



Hockey Sport Update

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About this Sport Update

Published in December 2020, the series of Sport Updates offer a summary of competition-related material about each sport at Tokyo 2020 and provide a variety of information to help teams in their planning and preparation for the Games.

General information such as accreditation, accommodation, transport, COVID-19 countermeasures, etc., is not included as it is still in the process of being finalised, but interim information relating to these areas is continually being published on Tokyo 2020 Connect as it is confirmed.

All information provided in this Sport Update was correct at the time of publication, but some details may have changed prior to the Games.

NOC representatives are advised to regularly check the IOC's NOCnet and Tokyo 2020 Connect for the latest updates, especially regarding competition schedules.

Team Leaders' Guides explaining Games-time plans for sports in greater detail will be distributed to NOCs in May 2021.

WELCOME



On behalf of the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, I am delighted to present the Hockey Sport Update for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad.

We have been working diligently to provide facilities, services and protocols which will allow everyone involved in the Games to achieve all three of Tokyo 2020's core concepts: achieving personal bests, unity in diversity, and connecting to tomorrow.

Included is information about:

- processes relating to competition and training
- key dates and personnel
- competition schedule, format and rules
- venue facilities and services

We trust it will assist you with your planning for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. If you require any additional information that is not found in this guide, do not hesitate to check Tokyo 2020 Connect or contact the sport manager.

Please rest assured that the Olympic flame will not go out and will continue to burn in our hearts until the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 next summer.

We look forward to welcoming you all with our unique Japanese hospitality when you arrive in Tokyo in July 2021.

Kind regards,

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KOTANI Mikako
Sport Director, Tokyo 2020

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Hockey overview

Hockey at the Olympic Games

The roots of Hockey are buried deep in antiquity. Historical records show that a basic variety of the sport was played 4,000 years ago in Egypt and around 3,000 years ago in Ethiopia. Various museums offer evidence that a form of the game was also played by the Romans and Greeks, and by Aztec populations in South America several centuries before Columbus landed in the New World. The modern game of Hockey evolved in England in the mid-18th century.

Hockey was first played in Olympic competition at London 1908 and following the founding of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) in 1924, Hockey has been a permanent sport on the Olympic programme from Amsterdam 1928 onwards. Women's Hockey was first played at Moscow 1980 where Zimbabwe won the gold medal.

Key Personnel

International Hockey Federation (FIH)

	Men's Competition	Women's Competition
IF Technical Delegates	Christian DECKENBROCK (GER)	Tammy STANDLEY (AUS)

Tokyo 2020 competition management

Hockey Sport Manager: KONDO Satoshi (JPN)
Hockey Services Manager: OKUMURA Mari (JPN)
Hockey Technical Operations Manager: Kevin DEMPSTER (AUS)



KONDO Satoshi
Hockey Sport Manager, Tokyo 2020

Kondo Satoshi has had a long involvement in elite level hockey, mainly through his 15-year career as an international umpire. Highlights include umpiring at the men's 2011 Champions Trophy in Auckland, New Zealand and the men's 2014 World League Final in India. Kondo played for Kyoto University in Japan's university league in the 1990s and is an active member of the Japan Hockey Association's (JHA) National Officiating Committee, through which he has helped organise many domestic tournaments across Japan. From this extensive international and local experience, he has a deep appreciation of the requirements of top level players, officials and support staff and wishes all teams well at Tokyo 2020.

International Technical Officials (ITOs)

	Men's Panel	Women's Panel
Umpires (28)	Christian BLASCH (GER)	Amber CHURCH (NZL)
	Benjamin GOENTGEN (GER)	Carolina DE LA FUENTE (ARG)
	Marcin GROCHAL (POL)	Laurine DELFORGE (BEL)
	Adam KEARNS (AUS)	Maggie GIDDENS (USA)
	Hong Zhen LIM (SGP)	Kelly HUDSON (NZL)
	Martin MADDEN (GBR)	Michelle JOUBERT (RSA)
	Jakub MEJZLIK (CZE)	LIU Xiaoying (CHN)
	German MONTES DE OCA (ARG)	AYANNA MCCLEAN (TTO)
	Raghu PRASAD (IND)	Michelle MEISTER (GER)
	Javed SHAIKH (IND)	Aleisha NEUMANN (AUS)
	Simon TAYLOR (NZL)	Irene PRESENQUI (ARG)
	David TOMLINSON (NZL)	Annelize ROSTRON (RSA)
	Coen VAN BUNGE (NED)	Sarah WILSON (GBR)
	Peter WRIGHT (RSA)	YAMADA Emi (JPN)
Umpire Managers (4)	Philip SCHELLEKENS (NED)	
	Marelize DE KLERK (RSA)	
	Steve HORGAN (USA)	
	Minka WOOLLEY (AUS)	
Technical Officials (14)	Steve CATTON (GBR)	NISHIZAWA Eiichiro (JPN)
	Sarah BENNETT (ZIM)	Frank OTI-MENSAH (GHA)
	Elisabeth FUERST (AUT)	Reyah RICHARDSON (TTO)
	Josh BURT (AUS)	Jackie TOMLINSON (NZL)
	Magda NAZARET (POL)	Rogier WARRIS (NED)
	CHAN Alfred (HKG)	Rene ZELKIN (USA)
	Lilian CHEE (SGP)	
	Adrian DELLA MATTIA (ARG)	

National Technical Officials (NTOs)

[JPN unless stated otherwise]

National Technical Officials (28)	FUJIHARA Mayumi
	FUJIHARA Nobuyuki
	HASHIMOTO Nanako
	HORIE Noriyuki
	HORIUCHI Eriko
	INAMOTO Minami
	KAJITA Kenji
	KATO Naomi
	KATO Takuma
	KINOSHITA Hideki
	MATSUBARA Hisashi
	MATSUO Hiroto
	MORIYAMA Yusuke
	NARITA Kenichi
	NOZAWA Toru
	OWADA Kouichi
	SATAKE Yukari
	SEKINE Yumiko
	SOMA Chieko
	SOWA Tomoya
	TAKANNO Mitsuhiro
	TAKANNO Tei
	TOMITA Kyohei
	UJIE Kenta
	WADA Chieko
	WAGATSUMA Junko
	WAKAI Takashi
	WATANABE Michihiko

Hockey competition

The Hockey competition at Tokyo 2020 will be held from Saturday 24 July to Friday 6 August 2021 at Oi Hockey Stadium in Oi Central Seaside Park. The competition will consist of two medal events, summarised below:

Medal Events

Men (1)	Women (1)
12-team tournament	12-team tournament

A total of 384 athletes, 192 men and 192 women (12 men's teams and 12 women's teams) may take part in the Hockey competition, with numbers limited to 16 players per squad.

