



# JAPAN

## Beach Soccer National Team

FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Bahamas 2017

# MEDIA GUIDE

Japan Football Association <http://www.jfa.jp/eng/>



# General Information

<b>Association</b>	Japan Football Association (JFA)
<b>Honorary Patron</b>	Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado
<b>President</b>	TASHIMA Kohzo
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<b>Official Web Site</b>	<a href="http://www.jfa.jp/eng/">http://www.jfa.jp/eng/</a>
<b>Establishment</b>	1921
<b>Affiliated to FIFA</b>	1929
<b>Affiliated to AFC</b>	1954
<b>Registered Teams</b>	28, 362 (2016)
<b>Registered Players</b>	937, 893 (2016)



Headquarters, JFA House

## Japan National Team Emblem and Mascots

Team Emblem



Team Mascots



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## Match Official appointed from Japan

Japanese referee Mr. **HATANO Yuichi** (36 years - old) is appointed as one of the 24 match officials at the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Bahamas 2017. He was registered as an international referee in 2015 and officiated at the 5th Asian Beach Games in Danang, Vietnam last year.



## JFA Logo



The three-legged crow holding a ball represents the god of day, namely, the sun, cited from a classical book of old China. It is believed that the three-legged crow provided Emperor Jimmu

and his army with directions on his expedition to the East. The yellow and blue colors of the flag represent fair play and youth, respectively, thereby suggesting Japan Football Association's spirit of fairness backed by the vigorous power of youth.

## Official Japan Kits

	Field Player	Goalkeeper
<b>1st Color</b>	<b>Navy Blue</b> (Shirt/Pants)	<b>Gray</b> (Shirt/Pants)
<b>2nd Color</b>	<b>White</b> (Shirt/Pants)	<b>Green</b> (Shirt/Pants)

## Domestic Beach Soccer Scene

### Japan Beach Soccer Championship All-Time Results

Edition	Year	Winner	Runners-up	Third (2 teams)	
1	2006	Lequios FC	Sol Mar Praia	Esperança Kumamoto bonnefemme	
2	2007	Lequios FC	Sol Mar Praia	Esperança Kumamoto Scorpion's	
3	2008	Lequios FC	Sol Mar Praia	Ole! Tricolore? Futebol de Praia	
4	2009	Okinawa LequiosBS, Tokyo Lequios BS, Sol Mar Praia, Pele/Sporva21 ※Semi-Finals and Final cancelled due to bad weather			
5	2010	Sol Mar Praia	Tokyo Lequios BS	G.C.Nerine Avante Osaka	
6	2011	Tokyo Lequios BS	Vamos a la Casa	bistro Hiro Gonohe Agresso Yamaguchi	
7	2012	Sol Mar Praia	Tokyo Lequios BS	Pracia Yamaguchi Dorsal M.FC	
8	2013	Tokyo Lequios BS	Sol Mar Praia	Shonan Spread 1545 bonnefemme BS	
9	2014	Tokyo Lequios BS	Sol Mar Praia	Leon Fukuoka Avante Osaka	
10	2015	Dorsole Kitakyushu	Tokyo Lequios BS	Sol Mar Praia Okinawa Pracia Yamaguchi	
11	2016	Fusion	Sol Mar Praia Okinawa	Dorsole Kitakyushu Tokyo Lequios BS	

## TEAM PARTNERS

OFFICIAL PARTNER

**KIRIN**

OFFICIAL SUPPLIER

**adidas**

SUPPORTING COMPANIES

朝日新聞

SAISON CARD

大東建託

FamilyMart

JAPAN AIRLINES

au

MIZUHO

MS&AD





# JAPAN Beach Soccer National Team

## Head Coach

**Marcelo MENDES**

マルセロ・メンデス



## Goalkeeper Coach

**Paulo ROCHA**

パウロ・ホシヤ



## Staff

Head of Delegation	<b>MAKABE Kiyoshi</b>	真壁 潔
Doctor	<b>HIRANO Atsushi</b>	平野 篤
Athletic Trainer	<b>TANAKA Yusuke</b>	田中 祐介
Interpreter	<b>ARAGAKI Seleman Everton</b>	新垣 セレマン エベルトン
Head of Administrator	<b>OKUDA Yasuhisa</b>	奥田 泰久
Team Administrator	<b>WATANABE Dai</b>	渡邊 大

