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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

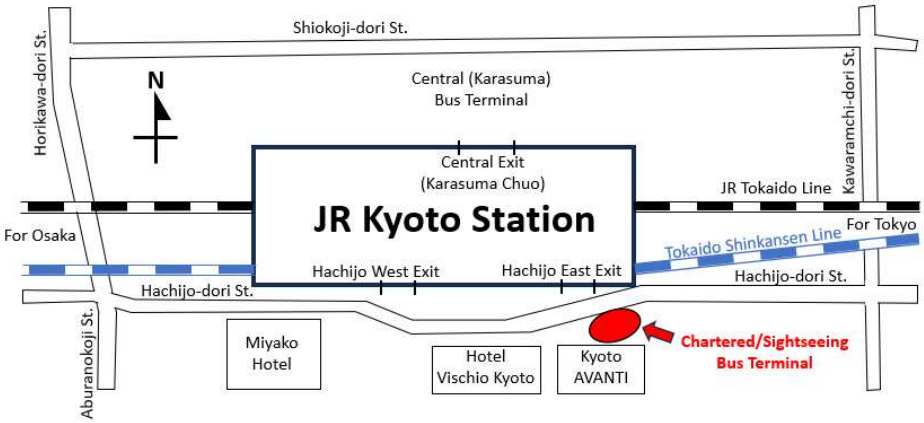
From/To Kyoto station, we will arrange bus transportation on arrival/departure day at JPY 10,000 (round trip). Please apply for this service during entry procedure. Venue is located about 1 hour from Kyoto station. Kyoto station is about 2.5hour trip from Tokyo and 30 min trip from Osaka both by Shinkansen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

- Bus schedule on 9th/Nov from Kyoto station: **11:00, 13:30**

Depending upon entry information, the organizer will inform each team leader about bus departure time of your team. Please gather at the bus terminal 20 minutes before your bus departure time.

- Bus terminal: Hachijo-guchi, Chartered/Sightseeing Bus Tearminal, access from south east of JR Kyoto station (Hachijo East exit)
- Bus schedule on 14th/Nov to Kyoto station: **09:00**

Detail will be discussed during the event with each team leader



For those who come directly to the event center by own car or taxi, please use “East Gate” of Kibougaoka Cultural Park, otherwise you should walk several kilometers to the event center named “Seinennoshiro”.



Accommodation

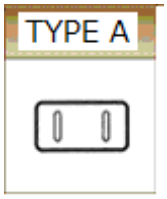
The accommodation will be organized in Kibougaoka Cultural Park in Ryuo-town, Shiga-prefecture. We will arrange Seinen-no-Shiro training and education center for the accommodation facility. We have no single rooms, but mainly big rooms (max 20 persons room). No showers are available in the room, but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



Due to power capacity limitation, high power tools like hair dryer can not be used.

Please bring indoor shoes/sandal along with you, since no outdoor shoes allowed in the accommodation facility.

Also please bring your own towel/ soap/ teeth-brush along with you, since no such amenity available in this facility.

There are no shops in this facility. But some vending machine for soft drinks are available and you need JPY coins(10/100/500yen) to use.

Laundry machines are available and you need 100yen JPY coins.

Smoking is not allowed in this facility.

Accommodation Living Guide will be published at Championships Web Page.

Competition Office

During competition, the competition office is located at Seinennoshiro in Shiga Kibougaoka Cultural Park. Contact from outside during competition, please contact bellow ARDF representative in Seinennoshiro.
(Before the competition and after the competition, please contact to JARL head office at the top.)

Seinennoshiro in Shiga Kibougaoka Cultural Park
1178 Yakushi Ryuo Town, Gamou-Gun, Shiga prefecture, 520-2551 JAPAN
TEL: +81-77-586-2111 or 077-586-2111
ARDF representative: Mr. Kikuichi

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 near accommodation area or about 60minutes by bus. The competition area is mostly forest at an altitude between 100-400m above the sea level.