Participating NOCs

MEN	FIH WORLD RANKING*	WOMEN	FIH WORLD RANKING*
ARG	4	ARG	3
AUS	1	AUS	2
BEL	2	CHN	10
CAN	10	ESP	7
ESP	8	GBR	5
GBR	7	GER	4
GER	6	IND	9
IND	5	IRE	8
JPN	15	JPN	14
NED	3	NED	1
NZL	9	NZL	6
RSA	14	RSA	16

* As of November 2019

Competition format

The men's and women's Hockey competitions will both follow the same competition format. The 12 teams will be divided into two pools of six teams, and each team will play every other team in its pool. The structure of each pool will be as follows, with the seeds determined by the FIH World Ranking Lists as of 1 November 2019:

Pool Structure

Pool Structure (Seeds and World Ranking)			
Pool A - Men	Pool B - Men	Pool A - Women	Pool B - Women
Seed 1 - AUS (1)	Seed 2 - BEL (2)	Seed 1 - NED (1)	Seed 2 - AUS (2)
Seed 4 - ARG (4)	Seed 3 - NED (3)	Seed 4 - GER (4)	Seed 3 - ARG (3)
Seed 5 - IND (5)	Seed 6 - GER (6)	Seed 5 - GBR (5)	Seed 6 - NZL (6)
Seed 8 - ESP (8)	Seed 7 - GBR (7)	Seed 8 - IRE (8)	Seed 7 - ESP (7)
Seed 9 - NZL (9)	Seed 10 - CAN (10)	Seed 9 - IND (9)	Seed 10 - CHN (10)
Seed 12 - JPN (15)	Seed 11 - RSA (14)	Seed 12 - RSA (16)	Seed 11 - JPN (14)

The winners of a match will be awarded three points, with one point awarded to each team in the event of a draw and zero for a loss. After all matches have been played, the ranking in each pool will be determined by total points, with ties broken by the total number of wins, then goal difference, then goals scored, then the result(s) of the match(es) between the two or more tied teams, then the number of field goals. If the teams remain tied after all these tiebreakers, a shoot-out competition will be held to determine the rankings.

The top four teams in each pool will proceed to the quarter-finals with the teams ranked fifth and sixth in each pool eliminated from the competition. The winners of the quarter-finals advance to the semi-finals, and the losers are eliminated.

Quarter-finals
1st Pool A v 4th Pool B (QF1)
2nd Pool A v 3rd Pool B (QF2)
3rd Pool A v 2nd Pool B (QF3)
4th Pool A v 1st Pool B (QF4)
Semi-finals
Winner QF1 v Winner QF2
Winner QF3 v Winner QF4

The winners of the semi-finals then play in the gold medal match with the semi-final losers playing for the bronze medal.

Notes: Subject to the approval of the FIH any match(es) may be rescheduled.

¹ Sequence of matches will be confirmed on completion of pool phase

² Sequence of matches will be confirmed on completion of quarter-finals

Rules

The Hockey competition will be held in accordance with the editions of the following documents that are in force at the time of the Games:

FIH Rules of Hockey

www.fih.ch/inside-fih/our-official-documents/rules-of-hockey

<http://fih.ch/media/13164482/fih-rules-of-hockey-2019-final-website-11112019-typo-edits.pdf>

FIH Competition Regulations for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad (published in 2020)

<http://fih.ch/inside-fih/our-official-documents/event-resources/>

The Olympic Charter

<https://www.olympic.org/documents/olympic-charter>

In accordance with Rule 46 of the IOC Olympic Charter, the FIH will be responsible for the technical control and direction of Hockey at Tokyo 2020.

Duration

In accordance with FIH Rules of Hockey, matches for both men and women at Tokyo 2020 will be 60 minutes in length, divided into four 15-minute quarters. Breaks will occur between each quarter and playing time will be stopped when penalty corners and penalty strokes are awarded, when a goal is scored and for video referrals. Stoppages for injuries will be in addition to these.

If a match is tied at the end of regulation time during the classification stages of the competition, a shoot-out competition will be used to establish an outright winner.

Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) - hockey

Reserve goalkeeper

As an exception to IOC's LAR Policy, and in addition to the two LAR Ap athletes, NOCs in the Hockey competition will be able to replace one goalkeeper with an eligible athlete (goalkeeper) from the accreditation long list up until the start of the final day of the respective men's and women's events. Note that this goalkeeper will not have access to the Olympic Village.

Clothing and equipment

Clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants in the Hockey competition at the Olympic Games must comply with the documents listed below:

FIH Rules of Hockey

www.fih.ch/inside-fih/our-official-documents/rules-of-hockey

FIH Competition Regulations for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad (published in 2020)

<http://www.fih.ch>

The Olympic Charter

<https://www.olympic.org/documents/olympic-charter> with particular reference to Rule 50: Advertising, Demonstrations, Propaganda and Bye-law to Rule 50

The IOC Guidelines Regarding Authorised Identifications for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020 (distributed by the IOC to all NOCs)

The prohibition of any advertising and publicity in and above Olympic sites (as expressed in the Olympic Charter) is one of the aspects that differentiate the Olympic Games from other international events. This is reflected in particular in Bye-law to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter as follows:

No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except the identification [...] of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.

