



2025 The First Japan Cup

Programme and Condition of Play

(The event held regularly every 2 years until 2022 called Japan Open. Now the event name has been changed to Japan Cup.)

From 13th – 15th September 2025

At Shiawase-no-mura, Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan

Schedule:

- 12th September (Friday): All arrival
 - Check in to the hotel
 - Meet at Dinner in the hotel
- 13th September (Saturday)
 - 9-11am Practice
 - 11:30 am Opening Ceremony
 - 13-16:10 Section play
- 14 September (Sunday)
 - 9-16:40 Section play
- 15 September (Monday- Public Holiday in Japan)
 - 9-15:40 Section play (Monday) + Final Knock Out tournament
 - 18:30-21:00 Presentation and Closing Ceremony
- 16 September (Tuesday)
 - Check out and departure

Venue: Shiawase-no-mura Lawn bowls Green

Outdoor, Synthetic Green, 10 rinks

Shiawase-no-mura 1 -1, Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture (the Airport is Kansai International Airport KIX)

All team will arrive at Kobe-Sannomiya Station on 12th September and Bowls Japan will usher to the accommodation/venue.

Format:

Open Triples (men and women), Two Bowls Triples

Team composition

One team consists of at least one male player and one women player. Plus one reserve or a manager will be in the team. A team consists of up to 4 players (3 or 4). If 4 players in a team, players will play alternatively in the event.

Trial Ends

The roll up will be only the first day in the morning. (Practice time of Day1)

Section Play

The event will be players in 2 sections and top 2 of each section will go forward to the semi-final while the others will be played to rank from 3-8th.

No extra end will be played

Knock Out Play

The Top two teams in sectional play will qualify for Semi Final.

Also, the team that won't go to Semi will be played (divided into 4 groups) to rank in the group.

Extra End of Knock Out Play

If the score is tie, an extra end will be played.

Ends and Time limit

Section play :10 ends (80 minutes)

Semi-Final and Final/Knock Out: 12 ends (100 minutes)

Score

3 Points in each win of the section play

1 Point of draw

The section winner will be determined as below.

- 1- Highest number of math points
- 2- Higher number of margin
- 3- Higher number of shots
- 4- Higher number of ends
- 5- Result of against each other

Restriction Movement of Players

The leads: after delivery their second bowl

The seconds: delivery of their second bowl

The Skips: After delivery of each of their bowl

Re-spotting the jack

If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to a distance of less than 20 meters from the mat line, the jack should be placed at 2 meter spot.

Entry Fee

US\$2800 per team (up to 4 players)

Including 4 nights accommodations, breakfasts, lunch and dinner and a closing party (from a dinner on 12th to a breakfast on 16th)

Minimum Entry Number

The event must receive 10 entries from overseas to proceed. A county can send up to 2 teams.

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