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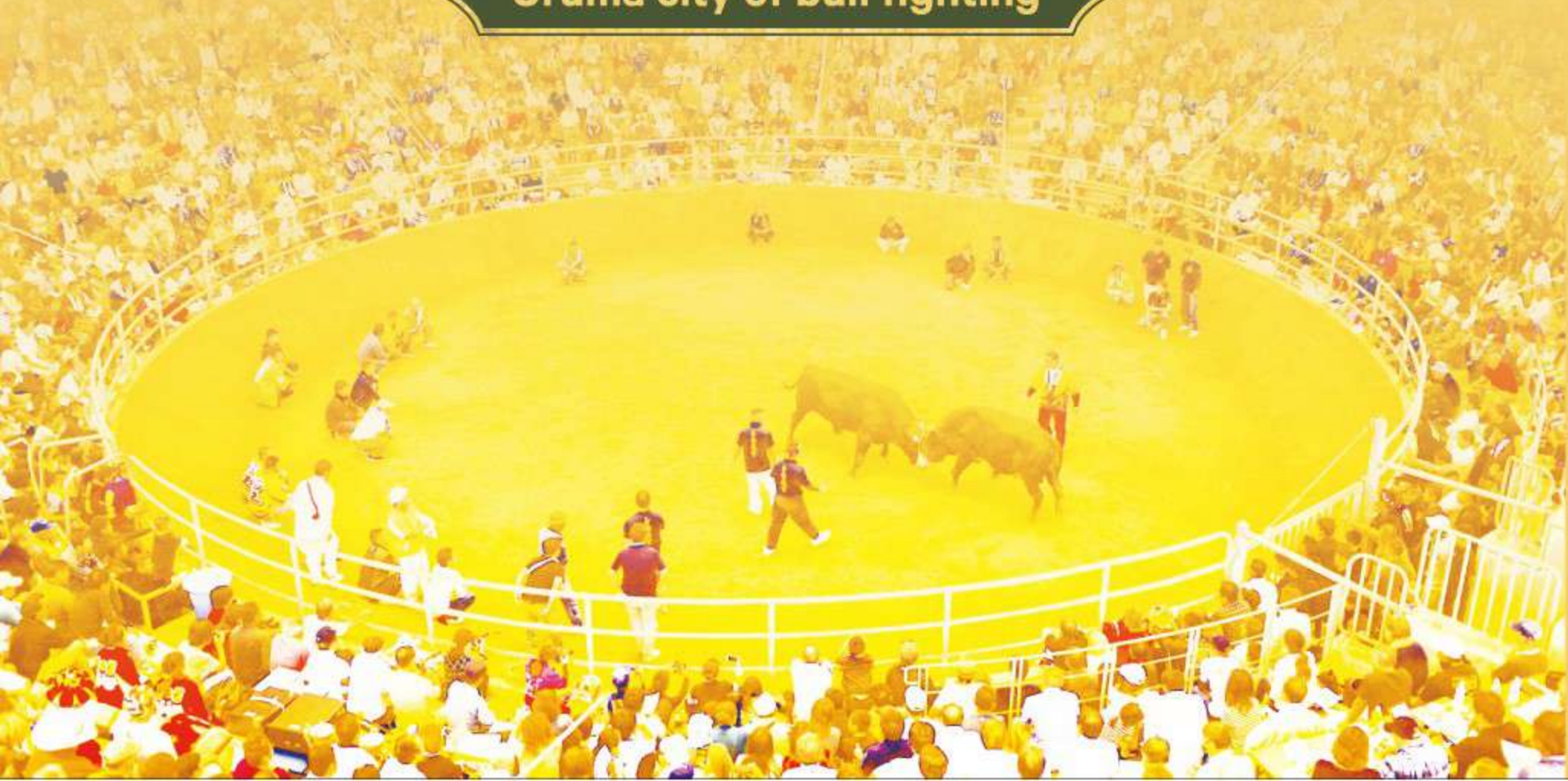
Bullfighting Handbook