Placing the national and Olympic identity of athletes at the forefront helps to further distinguish the Olympic Games, whilst respecting the significant contribution that sporting goods manufacturers provide.



Hockey

Competition Schedule Event Details

Version: 2.00

Day 1		Sat 24 Jul 2021		
Session	HOC01	Start: 9:30	End: 13:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
9:30 - 11:00	1:30	Men's Pool A, Japan vs Australia		
11:45 - 13:15	1:30	Men's Pool B, Netherlands vs Belgium		
Session	HOC02	Start: 10:00	End: 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
10:00 - 11:30	1:30	Men's Pool A, New Zealand vs India		
12:15 - 13:45	1:30	Men's Pool A, Argentina vs Spain		
Session	HOC03	Start: 18:30	End: 22:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
18:30 - 20:00	1:30	Men's Pool B, Great Britain vs South Africa		
20:45 - 22:15	1:30	Women's Pool A, Netherlands vs India		
Session	HOC04	Start: 19:00	End: 22:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
19:00 - 20:30	1:30	Men's Pool B, Canada vs Germany		
21:15 - 22:45	1:30	Women's Pool A, Ireland vs South Africa		
Day 2		Sun 25 Jul 2021		
Session	HOC05	Start: 9:30	End: 13:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
9:30 - 11:00	1:30	Women's Pool A, Great Britain vs Germany		
11:45 - 13:15	1:30	Women's Pool B, Japan vs China		
Session	HOC06	Start: 10:00	End: 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
10:00 - 11:30	1:30	Women's Pool B, Australia vs Spain		
12:15 - 13:45	1:30	Women's Pool B, New Zealand vs Argentina		
Session	HOC07	Start: 18:30	End: 22:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
18:30 - 20:00	1:30	Men's Pool A, India vs Australia		
20:45 - 22:15	1:30	Men's Pool A, Spain vs New Zealand		
Session	HOC08	Start: 19:00	End: 22:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
19:00 - 20:30	1:30	Men's Pool A, Japan vs Argentina		
21:15 - 22:45	1:30	Men's Pool B, South Africa vs Netherlands		

Day 3 **Mon 26 Jul 2021**

Session	HOC09	Start: 9:30	End: 13:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
9:30 - 11:00	1:30	Men's Pool B, Germany vs Belgium		
11:45 - 13:15	1:30	Men's Pool B, Great Britain vs Canada		
Session	HOC10	Start: 10:00	End: 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
10:00 - 11:30	1:30	Women's Pool A, Netherlands vs Ireland		
12:15 - 13:45	1:30	Women's Pool B, Australia vs China		
Session	HOC11	Start: 18:30	End: 22:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
18:30 - 20:00	1:30	Women's Pool A, South Africa vs Great Britain		
20:45 - 22:15	1:30	Women's Pool B, Japan vs New Zealand		
Session	HOC12	Start: 19:00	End: 22:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
19:00 - 20:30	1:30	Women's Pool B, Argentina vs Spain		
21:15 - 22:45	1:30	Women's Pool A, Germany vs India		

Day 4 **Tue 27 Jul 2021**

Session	HOC13	Start: 9:30	End: 13:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
9:30 - 11:00	1:30	Men's Pool A, Argentina vs Australia		
11:45 - 13:15	1:30	Men's Pool A, Japan vs New Zealand		
Session	HOC14	Start: 10:00	End: 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
10:00 - 11:30	1:30	Men's Pool A, India vs Spain		
12:15 - 13:45	1:30	Men's Pool B, Germany vs Great Britain		
Session	HOC15	Start: 18:30	End: 22:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name		
18:30 - 20:00	1:30	Men's Pool B, Belgium vs South Africa		
20:45 - 22:15	1:30	Men's Pool B, Netherlands vs Canada		

Day 5		Wed 28 Jul 2021	
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Session HOC16	Start: 9:30 End: 13:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name
9:30 - 11:00	1:30	Women's Pool A, Netherlands vs South Africa
11:45 - 13:15	1:30	Women's Pool B, New Zealand vs Spain
Session HOC17	Start: 10:00 End: 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name
10:00 - 11:30	1:30	Women's Pool A, Great Britain vs India
12:15 - 13:45	1:30	Women's Pool A, Germany vs Ireland
Session HOC18	Start: 18:30 End: 22:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name
18:30 - 20:00	1:30	Women's Pool B, Japan vs Australia
20:45 - 22:15	1:30	Men's Pool A, Japan vs Spain
Session HOC19	Start: 19:00 End: 22:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name
19:00 - 20:30	1:30	Women's Pool B, Argentina vs China
21:15 - 22:45	1:30	Men's Pool A, Australia vs New Zealand

Day 6		Thu 29 Jul 2021	
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Session HOC20	Start: 9:30 End: 13:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name
9:30 - 11:00	1:30	Men's Pool A, India vs Argentina
11:45 - 13:15	1:30	Men's Pool B, South Africa vs Germany
Session HOC21	Start: 10:00 End: 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name
10:00 - 11:30	1:30	Men's Pool B, Belgium vs Canada
12:15 - 13:45	1:30	Men's Pool B, Netherlands vs Great Britain
Session HOC22	Start: 18:30 End: 22:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name
18:30 - 20:00	1:30	Women's Pool B, Spain vs China
20:45 - 22:15	1:30	Women's Pool B, Japan vs Argentina
Session HOC23	Start: 19:00 End: 22:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name
19:00 - 20:30	1:30	Women's Pool A, Great Britain vs Netherlands
21:15 - 22:45	1:30	Women's Pool B, New Zealand vs Australia

