



Japan Amateur  
Radio League



International Amateur  
Radio Union - Region 3

**International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) -  
Region 3 (Asia/Pacific Region)**  
Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL)

**12<sup>th</sup> IARU Region 3 ARDF  
Championships**

**9-14 November, 2026  
Ryuō-Town, Shiga-Pref. Japan  
(Kansai District)**



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## Organizing Society

Japan Amateur Radio League  
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## Venue

IARU Region 3 ARDF Championships is held at Ryuo-Town, Shiga-Prefecture, and around area (Kansai district) of Japan in 2026. Ryuo-Town is located in 30 km east of Kyoto station. The name of Ryuo literally means “Dragon King”.

Local Area Information

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ry%C5%AB%C5%8D,\\_Shiga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ry%C5%AB%C5%8D,_Shiga)

## Transportation to the venue

From/To Kyoto station, we will arrange bus transportation on arrival/departure day at JPY 10,000 (round trip). Please apply for this service during entry procedure. Venue is located about 1 hour from Kyoto station. Kyoto station is about 2.5hour trip from Tokyo and 30 min trip from Osaka both by Shinkansen (Bullet train). Nearest international airport is Kansai airport (KIX). It takes about 1.5hours from KIX airport to Kyoto station by train. From Chubu Centrair airport (NGO), it takes also about 1.5hours to Kyoto via Nagoya.

## Accommodation

The accommodation will be organized in Kibougaoka Cultural Park in Ryuo-town, Shiga-prefecture. We will arrange Seinen-no-Shiro training and education center for the accommodation facility. We have no single rooms, but mainly big rooms (max 20 persons room). No showers are available in the room, but public big baths/showers are available.



## Weather

The weather in this period is stable, usually sunny with temperatures 5-15 degrees Celsius. You might feel a little cold in the morning and evening, so you would be better to be prepared.

## Terrain

The terrains are located at about 30minutes by bus from accommodation area. The competition area is mostly forest at an altitude between 100-400m above the sea level.

## Dates and types of competitions

9th November, Monday - Arrival, Registration, Training, Opening Ceremony  
10th November, Tuesday - First classic competition  
11th November, Wednesday - Second classic competition, Awarding  
12th November, Thursday – Foxoring competition, Awarding  
13th November, Friday – Sprint competition, Awarding, Closing Ceremony, Banquet  
14th November, Saturday - Departure

## Entry fee and terms of payment

### A) Total package for competitors and team officials:

If paid no later than June 15th - JPY 130,000.  
If paid on June 16th and after - JPY 140,000.

This includes meals from 9th dinner to 14th breakfast, full boarding, transportation between hotel and competition area, competition fee and banquet.

### B) Total package for visitors :

If paid no later than June 15th - JPY 100,000.  
If paid on June 16th and after - JPY 110,000.

This includes meals from 9th dinner to 14th breakfast, full boarding, transportation between hotel and competition area, and banquet.

## Transfer

JPY 10,000. This covers transportation between Kyoto station and the hotel, round trip by chartered bus. (Fee between Airport and Kyoto station is not included.)

## Categories

In this championship, we have following categories in each competition.  
(W15, M15 and M75 are special categories for this championships.)

Female	Male	Age (Date of Birth)
W15	M15	Was born on January 1st in 2011 and after.
W19	M19	Was born on January 1st in 2007 and after.
W21	M21	No limit
W35	-	Was born on December 31st in 1991 and before.
-	M40	Was born on December 31st in 1986 and before.
W45	-	Was born on December 31st in 1981 and before.
-	M50	Was born on December 31st in 1976 and before.
W55	-	Was born on December 31st in 1971 and before.
	M60	Was born on December 31st in 1966 and before.
W65	-	Was born on December 31st in 1961 and before.
-	M70	Was born on December 31st in 1956 and before.
-	M75	Was born on December 31st in 1951 and before.

Each society is able to entry one team in each category consist of up to 3 competitors throughout the event, except young star categories. Each society may entry 2nd team in W15, W19, M15 and M19, but these teams will be treated as unofficial for Reg.3 competitions.

Teams from IARU society outside IARU Reg.3 may entry this championships, but these teams will be treated as unofficial. All individual competitors including from unofficial team will be awarded at non-regional classification. Note that MRSF (Mongolia) is treated as Reg.3 society at ARDF activities.

## Visa requirements

Japanese government requires visa for visitors. Please refer to the following web page for further information. It's visitor's responsibility to apply visa and get it, and we will support you.

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/index.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html)

Visitors from some countries are exempt from visa under certain conditions.

Exempt countries (A part of them):

(Even if you are from below countries, please confirm in the above web page)

Republic of Korea,

Thailand (ICAO standards ePassport only)

Australia

United States

Taiwan (Passport with personal identification number only)

## Important notes

### LETTER OF INTENT

Please find the LETTER OF INTENT at the last of this bulletin. It must be filled in and sent back to reach the organizers no later than 31st March, 2026.

### Next Bulletin

Bulletin 2 will be prepared around late May in 2026.

**12<sup>th</sup> IARU Region 3 ARDF Championships**  
**9-14 November 2026, Ryuo-town, Shiga-Pref., Japan**  
**LETTER OF INTENT**

We:

(Full name of the society) \_\_\_\_\_ (Official abbreviation) \_\_\_\_\_  
intend to take part in the **12th IARU Region 3 ARDF Championships, Kansai, Japan, Nov. 9-14, 2026** and would like to apply for participation. Our delegation will consist of:  
1. Number of competitors: \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
2. Number of officials (if not competitors): \_\_\_\_\_ (2)  
3. Number of guests/visitors: \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
**TOTAL NUMBER** of participants in this event: **(1+2+3)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person** for the Championships (responsible for the correspondence with JARL):

(Name and Family Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Call sign) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number (including country and area codes): \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax number (if available, including country and area codes): \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
On behalf of the society:

(Name and Family name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Position in the society) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please complete and send back this Letter of Intent (to reach JARL by 31 March 2026 at latest):

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