

# INVITATION

## **The 28<sup>th</sup> Japan Open Golf Championship for the Disabled**

2023 October 22<sup>nd</sup>—24<sup>th</sup>

### **New Kimitsu Bell Green Country Club**

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### **Entry to: Japan Disabled Golf Association**

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Tournament Chair : Yoshimasa Ishizuka

**INFORMATION SHEET**

**TOURNAMENT** A 36 hole stroke play (scratch tournament). Players compete in 8 divisions: (1)upper limb disability, (2)lower limb disability, (3)multiple disabilities, (4)mild disability, (5)wheel chair, (6)mental disability, (7)people recovered from stroke, **(8)Grand Prix**. Each division has to have at least five participants to hold the competition. The top three players of each division will be prized. **The winner of the Grand Prix division will be awarded as the Champion of the Japan Open.** First-time participants will have an interview with classifiers before or after the welcome dinner on October 22nd to be classified.

\*Grand Prix division entry requests must be made in advance

**ORGANIZER** Japan Disabled Golf Association (JDGA)

**SUPPORTERS** Japan Golf Association (JGA), (planned: Japan Sport Council, Chiba Prefecture, Kimitsu City, Japan Para-Sports Association (JPSA), SELP (Support of Employment, Living, and Participation, etc.

**QUALIFICATION** Professional or amateur golfer with any of the above mentioned disabilities (does not include hearing disability), whose disability is recognized by the classification committee. Participants must become registered members of the Japan Disabled Golf Association. Able-bodied persons may participate in the volunteer division.

**CLASSIFICATION EXAMINATION** First time participants will be subject to a classification interview. However, your classification may change depending on how you play during the match. It may not be possible to determine your extent of ability during the interview, and a further review of actual movement during play may be necessary. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

This championship is scheduled to be registered as a game for the World Ranking for Golfers with Disability (WR4GD). To be listed in the ranking, please obtain a separate WR4GD pass. If you do not have a pass but would like to obtain one, please indicate that in the entry form.

**COURSE** New Kimitsu Bell Green Country Club

The New Kimitsu Bell Green Country Club is a public course where each hole spreads out on gentle southern slopes. The beautiful undulating fairway is reminiscent of a real Links style course. This course is full of individuality and variety, and its openness gives you a sense of freedom. With easy access to Narita airport, New Kimitsu Bell Green Country Club welcomes golfers from around the world. It is a well known, popular course, but it has many traps, so you must stay alert!

**CAPACITY** Up to 80 participants (including 10 foreign players). Participants will no longer be accepted once capacity is reached.

**ENTRY FEE** 27,500JPY which includes: Welcome dinner, 2R with cart, two lunches, administrative fees, and participation in the award ceremony and party). Able-bodied participant fee 29,500JPY. Hotel fees not included.

**WELCOME DINNER** Participation in the welcome dinner is required for players in the tournament.

**AWARDS** (1) Class-specific awards: first, second, and third place in each class.  
(2) Grand Prix category winners - up to 3rd place.

**GRAND PRIX DIVISION** The “Grand Prix Division” was created 16 years ago for advanced players of all disability classifications. The winner of the Grand Prix division will be the champion of the Japan Open. The competition conditions and qualifications for participation in this division are as follows:

**\*\*Those who wish to participate in the Grand Prix Division must enter in advance. Please fill in the enclosed entry sheet, attach your USGA Handicap Index, and submit it together with the application form.**

\*Even if you wish to participate, there may be cases where you may not be able to join the division depending on the results of the classification examination made by our classifiers.

★ Qualification: Official Handicap 19.4 or lower. Please attach your USGA Handicap Index to the application form.

★ Competition Start tee is the back tee. Due to JGA rules, special rules for persons with disabilities do not apply in the Grand Prix Division.

★ Grand Prix players cannot compete or win in other divisions.