Day 7 **Fri 30 Jul 2021**

Session HOC24		Start: 9:30 End: 13:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
9:30 - 11:00	1:30	Women's Pool A, South Africa vs Germany	
11:45 - 13:15	1:30	Women's Pool A, Ireland vs India	
Session HOC25		Start: 10:00 End: 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
10:00 - 11:30	1:30	Men's Pool A, Australia vs Spain	
12:15 - 13:45	1:30	Men's Pool B, Canada vs South Africa	
Session HOC26		Start: 18:30 End: 22:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
18:30 - 20:00	1:30	Men's Pool A, Japan vs India	
20:45 - 22:15	1:30	Men's Pool B, Germany vs Netherlands	
Session HOC27		Start: 19:00 End: 22:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
19:00 - 20:30	1:30	Men's Pool A, Argentina vs New Zealand	
21:15 - 22:45	1:30	Men's Pool B, Belgium vs Great Britain	

Day 8 **Sat 31 Jul 2021**

Session HOC28		Start: 9:30 End: 13:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
9:30 - 11:00	1:30	Women's Pool B, China vs New Zealand	
11:45 - 13:15	1:30	Women's Pool B, Argentina vs Australia	
Session HOC29		Start: 10:00 End: 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium South Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
10:00 - 11:30	1:30	Women's Pool B, Japan vs Spain	
12:15 - 13:45	1:30	Women's Pool A, India vs South Africa	
Session HOC30		Start: 18:30 End: 22:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
18:30 - 20:00	1:30	Women's Pool A, Germany vs Netherlands	
20:45 - 22:15	1:30	Women's Pool A, Ireland vs Great Britain	

Day 9 **Sun 1 Aug 2021**

Session HOC31		Start: 9:30 End: 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
9:30 - 11:15	1:45	Men's Quarterfinal	
12:00 - 13:45	1:45	Men's Quarterfinal	
Session HOC32		Start: 18:30 End: 22:45	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
18:30 - 20:15	1:45	Men's Quarterfinal	
21:00 - 22:45	1:45	Men's Quarterfinal	

Day 10 **Mon 2 Aug 2021**

Session HOC33	Start: 9:30	End: 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
9:30 - 11:15	1:45	Women's Quarterfinal	
12:00 - 13:45	1:45	Women's Quarterfinal	
Session HOC34	Start: 18:30	End: 22:45	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
18:30 - 20:15	1:45	Women's Quarterfinal	
21:00 - 22:45	1:45	Women's Quarterfinal	

Day 11 **Tue 3 Aug 2021**

Session HOC35	Start: 10:30	End: 12:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
10:30 - 12:15	1:45	Men's Semifinal	
Session HOC36	Start: 19:00	End: 20:45	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
19:00 - 20:45	1:45	Men's Semifinal	

Day 12 **Wed 4 Aug 2021**

Session HOC37	Start: 10:30	End: 12:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
10:30 - 12:15	1:45	Women's Semifinal	
Session HOC38	Start: 19:00	End: 20:45	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
19:00 - 20:45	1:45	Women's Semifinal	

Day 13 **Thu 5 Aug 2021**

Session HOC39	Start: 10:30	End: 12:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
10:30 - 12:15	1:45	Men's Bronze medal match	
Session HOC40	Start: 19:00	End: 21:10	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
19:00 - 21:10	2:10	Men's Gold medal match	
		Men's Victory Ceremony	

(Victory Ceremony will take place within 10 mins of the field of play being called clear and will last c.15mins)

Day 14 **Fri 6 Aug 2021**

Session HOC41	Start: 10:30	End: 12:15	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
10:30 - 12:15	1:45	Women's Bronze medal match	
Session HOC42	Start: 19:00	End: 21:10	Oi Hockey Stadium North Pitch
Time	Total	Event name	
19:00 - 21:10	2:10	Women's Gold medal match	
		Women's Victory Ceremony	

(Victory Ceremony will take place within 10 mins of the field of play being called clear and will last c.15mins)

Pre-competition procedures

Umpire managers' briefing to coaches

DATE: 22 July 2021
TIME: 18:00 (TBD)
LOCATION: TBD, Oi Hockey Stadium

Team analysts and videographers must attend this briefing about use of the Tactical Analysis Camera (TAC) feed and the Team Analyst Areas (TAA). Assistant coaches and other team officials can also attend.

Passport and kit check

DATE: 22 July 2021
TIME: TBD
Location: TBD, Oi Hockey Stadium

The team leader and the stand-in team leader for each NOC must be present at the meeting. The passports of all 16 athletes and both 'Ap' accredited athletes for each team must be submitted at the meeting as proof of identity. The passport of the Reserve Goalkeeper for each team will also be checked (TBD).

All NOCs must attend the team equipment checks/passport checks meeting.

All items of training and competition clothing and equipment should be brought to the meeting, where they will be inspected for compliance with Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter, the IOC's Guidelines Regarding Authorised Identifications and the FIH Competition Regulations. Teams must bring samples of the clothing of their field athletes and goalkeepers (primary and alternate colours) and all playing equipment for approval to these briefings. Equipment items that should be brought to the meeting include goalkeepers' headgear, hand protectors, leg guards and kickers, together with any protective equipment such as face masks and hand protectors worn by field athletes.

Stick checks

DATE: Varies
TIME: During training sessions (times vary by NOC)
LOCATION: All pitches - North Pitch, South Pitch, Training Pitch 1, Training Pitch 2 (warm-up pitch)

Stick checks will be conducted at designated training sessions before the start of the Hockey competition on 25 July 2020. Sticks must comply with the Rules of Hockey.

Video umpire briefing

DATE: 23 July 2021
TIME: 09:00
LOCATION: TBD

Medical briefing

DATE: 23 July 2021
TIME: 10:00
LOCATION: Olympic Family Lounge (third floor of the North Pitch Stand), Oi Hockey Stadium

All NOC team medical doctors (if any) must attend the medical briefing with the FIH-appointed medical officers, Dr Udo Rolle, Dr Leigh Gordon and Dr Bibhu Nayak. If a team does not have a nominated medical doctor, the team physiotherapist or other team medical person must represent the NOC at the briefing.

