



## **The 24<sup>th</sup> Showa-Shinzan International Yukigassen Principle Instructions**

**Protect yourself from snowballs and attack your opponents with snowballs. “Yukigassen” is a winter sport that overwhelms the world!**

The history of "Yukigassen" as a sport across national boundaries is being created.

The number of players is increasing throughout the world, including in Finland where the European Championship is held. In addition, the championship has been held in Canada.

A team consists of 9 (7 regular) players and a captain.

Yukigassen requires strong willpower, quick judgment and intelligence to create clever tactics.

Only your shelter and the snowballs in your hand will protect you from the snowballs thrown by your opponents.

You must hide behind your shelter and wait for your chance to fight back. You can launch a surprise attack and capture your opponents' flag, or hit them with snowballs and win on points.

Unknown battles and dramas are waiting for you on the snow-covered court!

**Showa-Shinzan International Yukigassen**

## **Executive Committee**

### **1. Host:**

Showa-Shinzan International Yukigassen Executive committee, Sobetsu Town

### **2. Cooperated with:**

Hokkaido Yukigassen League

### **3. Additional Sponcors:**

Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, Hokkaido Prefectural Government, Hokkaido Tourist League, Toyako Town, Sobetsu Town Board of Education, Sobetsu Sports Association, Natural Parks Financial Foundation, Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center, Toya Junior Chamber, Date Junior Chamber, Hokkaido Shimbun Press, Asahi Shimbun Press(Hokkaido), Yomiuri Shimbun Press (Hokkaido), Mainichi Shimbun Press (Hokkaido), Muroran Mimpo Press, Hokkaido Nikkan Sports Press, Hochi Shimbun Press (Hokkaido), Doshin Sports Press, NHK(Muroran), STV, HTB, UHB, TVH

### **4. With the Financial Support of:**

Sapporo Breweries, Japan Airlines, East Nippon Expressway, etc.

### **5. The Event's Location:**

Aza Mt. Showa-Shinzan, Sobetsu Town, Usu-gun, Hokkaido, Japan

### **6. The Event's Schedule (Weather permitting):**

The 1st day : February 25, 2012

7:45- 8:00 Sign up Registration

8:00- 8:15 Coaches' Meeting

8:15- 8:30 Opening Parade

8:30- 9:00 Opening Ceremony

9:30-15:50 Preliminary Round

16:00-17:30 Cultural Exchange (Previous Night Ceremony)

The 2nd day: February 26, 2012

8:30-15:20 Semi-final Round and Championship Tournament

15:30-16:00 Closing Ceremony (Awards Ceremony)

### **7. Rules:**

All events, rules, etc. are according to the Japan Yukigassen League's Regulations for Competition.

## **8. The Rules of the Competition:**

- 1. There will be a preliminary round, semi-final round and a championship tournament to decide the winner.
- 2. In the preliminary round, semi-final round, groups will be made up of three teams. Each group's winner will advance to the championship tournament.
- 3. During the preliminary round and semi-final round, in the event of a tie in the number of wins, the winner will be chosen by the number of sets won.
- 4. All games will consist of three sets.
- 5. The snowballs for use in the competition will be made by each team before each game at the designated snowball-making machine.

## **9. The Makeup of Teams:**

In the General Division and the Women's Division, the teams will be made up as follows. Also, each team's coach may also participate as a player

- 1. General Division: Coach 1, Players 7 Reserve Players 2, Total 10
- 2. Women's Division: Coach 1, Players 7 Reserve Players 2, Total 10

In the general division, there is no requirement regarding the ratio of male and female players.

In the women's division, all players and reserve players must be women.

## **10. Awards, Special Prizes, Participation Awards**

- 1. The top 3 teams from both the General Division and the Women's Division will be won prizes.
- 2. The champion will receive the Public Welfare and Labor Minister's Award and Cup.
- 3. The runner-up will receive the Hokkaido Governor's Award and Cup.
- 4. The 3rd place winners will receive the Sobetsu Town Mayor's Award.
- 5. In addition to the awards stated above, special gifts will also be presented by the many sponsors.
- 6. Other awards the special prize
- 7. All participants will receive a Participation Award.

## **11. Participation Qualifications, Numbers of teams**

- 1. Participants: Above junior high school student
- 2. Number of teams in each Division:
  - (a) General Division: about 128 teams
  - (b) Women's Division: about 24 teams
- 3. Details and priority – (a) to (d)- of each division are as follows:
  - (a) The last winning team and the second place team
  - (b) Teams who advance from the regions' qualifying round.
  - (c) Teams who nominated exceptional by the sponsor
  - (d) Teams from all other regions -where are no qualifying round

## 12. Registration, Participation Fee

- 1. Fill out the application, and fax it to the committee by December 20, 2011.
- 2. Participation Fee is 18,000 yen per a team - no repayment -.

### **“Showa-Shinzan International Yukigassen Executive Committee”**

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## 13. Seeded team and Matching of Teams

The organization of all the teams into their respective groups will be done by the Executive Committee.

- 1. Seeded team – only General Division –
  - (a) Number : 8 team
  - (b) The seeded teams are decided it in consideration of the result of the last year.
- 2. Matching of Teams

The matching of teams is decided in the lot meeting.

Meeting Schedule : February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 17:30

Place : Sobetsu Public Hall in Sobetsu Town

## 14. Other Relevant Information

- 1. The sponsors will provide emergency services for any accidents that may happen during the event,  
but we will not be held responsible for any accidents that may occur.
- 2. Travel and accommodation expenses are each participant's responsibility.
- 3. Each team will be expected to make a team flag according to the following.  
Please make the flag easy for use with the flagpoles by attaching 2 pieces of string to the flag.  
Flag size: length 50cm (fix), width 70cm(fix)  
Shoes : The following shoes are the prohibitions of use. The sole of shoes are made by a metal, a ceramic, and a hard plastic material.