International Jury

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:				
	Hyeongmoon Choi	HL4CFN	KARL	Korea
	Naoshi Goto,	JJ2JIX	JARL	Japan
	Hisashi Sato	JF0FDT	JARL	Japan

Program of the event

9th November, Monday

12:00 – 15:00 Arrival, Registration (Lunch is not included, please bring own lunch with you for first day)
15:00 – 16:00 Training event for 2m/80m classic competition
16:00 – 17:00 Opening Ceremony
17:00 – 19:00 Dinner
19:00 – 20:00 Team Leaders Meeting
21:00 – 22:00 Voluntary shopping tour for commodity by team representative (only 1-2 person from each team) (see below note)

10th November, Tuesday – 80m classic competition

07:30 – 08:30 Breakfast
08:45 Gathering for Start at Gymnasium
09:15 – 14:30 80m classic competition (All category)
Competitors will be transported by bus from finish area
Lunch box will be prepared at/near the dining room
15:30 - Jury meeting
16:00 - Team Leaders Meeting
17:00 – 19:00 Dinner
21:00 – 22:00 Voluntary shopping tour for commodity by team representative (only 1-2 person from each team) (see below note)

11th November, Wednesday – 2m classic competition

07:30 – 08:30 Breakfast
08:45 Gathering for Start at Gymnasium
09:15 – 14:30 2m classic competition (All category)
Competitors will be transported by bus from finish area
Lunch box will be prepared at/near the dining room
15:30 - Jury meeting
15:00 – 16:00 Training event for Foxoring competition
16:00 - Team Leaders Meeting
17:00 – 19:00 Dinner
19:00 – 20:00 Awarding ceremony for 80m classic competition
21:00 – 22:00 Voluntary shopping tour for commodity by team representative (only 1-2 person from each team) (see below note)

12th November, Thursday – Foxoring competition

07:30 – 08:15 Breakfast
08:30 Gathering for Start at entrance
08:30 – 10:00 Transportation to start area by bus
10:30 – 14:00 Foxoring competition
12:00 – 14:30 Lunch at finish area (Lunch box will be prepared at finish)
14:30 – 16:00 Transportation from finish area by bus
14:00 - Jury meeting
16:30 – 17:30 Training event for Sprint competition
16:00 - Team Leaders Meeting
17:00 – 19:00 Dinner
19:00 – 20:00 Awarding ceremony for 2m classic competition
21:00 – 22:00 Voluntary shopping tour for commodity by team representative (only 1-2 person from each team) (see below note)

13th November, Friday – Sprint competition, Culture Program, Closing Ceremony, Banquet

07:30 – 08:30 Breakfast
08:45 Gathering for Start at Gymnasium
09:15 – 12:00 Sprint competition
12:00 - Jury meeting
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
13:00 – 16:30 Culture Program Tour
Visiting one of most popular Japanese cake/confection factories and shop named “La Collina” by Taneya/Club Harie, also having a boat tour at wetland of Omihachiman which were made in 16 century.
17:00 – 18:30 Awarding ceremony for Foxoring and Sprint competition
Closing ceremony
18:30 – 21:00 Banquet

14th November, Saturday - Departure

07:30 – 08:30 Breakfast
08:00 – 09:00 Check-Out

Bus departure for Kyoto station:
09:00 (taking about 1hour to Kyoto)

Note: Voluntary shopping tour (every night 9pm) is planned for your convenience. The organizer will provide small bus service to local super market which locates 5km from the event center and opens until 10pm so that you can buy necessary commodity like water, snacks, fruits and so on. However, due to limitation of bus capacity we ask only 1-2 person from each as a representative of your team. (Cash and major credit card is accepted at the store.)

Ranking and Awarding

For IARU Region 3 teams (including ARRL, MRSF and RSGB), individual for each category of each competition, team ranking for each category of the 2m and 80m classic competition, competitors at 1-3 places among reg.3 competitors will be awarded with medals and certificates.

For non IARU Region3 teams (SRR and KFRR) and team-B of JARL young competitors, individual competitors at 1-3 places among these competitors will be awarded with medals and certificates.

Control flags

For Classic competitions (2m and 80m)
Standard 30x30cm 3-sided white and orange flag at all controls
For Sprint competition
Standard 30x30cm 3-sided white and orange flag at S(spectator) and B(beacon) controls, red/white striped SI stand (no flag) at all other controls
For Foxoring competition
Standard 30x30cm 3-sided white and orange flag at B(beacon) control, no flags/no red/white stripe at all other controls

Training and demonstration of TX (not all but just couples of TX only)

All training will be held at multi-purpose open park just north east side of accommodation building (Seinennoshiro)

For Classic competitions (2m and 80m): 15:00-16:00 on 9th Monday
For Foxoring: 15:00-16:00 on 11th Wednesday
For Sprint : 16:30- 17:30 on 12th Thursday

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.

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.

