)	Forest Model event	Hachi Kogen Ski Resort	5-10 minutes on foot
25 May (Tue)	Forest Qualification	Higashihachi Lodge Kaneichiya	5-10 minutes on foot
26 May (Wed)	Middle distance Final	Uwano Kogen Outdoor Educational Centre	5-10 minutes on foot
27 May (Thu)	Training Event	Hachikita Kogen Ski Resort	5-10 minutes on foot
28 May (Fri)	Long distance Final	Mineyama Kogen Ski Resort	5-10 minutes on foot

19 Accommodation

For the Sprint, Forest Qualification and Middle distance Final races: Yabu City and Kami Town are host municipalities and can offer a range of accommodation, some of which will be served by the WMOC bus transport service. In addition, you can also use accommodation facilities in Toyooka City, Tottori City and neighbouring cities, and there are hot springs available.

For the Long distance Final race: A wide variety of accommodation types is available in and around Himeji City and Kamikawa Town.

There are many Japanese-style inns and guesthouses in northern Hyogo. These usually provide both breakfast and dinner. They often have tatami-floored rooms, but some have beds. You can find this type of accommodation near the event venues. There are also famous hot springs. However, please note that there are few restaurants and supermarkets, especially in the areas near the forest events. On the other hand, there are not many luxury or urban hotels where meals are served separately, so we would recommend booking early.

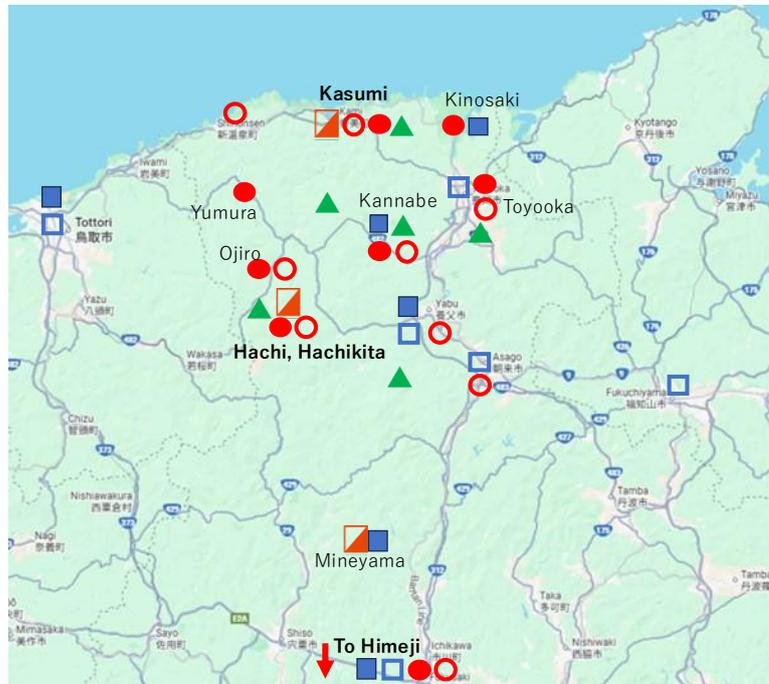
There are also a wide variety of other accommodation options, from luxury resorts to budget-friendly

guesthouses, scattered throughout the surrounding area, so if you are traveling by car, you will have a wide range of choices.

There are also campsites and cottages available.

Accommodations

-  High grade hotel, Resort hotel
-  Budget hotel
-  Japanese (hot spring) inn
-  Japanese guest house
-  Camping, Cottage
-  WMOC Venue



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

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

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

Kamikawa Town: <https://www.kamikawa-navi.jp/en/>

Safety information (based on JOA guidelines)

20 General risks and countermeasures in orienteering

20.1 For forest races

1. Getting lost: Orienteering carries the risk of "getting lost." If you lose track of your location, you can often regain your bearings by reaching a forest road. When exiting from the mountain to a road, choose a safe path. It can get dark in the forest before sunset, making it difficult to read the map. Be aware of the finish closing time and aim to return by then. It is recommended to carry a whistle and a mobile phone for emergencies. If you cannot reach the finish (event arena) on time, return to the forest roads before dark and head towards the finish using the roads.
2. Injuries: There is a possibility of cuts, lacerations, punctures, bruises, sprains, dislocations, muscle or tendon tears, fractures, and internal injuries due to falls and natural terrain or vegetation. There is also a risk of secondary infections (e.g., tetanus) from wounds. You can reduce risks by ensuring your footing as you progress.
3. Hypothermia: There is a risk of hypothermia regardless of weather conditions. To prevent hypothermia, it is recommended to wear long sleeves and long trousers. During rainfall, consider wearing synthetic underwear instead of cotton, and using waterproof overclothes.
4. Dehydration: Activities in the mountains can be prolonged. Carry drinking water as needed or ensure adequate hydration before the event. There are no places to purchase drinks along the course. In accordance with the IOF Competition Rules, , for races where the winning time exceeds 30 minutes, water stations (marked with a cup symbol on the map) will be set up at least every 25 minutes.
5. Falls and Slips: There are steep slopes and cliffs. Do not proceed recklessly, and ensure that your surroundings are safe as you move.
6. Falling Rocks: There is a possibility of falling rocks on steep slopes. Check for safety above you in areas where small stones are rolling.
7. Stepping through: There is a risk of stepping through the ground on unmaintained paths. It is recommended to wear sturdy shoes.
8. Wildlife and Plant Accidents: There is a possibility of encountering deer, wild boar, wasps, pit vipers, leeches, ticks, and other wildlife that may cause harm. If you encounter an animal, do not provoke it unnecessarily.
9. Others: There are general risks associated with outdoor activities, such as fractures, sprains, sudden illness, and delays in rescue.
10. If you need rescue: If you are unable to move, make as much noise as possible and seek help from other participants. If possible, move to the nearest aid station, water station, control point, or forest road. If you have a mobile phone, immediately contact the emergency number on the map. If you find someone needing rescue, stop your competition immediately and start assisting the person.

