



WFDF 2024 Asia Oceanic Beach Ultimate Championships

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WELCOME TO SHIRAHAMA & TANABE

The Japan Flying Disc Association (Local Organizing Committee, LOC) and the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) are excited to host the WFDF 2024 Asia Oceanic Beach Ultimate Championships (AOBUC) in Shirahama and Tanabe, Japan. The tournament will take place from **Wednesday 12th – Sunday 16th June 2024** at the Shirarahama Beach in the town of Shirahama and the Ogigahama Beach in the town of Tanabe, Wakayama Province, Japan. The Pacific Ocean is the perfect backdrop to one of Japan’s most famous beaches and we look forward to welcoming you.

All WFDF National Federation (NF) members from Asia and Oceania are invited to participate at AOBUC in Shirahama and Tanabe in the Open, Women’s and Mixed divisions with a possibility of adding more divisions if there is enough interest. **The event is open to all National and Club Beach Ultimate Teams** who are endorsed by their National Federation. It is important for us to work together to collect all the information and payments needed to successfully plan and run the event. Please do everything you can to support the LOC by informing us as soon as you can if you are wanting to attend.

Below are the details that you need in order to start registering your teams. In addition, we have included some basic information to help you with planning and to assist with making your travel plans. More details will be available and posted on the official event website which will launch shortly.

NOTE: There are action points throughout this bulletin **highlighted in red**. Please pay particular attention to these.

If you have any urgent question, please email our helpdesk 2024aobuc-office@jfda.or.jp. “Urgent” means that it affects whether you will enter a team. For other information, please see the website. We look forward to seeing you all in Shirahama and Tanabe, Japan at AOBUC 2024.

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EVENT DATES

AOBUC 2024 will be a five (5) day tournament from Wednesday 12th – Sunday 16th June 2024 inclusive.

The schedule for the five days will be dependent on the number of teams, meaning if we have a larger number of teams, there will be more games played on Day 1 (Wednesday 12th June). If we have a smaller number of teams, there might be only the ceremonies held on Day 1. A firmer schedule will be advised when the registration ends.

The Captains' & Spirit Captains' meetings will take place on **Day 0 (Tuesday 11th June) afternoon**. Attendance by at least one (1) representative for EACH TEAM is required to attend each meeting. For capacity reasons, a limit will be two (2) people per team per meeting.

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Day 1 (Wednesday 12th June), followed by the Opening Game in the late afternoon. Times for the Opening Ceremony and Opening Game will be advised later, however we do expect each team (in uniform) to participate in the Parade of Nations during the Opening Ceremony. Please plan your travel accordingly.

The final day will be Sunday 16th June, with the Medal and Closing Ceremonies taking place immediately after the finals. Should weather cause delays to play, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly to ensure the finals are played as scheduled on Day 5.

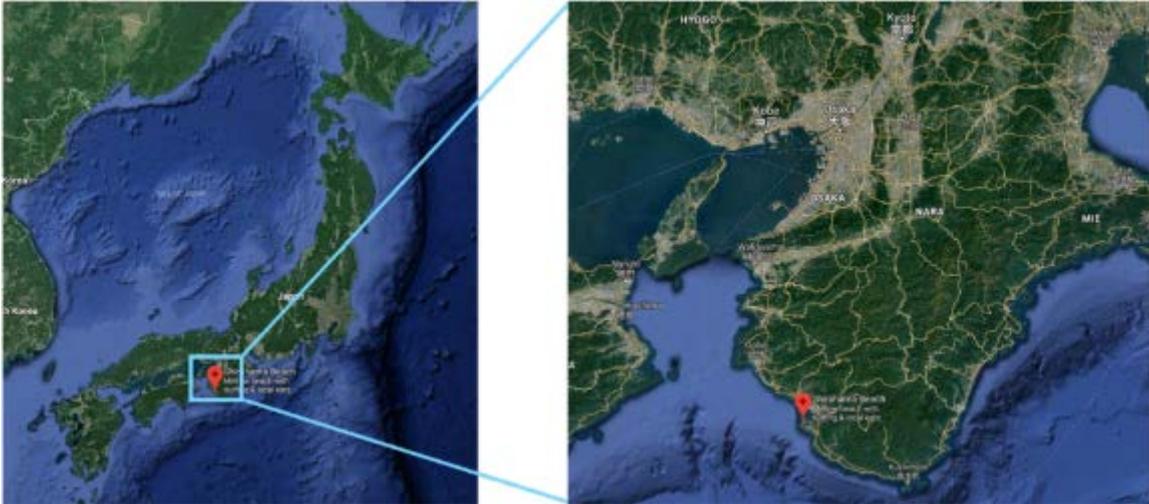
LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The event will be headed up by Haruyoshi Saito (President), Yuta Saito (Executive Director) and Amane Asai (Tournament Director) of the Japan Flying Disc Association, the National Federation in Japan. JFDA have hosted the WFDF 1992 World Ultimate & Guts Championships in Utsunomiya, the WFDF 2012 World Ultimate & Guts Championships in Osaka and the WFDF 2019 Asia Oceanic Beach Ultimate Championships in Shirahama. We will be joined by an experienced team of staff and volunteers for 2024 AOBUC as well.

