MEBUKIYA Presents: 10th Morioka City Ice Rink Memorial Cup – Event Details

1. Event Name　2026-2027 World Curling Tour JAPAN Challenger Series
MEBUKIYA presents the 10th Morioka City Ice Rink Memorial Cup
2. Organizer　Morioka Curling Association (MCA)
3. Co-organizers　Iwate Curling Association (ICA)
World Curling Tour JAPAN (WCT-J)
4. Operation　Morioka Curling Club (MCC)
5. Sponsors　MEBUKIYA, Wood Blue and others; negotiations ongoing
6. Support　Negotiations ongoing
7. Schedule　Men’s Division: 27-28 June 2026 (Sat-Sun)
Women’s Division: 25–26 July 2026 (Sat–Sun)
8 Venue　Michinoku Coca-Cola Bottling Rink (Morioka City Ice Rink)
5-3-3 Motomiya, Morioka City, Iwate Prefecture Tel: 019-601-5001
9. Participating Teams　Men: 8 teams, Women: 8 teams
(The tournament will not be held if fewer than 6 teams enter)
10 Eligibility

- Priority will be given to teams that have already registered for the WCT. If you are unsure how to register, please contact us in advance and WCT-JAPAN will assist with the registration process.
- If there are more than eight entries, the MCC Selection Committee will select the participating teams.
- If there are entries from overseas, the Selection Committee will select a maximum of two teams.
- MCC-registered teams (maximum 1-2 teams): Teams that meet the criteria set by the Selection Committee.
- If there are a large number of applications, the Selection Committee will make its decision by 24 May for men and 21 June for women, and notify the representatives of each team. (First deadline: Men: 10 May, Women: 7 June)
- If fewer than eight teams are selected, the entry of the teams that have applied will be confirmed, and additional entries will be accepted until one week before the tournament.

11 Player Registration　Up to 5 players and 1 coach
12 Competition Rules　In accordance with WCF The Rules of Curling and Rules of Competition, July 2025 (Japan Curling Association Competition Rules, September 2025 edition).
13 Competition Format
[Preliminary Round] Round-robin format

- Timer running continuously
- The match ends after 8 ends or at the end of the end at the 110-minute mark
- If the match is tied at the end of the 8th end or the end at the 110-minute mark, the winner will be decided by a draw shot taken by the team captain
- The top two teams from each league advance to the knockout stage

【Final】Knockout format

- The timer runs continuously

- The match ends after 8 ends or at the end of the 110th minute
- In the semi-finals and third-place play-off, if the match is tied at the end of the 8th end or after 110 minutes, the winner will be decided by a draw shot taken by a representative
- An extra end will be played for the final only, limited to one end. If the match is still tied after this, the winner will be decided by a draw shot taken by the team captain

●If there are 6 participating teams

- The timer will run continuously
- Rankings will be determined by a round-robin format. (No knockout stage will be held)
- The tournament ends after 8 ends or at the end of the 110th minute
- If the match is tied at the end of the 8th end or after 110 minutes, the winner will be decided by a draw shot taken by the skip

14 Entry Fee 70,000 JPY per team
(all-inclusive fee covering tournament entry, lunch for both days, reception admission, insurance, commemorative gifts, etc. - all-inclusive)
*The reception for each division will be held on the evening of the first day of the tournament (AZUMAYA Main Store and Annex)

15 Awards Winning team: Trophy and certificate;
Runners-up and third place: Certificates;
All teams: Commemorative gifts

16 Prize Money Total of 600,000 yen for men and women

17 Points WCT points will be awarded based on ranking only if the tournament is held with 8 teams.
WCT points will also be awarded to participating players.

18 Live Streaming Live streaming is planned on YouTube

19 Contact moriokawct@gmail.com

20 Apply Please fill out the application form available on the official website and send it to the email address listed above, or fill out the Google Form available on the official website.

21 Other

* The winning teams in both the men's and women's categories will be granted entry to the 'Island Shootout cashspiel' to be held in Victoria, Canada (expected to take place in early February).

Island Shootout Cashspiel:
A tournament organised by the Victoria Curling Club (VCC), based in Victoria, Canada.
MCC and VCC entered into a partnership agreement in March 2026.

Club website: https://www.victoriacurlingclub.com/

*We are unable to provide details regarding the selection committee members or the selection criteria.

*This tournament is held with the understanding and cooperation of the local community, our sponsors and associated businesses. Lunch boxes during the tournament are provided with the cooperation of these businesses; we ask for your cooperation in helping to prevent food waste.

*We will confirm details regarding allergies, etc., with each team again after registration.

*A mini wanko soba competition between teams, featuring one representative from each team, is also planned for the reception.

*The participation fee covers lunch during the event, the reception fee, insurance, and other costs; it is an all-inclusive package.