



GIRLS SOCCER 2016

14–17 April 2016

hosted by Senri & Osaka International Schools
Minoh City, Osaka, Japan

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<http://sabers.senri.ed.jp/aisa-soccer.html>



4 Teams

Korea International School (KIS)
Senri and Osaka International Schools (SOIS)
Seoul International School (SIS)
Yokohama International School (YIS)

General itinerary

Thursday early evening: KIS, SIS, YIS arrive
Thursday evening, KIS and SIS: dinner with host families
Friday: tournament play
Friday evening: coaches dinner
Saturday: tournament play
Saturday evening: banquet, awards ceremony
Sunday morning: team departures

07 March 2016

Greetings, AISA activities directors and soccer coaches.

Please consider this letter of preliminary information as your official invitation to the 2016 AISA girls soccer tournament hosted by Senri & Osaka International Schools ([SOIS](#)).

Dates

2016 April 14–17 (Thursday–Sunday)

Tournament webpage

<http://sabers.senri.ed.jp/aisa-soccer.html>

Facility

Sanda campus field (artificial, 90m x 55m)

<http://sabers.senri.ed.jp/sanda.html>

Coaches, please look at the Sanda webpage for photos and important information about the surface and footwear.



Important note about Sanda field location: The SOIS campus does not have a field large enough for 11-a-side soccer, and public fields near the school are not available to us. The Sanda field, technically, is an SOIS field, though it is located approximately 75-90 minutes from the school by bus. Teams will need to be at the school by 7:30 Friday and Saturday mornings to travel by bus to the field. Please look at the draft match schedule on the tournament webpage for details. In short, please be prepared for early morning commutes and long bus rides. We apologize for this; it's the best we can do.

Airport arrival times

Please provide travel details as soon as possible.

We at SOIS will accommodate your travel arrangements as best we can. Below is an ideal situation.

1. Overseas teams arrive at KIX (Kansai International Airport) at similar times between 15:00 and 16:00. Then clear immigration, pick up bags, clear customs, **exchange money**, **rent cell phones**, buy a snack for the bus ride, and get on the bus.
2. An **80-minute bus ride** puts you at school between 18:00 and 19:00 PM, a good time for our host families to meet their guests and get them home at a decent time for dinner. (Long bus ride to school; be prepared. Many – though not all – host families live close to school.)

Flight departure times

Please schedule your flight departure from KIX for about noon on Sunday, if possible. A noon flight means you could check in at 09:30 AM, which means you would depart the school at 8:00 AM.

Visas

Visitors of most nationalities enter Japan on a tourist visa. (Forms are handed out on the airplane and are also available at immigration.) Please check your visa requirements.

Currency exchange, costs

Prices in Japan are higher than in South Korea. There is no place near the school to exchange money; **please exchange currency at KIX airport upon arrival, or before at your departure airport.**

A typical fast food meal costs 800 yen. Taxi fare from the school to the nearest shopping center (10-minute drive) or coaches hotel is approximately 1600 yen. Starbucks coffee, 500 yen.

Visiting students will need money for some meals, shopping, and perhaps taxis and public transportation (which can cost up to 500 yen or more one-way – please budget accordingly).

Tournament entry fee

- US\$200 for AISA member schools. (US dollars from SIS and KIS, please. Yen from YIS.)

Rosters, team photos, t-shirt orders, coaches hotel

Please submit via the shared sub-roster folder in the AISA Google docs folder.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19ypoozHUKZMMi6YbjOGolRqcC2HFNqWaxxr9_W38UI/edit?usp=sharing

AISA → Events → Rosters_TeamPhotos → Soccer

Deadline: Monday, March 21, 2016

Rosters

- 16 players, 2 coaches.

Rules, referees, match schedule

- FIFA rules, with modifications as outlined in the AISA handbook.
- Referees: local, experienced Japanese referees.
- Format: 4-team round robin; all teams play each other; 2 matches per team per day.
- Draft match schedule on tournament website: <http://sabers.senri.ed.jp/aisa-soccer.html>.

Weather

April weather in Osaka is variable – warm and cool – with possibility of rain. The Sanda field is located partway up the mountains and can be chilly. Please bring warm clothing for warm-ups and down time between games, including fleece jackets, windbreakers, stocking caps, gloves.

Personal safety

Theft and threats to personal safety are rare in Japan. Still, please protect your valuables.