**ACCOMMODATION** Kisarazu Washington Hotel (40 minutes by car from the golf course)

TEL +81-(0)43-842-1122

Address: 1-2-1 Yamato, Kisarazu City, Chiba 292-0805

<https://kisarazu.washington-hotels.jp/>

The players are required to book for themselves. The price below may change depending on the season.

Single room (room charge)@6,600 JPY(approx 65.00USD, breakfast and tax included)

Twin (room charge) @12,320JPY(approx 120.00USD same the above)

\*Both prices are for weekdays and include breakfast (weekend prices are different)

\*\*There will be a shuttle bus service (for 3000 yen) from the hotel to the golf course.

### **PRACTICE ROUND**

Practice rounds for 4 groups are available on the 22nd of October, (Fees are separate - weekend fees). A half round starting in the afternoon is also possible. Participants who want to play a practice round should note it on the entry sheet.

**ENTRY** Please submit the [entry form online](#) with all necessary information to the following address no later than September 30th.

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**PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEE** All participants are requested to complete their payment in advance at the reception of the tournament. Payment should be made in cash (JPY only). Credit cards and checks are not accepted.

**OTHER PAYMENTS** Hotel accommodation fees and practice round fees, etc. are requested to be paid at each respective facility either with cash or credit card (VISA, MASTERCARD, or AMEX)

**FAMILY MEMBER/FRIEND WHO ACCOMPANIES THE PARTICIPANT**

The entry fee for persons who accompany a participant is 5,000JPY (two lunches, and participation into the award ceremony and party are included) Payment should be made in advance with the entry fee of the participant. The welcome party and hotel fees are not included and should be paid in person.

**LANGUAGE** Official events of the tournament will be held in Japanese. Several English-Japanese interpreters will be available. During the competition, English interpretation will be provided upon necessity. Documents such as rules and programs will also be prepared in English.

**HOTEL ACCESS**

**Haneda Airport:** From Haneda airport terminal 1, take the Haneda-Airport Limousine Bus to JR KISARAZU Station East Exit. The hotel is a 1 minute walk from the station.

**Narita Airport:** From Narita Airport Terminal 2•3 Station, take the JR Narita Line Rapid Zushi to Chiba Station. Then transfer to the JR Uchibo Line (headed to Kimitsu) and get off at KISARAZU Station. The hotel is a 1 minute walk from the east exit of the station.

\*\*If you are arriving from a different location, we will explain access to the hotel\*\*

**CONTACT PERSON**

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## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

**October 22nd (Sun)** Practice round (on request) New Kimitsu Bell Green CC  
15:00 Reception at Kisarazu Washington Hotel, Interview of first time participants by the medical classifying committees to decide division  
18:00 Welcome Dinner at Kisarazu Washington Hotel  
20:00 Interview of first time participants by the medical classifying committees to decide division

**October 23rd (Mon)**

6:15 Breakfast  
6:50~ Bus will leave from the hotel  
8:30~ Tee' off #1, #10 Tees  
Evening Open

**October 24th (Tue)**

6:15 Breakfast  
6:50~ Bus will leave from the hotel  
8:00~ Tee' off #1 #10 Tees  
16:30 Award Banquet at the Club House  
New Kimitsu Bell Green CC

\*If you are interested in visiting other places for sightseeing such as Tokyo, you are requested to make all necessary arrangements by yourself. The organizer is always happy to provide information and advice.

## **CANCELLATIONS**

\*Due to the COVID19 situation, participants will be requested to take precautions to control the spread of the virus. If you have symptoms such as fever or cough, please refrain from attending the tournament. Temperatures will be checked and hand sanitizer will be readily available.

\*The tournament may be canceled due to the spread of COVID19. Please purchase airplane and train tickets that can be canceled and refunded.

## **ENTRY FORM**



Please complete the online entry form. Once submitted, changes can later be made to your form responses.

<https://forms.gle/CgKvxvrcuNs3Seq19>

## **MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE**



Please complete the online Medical Questionnaire. Once submitted, changes can later be made to your form responses.

<https://forms.gle/LmjbYTZCUjnr8JC8>