

About World Athletics Championships and Deaflympics to be Held in Tokyo in 2025

◆◆ World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25 ◆◆

1. Overview of World Athletics Championships

- ◇ The world's premier competition in athletics alongside the Olympic Games, held every two years and hosted by World Athletics (WA)
- ◇ The first championships were held in Helsinki, Finland in 1983
- ◇ The year 2025 marks the 20th championships
- ◇ Features of the World Athletics Championships (examples from past championships) include:
 - Approximately 1 billion people worldwide watch the championships via TV broadcast, live stream, and other media
 - About 3,000 volunteers participate
- ◇ This is the third time that the event will be held in Japan, after being hosted in Tokyo for the first time in 1991 and then in Osaka in 2007.

2. Overview of World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25 (WCH Tokyo 25)

Inviting Organization: Japan Association of Athletics Federations

Organizer: WA

Dates: September 13, 2025 - September 21, 2025 (9 days)

Number of Events: 49 (24 men's, 24 women's, and 1 mixed event)

Venue: Japan National Stadium (in Tokyo), etc. (marathon and race walking are scheduled to be held in Tokyo)

Number of Athletes: approx. 2,000 from about 210 countries/regions

◆◆ 25th Summer Deaflympics Tokyo 2025 ◆◆

1. Overview of Deaflympics

- ◇ An international comprehensive sports competition held every four years for deaf athletes hosted by the International Committee on Sports of the Deaf (ICSD)
- ◇ The first Deaflympics were held in Paris, France in 1924
- ◇ The year 2025 marks the 100th anniversary of the Deaflympics
- ◇ Features of the Deaflympics include:
 - Players with hearing loss of 55 dB or more unaided and who meet the specified participation conditions are eligible to complete
 - Competitions comply with general (hearing people) rules
 - No hearing aids may be worn at the venue or during competitions
 - In addition to sign language, visual methods to convey information to people with hearing difficulties, such as start lamps and flags, are required

2. Overview of 25th Summer Deaflympics Tokyo (Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics)

Inviting Organization: Japan Federation of the Deaf

Organizer: ICSD

Dates: November 15, 2025 - November 26, 2025 (12 days)

Number of Sports: 21 sports (including athletics, swimming, table tennis and others)

Venue: Mainly in Tokyo and Fukushima prefectures for football, and Shizuoka Prefecture for cycling road race

Number of Participants: approx. 6,000 from 70 to 80 countries/regions (approx. 3,000 athletes, and approx. 3,000 Deaflympics officers, SDs, referees and staff)



We have started an official Instagram account and special website to promote the two international sports competitions to be held in Tokyo in 2025!

In addition to interviews with promising athletes and those who support and energize the Games, we will continuously update them with content that lets everyone enjoy the World Athletics Championships and Deaflympics.

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