LOCATION & VENUE MAPS

2024 AOBUC will be held in two venues, one in Shirahama and the other in Tanabe. It will be a 25 min drive between the venues.

For airport arrivals, we recommend you book your flight to the Kansai International Airport (KIX), where you can take a direct train or bus, and which is about 125km (2.25hrs) away from the venues.



Shirahama (White Beach)

Name of Venue: Shirarahama Beach

Address of Venue: 864, Shirahama-cho Nishimuro-gun, Wakayama, 649-2211, Japan

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/puqtsotcmUv>

Shirahama Town website:

<http://www.town.shirahama.wakayama.jp/soshiki/somu/kikaku/gyomu/homupeji/foreign.html>

The official Shirahama/Kushimoto Travel Guide:

<https://en.visitwakayama.jp/destinations/shirahama-kushimoto/>



Tanabe (Gold Beach)

Name of Venue: Ogigahama Beach

Address of Venue: 3, Ogigahama, Tanabe-city, Wakayama, 646-0034, Japan

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/Qx1zrpY9CoBpmpTF7>

Tanabe City Kumano Tourism Bureau Website: <https://www.tb-kumano.jp/en/places/tanabe/>



CLIMATE

Shirahama has very few rainy days and weak wind conditions in June, which is perfect for playing Beach Ultimate. Average temperatures range from minimum 18°C (64°F) to maximum 25°C (77°F) in the region in June.

AIRPORTS & TRANSPORT

International Airport

For airport arrivals, we recommend you book your flight to the Kansai International Airport (KIX), where you can take a direct train or bus, and which is about 125km (2.25hrs) away from the venues. In case you are staying near Tokyo, you may also book a flight from Haneda International Airport (HND) to Nanki-Shirahama Airport (SHM), which is about a 1hr flight.

Official Hotel to Venue Shuttles

From the official hotel, HOTEL SEAMORE, it is a 15 min walk to the Shirahama venue and a 25 min drive to the Tanabe venue. There will be bus shuttles between the official hotel and the Tanabe venue. Return shuttles will stop at some of the sightseeing spots for excursion. The detailed schedule will be announced as soon as confirmed.

FOOD

There are meal options (breakfast and dinners) at the official hotel, HOTEL SEAMORE. Please check the details and charges prior to booking. Lunches will be available as a pre-purchase option through the LOC for the event. There is a 24hr supermarket near the beach. Dietary restrictions can be dealt with by advising the LOC and your hotel when booking. Vegan, Vegetarian, lactose and gluten free meals will be available.

ACCOMMODATION & BOOKINGS

The LOC has secured the **official hotel, HOTEL SEAMORE**, which is 15 min walk from the the Shirahama beach and 25 min drive from the Tanabe beach.

HOTEL SEAMORE official website: <https://www.keyterrace.co.jp/en/>

Example of Accommodation fee / per night per person

ex. HOTEL SEAMORE – Main Building

Western-style Room (Two beds room)

- Weekday & Sunday ¥14,450
- Saturday ¥16,650

Western-style Room (three beds room)

- Weekday & Sunday ¥12,250
- Saturday ¥14,450

ex. HOTEL SEAMORE – RESIDENCE KEY 1

Western-style Room (Two beds room)

- Weekday & Sunday ¥7,300
- Saturday ¥8,400

ex. Meal options

Breakfast: JPY ¥2,200 (buffet) per meal

Dinner: JPY ¥3,850 (buffet) per meal

Official Hotel to Venue Shuttles

From the official hotel, HOTEL SEAMORE, it is a 15 min walk to the Shirahama beach and a 25 min drive to the Tanabe beach. There will be official bus shuttles from the official hotels to the Shirahama beach and Tanabe beach. Return shuttles will stop at some of the sightseeing spots for excursion. The detailed schedule will be announced as soon as confirmed.