Common instruction

SI card will be collected at finish area every day and return to competitor through team leader meeting in the evening.
GPS logger or wearable camera are accepted during competition, only if these device has no capability of map showing and only use for own activity recording.
Map is water resistant. No plastic bag is used. Competitor may use own plastic bag.
For emergency purpose, bringing mobile phone is accepted. But it should be switched off from start waiting area to competition area (including spectator area) for all competitors, team officials and visitors. Violation results in team disqualification. Using mobile phone in finish area or in emergency is accepted.

Medical Care and Insurance

First aid facilities will be available at the finish areas for all competitions.
There is no cost to participants for on-site minor treatment, however the cost of ambulance transportation, emergency department visits, or clinic visits will be the participant's responsibility.
Therefore, we strongly recommend purchasing insurance that covers such expenses.

Competitions

80m (3.5MHz) Classic (10, November 2026)

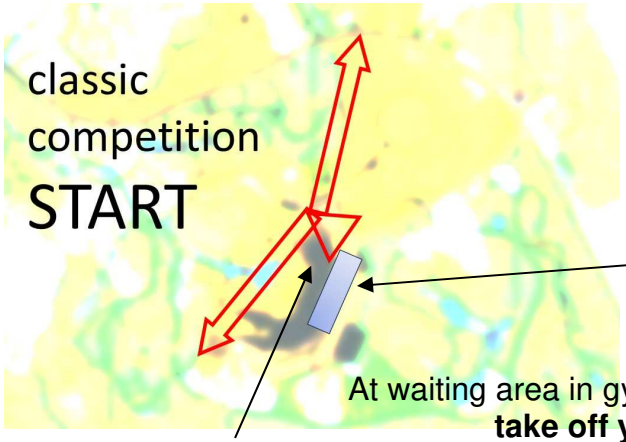
08:45 Gathering for Start at gymnasium
RX will be collected in the gymnasium

Competitors will be called to start area 15min before their start.
Map: 1:10,000 E=5m A3 (42x30cm, landscape=horizontal) water resistant
Time Limit: 150min
List of transmitters

W15: 1, 3, 4, 5, B	M15: 1, 2, 4, 5, B
W19: 1, 3, 4, 5, B	M19: 1, 2, 4, 5, B
W21: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, B	M21: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, B
W35: 2, 3, 4, 5, B	M40: 1, 2, 3, 4, B
W45: 1, 3, 4, 5, B	M50: 1, 3, 4, 5, B
W55: 1, 4, 5, B	M60: 2, 4, 5, B
W65: 1, 4, 5, B	M70: 2, 4, 5, B
	M75: 2, 4, 5, B

Start Corridors: A: W15, W21, W45, W65, M15, M21, M50, M70
(Length both 150m) B: W19, W35, W55, M19, M40, M60, M75

Start area



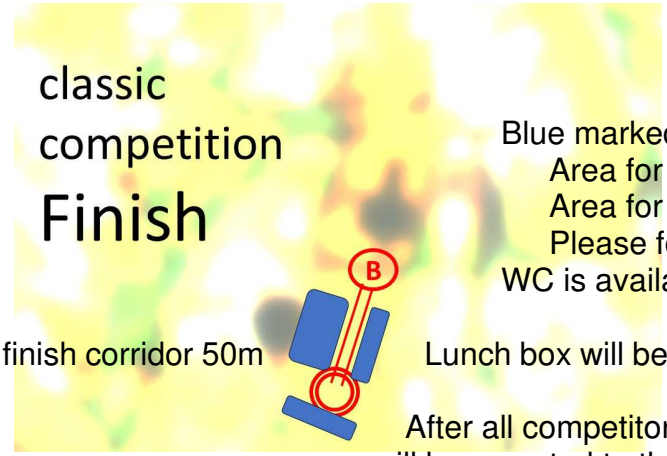
2 start corridors(A/B) will be provided.

competitor's warming-up area

At waiting area in gymnasium, **take off your shoes please!**

Gymnasium (WC is available in gymnasium)

Finish area



Blue marked area:
Area for finished competitors
Area for team officials
Please follow staff's instruction
WC is available at finish area

Length of finish corridor 50m

Lunch box will be prepared at finish area

After all competitors finished, competitors will be escorted to the event center by walk.

