

Host Town Support

1. Basic concept

Host towns bring together Japanese municipalities, athletes participating in the Games and local residents, to promote international exchange in various fields such as sports, culture, and economy in the hope of revitalizing the local area and establishing a long-lasting relationship that fuels the legacy of the Tokyo 2020 Games (436 registrations, 507 municipalities, 179 partner countries and regions (as of October 30)).

- While exchange activities that include direct contact with athletes cannot be conducted in the host towns, activities that include cheering on the athletes and supporting their countries are already taking place through social media and online platforms. Preparations for accepting players are already in progress, with host town initiatives such as learning the language, culture, food and national anthems of the partner countries and regions to provide support and also welcome the athletes.
- Looking ahead to the start of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, host towns are required to carry out infection countermeasures for novel coronavirus, but it is also important to enable the athletes and residents to interact with each other even during the coronavirus pandemic.

2. Specific Measures

- In order to enable the athletes to visit the host towns and let the residents greet them with ease, the host towns that will be accepting the athletes will create an “acceptance manual” that summarises infection countermeasures.
- The municipalities where only pre-Games training camps will be conducted are also required to implement infection countermeasures, and so are also required to create an “acceptance manual” similar to the host towns’.
- The government of Japan will create “guidelines for creating the acceptance manual” and support the municipalities of the host towns to create these manuals.
 - *If the training camps take place at local universities and private grounds, the accepting organisation will be required to prepare the same manual and implement infection countermeasures.
 - *Infection countermeasures will be implemented in accordance with similar countermeasures implemented for Japanese athletes’ pre-Games training camps.
- Countermeasures will likely be categorised as needed depending on factors such as the athletes’ length of stay, and the Games’ period. The specific contents are as follows on the next page.
- Host towns and participating countries will come to an agreement in advance regarding compliance with the manual.
- Each country’s NOC/NPC will register their itineraries in Japan, including their stay at the host towns and pre-Games training camps, with the organising committee.
- The country, organising committees, municipalities and prefectures of the host towns, the IOC, IPC, NOC, NPC, etc. will all share information regarding the domestic itineraries of the athletes, preparation status for creating manuals for municipalities and agreement status with the partner countries and regions registered with the organising committee.