Event briefing

DATE: 23 July 2021

TIME: 10:30

LOCATION: Olympic Family Lounge (third floor of the North Pitch Stand), Oi Hockey Stadium

The team leader and the nominated team representative for each NOC must be present at the pre-competition event briefing. Coaches' attendance at the briefing is optional. Each team will be required to submit the original, signed Participant Acknowledgement and Agreement Form for each individual participant, including team officials. All NOCs must attend the event briefing. Failure to do so may result in sanctions imposed by the FIH.

Special announcements

Teams will be able to request a special announcement for significant player caps. Copies of the Special Announcement Requests form may be collected from the Sport Information Desk (SID) at Oi Hockey Stadium, and must be submitted no later than 12:00 the day before the announcement is due to be made.

Radios

Teams will need a valid authorisation from Tokyo 2020 to use radios at the venue. Requests for this authorisation must be made via the Spectrum Order Portal (SOP) via the Rate Card website prior to the Games. After provisional approval from Tokyo 2020 of the frequency, NOCs are required to have their wireless equipment validated before bringing them into the venue. Tokyo 2020 will paste a tag on device that has passed the test. Only wireless devices with tags can be used in the venue. Please note there will not be a Spectrum Desk at Oi Hockey Stadium to validate radio equipment.

Competition procedures

Competition times

During the preliminary round (24 July to 31 July 2021) there will be three or four competition sessions each day, starting at 09:30, 10:00, 18:30 and 19:00. Each session will consist of two matches, which have each been allocated 90 minutes on the competition schedule with a gap of 45 minutes between them.

During the classification phase (1 to 6 August 2021), there will be two competition sessions each day, starting at 09:30 and 18:30 during the quarter-finals and 10:30 and 19:00 during the semi-final and finals. Additional time between sessions has been scheduled to allow for shoot-out competitions.

Key competition times

PRE-MATCH SUMMARY	
Time before scheduled match starts	Activity
90 minutes/75 mins (TBD)	Teams arrive at the competition venue and proceed to their designated changing room
60 minutes	Teams are allowed access to either the pitch they are playing on or the warm-up pitch for physical warm-up
60 minutes	Deadline for team leaders to submit their Starting Line-Up Nomination forms
60 minutes	Final pre-match irrigation on North Pitch/South Pitch begins
30 minutes	Teams are allowed access to North Pitch/South Pitch for team warm-up, stick and ball (20 minutes)
8 minutes	End of team warm-up
7 minutes	Teams assemble for walk-out
2:30 minutes	Umpire and captains assemble for coin toss
0 minutes	Start of match

MATCH SUMMARY	
Time after match starts	Activity
0 minutes	Start of match
15 minutes	End of first quarter
32 minutes	Teams may go to changing rooms for half-time period
40 minutes	Teams will be prompted by Tokyo 2020 Athlete Services volunteers to return to pitch for second half
42 minutes	Match resumes
57 minutes	End of third quarter
70 minutes	Athlete Services volunteers prepare team ice baths for post-match

Irrigation

Irrigation for all pitches at the Oi Hockey will be delivered through six pop-up sprinklers, one in each corner of the pitch and one either side of the halfway line. In addition, a manually operated hose is available for use in case of contingency. A full irrigation cycle, which will cover the pitch with 3mm of water, takes 11 minutes. Shorter irrigation cycles are available and will give proportionally less coverage across the pitch.

For matches on the competition pitches (North Pitch & South Pitch), the FIH competition/sport manager in conjunction with the field of play manager will determine the level of irrigation that should be undertaken before the match and at half-time, having consulted where appropriate with the team managers. Standard pre-match irrigation will be completed at least 30 minutes before the start of each match.

For training sessions on the two training pitches, the team manager may confirm their irrigation requirements a minimum of 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the training session with the relevant Tokyo 2020 field of play team leader or member. If irrigation is not requested by this time, the pitch will be irrigated in a manner deemed appropriate by the Tokyo 2020 field of play team leader or member.

The Tokyo 2020 training coordinator will ensure that both the North Pitch and South Pitch, as well as the warm-up pitch (TP2) are irrigated appropriately for warm-up and cool-down sessions. NOC team managers should use the table below to select their desired irrigation cycle.

Warm-up procedures

Changing rooms will be available to teams from 90 minutes (or 75 minutes, TBC) before the scheduled start time of their match. Teams may warm up on the warm-up pitch for 35 minutes, between 60 minutes and 35 minutes before the scheduled start time of their match (TBD). Teams will be responsible for providing their own warm-up balls and additional warm-up equipment.

A maximum of two alternate athletes (Ap accreditations) per team may warm up with their team up to 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of their team's match. Each team leader is responsible for ensuring that these alternate athletes remain outside the field of play on the North Pitch/South Pitch and the associated technical facility areas throughout the competition.

For the first match in any two-match session on each day, teams may conduct their full warm-up on the competition pitch from 60 minutes before the scheduled start time of the match. However, teams should note that the pitch may be irrigated during this period.

For the second match in any two-match session, teams may commence their warm-up on the warm-up pitch (TP2) from 60 minutes before the scheduled start time of the match, and then move to the competition pitch 45 minutes before the match.

For the one-match sessions (semi-finals & finals), teams may conduct their full warm-up on the North Pitch from 60 minutes before the scheduled start time of the match. However, as above, teams should note that the pitch may be irrigated during this period.

Please note that the countdown on the stadium clock will indicate the time remaining for each team's warm-up until they are required to come off the field of play to prepare for the run-out, rather than the time remaining until the start of the match.

Coin toss

The umpires will greet the captains at the centre of the pitch for the coin toss 2:30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the match.

Call to competition, team run-outs and national anthems

All teams should be lined up in the corridor 7:00 minutes before the match and ready to run out on to the field of play hand-in-hand with escort kids 6:15 minutes before the scheduled start time of the match. The umpires will walk out to the centre of the field of play first. Teams then run out, led by each team's captain followed by the athletes in shirt number order. The other athletes will fan out toward each goal accordingly. National anthems will be played before each match. Full details of the run-out procedure will be given at the event briefing.