2m (144MHz) Classic (11, November 2026)

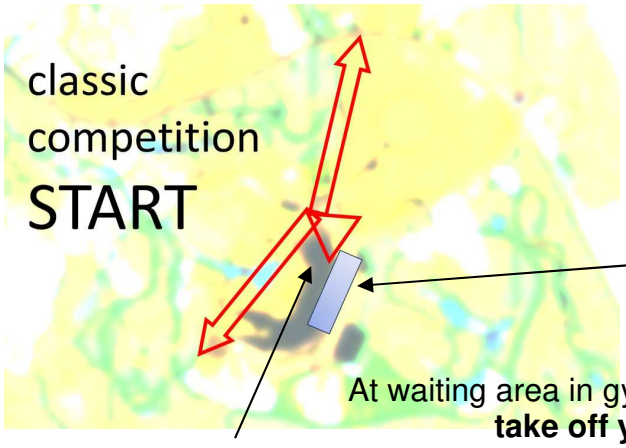
08:45 Gathering for Start at gymnasium
RX will be collected in the gymnasium

Competitors will be called to start area 15min before their start.
Map: 1:10,000 E=5m A3 (42x30cm, landscape=horizontal) water resistant
Time Limit: 150min
List of transmitters

W15: 1, 3, 4, 5, B	M15: 1, 2, 4, 5, B
W19: 1, 3, 4, 5, B	M19: 1, 2, 4, 5, B
W21: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, B	M21: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, B
W35: 2, 3, 4, 5, B	M40: 1, 2, 3, 4, B
W45: 1, 3, 4, 5, B	M50: 1, 3, 4, 5, B
W55: 1, 4, 5, B	M60: 2, 4, 5, B
W65: 1, 4, 5, B	M70: 2, 4, 5, B
	M75: 2, 4, 5, B

Start Corridors: A: W19, W35, W55, M19, M40, M60, M75
(Length both 150m) B: W15, W21, W45, W65, M15, M21, M50, M70

Start area



2 start corridors(A/B) will be provided.

competitor's warming-up area

At waiting area in gymnasium, **take off your shoes please!**

Gymnasium (WC is available in gymnasium)

Finish area



Length of finish corridor 50m

Blue marked area:
Area for finished competitors
Area for team officials
Please follow staff's instruction
WC is available at finish area

Lunch box will be prepared at finish area

After all competitors finished, competitors will be escorted to the event center by walk.

Foxoring (12, November 2026)

08:15 Gathering for Start at entrance of accommodation (Parking Lot area)

08:30 – 10:00 Transportation to start area by bus (Bus starts at 8:30)

Competitors will be called to start area 6min before their start.

Map: 1:5,000 E=5m A4 (21x30cm, portrait=vertical) water resistant

Time Limit: 120min

List of transmitters

W15: 1, 3, 4, 5, 1F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
W19: 1, 3, 4, 5, 1F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
W21: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
W35: 2, 4, 5, 2F, 4F, 5F, B
W45: 1, 4, 5, 1F, 4F, 5F, B
W55: 1, 4, 5, 1F, 4F, 5F, B
W65: 1, 4, 5, 1F, 4F, 5F, B

M15: 2, 3, 4, 5, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
M19: 2, 3, 4, 5, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
M21: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
M40: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, B
M50: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, B
M60: 1, 4, 5, 1F, 4F, 5F, B
M70: 1, 4, 5, 1F, 4F, 5F, B
M75: 1, 4, 5, 1F, 4F, 5F, B

10:30 – 14:00 Foxoring competition

Start and Finish area

At the start, map for each competitor is set just after start line so that competitor should get own map and run along with start corridor.

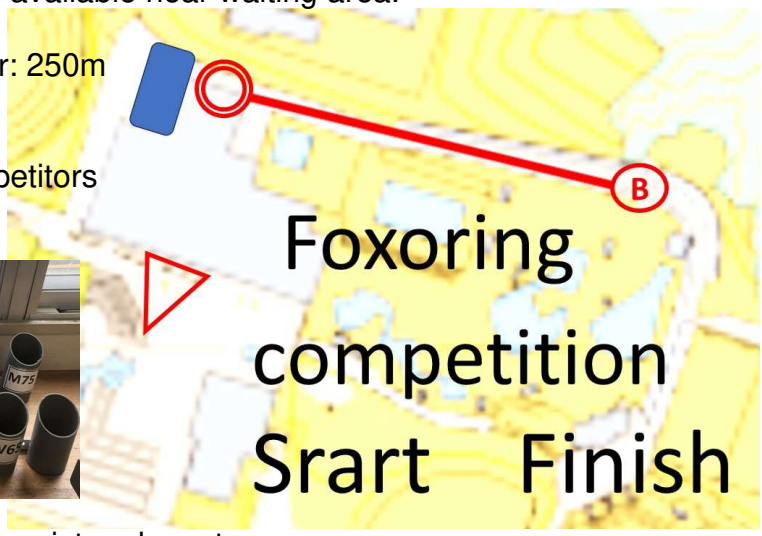
Length of start corridor: 40m

Warming-up area is available near waiting area.

