



# **Outline of the 25th Summer Deaflympics Tokyo 2025**

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# Introduction

- The Japanese Federation of the Deaf was nominated as a candidate to host the 2025 Deaflympics at a 49th ICSD Congress held in Vienna, Austria on 9th and 10th September 2022. After garnering much support, the official decision was made to hold the Games in Tokyo.
- This will be the first time that Japan hosts the Deaflympics, and also marks the 100th anniversary of the Deaflympics, which were first held as the International Games for the Deaf in Paris in 1924.
- These historic games provide an opportunity to promote understanding of the Deaflympics and deaf sports and to help create an inclusive society in which people with and without disabilities can enjoy sports, recognise and respect each other's differences.



# The Deaflympics

- The Deaflympics is an international multi-sports event hosted by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) and held in the summer and winter every four years.
- First held in 1924 in Paris, France.
- The name 'Deaflympics' received approval from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 2001.
- The event conforms to standard competition rules, whilst it is notable for the prohibition on the use of devices such as hearing aids from the point competitors enter the competition venue and the use of visually-based information provision methods such as starting lights and flags in addition to communication using International Sign.

## ● Recent Games

### [Summer Games]

2021 Caxias do Sul (Brazil)

2017 Samsun (Turkey)

2013 Sofia (Bulgaria)

### [Winter Games]

2019 Valtellina (Italy)

2015 Khanty-Mansiysk (Russia)

2007 Salt Lake City (USA)

\*2011 Host of the Games was canceled

# Vision for the Games

## *1. Connect people and society through the brilliance and values of deaf sports*

- Deaf athletes to be the leading role of the TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS; to advance its preparations so that the athletes will be able to perform to the peak of their ability. Through the performance of deaf athletes, to communicate and promote the inherent brilliance of sports, along with the attractiveness and values of the Deaflympics and deaf sports.
- To value the diverse perspectives throughout the Games operations, with collaboration by all kind of people including the participation of children.

## *2. Bridge the TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS to the world and the future*

- Taking the opportunity of TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS, to advance current promotion and strengthen of access to information and communication including understanding, popularization, and spreading of sign languages, as well as the development of new communication tools using the digital technologies and their use in society.
- To strengthen the relationships with the world through the initiatives above; people will know more about the attractiveness of Tokyo where everybody can communicate between people with and without disabilities regardless of nationalities.

## ***3. Realise an inclusive society where “everyone can make the most of their individuality and exert their abilities”***

- To further encourage communication between people with and without disabilities, and barrier-free setting in mind-set, information and city environment, by cultivating the understanding of deaf sports and deaf culture as part of the Deaflympics Movement through the TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPIC.
- To contribute by the Deaflympics Movement to the development of an inclusive society where everyone recognizes and respects mutual differences and can make the most of their individuality and exert their abilities.

# Name of the Games

<b>Official Name</b>	Japanese	第25回夏季デフリンピック競技大会 東京2025
	English	25th Summer Deaflympics Tokyo 2025
<b>Abbreviations</b>	Japanese	東京2025デフリンピック
	English	TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS



# Games Emblem

## <Approach to Emblem Creation>

### ○ Creating the design proposals

- Students mainly from the Department of Synthetic Design of the Faculty of Industrial Technology, Tsukuba University of Technology, Japan's only university for the hearing and/or visual disabilities, created several design proposals.

\*The Games emblem is required to have a design that uses the text elements of '25th Summer Deaflympics' and 'Tokyo 2025'.

### ○ Screening and selecting a winning design

- Junior high and senior high school students in Tokyo, including students from schools for the deaf, participated in a group work session.
- The students cast their votes in the group work session to select a winning design (September 2023).

- The emblem creation process embodied the inclusive society that we are aiming for.
- In this creation process, communication was facilitated through the use of digital technologies in addition to sign language interpretation.

On 3rd September 2023, junior high and senior high school students in Tokyo voted to select a design for the Games emblem.

# Games Emblem



**TOKYO 2025**  
25TH SUMMER DEAFLYMPICS

## ○ Creator's comment

- I took the theme of a 'circle' to represent the connections between people.
- Using a hand, a symbol representative of the deaf community, my design expresses touching on topics and sports through the Deaflympics, with the hope that mutual exchange and connecting communities like a 'circle' will lead to a new future blossoming like a flower. I used cherry blossom petals as a motif for the flower.

# Preparation/Operational Structure

- The Japanese Federation of the Deaf and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (herein after called 'TMG') have concluded an agreement to share the duties of preparing for and running the Games.
- To carry out duties in line with this sharing of responsibilities, an organisation to act as a point of contact for the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf with regard to holding these Games has been established within the Japanese Federation of the Deaf. Tokyo Sport Benefits Corporation is responsible for event and venue management, and other administrative tasks.

## ● Games preparation and operation

Japanese Federation of the Deaf

Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG)

Deaflympics Organising Committee

- International Committee of Sports for the Deaf
- Games promotion, raise awareness etc.

Tokyo Sport Benefits Corporation Deaflympics Preparation and Operation Office

- Competition, venue operation
- Accommodation, transport etc.

## ● Coordination/discussions related to the Games

### Games Partnership Meeting

Japanese Federation of the Deaf

Tokyo Metropolitan Government

Japan Sports Agency

Japanese Olympic Committee

Japanese Para Sports Association

External experts

- Responsibility  
Coordination related to the Games  
Preliminary arrangements of games preparation
- Office  
Japanese Federation of the Deaf, TMG

\*The Federation will also cooperate with deaf NF/NF/PF (prefectural athletic federations), as well as Fukushima and Shizuoka Prefectures.

# Games Period, Participating Countries, and Number of Athletes

## Games Period

- **15th to 26th November 2025 (12 days)**
  - Opening ceremony: 15th November
  - Closing ceremony: 26th November

## Participating Countries

- **Approximately 70 to 80 countries and regions**

## Number of Athletes

- **Approximately 3,000 athletes**

# Venues

	Sports	Competition venues
0	Opening and Closing Ceremonies	Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium
1	Athletics	Komazawa Olympic Park General Sports Ground, etc.
2	Badminton	Musashino Forest Sport Plaza
3	Basketball	Ota-City General Gymnasium
4	Beach Volleyball	Omori Higashi Waterside Sports Square
5	Bowling	Higashiyamoto Grandbowl
6	Cycling Road	Japan Cycle Sports Center (Shizuoka Pref.)
7	Mountain Bike	Japan Cycle Sports Center (Shizuoka Pref.)
8	Football	J-VILLAGE (Fukushima Pref.)
9	Golf	Wakasu Golf Links
10	Handball	Komazawa Olympic Park General Sports Ground

	Sports	Competition venues
11	Judo	Tokyo Budokan Budo Arena
12	Karate	Tokyo Budokan Budo Arena
13	Orienteering	Hibiya Park Izu Oshima Island
14	Shooting	Ajinomoto National Training Center
15	Swimming	Tokyo Aquatics Centre
16	Table Tennis	Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium
17	Taekwondo	Nakano-city General Gymnasium
18	Tennis	Ariake Tennis Park
19	Volleyball	Komazawa Olympic Park General Sports Ground
20	Wrestling Freestyle	Fuchu Kyodo-no-Mori Gymnasium
21	Wrestling Greco-Roman	Fuchu Kyodo-no-Mori Gymnasium

# Venue Map