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# How to Enjoy Bullfighting

Uruma city of bull fighting



## FANTASTIC!!! BULL FIGHT

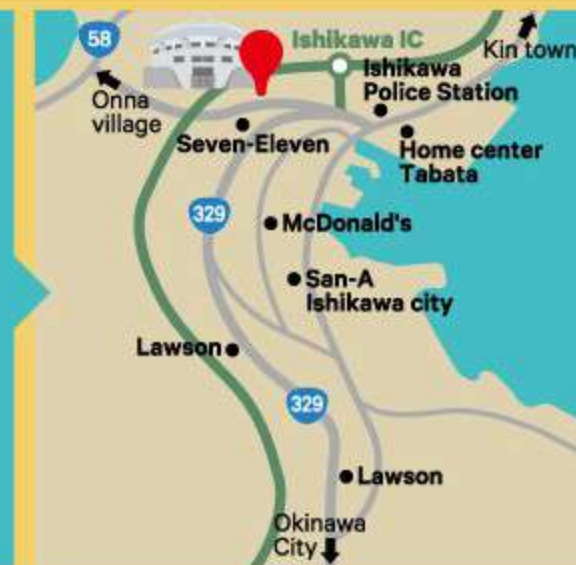


Official site of bull fighting

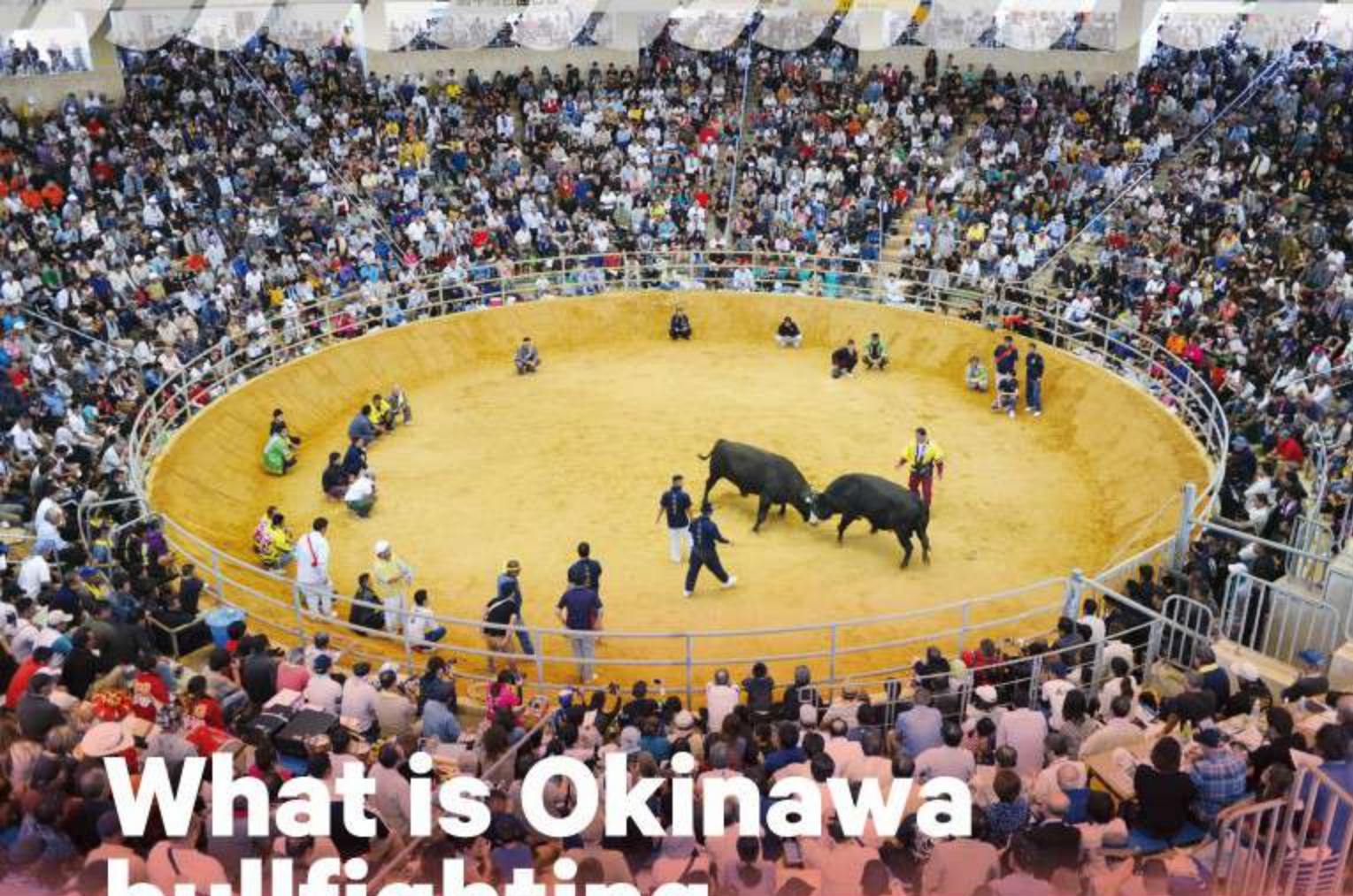
### Map to Ishikawa Multi-purpose dome



It takes about an hour from the Naha Airport by way of Okinawa Expressway.