## Players

① Date of Birth ② Height / Weight ③ Club ④ Matches / Goals ⑤ FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Appearances

As of 17 April 2017

**1 GK**

**TERUKINA Shingo**

照喜名 辰吾

- ① 08 September 1984
- ② 177cm/77kg
- ③ Ryukyu Erythrina
- ④ 110/4
- ⑤ 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015



**2 FP**

**SUZUKI Masato**

鈴木 将人

- ① 08 June 1991
- ② 188cm/81kg
- ③ Tokyo Lequios BS
- ④ 6/2
- ⑤ -



**3 FP**

**HARAGUCHI Shotaro**

原口 翔太郎

- ① 26 March 1987
- ② 171cm/65kg
- ③ Tokyo Verdy BS
- ④ 40/13
- ⑤ 2015

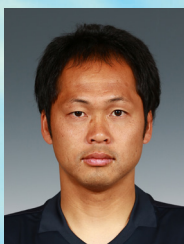


**4 FP**

**YAMAUCHI Shusei**

山内 悠誠

- ① 09 September 1985
- ② 186cm/78kg
- ③ Ryukyu Erythrina
- ④ 81/66
- ⑤ 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015



**5 FP**

**IINO Tomoyuki**

飯野 智之

- ① 29 January 1985
- ② 175cm/62kg
- ③ Dorsole Kitakyushu
- ④ 11/4
- ⑤ -



**6 FP**

**KOMAKI Masayuki**

小牧 正幸

- ① 30 August 1982
- ② 175cm/65kg
- ③ Veertien Mie BS
- ④ 44/13
- ⑤ 2011, 2013



**7 FP**

**TABATA Teruki**

田畑 輝樹

- ① 16 April 1979
- ② 178cm/73kg
- ③ Veertien Mie BS
- ④ 99/34
- ⑤ 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015



**8 FP**

**OBA Takaaki**

大場 崇晃

- ① 24 December 1992
- ② 175cm/71kg
- ③ Tokyo Verdy BS
- ④ 46/27
- ⑤ 2015



**9 FP**

**AKAGUMA Takuya**

赤熊 卓弥

- ① 21 November 1989
- ② 186cm/93kg
- ③ Dorsole Kitakyushu
- ④ 48/47
- ⑤ 2015



**10 FP**

**MOREIRA Ozu**

茂怜羅 オズ

- ① 21 January 1986
- ② 190cm / 86kg
- ③ Tokyo Verdy BS
- ④ 66/75
- ⑤ 2013, 2015



**11 FP**

**GOTO Takasuke**

後藤 崇介

- ① 04 June 1985
- ② 173cm/70kg
- ③ Tokyo Verdy BS
- ④ 65/70
- ⑤ 2007, 2015



**12 GK**

**KAWAI Yusuke**

河合 雄介

- ① 06 May 1988
- ② 177cm/70kg
- ③ Tokyo Verdy BS
- ④ 20/1
- ⑤ -





## Marcelo MENDES

Head Coach of the Japan Beach Soccer National Team

### Marcelo MENDES

Nationality: Brazil

Date of Birth: 23 January 1970

### Principal Coaching Career

#### National Team:

Portugal (1999-2000, 03)

Trinidad and Tobago (2002, 05)

Uruguay (2005-06)

South Africa (2006)

United Arab Emirates (2007-13, guiding to the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup in 2007, 08, 09 and 13)

Japan (2015-, guiding to the BSWC in 2015 and 17)

#### Club Team:

Fluminense (Brazil)

Vasco da Gama (Brazil)

Seattle Sounders FC (USA) etc.

**Qualification:** FIFA Beach Soccer Instructor

## “There is no doubt that Japan is among the top 10 national teams”

### What are your goals and aspirations for this World Cup?

Our team has been placed in a very challenging group for this World Cup. However, our goal is to concentrate our energies on each match, in striving to emerge victorious and advance in the tournament. This group is quite competitive, so anything could happen in the group stage. While we will naturally be playing to win, it is impossible to triumph only with the strength of sentiment. If we can play up to the full potential of our skills and what we have accomplished to date, I believe we can produce solid results. The Japan national team has assembled truly outstanding members for this tournament, and I have no concerns in that regard. I am fully confident that our team could perform well, and we have come here with that purpose in mind.