Ball patrol procedures

A team of eight ball patrollers will operate for each match, four on either side of the pitch. In general terms, each ball patroller will manage one-eighth of the pitch. They have been trained to ensure the game flows as quickly as possible and will endeavour to ensure that they do not impede teams, team officials and umpires. The ball patrollers will be responsible for collecting any personal protective equipment discarded after use in defending penalty corners. They will put the equipment in storage boxes behind each goal, and will bring these boxes to the team benches at half-time and full-time to ensure that they do not get wet when the pitch is irrigated.

Half-time

The half-time period of 10 minutes will be indicated by the stadium clock. Each team may leave the field of play through the perimeter gate nearest their bench at half-time, and may return to their designated changing room.

During the half-time period, the pitch may be irrigated (see page 19).

Teams must ensure that they return to the field of play in time for the start of the third quarter. The umpire will blow the whistle to start the second half at the designated time, regardless of whether the team(s) is/are on the field of play. The North Pitch changing rooms are very close to the team benches, but the South Pitch changing rooms are located in the adjacent field. This means extra time may need to be factored into team movements to and from these rooms, especially at-half time.

Pitch enforcement procedures

If a member of the public encroaches on to the field of play, the match will be stopped by the match umpires. Athletes and officials should not approach the person(s), who will be removed by a member of the Event Services team. If it becomes apparent that removal of the encroaching person is not going to be achieved quickly, then, on the direction of the Technical Official with guidance from the relevant field of play staff, teams should leave the field of play and return to their team bench area until the field of play has been cleared.

Accreditation/team seating

There will be reserved seating at the North Pitch and South Pitch for non-competing same-sport spectating athletes and team officials to watch the competition. Athletes and team officials will be able to access these seats with the assistance of Athlete Services volunteers. Only same-sport spectating athletes and team officials will be allowed access to these seats, which will not be ticketed. Seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Technical filming

If a team wishes to do its own technical filming in a competition venue during competition, it may do so from the athlete or spectator seating areas using non-professional consumer video cameras. Teams may also film during training sessions using non-professional cameras.

Non-professional consumer cameras do not require stickers to be brought into venues, and clearance with OBS is not necessary. Any requests for positions outside of this area must be submitted in writing to OBS.

Post-competition procedures

POST-MATCH SUMMARY	
Time after match ends	Activity
0 minutes	End of match
ASAP	Competing teams walk through the mixed zone to the changing rooms (10 minutes)
20 minutes	Athletes called to post-match activities (in case of medal matches there may be press conferences)

Leaving the field of play

After the completion of a match, all athletes and team officials must leave the field of play via the mixed zone.

Cool down

Teams may cool down on the warm-up pitch (TBD) immediately after they have gone through the mixed zone. Teams may cool down for up to 45 minutes after their match, subject only to any contingency arrangements. Teams involved in the second or only match of their session may return to the field of play to undertake their cool down after passing through the mixed zone.

Match footage

A digital copy of the match video will be made available to each team on a USB memory stick one hour after each match. This footage will be from the Tactical Analysis Camera set up at the top of the spectator stand behind one of the goals. The USB Stick can be picked up from the venue SID after the match.

Doping control

A draw will be made during the half-time period of each match to determine which athletes will be required to undergo doping control tests at the end of the match. The draw will be made by the FIH competitions/ Tokyo 2020 sport manager in the presence of the doping control officer, FIH medical officer(s) and, if needed, the local doctor. Team managers will be informed which athletes have been selected for doping control immediately after the match has finished. Chaperones will then shadow the movements of the selected athletes through the mixed zone and will then escort them to the doping control station. Please note that athletes who have been selected for doping control will not be allowed to take an ice bath or a shower until they have completed the sample collection session.

Mixed zone

The mixed zones for the Hockey competition are located at the south-west corner of the North Pitch field of play, and in the south-east corner of the South Pitch field of play. This means that on the South Pitch, teams will be required to cross the field from the team benches to access the mixed zone. There will be a corridor formed by the ball patrol across the centre of the field to enable this. Please follow your team chaperone and use this corridor while teams for the next match are warming up.

Press conferences

The Press Conference Room at Oi Hockey Stadium is in the Venue Media Centre (VMC), located on the second floor. Carts will be used to transport athletes and/or team officials to and from the VMC.

A press conference, if requested, can be held after any match (preliminary or final) with at least the coaches of each team. Post-competition press conferences will be held with some of the medallists shortly after the men's and women's medal matches.

Competition venue

Oi Hockey Stadium (North Pitch)

4-1-19 Yashio
Shinagawa-ku Tokyo
Japan

Oi Hockey Stadium (South Pitch)

1-2-1 Tokai
Ota-ku Tokyo
Japan

The Hockey competition will be held at Oi Hockey Stadium, a new legacy venue in the Oi Central Seaside Park area with a gross capacity of 10,000 for North Pitch and 5000 for South Pitch during competition at Tokyo 2020.

Venue access

Oi Hockey Stadium will be open from 08:00 to 23:00 (TBD) from 14 July to 9 August 2021.

The team buses will drop off athletes at the athlete load zones located near each competition pitch inside the Oi Hockey Stadium security zone. Athletes will pass through a Pedestrian Screening Area (PSA) and will then be able to access the venue facilities.

Access to team facilities

NOCs should ensure that any shared-sport physiotherapists or doctors who may be required to work at more than one venue are accredited for access to Oi Hockey Stadium. If any team officials are not accredited for Oi Hockey Stadium, they will not be able to access the venue.

NOCs should also ensure that all videographers/analysts are included as part of their team official accreditation allowance. Without accreditation, videographers/analysts will not have access to the back-of-house facilities.

Venue transport

At Tokyo 2020, each Hockey team will be provided with a bus and driver, to be used for travel to competition and training venues. This service can be used from the first day of official training until the day after all competitions are finished or the day after the team's final competition.

