

1. General

As of August 31, 2021, Japanese Government is enforcing special borderline measures to prevent spreading of Coronavirus, which means that entering Japan from most of the countries is prohibited.

Check the list of full border enforcement measures on the following link:

https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html

However, in case you travel to Japan with the purpose of participating in International Competitions, you may be allowed to enter the country as a part of special measures approved by the Japanese Government. Note, that in this case only those essential to the Event (Athletes, Coaches, Officials etc.) will be allowed to enter. It is highly possible that family and non-essential personnel will be denied entering.

2. Entry conditions

All participants must meet the following conditions, set by the OC in accordance with the Japanese government guidelines and regulations. If you are not able to fulfill all the conditions, you will not be allowed to participate in the competition.

- 1) All participants must enter Japan on **Sunday, October 24th**. However, those participating in the previous World Cup Short Track Speed Skating in Beijing, China must enter Japan on **Monday, October 25th**. Entry on a different date is not allowed.
- 2) All participants must leave Japan on **November 1st**. Extension of stay will not be allowed.
- 3) Special VISA for all participants from all countries will be required to enter the country. Information about all team members likely to participate in the competition must be submitted to the OC by **September 8th**. Participants not listed by this date will not be able to enter Japan. Those participating in the WCST in China must obtain Special VISA before departure to China.

Note:

*This VISA can be issued only for International Competition Participants. It is different from usual travel VISA.

*In case you already have multiple-entry VISA it will become invalid. Special VISA must be obtained to enter Japan.

*Since the information regarding Special VISA is not disclosed to the public, do not make inquiries to local Japanese Embassies or Consulates. They will not be able to answer.

(Refer to Appendix A for information regarding VISA procedure)

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Information for Participants

- 4) All participants must produce a negative COVID viral test done within **72 hours before** their flight and provide the OC with negative test result certificate in format specified by Japanese government before boarding the plane.
(Refer to Appendix B for information regarding Covid-19 testing during the Competitions)
- 5) As of August 31, 2021, there is no official information regarding easing of the restrictions for those who have undergone full vaccination.
- 6) All participants must monitor their body temperature, as well as their health condition, 14 days before and 14 days after arrival to Japan (total of 28 days).
(Appendix C file for the report form)
- 7) After arrival to Japan, all participants must save their smartphone GPS data within “Maps” application.
- 8) During their stay in Japan, all participants will be allowed to move only between their OC-designated hotel and the venue. Going outside the hotel or the venue, contact with general public (those not participating in the competition) is prohibited.
- 9) Use of public transport (domestic flight in Japan) is prohibited.

3. COVID-19 Prevention Measures

1) Basic measures:

- Masking policy.
- Ensure social distancing, plastic boards installation.
- Everyday body temperature checks. (At shuttle bus stop for participants staying in hotel, and at the venue entrance for those commuting from home)
- When possible, divide walking paths for participants from local staff and general public inside the venue and hotel.

2) Bubble concept

In-bubble participants:

Level 1: All foreign participants

Level 2: Japanese returning from abroad

Level 3: All persons, whose work includes close contact (within 1.5m radius) with Levels 1 and 2 for more than 15 minutes, contact with no mask, or possibility of dining together (interpreters, travel agency staff (information desk), attendants to foreign participants, etc.)

3) Restrictions for bubble participants:

- Designated hotel (and floor, if possible).
- Going outside the hotel or the venue, use of public transport is prohibited.
- Submitting all designated COVID viral tests.

4. Travel to Japan

Flights from Beijing to Nagoya:

Updates on the transfer from Beijing to Nagoya with a possible charter flight will be given in conjunction with details provided by the Organizing Committee of Beijing.

5. Lodging

Official Hotel will be Nagoya Tokyu Hotel.

Going out of the hotel is prohibited, so all participants will have to use the Official Dining.

We need to consider if food delivery services are an option.

Also, we need to consider how to deliver meals if there are participants staying in hotel during lunchtime from Thursday to Sunday due to feeling unwell.

6. Media

OC plans to conduct Flash interview and Mix-zone remotely. English interpretation can be provided if needed.

7. Regarding spectator attendance.

From the standpoint of promoting the sport, the OC would like to proceed with spectators as long as it is possible.

In that case only limited circle will be invited (e.g. families of athletes, their team/workplace members, local athletes etc.). Invitees will need to register their name, contact information etc. beforehand. Also, the OC will advise vaccination to those attending the Event.

While planning the Event with in-arena attendance, OC will make final decision on this matter based on epidemic situation in October and Aichi Prefecture's policy at the time.

8. Other

OC does not plan to produce posters and flyers.