### How is your preparation for the World Cup?

We could have training camps as we requested with the full support from the Japan Football Association. Those efforts have included solid strengthening on the physical level, with all preparations proceeding right on schedule.

### What are your impressions of three opponents in the group stage – Poland, Tahiti and Brazil?

Our first match is against Poland, the team that appears extremely tough physically. Their players are also highly skilled, and the contest promises to be a stiff challenge. Next is Tahiti, a squad with a similar playing style to Japan. When we had two games with the Tahitians last year, we managed to win both matches. We think that we should be able to play well against them again. Although we have no doubt that Brazil is clearly a team with tremendous strength, we have had opportunities to win in the previous occasions. If everyone in our team plays with confidence and shows

their best performance, I'm sure we can excel against the Brazilians.

### Where would you position Japan in the global ranking?

There is no doubt that Japan is among the top 10 national teams. However, it doesn't guarantee that we can beat any of the other sides. Every match promises to be a tough one.

### In what areas does Japan shine, and what does Japan need to improve from here on?

Our teamwork is exceptional, and the individual players have high-level technique in the world. I would rate the skills of Moreira Ozu as being somewhat above the rest of our team, although everyone else brings the same basic level of aptitude to the pitch. As a team, therefore, we are able to constantly perform at a very high caliber. After we had experienced the World Cup Asian qualifiers, I thought we need to start with improving of our physical ability and we have prepared for it with the training camps.

### What do you think about the current global trends of beach soccer?

Today almost all beach soccer national teams adopt the strategy of using a goalkeeper. The general approach is to add the goalkeeper in 2-on-2 situations to provide a numerical advantage.

### Reflecting on your holding of beach soccer clinics in Japan, what impressions do you have of this country and its athletes?

We have received warm welcomes wherever we go in Japan, with every possible effort made to furnish clinic-friendly environments. Japan is a truly beautiful country. While the caliber of beach soccer players differs from region to region, the clinics have been effective in discovering athletes with excellent skills.



# Japan's All-Time Results at the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup

## Rio de Janeiro 2005

Group Stage (2nd) Japan **0-4** Portugal  
Japan **3-2** USA

Quarter-Finals Japan **4-3** Uruguay  
Semi-Finals Japan **1-4** France  
3/4 Place Japan **2-11** Brazil

Winner: France  
Runners-up: Portugal  
Third: Brazil  
Fourth: Japan

### Squad

1	KATO Eiichi	GK
2	OSHIRO Naoya	DF
3	YOSHII Katsuhiro	DF
4	ARAKAKI Takashi	DF
5	NAKAMURA Tadaomi	DF
6	MAKINO Shinji	DF
7	KUROKI Naoyuki	DF
8	TAKARA Kiyokazu	FW
9	TOMA Masahito	FW
10	KAWAHARAZUKA Takeshi	FW
11	WAKABAYASHI Kunihiro	FW
22	OGAWA Kazuo	GK

Head Coach:  
RAMOS Ruy (JPN)

## Rio de Janeiro 2006

Group Stage (2nd) Japan **8-4** USA  
Japan **2-10** Brazil  
Japan **5-8** Poland  
Japan **2-3** France

Quarter-Finals Japan **2-3** France

Winner: Brazil  
Runners-up: Uruguay  
Third: France  
8th: Japan

### Squad

1	TERUKINA Shingo	GK
2	MARUO Noriaki	DF
3	KUROKI Naoyuki	DF
4	MAKINO Shinji	DF
5	TOMA Masahito	DF
6	UEHARA Tomoya	DF
7	KAWAHARAZUKA Takeshi	FW
8	SHIOKAWA Kenyu	FW
9	SATO Yoshihito	FW
10	ARAKAKI Takashi	FW
11	YOSHII Katsuhiro	DF
12	OGAWA Kazuo	GK

Head Coach:  
TORIKAI Hiroyuki (JPN)

## Rio de Janeiro 2007

Group Stage (4th) Japan **1-4** Senegal  
Japan **3-6** Italy  
Japan **2-3** Uruguay

