

THE 39TH JAPAN OPEN 2026

MEN 10 BALL / WOMEN 9 BALL

19TH TO 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2026

“We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your continuous support of our federation's various projects and tournaments”.

As of December 30, 2024, JPBA has concluded a three-year contract (2025-2027) with Diamond Billiard Products, INC. as the Main Sponsor to the JPBA Official Grade 1 Tournament titled "Japan Open". This event will be held at the New Pia Hall, a special venue for the 2026 Japan Open. Details of the "2026 Japan Open" will be announced on the JPBA official website soon.

JPBA official website : <https://jpba.ne.jp/wp/>

JPBA Japan Open Facebook Official Site : <https://www.facebook.com/jpbapool/>

On September 21 (a National holiday on Monday), we will set up eight "Diamond PRO-AM Black" Pool tables at New Pia Hall, a special venue for the final round of the "2026 Japan Open".

We will do our best to make the Final Round as spectacular and exciting as possible for the fans looking forward to watching the games and the players planning to compete.

We look forward to seeing you there.

MEN Event / [2026 September 19-21](#) / 10-ball / Max 352 players

WOMEN Event / [2026 September 20-21](#) / 9-ball / Max 96 players

This is an ACBS & WPA Co-sanctioned event. Winners will receive WPA points.

Participating athletes are requested to register for a WPA Athlete License (<https://wpapool.com/license/>) and complete the JADA e-learning program "ADEL" (<https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn>) International Level Athlete Program by September 20th, and obtain a certificate of completion.

If you have any questions about the tournament, please contact us at this e-mail address. japanopen@jpba.ne.jp

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PLAYERS GUIDE

Event Title: **THE 39TH JAPAN OPEN 2026
MEN 10 BALL / WOMEN 9 BALL**

Event Date: **19TH TO 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2026**

Discipline: **MEN 10-BALL AND WOMEN 9 BALL**

Final Venue: **NEW PIA HALL**
(21ST Sep) **Address: 1-11-1, KAIGAN, MINATO-KU, TOKYO**
Phone: +81-3-3578-0041

Knock-Out Venue: **MEN 10-BALL : BILLIARD ROSA**
(20th Sep) **Address: 1-37-12, Nishi-ikebukuro, Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo**
Phone: +81-3-3988-8411

Qualifying Venue: **MEN 10-BALL : Multiple Venues in 5-6 Clubs at Suburbs of Tokyo**
(19th Sep)

- Billiard Rosa 1-37-12 Nishi-Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku Rosa Hall 5F TEL: 03-3988-8411
- Bagus Kawasaki store: Vivace 5F in La Cittadella, 1-18 Ogawamachi, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki-shi TEL: 044-223-3567
- Bagus Shinjuku store: 1-20-1 Kabukicho, Shinjuku-ku, Humax Pavilion Shinjuku Kabukicho Building 5F, TEL: 03-3208-0127
- Point Sunbilli Ogikubo Nishiguchi Store 1-16-16 Kamiogi, Suginami-ku Your Building 7F TEL: 03-5349-8303
- Billiards CUE 1-14-14 Shibuya, Shibuya-ku EST Building 6F/7F TEL: 03-3409-2451
- LINK Nishikawaguchi store 4F Fest Building, 2-1-1 Namiki, Kawaguchi City, Saitama Prefecture TEL: 048-229-1279

Athletes Meeting: **There will be no athlete meetings on the 19th and 20th.**
Please check the rule guidebook that will be posted on our website in advance.

Tournament Start: **19TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 (MEN 10 BALL START)**
20TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 (WOMEN 9 BALL START)

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Finals & Closing: **21ST SEPTEMBER, 2026 (FINALS – MEN / WOMEN)**

Entry Fees Men: **JAPANESE YEN 44,000, APPROX: USD \$278** (Rate at end of April)

※First 32 applicants; after 33, there will be a waiting list.

Women: **JAPANESE YEN 30,000, APPROX: USD \$190** (Rate at end of April)

※First 16 applicants; after 17, there will be a waiting list.

Official Hotel: **NO OFFICIAL HOTEL. PLEASE MAKE SELF
ARRANGEMENT FOR ACCOMMODATION.**

Closing Date/Entry **(PM12時～Japan time) 1ST July～10TH August 2026** (first-served basis)

**Participation fee in Japanese yen to jpba's bank account,
Please transfer the fee by August 20.**

※Please note that you are responsible for all bank transfer fees.

※If payment is not received by the due date will be cancelled.

URL : <https://www.jpba-east.jp/japan-open-2026-international/>

Bank Name: **MUFG BANK, LTD.**
Branch Name: **YOTSUYA BRANCH**
Swift Code: **BOTKJPJT(XXX)**
Account Number: **051-1258030**
Account Name: **JPBA OKADA MASAKI**
Branch Address: **1-6-1 YOTSUYA SHINJUKU-KU TOKYO**
(1600004) JAPAN

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Organized By: **JAPAN PROFESSIONAL POCKET BILLIARD ASSOCIATION (JPBA)**

Sanctioned By: **ASIAN CONFEDERATION OF BILLIARD SPORTS (ACBS)**

WORLD POOL-BILLIARD ASSOCIATION (WPA)

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Total Athletes Bracket: Men – Maximum 352 players in Double Elimination format to 128 players. Single Elimination in following rounds to Final.