In principle, a coach bus will be provided.

The two teams for each match will arrive at Oi Hockey Stadium on separate buses at roughly the same time before the start of their match. Athletes and team officials will return by dedicated buses to the Olympic Village after they have fulfilled their post-match obligations at the competition venue. If any athlete is undergoing doping control testing when the bus is scheduled to depart, they will be provided with alternative transport to allow them to return to the Olympic Village separately without delaying the rest of their team.

Team vehicles are not permitted to travel to other venues. Requests for a new service, a change or cancellation of service can be made at the Sport Information Centre (SIC) in the Olympic Village by 17:00 the day before travel. If the team goes to watch another team's competition in the same sport, then the team vehicle can be used until one day after the team's final match. It is necessary to make a reservation the day before by 17:00 at the SIC in the Olympic Village.

Transport for team analysts

Please note there will be no dedicated transport provided for team analysts at Tokyo 2020. In principle, team analysts will generally travel on their team bus when the team is involved in the first or last match of the session. For other times, with the permission of other teams, team analysts will be allowed to travel on other team buses (in the front seats).

Field of play (FOP)

Oi Hockey Stadium will contain four pitches, including two competition pitches and two training pitches. During the Games, the second training pitch will be used as the warm-up pitch and shared by the two competition pitches. The field of play and all equipment will be presented in accordance with the FIH Rules of Hockey.

The pitches at Oi Hockey Stadium will be certified to FIH Global Elite standard, with in-situ irrigation systems. The pitches will be blue in colour.

Team benches

Each team will be provided with a 12-seat team bench on either side of the technical table. These benches will have tables for placing team drinks and equipment, and clear curtains which can be drawn during pitch watering to keep interior contents dry. There will also be a water barrel and cooler-box container for holding ice and drinks etc. Two large mist fans will be placed either side of the bench for cooling purposes. Volunteer ground staff can be consulted about operation of these fans. An ethernet cable connected to the Team Analysts Area will also be available in the bench, as well as an electrical power outlet (TBD).

Venue facilities and services

Changing rooms and showers

There are four changing rooms with showers and ice baths at each pitch. Each team will be allocated a dedicated changing room for each match and training session. The dry area contains benches, physiotherapy couches, a table and chairs, mirrors, a whiteboard, and a refreshments fridge.

The separate wet area includes showers, toilets and a space for ice baths (175cm x 235cm). Teams will be provided with bottled water and ice for physiotherapy and ice baths. In addition, there will be Tokyo 2020 volunteers and accessories to help fill and empty the baths.

The changing rooms will also contain a refreshment station serving whole fruits, cold snacks, Coca-Cola drinks and hot drinks.

Ice baths

Team can make requests for ice baths through the booking system available at the venue SID, and through their Team Liaison Officer. Ice bookings can be made up to 24 hours before the match. This arrangement will be confirmed with the NOC team manager on arrival at the hockey venue.

Upon request, each team will receive 200kg of ice for the team's single ice bath (1.5m x 1.5m). The crushed ice will be delivered to the team changing room in 5kg bags inside portable coolers. Ice baths will be filled with cold tap water by Tokyo 2020 staff in time for the end of the match so that NOC team staff can then add the ice into the bath at their convenience.

Towels

There will be towels available during the competition period at the Oi Hockey Stadium. Please note that towels will not be available during the training period.

Athletes' Lounge

TBC

Sport Information Desk (SID)

The SID is located adjacent to the warm-up pitch, next to the Athletes' Lounge. Opening hours are TBC.

Coaches' box

Each team will be allocated a coaches' box. For the North Pitch, it will be located inside a room in the upper level of the main stand, while for the South Pitch it is located in the mid-level of the main stand. Each coaches' box is equipped with a table and two chairs. The North Pitch will also have two seats for the coaches located in the upper level of the main stand if the coaches do not want to sit inside.

Team analysts' area (TAA)

Seating will be provided for team analysts in a dedicated team analysts' area (TAA), located high in the main stand of each competition pitch. Live footage of the match will be provided for each analyst via a SD cable splitter connected to a single Tactical Analysis Camera (TAC). This camera will be operated remotely by an operator in a room in the stand.

At the North Pitch the TAC camera is located at the top of the spectator stand next to the OBS camera behind the south-end goal. At the South Pitch the TAC camera is located at the top of the spectator stand next to the OBS camera behind the west-end goal.

Team analysts whose team is involved in the ongoing match will also have access to ethernet cables in the TAA that are connected to the team bench and the coaches' box. Team analysts can also access the coaches' box when their own team is playing. An SD cable connection will also be available in the coaches' box at the North Pitch.

Please note there will be not be a video tower with space for analysts as was the case at previous Olympics.

Food and beverage

A buffet-style hot meal will be served between on training and competition days. The hot meal does not have to be ordered in advance. Meal times are TBC.

Athlete Venue Meals (AVMs) in the form of cold-packed meals can be ordered in advance for athletes who spend more than four hours out of the Olympic Village for training and competition.

AVMs must be ordered at the Sport Information Centre (SIC) in the Olympic Village by 12:00 (midday), two days before the competition or official training day. In principle, AVM orders will be available from 14 July until 8 August 2021. The AVMs will be delivered to the Athletes' Lounge. AVMs will include items such as sandwiches, salads, pieces of fruit, dessert, and yoghurt. A vegetarian option will also be available, but it must be requested at the time of ordering.

Medical services

There will be dedicated athlete medical stations at Oi Hockey Stadium.

The athletes' medical team will provide services such as first aid, emergency care, sports medicine and physical therapy services to athletes, team officials and technical officials. The medical team at Oi Hockey Stadium will consist of at least one doctor and one physiotherapist, and one dentist. Ambulances will be stationed at Oi Hockey Stadium during medical services operational hours, and each ambulance is staffed with a crew of three trained medical personnel.

Video referral room

A video referral room for the match Video Umpire is located in the stand at each competition pitch. Access is strictly for technical officials and support staff only.