Winner: Brazil  
Runners-up: Mexico  
Third: Uruguay  
15th: Japan

### Squad

1	TERUKINA Shingo	GK
2	YOSHII Katsuhiro	W
3	TAKIGUCHI Takashi	DF
4	KUROKI Naoyuki	DF
5	OSHIRO Naoya	W
6	KAMEZAKI Ayuta	P
7	ARAKAKI Takashi	W
8	UEHARA Tomoya	W
9	YAMAUCHI Shusei	P
10	TABATA Teruki	W
11	GOTO Takasuke	P
12	MARUO Noriyuki	GK

Head Coach:  
NENEM (BRA)

## Marseille 2008

Group Stage (4th) Japan **3-4** Mexico  
Japan **1-8** Brazil  
Japan **1-6** Spain

Winner: Brazil  
Runners-up: Italy  
Third: Portugal  
15th: Japan

### Squad

1	TERUKINA Shingo	GK
2	TAKIGUCHI Takashi	DF
3	MARUO Noriaki	DF
4	MAKINO Shinji	DF
5	TABATA Teruki	DF
6	UEHARA Tomoya	W
7	KAWAHARAZUKA Takeshi	P
8	OSHIRO Michio	P
9	YAMAUCHI Shusei	P
10	YOSHII Katsuhiro	W
11	WAKABAYASHI Kunihiro	W
12	GINOZA Tomoya	GK

Head Coach:  
KAWAHARAZUKA Takeshi (JPN)



Defeated by a narrowest margin against Brazil in the 2013 quarter-finals



In 2015 advanced to the last eight for two consecutive tournaments

## Dubai 2009

Group Stage (1st) Japan **5-5** Spain  
pen 3-2  
Japan **3-2** Côte d'Ivoire  
Japan **7-2** El Salvador  
Japan **1-2** Portugal

Quarter-Finals Japan **1-2** Portugal  
Winner: Brazil  
Runners-up: Switzerland  
Third: Portugal  
5th: Japan

### Squad

1	TERUKINA Shingo	GK
2	HIGA Rikarudo	W
3	ODA Hirofumi	W
4	MAKINO Shinji	DF
5	TABATA Teruki	DF
6	UEHARA Tomoya	W
7	KAWAHARAZUKA Takeshi	P
8	TOMA Masahito	W
9	YAMAUCHI Shusei	P
10	MAEZONO Masakiyo	P
11	WAKABAYASHI Kunihiro	W
12	GINOZA Tomoya	GK

Head Coach:  
RAMOS Ruy (JPN)

## Ravenna/Italy 2011

Group Stage (4th) Japan **2-3** Mexico  
Japan **2-4** Ukraine  
Japan **2-3** Brazil

Winner: Russia  
Runners-up: Brazil  
Third: Portugal  
14th: Japan

### Squad

1	TERUKINA Shingo	GK
2	ARAKAKI Takashi	W
3	ODA Hirofumi	W
4	MAKINO Shinji	P
5	TABATA Teruki	P
6	UEHARA Tomoya	W
7	KAWAHARAZUKA Takeshi	P
8	TOMA Masahito	W
9	SUZUKI Shunta	W
10	YAMAUCHI Shusei	P
11	KOMAKI Masayuki	W
12	GINOZA Tomoya	GK

Head Coach:  
RAMOS Ruy (JPN)

## Tahiti 2013

Group Stage (2nd) Japan **1-4** Russia  
Japan **3-1** Paraguay  
Japan **4-3**et Côte d'Ivoire  
Quarter-Finals Japan **3-4** Brazil

Winner: Russia  
Runners-up: Spain  
Third: Brazil  
7th: Japan

### Squad

1	TERUKINA Shingo	GK
2	MATSUDA Keisuke	P
3	ODA Hirofumi	DF
4	MAKINO Shinji	DF
5	TABATA Teruki	DF
6	MATSUO Naoya	P
7	KAWAHARAZUKA Takeshi	W
8	TOMA Masahito	DF
9	YAMAUCHI Shusei	P
10	MOREIRA Ozu	DF
11	KOMAKI Masayuki	W
12	GINOZA Tomoya	GK

Head Coach:  
RAMOS Ruy (JPN)

## Portugal 2015

Group Stage (2nd) Japan **2-4** Portugal  
Japan **4-3** Argentina  
Japan **4-3** Senegal  
Japan **2-3** Italy

