

MEBUKIYA Presents 9th Morioka City Ice Rink Memorial Cup Guidelines for the

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1Name	2025-2026 WCT-JAPAN Challenger Series
	MEBUKIYA presents 9th Morioka City Ice Rink Cup
2 Main sponsor.	Morioka Curling Association (MCA)
3 Co-sponsors.	Morioka City (planned), Iwate Curling Association (ICA)
	World Curling Tour JAPAN (WCT-J)
4 Main organizer	Morioka Curling Club (MCC)
5 Co-sponsors.	MEBUKIYA (Iwate Abe Flour Milling Co., Ltd.), Wood Blue, others
negotiation	
6 B a c k i n g	Negotiations
7Dates	Men's division: 7 June 2025 (Saturday) \sim 8 June 2025 (Sunday)
	Women's division: 5 July 2025 (Saturday) \sim 6 July 2025 (Sunday)
8V en ue	Michinoku Coca-Cola Bottling Rink (Morioka Ice Rink)
	5-3-3 Hongu, Morioka-shi, Iwate Tel019-601-5001
9 Participating teams	Men: 8 teams; Women: 8 teams
	(If fewer than six teams are selected, the event will not be held.)

10 Eligibility.

Priority will be given to teams that have registered their team with the WCT in advance. If a team does not know how to register, WCT-JAPAN will carry out the registration

work on its behalf if consulted in advance.

- If there are more than eight teams entered, the MCC selection committee will select the competing teams.
- If entries are received from abroad, the MCC selection committee will select up to two teams.

MCC registered teams (max. 1 team): Teams that meet the criteria set by the MCC.

In the event of a large number of applications, the selection committee will select the teams by 5 May for men and 31 May for women, and notify the representatives of each team. (First deadline: 29 April for men, 25 May for women).

If fewer than eight teams are entered, the participation of the entered teams will be confirmed and additional teams will be accepted up to one week before the tournament.

11 Member registration Up to 5 players and 1 coach

12 Rules of Competition WCF The Rules of Curling and Rules of Competition, Oct. 2024 (JCFA) The rules of the governing body shall be in accordance with the Ring Association Rules of Competition (October 2024 edition).

 $13 \ \text{Method of competition}$

[Preliminary league] Round-robin system

Leave the timer running.

End at end 8 or at 110 minutes

In the event of a tie at the end of the 8th end or at the end of the 110th minute, the winner is decided by a draw shot by the representatives.

The top two teams from each league advance to the final tournament.





[Final] Tournament system

Leave the timer running.

End at end 8 or at 110 minutes

- In the semi-finals and third-place play-offs, in the event of a tie at the end of eight ends or at the end of 110 minutes, the winner will be decided by a draw shot by the representatives.
- Only in the final match, an extra end will be played for one end only. If the match cannot be decided there, the winner will be decided by a draw shot by the representative.

*In the case of six participating teams

Leave the timer running.

Rankings are determined by round robin. (No final tournament).

End at end 8 or at 110 minutes

In the event of a tie at the end of the 8th end or at the end of the 110th minute, the winner is decided by a draw shot by the representatives.

14 Participation fee JPY 60,000 per team (<u>including all costs such as lunch and</u> reception participation)

Receptions take place on the evening of Day 1.

15 A w a r d s Winning team: plaque and certificate Runner-up and third-placed team: certificate All teams: souvenirs of participation
16 P r i z e m o n e y Total of 600,000 yen for men and women
17 Points. WCT points will be awarded according to the ranking only if the event is held with eight teams. WCF points shall also be awarded to participating athletes.
18 Intermediary. Scheduled to be streamed live on Youtube.

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20 0 t h e r <u>The winning team for both men and women will be awarded the right to</u> participate in the Vancouver Island Shootout in Victoria, Canada.

Other.

*We are unable to provide information on the members of the selection committee and the selection criteria.

Vancouver Island Shootout:

Tournament organised by the Victoria Curling Club, located in Victoria, Canada. Included in the World Curling Tour.

Club web <u>https://www.victoriacurlingclub.com/</u>

