

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)**

**12th IARU Region 3 ARDF
Championships**

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



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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

Transportation to the venue

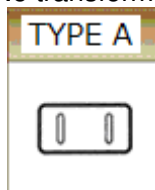
From/To Kyoto station, we will arrange bus transportation on arrival/departure day at JPY 10,000 (round trip). Please apply for this service during entry procedure. Venue is located about 1 hour from Kyoto station. Kyoto station is about 2.5hour trip from Tokyo and 30 min trip from Osaka both by Shinkansen (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 for men and women separately.



Power outlet is type A and 100V, 60Hz.
No transformer and outlet adapter is 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 30 minutes by bus from accommodation area. The competition area is mostly forest at an altitude between 100-400m above the sea level.

International Jury (temporary)

Chairman of the Jury:	Hiroshi Izuta,	JF1RPZ	JARL	Japan
Sitting and technical referee:	Yoshifumi Kikuichi,	JF3KRL	JARL	Japan
Referee at the start:	Hisao Higa,	JG5WWD	JARL	Japan
Referee at the finish:	Yoshikazu Kanamaru,	JH6AAM	JARL	Japan
Referee in the competition area:	Naoshi Goto,	JJ2JIX	JARL	Japan
	Hisashi Sato	JF0FDT	JARL	Japan

Any international juries from any IARU society are welcomed. Please contact the organizing committee at oper@jarl.org by email indicating name and callsign (if available) of jury candidate.

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 30th - JPY 130,000.

If paid on July 1st 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 30th - JPY 100,000.

If paid on July 1st and after - JPY 110,000.

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

C) 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.)

D) Entry

Please fill all necessary information in the attached entry sheet for registration, and send it to the organizing society. Please fill in not only competitors, but also officials, visitors and jury members.

E) Payment

Account information:

Beneficiary Bank: MUFG BANK, LTD.

SWIFT code /BIC code: BOTKJPJT (In case of 11 digits:

BOTKJPJTXXX)

Branch Name: KOMAGOME BRANCHI

Beneficiary Account Number: 061-0735485

Beneficiary Name: THE JAPAN AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE INC.

Latest date for funds to be received to avoid late payment fees:

June 30th, 2026

Latest date for acceptance of entries:

July 15th, 2026

We don't refund entry fee.

Categories

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

<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Age (Date of Birth)</u>
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.

Marking system

In this competition, we use SPORTident as marking system . We prepare SI cards for all of you, but we charge its value as compensation when you lost it.

Technical parameters

3.5MHz Classic

Transmitter: Frequency TX1-TX5 (code MOE-MO5) 3.520MHz
Finish beacon (code MO) 3.570MHz
Mode A1A
Power 3W

Antenna system: 9m Vertical + 10m counterpoise X 2

144MHz Classic

Transmitter: Frequency TX1-TX5 (code MOE-MO5) 145.66MHz
Finish beacon (code MO) 145.78MHz
Mode A2A
Power 1.0W

Antenna system: Turnstyle antenna (crossed dipole).

3.5MHz Sprint

Transmitter: Frequency TX1-TX5 (code MOE-MO5) 3.510MHz
Spectator (code S) 3.540MHz
TX1F-TX5F (code MOE - MO5) 3.570MHz
Finish beacon (code MO) 3.600MHz
Mode A1A
Power 0.5W

Antenna system: 2m Vertical, no counterpoise

3.5MHz Fox-O-ring

Transmitter: Frequency TX1-TX5 (code MOE-MO5) 3.510MHz
TX1F-TX5F (code MOE - MO5) 3.570MHz
Finish beacon (code MO) 3.600MHz
Mode A1A
Power 10mW, beacon 3W

Antenna system: 30cm Vertical, no counterpoise

Following are deviations from the rule.

*1) While transmitting, call sign will be sending intermittently according to Japanese regulation.

*2) In the 144MHz, we can't send A2A between 144.5 - 145.65MHz because of Japanese band plan. So we use between 145.65 and 145.80MHz.

*3) In 144MHz classic, channel space between TX1-TX5 and finish beacon is 120kHz due to our instruments reason.

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

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)

Special Event Station

To commemorate of this Reg.3 ARDF Championship, we have started to operate special event station prior to and during championships.

This station call sign is, **8J3ARDF**
and already on the air from April 13th, 2026.

If you are ham radio license holders in your counties AND from certain countries, you can be operators of this station as guest operators during competition period.

For qualification to operate the station, please refer to the following web page and annex.1 of this document.

https://www.jarl.org/English/3_Application/A-3.htm#guest

Even if you do not have such a license, you may still enjoy operating the station through a supervised trial experience.

Letter of intent summary

The total participants number of letter of intent is of each organization as of March 31st.

	Competitor	Official	Visitor	Total
WIA (Australia)	12	-	1	13
MRSF(Mongolia)	14	2	2	18
KARL(Korea)	22	3	-	25
ARRL(USA)	17	-	3	20
JARL (Japan)	42	-	3	45
Organizing Committee		54		54

Total	107	59	9	175

*Though MRSF does not belong to IARU Reg.3 officially, they will be treated as Reg.3 official as they do ARDF activity in Reg.3.

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 3 will be prepared around late July in 2026.