Length of finish corridor: 250m

Blue marked area:
Area for finished competitors
Area for team officials





Map will be set as above picture by category.

Lunch box will be prepared at finish area.
After all competitors finished, at 14:30 all competitors will take buses returning to event center.

WC is available at start and finish area

Sprint (13, November 2026)

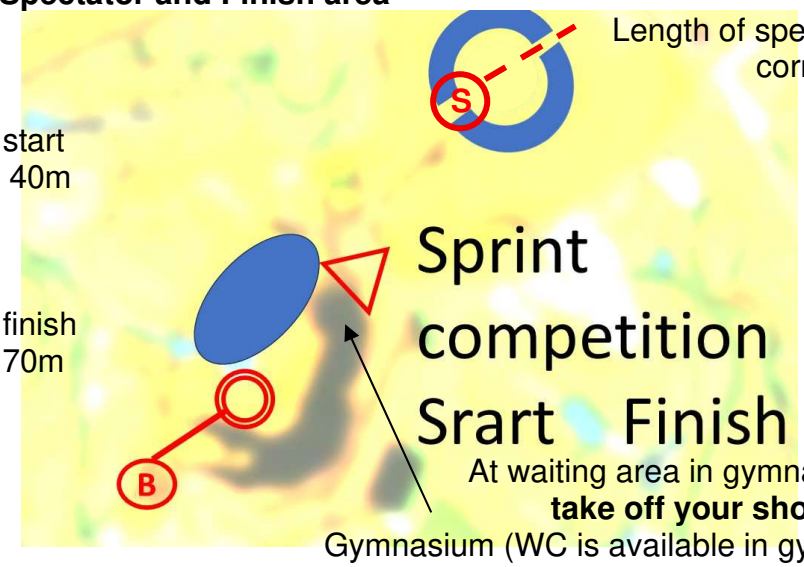
08:45 Gathering for Start at gymnasium
RX will be collected in the gymnasium

Competitors will be called to start area 6min before their start.
Map: 1:5,000 E=5m A4 (30x21cm, landscape=horizontal) water resistant
Time Limit: 60min
List of transmitters

W15: 1, 3, 4, 5, 1F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
W19: 1, 3, 4, 5, 1F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
W21: 1, 2, 4, 5, 1F, 2F, 4F, 5F, B
W35: 2, 3, 4, 5, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
W45: 1, 4, 5, 1F, 4F, 5F, B
W55: 1, 3, 5, 1F, 3F, 5F, B
W65: 3, 5, 3F, 5F, B

M15: 1, 2, 4, 5, 1F, 2F, 4F, 5F, B
M19: 1, 2, 4, 5, 1F, 2F, 4F, 5F, B
M21: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
M40: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, B
M50: 1, 3, 4, 5, 1F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
M60: 2, 3, 4, 5, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B
M70: 1, 3, 5, 1F, 3F, 5F, B
M75: 1, 3, 5, 1F, 3F, 5F, B

Start, Spectator and Finish area



Length of spectator corridor: 80m

Length of start Corridor: 40m

Length of finish corridor: 70m

At waiting area in gymnasium, **take off your shoes please!**

Gymnasium (WC is available in gymnasium)

Blue marked area:
Area for finished competitors
Area for team officials and visitors
For those who go to spectator viewing area, please be escorted by competition staff.

WC is available at start and finish area
Competitor's warming-up area is available

Technical parameters

80m (3.5MHz) Classic

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

Antenna system: 6m Center Loading Vertical ＋ 10m counterpoise x 2

2m (144MHz) Classic

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

Antenna system: Turn-style 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.

Summary of entries received

The total participants number of each organization as of September 30th.

	Competitor	Official	Visitor	Total
WIA（Australia）	11	-	1	12
MRSF(Mongolia)	7	1	2	10
KARL(Korea)	19	3	2	24
ARRL(USA)	8	-	-	8
China	4	-	2	6
JARL（Japan）	47	4	-	51
RSGB(UK)	1	-	-	1
Non Reg.3 participant				
KFRR(Kazakhstan)	1		-	1
SRR(Russia)	12	-	6	18
Organizing Committee		72		72
Total	110	80	13	203

*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. ARRL and RSGB are official Reg.3 societies.