Women – Maximum 96 players in Double Elimination format to 32 players. Single Elimination in following rounds to Final.

Tournament Criteria: Invitational Open Championship

Ranking Points: JPBA, WPA World Ranking Points

TOURNAMENT FORMAT – MEN 10 BALL

Main Event Qualifying, 19th Sep: Double Elimination:
Open Chart with a total maximum of 352 players competing in a Double Elimination format to determine the 128 players for Single Elimination Rounds. The total number of players will be divided into a few Groups and will be playing their matches in 5-6 Pool Hall within the Suburbs of Tokyo.
For the venue, please check the JPBA HP by yourself.
<https://jpba.ne.jp/wp/>

Qualifiers Knock-Out Rounds, 20th Sep: Single Elimination:
128 players from Day 1 qualifiers to compete in a Single Elimination format to determine the last 16 players for the final day Knock-Out Rounds. All matches will be played in "BILLIARD ROSA" Pool Hall, Nishi-ikebukuro, Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo.

Last 16 To Final Rounds, 21th Sep: Single Elimination:
16 Players from Day 2 Knock-Out rounds will play on Single Elimination format in the Finals Round to determine the Winners of this Championship. All matches will be played at "New Pia Hall, Kaigan, Minato-ku, Tokyo.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT – WOMEN 9 BALL

- Main Event Qualifying, 20th Sep: Double Elimination:
Open Chart with total maximum of 96 players competing in a Double Elimination format to determine the 64 or 32 players for Single Elimination Rounds. Players will be playing their matches in Pool Hall within Tokyo.
For the venue, please check the JPBA HP by yourself.
<https://jpba.ne.jp/wp/>
- Single Elimination:
64 or 32 players from Double Elimination will continue to play the Single Elimination Knock-Out rounds on the same day at the same venue. 8 players will advance to the next day Quarterfinals at the "New Pia Hall, Kaigan, Minato-ku, Tokyo.
- Quarterfinals to Final Rounds, 21th Sep: Single Elimination:
8 Women Players from Day 1 Knock-Out rounds will play on a Single Elimination format in the Quarterfinals Knock-Out Rounds to determine the Winners of this Championship.

MATCH DETAILS AND LENGTH OF PLAY – MEN 10 BALL

- Main Event Qualifying, 19th Sep: Race to 8, Winner's Break, Self-Racking with Rack-Sheet
- Qualifiers Knock-Out Rounds, 20th Sep: Race to 9, Winner's Break, Self-Racking with Rack-Sheet
- Last 16 To Final Rounds, 21th Sep: Race to 8, Winner's Break, Self-Racking with Rack-Sheet

MATCH DETAILS AND LENGTH OF PLAY – WOMEN 9 BALL

- Main Event Qualifying, 20th Sep: Race to 7, Alternate Break, Self-Racking with Rack-Sheet
- Qualifiers Knock-Out Rounds, 20th Sep: Race to 8, Alternate Break, Self-Racking with Rack-Sheet
- Last 8 To Final Rounds, 21th Sep: Race to 7, Winner's Break, Self-Racking with Rack-Sheet

MATCH SCHEDULE – MEN 10 BALL/WOMEN 9 BALL

- Main Event Qualifying, 19th Sep: All Men's 10 Ball Matches to commence from 9:30 am.
Roll-In-Roll-Out format (RIRO). Players to standby.
Match will commence when a table is available.
- Qualifiers Knock-Out Rounds, 20th Sep: All Men's 10 Ball Matches to commence from 9:30 am.
Roll-In-Roll-Out format (RIRO). Players to standby.
Match will commence when a table is available.
- All Women's 9 Ball Matches to commence from 9:30 am.
Roll-In-Roll-Out format (RIRO). Players to standby.
Match will commence when a table is available.

Last 16 To Final Rounds, 21th Sep:
Last 8 To Final Rounds, 21th Sep:

Men's Matches to commence from 9:30 am.
Women's Matches to commence from 11:30 am.

Rules for Men 10 Ball:
Rules for Women 9 Ball:

[WPA 10-BALL RULES](#)
[WPA 9-BALL RULES](#)

TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENTS (21th only)

Tournament Tables:	Diamond 'PRO-AM' Black Pool Table
Balls:	Aramith Tournament TV BLACK
Cloth:	Nikke

BREAKING & RACKING OF BALLS

All Matches for Men & Women:	All Matches are played on a Winner's Breaks format from start of tournaments to the Finals. Lag for Opening Break.
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All Players responsible for their own Racking of Balls with Rack-Sheet.