Goalkeeper's equipment storage

There will be one dedicated goalkeeper's equipment storage room at Oi Hockey Stadium. This will be located in a room in the North Pitch main stand building at pitch level next to the field of play and changing rooms.

The storage room will have metal shelving racks for each team to store their goalkeeper's gear and other equipment. This room will be monitored at all times by Tokyo 2020 volunteers. Electric fans will also be used in the room to help circulate the air and assist in drying the equipment.

Team Liaison Officers will guide goalkeepers to the room and assist them in carrying equipment between the four pitches at the Hockey venue.

Family & Friends Zone

TBD depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

Doping control station

The doping control station at Oi Hockey Stadium is located adjacent to the North Pitch, on the first floor of the back-of-house facilities.

Heat countermeasures

During Games-time, the following countermeasures against heat will be taken at Oi Hockey Stadium to ensure the good health of athletes:

- Athletes' Lounge with air conditioning
- Water/ice to be provided
- Team bench with shade and mist fan
- Ice bath in changing rooms
- Changing rooms with air conditioning

Training venue

Oi Hockey Stadium

4-1-19 Yashio
Shinagawa-ku Tokyo
Japan

The venue will be open for training from Tuesday 14 July to Friday 6 August 2021. Training will take place at the two competition pitches and at the two training pitches built alongside the competition pitches at Oi Hockey Stadium. Training Pitch 1 (TP1) will be solely dedicated to practice while Training Pitch 2 (TP2) will be a shared pitch used for practice, pre-game warm-ups and post-game cooling down.

All venue equipment will be approved by FIH and will comply with Rule 50 and Bye-law to Rule 50 of the IOC Olympic Charter. Teams will be responsible for providing their own training balls and additional training equipment.

Training sessions

Oi Hockey Stadium will be open for training between 08:00 and 23:00 between 14 July and 6 August 2021. Training sessions will have a specific duration (TBC) and teams will be allocated sessions by Tokyo 2020 competition management prior to the Games.

Once NOCs arrive at the Olympic Village, any changes or cancellations to allocated training sessions must be done at the Sport Information Centre (SIC) in the Olympic Village. Please note that changes to sessions must be requested at least 24 hours in advance.

The full training schedule will be available on Info, at the SIC in the Olympic Village and at the venue Sport Information Desk (SID)

Training regulations

Technical filming of training

Teams will need to apply to OBS in writing for permission to make video recordings of training and training matches. Filming can be done from anywhere in the athletics stadium stand at the Training Pitch (TP1). Filming can also be done from anywhere on the Warm-Up Pitch (TP2), however there are no stands near this pitch where higher-angle filming can be done.

There is no video tower or stand available behind either goals at either training pitch. However, teams can ask for permission to mount a portable action camera on a pole at either end of these pitches.

Training facilities

For details about Oi Hockey Stadium facilities, see [Venue facilities and services](#) on page 24.

Training Pitch 1 will have four dedicated changing rooms, while Training Pitch 2 will have two changing rooms. Ice baths, if requested, will also be available for use in each training pitch changing room.

Training Access Pass (TAP)

TBC

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Directory

The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020)

Tokyo won the right to stage the Games of the XXXII Olympiad on 7 September 2013. The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020) is a private, not-for-profit sports association that was officially formed on 24 January 2014. Spearheaded by former prime minister of Japan, Yoshiro Mori, as president, the organising committee is composed of members from various organisations including the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC), Japanese Paralympic Committee (JPC), Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) and the national government of Japan.

Tokyo 2020 was assigned its mission by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and must follow their guidance, the Host City Contract, the Olympic Charter, the IPC Handbook, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) regulations and Japanese law.

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International Olympic Committee (IOC)

The International Olympic Committee was created on 23 June 1894. Less than two years later, on 6 April 1896, the first Olympic Games of the modern era opened in Athens, and the Olympic Movement has not stopped growing ever since. The Olympic Movement encompasses organisations, athletes and other persons who agree to be guided by the principles of the Olympic Charter. The goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practised without discrimination of any kind, in a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.

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International Hockey Federation (FIH)

The first Olympic hockey competition was held in London in 1908. After Hockey was omitted from the programme of the Paris 1924 Games, Frenchman Paul Leautey called together representatives from seven national Hockey federations to form the sport's international governing body. With Leautey as its first president, and the organisation titled Fédération Internationale de Hockey sur Gazon, it helped to get the sport reinstated for the 1928 Games, and Hockey has been a permanent part of the Olympic programme ever since. The FIH (Fédération Internationale de Hockey) now works in co-operation with its five continental federations and 137 affiliated national member associations to ensure consistency and unity in Hockey, retaining responsibility for its development and promotion around the world.

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Japan Hockey Association (JHA)

Hockey was introduced to Japan in the early 20th century by British pastor, William T. Gray, who taught the game to students of Tokyo's Keio University. From this beginning in 1906, the Keio Hockey Club's only opponents for many years were foreigners from Yokohama's YCAC club, and it wasn't until three years later in 1909 that Keio were able to post their first victory.

The first national association was formed in 1923 comprising university, school and club teams. Women's hockey had started in Japan two years earlier and held their first national championships in 1931. It's a little-known fact that at Los Angeles 1932, Japan won an Olympic silver medal in Hockey, albeit in a three-team competition with India and USA.

Today, with an estimated playing population of 30,000 in Japan, there are numerous local leagues involving universities, high schools, companies and clubs, and master's hockey is also growing in popularity. In 1998 an annual national league for women was started, with the men following in 2005 with the creation of the Hockey Japan League (HJL).

In recent times the national women's team, 'Sakura Japan', have had more international success than the men ('Samurai Japan') with regular appearances in World Cups and Olympic Games, but in 2018 both teams won gold medals at the Asian Games for the first time.

With Hockey's popularity growing, Sakura Japan and Samurai Japan are certain to have plenty of home-town support at Tokyo 2020.

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