Quarter-Finals Japan **2-3** Italy  
Winner: Portugal  
Runners-up: Tahiti  
Third: Russia  
7th: Japan

### Squad

1	TERUKINA Shingo	GK
2	AKAGUMA Takuya	P
3	ODA Hirofumi	W
4	MAKINO Shinji	DF
5	HARAGUCHI Shotaro	W
6	MATSUO Naoya	W
7	TABATA Teruki	DF
8	OBA Takaaki	W
9	YAMAUCHI Shusei	P
10	MOREIRA Ozu	DF
11	GOTO Takasuke	P
12	GINOZA Tomoya	GK

Head Coach:  
Marcelo MENDES (BRA)

# Match Schedule

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Subject to Change W=Winner, L=Loser 11 April 2017

Group Matches								Quarter-Finals		Semi-Finals	3/4 Place and Final
Thursday 27 April	Friday 28 April	Saturday 29 April	Sunday 30 April	Monday 01 May	Tuesday 02 May	Wednesday 03 May	Thursday 04 May	Friday 05 May	Saturday 06 May	Sunday 07 May	
01 15:30	05 15:30	09 15:30	13 15:30	17 15:30	21 15:30	Rest Day	25 15:30	Rest Day	29 15:00	31 15:00	
IRN v. MEX	JPN v. POL	ITA v. IRN	TAH v. JPN	ITA v. MEX	TAH v. POL		1st C v. 2nd D		W27 v. W25	L29 v. L30	
02 17:00	06 17:00	10 17:00	14 17:00	18 17:00	22 17:00		26 17:00		30 16:30	32 16:30	
ECU v. SEN	POR v. PAN	SUI v. ECU	PAR v. POR	SUI v. SEN	PAR v. PAN		1st D v. 2nd C		W28 v. W26	W29 v. W30	
03 18:30	07 18:30	11 18:30	15 18:30	19 18:30	23 18:30		27 18:30				
NGA v. ITA	BRA v. TAH	MEX v. NGA	POL v. BRA	NGA v. IRN	BRA v. JPN		1st A v. 2nd B				
04 20:00	08 20:00	12 20:00	16 20:00	20 20:00	24 20:00		28 20:00				
BAH v. SUI	UAE v. PAR	SEN v. BAH	PAN v. UAE	BAH v. ECU	UAE v. POR		1st B v. 2nd A				

Group A
Bahamas (BAH)
Switzerland (SUI)
Ecuador (ECU)
Senegal (SEN)

Group B
Nigeria (NGA)
Italy (ITA)
Iran (IRN)
Mexico (MEX)

Group C
United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Paraguay (PAR)
Portugal (POR)
Panama (PAN)

Group D
Brazil (BRA)
Tahiti (TAH)
Japan (JPN)
Poland (POL)

## AFC Beach Soccer Championship Malaysia 2017

04-11 March 2017

(FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Bahamas 2017 Asian Qualifier)

### Group Stage

06 Mar.	07 Mar.	08 Mar.
Japan 14 - 0 Qatar	Japan 11 - 2 Iraq	Japan 4 - 5 United Arab Emirates
Japan's Scorers: OBA MOREIRA 4 GOTO 2 AKAGUMA 3 SAKATA 2 IINO 2	Japan's Scorers: OBA 4 AKAGUMA 2 GOTO TERUKINA HARAGUCHI SAKATA MOREIRA	Japan's Scorers: MOREIRA GOTO 2 OBA

### Semi-Finals

10 Mar.
Japan 6 - 8 Iran
Japan's Scorers: GOTO 2 AKAGUMA 2 OBA MOREIRA

### 3/4 Place

11 Mar.
Japan 6 - 3 Lebanon
Japan's Scorers: GOTO 4 HARAGUCHI OBA

### Squad

1	TERUKINA Shingo	GK
2	SAKATA Jun	FP
3	HARAGUCHI Shotaro	FP
4	ISO Hiroaki	FP
5	NAKAHARA Yuki	FP
6	IINO Tomoyuki	FP
7	KOMAKI Masayuki	FP
8	OBA Takaaki	FP
9	AKAGUMA Takuya	FP
10	MOREIRA Ozu	FP
11	GOTO Takasuke	FP
12	KAWAI Yusuke	GK

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