20.2 For sprint races

Sprint races are held in parks or urban areas, and the competition duration is short, so the risks posed by the natural environment are low. However, the characteristics of the sport do pose the following risks.

1. Contact or collision with others: During the race, there is a risk of contact or collision with other competitors, or pedestrians other than competitors. In urban areas, visibility may be poor due to buildings, etc., and sudden collisions may occur. In the unlikely event of contact or collision, be sure to report it to the event organisers.
2. Contact and collision with automobiles and bicycles: There is a risk of contact and collision with automobiles and bicycles when running on roads, etc. The event organisers will take this into consideration when planning the courses, and will endeavour to reduce the risk by clearly indicating dangerous areas and making advance public announcements, but please also be aware of your surroundings.
3. Injuries and illnesses due to high speeds and high physical loads: Sprint events require running at high speeds, which causes sudden increases in physical load. Furthermore, in urban areas, there are many stairs and steps, and if the road surface is hard or slippery due to rain, there is a risk of suffering severe bruises or fractures if you fall. To avoid injuries and cardiovascular complaints, please make sure to warm up and cool down sufficiently before and after the race. If you feel unwell, please stop the race immediately.
4. Dehydration and heatstroke: Temperatures tend to be higher in urban areas than in forested areas. If you are exposed to direct sunlight during hot weather, or if you are doing strenuous exercise in high humidity, failing to drink enough water increases the risk of dehydration and heatstroke. Be sure to drink plenty of water frequently, both before and after the race.
5. Damage to property: Please be careful not to damage hedges, fences, or other man-made objects through contact or collision while running. If you do damage any such objects, be sure to report it to the event organisers.

21 Safety information and requests

Please carry a whistle in case of an emergency.

We recommend that you carry a mobile phone for emergency contact.

Emergency contact information will be listed on the map and on your race number. However, using a mobile phone to gain an advantage in the competition is against IOF Competition Rules.

Bear sightings have been increasing in recent years. The organisers will take safety measures, but we recommend that you carry a bear bell.

On the back of your race number, please write the emergency contact information for a family member, friend, or companion. Please pay attention to your own physical condition and do not push

yourself too hard during the races.

Information on safety navigation for each day's terrain will be published in Bulletin 2.

22 Responding to natural disasters

If a weather warning is issued for the day of a race, or if there are reports of bear sightings, and it is deemed that the safety of the participants or transportation access cannot be ensured, the race may be cancelled.

If any competition venue or terrain becomes unusable due to a natural disaster (storm, fire, etc.) or emergency, the organisers will endeavour to hold races at a backup venue.

Participant Agreement

By entering this competition, you agree to the following:

1. I understand the general risks (see Section 20.) associated with orienteering, which takes place in a natural environment, as well as the potential for unforeseen issues, and I participate with this understanding.
2. I will adhere to all rules and precautions set by the organisers and will take sufficient care to protect the environment while participating in the event.
3. If I am unwell on the day of the event, I will voluntarily withdraw from participation. I will pay close attention to my safety and health, and will promptly cease competing if I experience any abnormalities in my condition.
4. I consent to receiving first aid in the event of injury or illness during the event, and acknowledge that compensation will be within the scope of the insurance taken out by the organisers.
5. I accept responsibility for the management of my valuables and belongings, and agree that the organisers will not be held responsible for any loss or theft.
6. I agree to the collection of my personal information by the organisers under the following conditions:
 - 1) Personal information collected by the organisers will only be used for tasks necessary for the operation of this event and for the announcement and promotion of future events hosted by the JOA.
 - 2) Personal information collected by the organisers will not be provided to third parties except in cases of outsourced work, legal requirements, or emergencies.
 - 3) The organisers will promptly respond to any requests from participants to disclose, correct, add, or delete their personal information.
7. I agree that the organisers will decide on any necessary reduction or cancellation of the event due to earthquakes, disasters, severe weather, incidents, epidemics, or other unforeseen events, and I will follow their decision regarding the refund of participation fees.
8. I agree that images, photos, articles, and records (including personal information such as name, age, gender, and results) of me during the event may be reported, published, and used in newspapers, television, magazines, the internet, pamphlets, etc. I also agree that the rights to these publications and their use belong to the organisers.
9. I will not provide false information about my age, gender, or identity, nor will I participate on behalf of someone else.
10. I will not enter the competition areas outside the designated event days, using the maps provided for this event or otherwise.