SOIS is located in a very safe suburban area in the city of [Minoh](#). Minoh is 45 minutes from central Osaka City by public transportation.

Water, food

- Each team will be provided with one case of bottled water each day. More water and drinks can be purchased from drink machines near the field, from a convenience store located about a 15-minute walk from the field, or from an on-campus cafeteria.
- Tap water in Japan is safe if you want to fill up your own water bottles.
- Pizza can be ordered in advance for on-site delivery.
- Players will save time and effort if they bring things like energy bars and sports drinks with them to the field, rather than walking to the convenience store between matches.
- Coaches will be provided with food and drink throughout the tournament.
- Friday night: coaches dinner. Saturday night: banquet meal.

Medical care

The KG Sanda campus has a medical clinic. Quality hospitals and clinics are nearby.

Transportation

- Public transportation in Japan is excellent and easy. Visiting players and coaches will be provided with a set of directions to the school for use with taxi drivers.
- Players will have little time to venture far from the school in the evening other than to go to nearby restaurants and food shops. Students will travel to and from school with their homestay buddies, usually by car or on foot, or by public transportation.

★ ADs and coaches: Be sure to budget money for taxis rides to/from the hotel and school.

Homestays

SOIS families look forward to hosting visiting students from overseas.

- Our families live in small houses or apartments. Visiting students can expect a clean, comfortable, welcoming homestay experience, though in homes a bit smaller and less private than they might be used to. For example, visiting students might sleep on the floor on Japanese-style futons, sharing a room with a teammate or host buddy. Usually, there will be only one shower used by all members of the household.
- SOIS homestay host students are fluent or very capable English speakers as are many – though not all – parents.
- Many families – though not all – are able to provide private vehicle transportation to school. Some visiting students will travel via public transportation with homestay buddies (which can cost up to 500 yen or more one-way – please budget accordingly).
- The SOIS community is spread far and wide; we will try to house students near the school, but this is not always be possible.

Visiting students should:

- be respectful and helpful to the host family;
- communicate clearly with the family, especially about schedules, meeting places, meals;
- show appreciation of the host family's support, without which the event would not run.

Showers, laundry

There are showers and changing rooms at the Sanda field and at the school. At the homestay homes, host families will provide towels, soap and shampoo, and will help with laundry.

Tournament t-shirts

Tournament t-shirts must be ordered in advance at a cost of approximately **1800 yen** (apologies for the higher costs in Japan). Please order the exact number and sizes. Sizes in Japan are about a ½ to 1 size smaller than US sizes.

Curfew

As with all AISA events, curfew is set at 10:00 PM. Each coach is responsible each night for calling the host families' residences (not student cell phones) to ensure that students have arrived home safely and on time.

Coaches hotel

Coaches will stay at the [Senri Hankyu Hotel](#), located near the large [Senri-Chuo train station](#), a 10-minute taxi ride (1600 yen) from the school. **Reservations will be made by SOIS.** It is assumed that all coaches will need single rooms (non-smoking; breakfast included). Please advise if there is a change.

Cell phone

Coaches will need at least one cell phone to make curfew calls and communicate in cases of emergency. Coaches must rent cell phones at KIX airport and share the telephone number with their students and the SOIS AD.



Coaches meetings

1. First meeting: Thursday evening, after arrival at SOIS, in the theater.
2. Second meeting: on the bus after Friday's matches – discuss day 1 issues, confirm Saturday's schedule.
3. Post-tournament meeting: on the bus after Saturday's matches – submit all-tournament team selections and sportsmanship award nomination; provide feedback.

Coaches dinner

SOIS will host a coaches dinner Friday evening at [a restaurant](#) near the coaches hotel. We hope everyone can attend as it is a good way to spend friendly, non-competitive time together. It is assumed that all coaches will attend the coaches dinner; please advise otherwise, and please advise if a vegetarian meal is needed.

Banquet

The banquet will be held Saturday evening in the SOIS cafeteria.

Awards

Awards will be presented in the SOIS theater immediately after the banquet.

The entire SOIS Sabers community looks forward to hosting you for this event.
Please contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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SOIS school administrators

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- Osaka International School head: Mr. Bill Kralovec
- SIS MS/HS principals: Ms. Fran Namba, Mr. Mamoru Tanaka
- OIS MS/HS principal: Mr. Kurt Mecklem