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Official Game Ball for the 24th IHF Women's Handball World Championship Kumamoto/Japan 2019



X5000 Kumamoto

Molten Corporation (Headquarters: Hiroshima, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyoyuki Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition quality sports balls and equipment, will supply the official game ball for the 24th IHF Women's Handball World Championship Kumamoto/Japan 2019.

The biennial global event will be hosted by Kumamoto (Japan) running from November 30 through December 15, 2019. The official game ball, the X5000 Kumamoto, as well as replica models will be available for purchase in select markets beginning late June 2019.

Molten's renowned X5000 handball is the official ball of the International Handball Federation (IHF) and is used in all IHF sanctioned international competitions. The new X5000 Kumamoto edition handball features a custom color flag design symbolizing the host country and two colors of the championship logo on the side that will be exclusive to the 2019 championship event. Molten will be supplying the official ball for the Women's Handball World Championship for the third time, following the 2015 tournament in Denmark and the 2017 tournament in Germany.

Molten will continue to develop and supply handball products with outstanding functionality and design to all people involved in handball, and work to fulfill the Molten brand promise, "For the real game."

■ The 24th IHF Women's Handball World Championship Kumamoto/Japan 2019

The IHF Women's Handball World Championship is a tournament held by the IHF (International Handball Federation) every other year to decide the world champion of women's handball.

This year, the championship tournament will be held in Kumamoto, Japan.

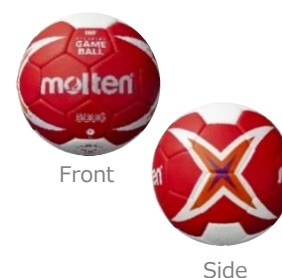
Official website <https://japanhandball2019.com/>



■ Product Features

1. Exclusive Official Game Ball Design

The ball is based on the X5000 and features the flag colors of Japan, the host country of this year's world championship, as well as the exclusive logo of the championship in two areas on the front of the ball. Also, the tournament logo colors of orange and purple are used on the sides of the ball to make a unique design exclusive to the world championship tournament.



2. Maximum Performance and Increased Grip

Molten's X5000 Handball features a premium cover material which provides exceptional grip, improved ball control, and accuracy, making it an ideal choice for the highest level of competition.



X5000 standard model

■ Product Overview

Name	X5000 Japan	X3200 Japan				X300 Japan
	Official Game Ball	Replica				Mini Ball
Item Number	H2X5001-W9J	H3X3200-W9J	H2X3200-W9J	H1X3200-W9J	H0X3200-W9J	H00X300-W9J
Size	2	3	2	1	0	00
Cover Material	Synthetic leather					
Construction	Stitched					
Official Approval	IHF (International Handball Federation) official approved ball				-	
Country of Origin	Vietnam	Pakistan				

■ About Molten

Molten, a manufacturer of balls and sports equipment, has been making and marketing handballs, basketballs, soccer balls, and volleyballs, of uncompromising quality since 1958. Molten continues to raise global standards, supplying the official game balls and sports equipment for major leagues, teams and international tournaments around the world.

For further information, please visit www.molten.co.jp/sports/en/

■ For the real game

Molten's brand statement, "For the real game", encapsulates what we hope to accomplish through our products and activities. It is our conviction that the real game happens only when impeccable balls and sports equipment enable athletes to realize their full potential and maximize performance.