Booking

The rooms with special price are limited and first come -first served. To get more information and make your hotel booking, please contact with our accommodations team via email:

2024aobuc-travel@jfa.or.jp



HEALTH & MEDICAL

All event participants (athletes, coaches and team support) are **recommended to obtain travel insurance prior to booking flights and health insurance before leaving your home country**. WFDF and the LOC do not provide coverage for participants outside of the general first aid administered at the fields. There are always risks associated with playing Ultimate and travelling. Although AOBUC will have medical staff on site to deal with first aid and assess critical injuries, there may be injuries or illness in which players need follow up medical attention or emergency visits to local hospitals.

WFDF and the LOC kindly request that all players and event participants acknowledge these risks and understand that **WFDF and the LOC cannot be held liable for any risk or cost associated with injury or bad health at AOBUC**. All event participants should alleviate some personal financial liability by purchasing your own travel and health insurance to make sure you are covered for any medical issues or event/travel cancellations that could arise. Participants will be required to sign an Event Participant Agreement published in advance of the event.

VISAS

Once the event bid list is published and your team is registered, we encourage each team and player to make specific and timely enquiries about obtaining a visa to enter Japan. Teams and Players are responsible for obtaining the correct paperwork to visit Japan to compete at the WFDF 2024 AOBUC.

We cannot provide specific advice on the process; however, we do strongly recommend that you get started as soon as possible. WFDF can provide your team manager/administrator with a letter confirming your team's registration at the event. WFDF can provide players with a letter confirming your participation as a player at the event after the players fees are paid and after the National Federation has supplied a roster endorsement letter with your name on it. Please make specific requests for such letter by filling out this online [form](#).

Specific player letters for visa appointments can only be done after players have registered and paid their fees. We require confirmation from the National Federation that they endorse the player on the roster. The following details for all the members of your team are required:

- Full name (as shown on passport)
- Passport number
- Date of birth
- Role on team (i.e., player, coach, manager, etc.)

Please fill out the required fields on the online form. Make sure you leave us some time to produce this document: do not assume that we can send it back on the same day. Please note that we cannot and **will not provide a formal "invitation"** to attend the event and non-ability to enter Japan is not grounds to request a refund for a team and/or player fees.

We recommend EVERY TEAM makes specific enquiries to fully understand visa and travel requirements.

For all proof of participation letters (team or individual), please fill out the [form](#).

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan: VISA / Residing in Japan

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

AOBUC TEAMS & DIVISIONS

All Asian and Oceanic WFDF National Federation members are invited to participate at AOBUC in Shirahama and Tanabe. Bids will be allocated by the WFDF Beach Ultimate Committee after the registration is closed.

Teams can be either National teams or club teams, and for the registration, we are inviting all member National Federations to register ALL TEAMS. After speaking with many countries, it is likely we will have enough teams interested to compete in the **Open, Women's and Mixed divisions**. Should we get enough teams, we will look to add **more divisions in the Master's age groups**.

FEES & EVENT DEADLINES

AOBUC Divisions: Open (O), Women's (W) & Mixed (X). Masters' divisions will go ahead if we have enough interest to run more divisions.

The estimated fees and payment deadlines are as follows:

Fee	Cost	Payment Deadline
Team Fee	USD \$500	Wednesday 31st January 2024
Player Fee	USD \$230	Thursday 29th February 2024
Non-Player Fee	USD \$100	Monday 15th April 2024
Late Fee (Player & Non-Player)	USD \$50	Monday 15th April 2024

- WFDF will invoice and collect all fees for AOBUC. All fees are in US Dollars \$ (please ensure your payment is made in the right currency).
- The team fee is NOT reimbursable for any team that withdraws after Wednesday 31st January 2024.
- Teams withdrawing after paying the team fees (for your own reasons) does not fall into the cancellation policy for event cancellation. The player fee can be transferred to another player but is NOT reimbursable (subject to certain exceptions and medical restrictions).
- **All bank fees and transfer charges are at the cost of the payer** – if there are any outstanding monies, they will be collected in cash during on-site event registration.
- Player Fees will include event accreditation, field and roster access for play, access to all player zones and meetings, access to the party and also the event gift and can access the podium to receive medals.
- Non-playing Team Support fees are for people travelling and associated with the team (coaches, medics, support, admin and guests) but are not taking the field to play. They will receive the same benefits as a player but will not be on any roster and are not entitled to play.
- Spectators are non-accredited individuals who will not be able to participate with the team or take part in any of the event or team functions and will be treated as spectators.