Racking:	Men 10 Ball – 1 Ball on Spot Women 9 Ball - 1 Ball on Spot.
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Timing of Play:	Tablet clock is used on the 21st, The time limit for the tablet clock is 55 minutes for both men and women. Players who have used up their allotted time will be subject to a shot clock of 25 seconds per shot and a 25-second extension once per rack.
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PRIZE MONEY – MEN 10 BALL

Champion:	JPY 1,400,000
Runner-Up:	JPY 700,000
3 rd & 4 th Placing:	JPY 350,000
5 th to 8 th Placing:	JPY 180,000
9 th to 16 th Placing:	JPY 90,000
17 th to 32 nd Placing:	JPY 60,000

PRIZE MONEY – WOMEN 9 BALL

Champion:	JPY 500,000
Runner-Up:	JPY 250,000
3 rd & 4 th Placing:	JPY 130,000
5 th to 8 th Placing:	JPY 70,000
9 th to 16 th Placing:	JPY 35,000

Prize money will be paid in Japanese yen, on the day of the tournament.
A withholding tax of 20.42% is imposed on the prize money for All Foreign players.

DRESS CODE

Men:

Smart Casual Attire – Polo shirt (Tucked-In)/Long or Short Sleeves shirt/Long-Pants and Dark-Color Shoes are encouraged.

Final Day – Formal Attire with Long Sleeves Shirt/Long-Pants/Dark-Color Shoes and Bow-Tie or Tie are required.

Women:

Smart Casual Attire – Polo shirt (Tucked-In)/Long-sleeves shirt/Long-Pants and Dark-Color Shoes are encouraged.

Final Day – Formal Attire with Long Sleeves Shirt/Long-Pants and Dark-Color Shoes required.

Prohibited Clothing:

Jeans, Short Pants, Round-Neck T-Shirt, Sandals, Open Toes Shoes/Slippers, Flashy Colored Shoes, Shorts, Bermuda's, Skirts, Hoodies, Hats, Caps, Earphones, Headphones or Ear Buds. (hearing aids are permitted)

ORGANIZERS AND SPONSORS PATCH

Athletes are required to put on the badges/patches/stickers provided by the Organizer during the tournament, if necessary.

The Organizer reserves the right to refuse any badges/patches/stickers/logo of Athletes if they are found to be distasteful or contradict to the sponsors of JPBA.

GENERAL RULES

No smoking is permitted in the tournament venue except in designated smoking areas.

Athletes are not allowed to use their handphones during matches and are required to switch their mobile phones and/or electronic devices to silent.

Athletes must be on their best behavior whilst in the tournament venue and must not say or do anything that may discredit the organizers, the sponsors, and/or bring disrepute to the sport.

MATCH DISPUTES

All match enquires or disputes will be referred to the Referee in the first instance. If an Athlete requires further resolution, he may approach the Chief Referee during the tournament and his/their decision will be final.

At any point of time, only the Athletes can raise any enquiries.

Any Athletes aggrieved by any action(s) and/or decision(s) made by the Referee and/or Chief Referee, he may lodge an official protest in writing to the Tournament Director within 24 hours of the incident and/or must be before his next match start. Any Protest must be accompanied by a payment of USD\$ 200 Protest Fee, payable to the Organizer. The USD\$ 200 Protest Fee will only be refund if the Tournament Director deems the protest to be valid.

All protest and disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Tournament Director, who will then be in consultation with the Organizer, will decide on the matter. His decision shall be final and binding.

TOURNAMENT AUTHORITY

The Organizers, Tournament Director and/or Chief Referee may refuse entry or disqualify an Athlete for refusing to adhere to the tournament instructions given by the Organizers, Tournament Director, and/or Chief Referee.

The Organizer reserves the right to amend or add-in, whenever necessary, additional rules to the existing one without prior notification to the Athletes.

Any matters not covered by the above set of rules and regulations shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director in consultation with the Organizer whose decision in such matter shall be final and binding.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Organizer reserves the full right to reject, cancel and refund any applications. Any remittance charges required for the payment and refund of entry fees and prize monies will be borne completely by the applicant.

Prize winners are responsible for any tax declaration/payments and withholding taxes if applicable.

Participants of the tournament understand and agree that the final decision in the acceptance of entry to the tournament lies solely with the JPBA, and will not hold JPBA (including its directors, members, servants or agents) liable for any loss, damage, and/or other expenses incurred as a result of any rejections and cancellations of applications; changes, delays and/or postponement/cancellation of the tournament. In the event of cancellation of the tournament, all entry fees paid will be refunded without interest, less any bank/remittance charges.

Participants accept and confirm that they will comply with all safe distancing measures and/or requirements under prevailing law in Japan and abide by the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code as may be revised from time to time by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

All Participants agreed to grant JPBA or its directors, servants or agents the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs and videos of the participants, for but not limited to editorial, trade, advertising, and any other purposes and in any manner and medium; and to alter and composite the same without restriction and the Participant(s) inspection or approval. The Participant(s) hereby release JPBA or its directors, servants or agents from all claims and liability relating to the said photographs and videos.

ENQUIRIES

Registration & Tournament: **Mr. M. Okada, JPBA**

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