REGISTRATION

To nominate your teams for each division (registration), please follow the steps carefully as outlined below:

STEP 1 – Complete on-line registration form by using the following link:

[Registration form URL](#)

Please fill out registration prior to **Wednesday 31st January 2024**.

STEP 2 - Each National Federation will be sent team fee invoices via email prior to the 31st of January. **You should make payment within 2 weeks to secure your bids.** Teams are kindly reminded to ensure their payments and transfers cover the cost of any banking fees.

STEP 3 – For any questions about the team registrations process, please do not hesitate to contact WFDF Events Team. Please be sure to put “2024AOBUC” in the email title and your country abbreviation code (i.e., AUS)

WFDF Events Team: events@wfdf.sport

You are kindly asked to supply information and make payments **as soon as possible** – please do not wait until you are close to the deadlines as this simply creates a bottleneck of work for WFDF and the LOC. We are not able to extend the deadlines nor make exceptions to the fees published – please do not ask.

The deadlines for AOBUC 2024 are as follows:

Task	Notes	Deadline
Registration & Team fee due	USD \$500 – Email confirmation of payment	Before Wednesday 31st January 2024
Invoice for player fee sent	Player fee is firm, and an invoice is sent via email to each NF.	Thursday 15th February 2024
Player fee due	USD \$230- Email confirmation of payment	Thursday 29th February 2024
Non-player fee & Late fee due	Non-player fee USD \$100 and late registration fee (USD \$50) due.	Monday 15th April 2024
All registration information supplied by each team	This includes all participant names, rosters and all requirements as outlined in the PBB.	Monday 15th April 2024
Rosters Locked	Changes after this date will be at the discretion of the LOC/WFDF and will require a doctor's certificate for any injury swaps.	Tuesday 30th April 2024

INFORMATION

If you have any urgent question, please email below. “Urgent” means that it affects whether you will enter a team. For other information, please see the website.

Email: 2024aobuc-office@jfda.or.jp

BIDS & TEAM ADMINISTRATORS

Country coordinators and team administrators are reminded that bids will become official only upon receipt of team fee payment. Any bids not paid for by the deadline will be revoked.

All bids offered are issued to each member National Federation directly and only WFDF's official member representative for each country can accept bids. All teams and rosters must have full endorsement by the member NF. All invoices will be issued directly to the member NF.

SPONSORS



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You may want to contact our long-term partner distributor in Germany, as they now hot stamp UltraStar discs right in Germany and can also order discs from us, such as Supercolor or JStars. Contact Heiko Kissling, JUMP-and-REACH.com, it may eliminate all your headache about shipping costs, duty and taxes.

Email address is, uCustomize@JUMP-and-REACH.com

The new Hot Stamp prices are up on the website! You can see them here:

www.jump-and-reach.com/customprint175#prices

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The VC Team: www.vculmate.com



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Visit our stands and talk to us at upcoming WFDF events.

Website: www.xcomdiscs.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

Time zone: UTC +09:00 (GMT+9)

Language: Japanese

Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY ¥)

Currency for fees: All event fees will be advised and collected in USD \$

Voltage: 100 volts AC, 60Hz, Plug type: non-polarized and ungrounded with two pins

LOC CONTACTS

Do you have any questions about the WFDF 2024 Asia Oceanic Beach Ultimate Championships? Please contact us via the details below but note that the website will not be live until later in March 2024.

Email: 2024aobuc-office@jfda.or.jp

Website: TBD

LOC Tournament Directors

Tournament Director: Amane Asai

JFDA Executive Director: Yuta Saito

WFDF CONTACTS

For any questions regarding team bids, registration, invoicing or for AOBUC 2024 rules and competition related topics, please contact the WFDF Events Team:

Contacts:

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WFDF Managing Director of Events & Operations

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About WFDF

The World Flying Disc Federation (“WFDF”) is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of flying disc (frisbee) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts, and Individual Events. WFDF is a federation of 111 member associations, which represent flying disc sports and their athletes in more than 107 countries. WFDF is an International Federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and the International University Sports Federation (FISU), a member of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), the Association of IOC Recognized International Sports Federations (ARISF), the International World Games Association (IWGA), the International Masters Games Association (IMGA), and the Association for the International Sport for All (TAFISA). WFDF is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code and is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the state of Colorado, USA.