# What is Okinawa bullfighting

One of the amusement of all time in Okinawa

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"Hiyai" and "Hiya". A unique shout resounds, and in response, the giants collide with each other, and the dust rises. Okinawan bullfighting, called "Ushi Orase", has been popular since the Ryukyu dynasty in ancient times to the present day. The all-island tournament, the biggest event in the bullfighting world, has been held more than 100 times. Every time over 3000 spectators look forward to watching it, and some even stand to catch a glimpse of the action. Based in the Ishikawa Multi-Purpose Dome in the bullfighting town of Uruma City, local tournaments are held several times a year. If you haven't seen it yet, let's go to the bullfighting arena!

## The legendary fighting bull

In the world of bullfighting in Okinawa, where many famous bulls were born, there is a bull considered to be legendary. The name is "Yukari". In the 1960s, he recorded consecutive winnings, which had never been accomplished before, and continued undefeated for six years. This record has not been broken yet. His popularity was so great enough to become a social phenomenon. Many people named their local facilities and children after "Yukari". At the Ishikawa Multi-Purpose Dome, a stone monument has been erected in recognition of his achievements.



# MōMō Beginner's Seminar

MōMō Question Time

"For those of you who don't know, here's the basics of bullfighting!"

## 1 Are bullfighting males? Female?

They're all male. Bullfighting is a competition, which make use of the habit of bulls in breeding season trying to win over females.



## 2 How old are fighting bulls?

It varies from bull to bull, but it usually debuts around the age of four. Physical strength is most vigorous around the age of 8 or 9, and over 10 years old is called a veteran.

## 3 When is a retirement age?

After the age of 10, it becomes difficult mentally and physically to fight, so it is up to the owner to decide when the bull retires. But as long as you have a fighting spirit, you can stay active all the time, so there are 15-year-old active bulls.

## 4 What is the weight of a fighting bull?

There is no rule for small tournament, but for all-island tournaments with title matches, the weight class is 950 kg or more, the middle class is 850-950 kg, and the light class is 850 kg or less.



## 5 Bullfighting rules

There is only one rule. "You lose if you run away". Sometimes the match ends in seconds, and there are also fights that exceed 30 minutes. If the match cannot be decided easily, it will be a draw.



## 6 bullfighter

"Bullfighters"(sometimes called "Seko") are the people who call out to the bulls in a unique way called "Yagui". It plays an important role in determining the success or failure of a bullfight.



## 7 How to enjoy the game?

You can enjoy not only the powerful fighting between bulls, but also the movements and shouts of the bullfighters.

## 8 When is the tournament held?

The tournament is basically held on Sundays at the Ishikawa Multi-purpose Dome in Uruma City. Every tournament will have an announcement in the newspaper on the Wednesday for the weekend event.



## 9 What is the All-Island Tournament?

The largest bullfighting event in the prefecture, held three times a year in spring, summer, and autumn. Only selected bulls that have achieved good results in other competitions can participate in this event, which is the dream of bull owners.



## 10 How many bullfights are there?

It is said that there are 300 to 400 bulls including calves that have not made their debut in competitions. About 250 of them are active in the game.



# Types of Bulls

## "Are all the bulls that fight black?"

That's not true. They have different characteristics, such as black hair, red hair, and black and white patterns.



Rarity ★★☆☆☆

Bulls with a white pattern on their face are called a "panda". Some of them have a little white hair mixed in, and others have white all over their face.



Rarity ★★☆☆☆

"Akoo" is the red-haired bull. The red-haired Nanbu (south) bull, which came from Niigata and Iwate prefectures, were very athletic which made reds very popular in the fighting scene.



Rarity ★★☆☆☆

By crossbreeding with foreign bulls, there are bulls with hair that is closer to white than the red-haired "Akoo". Due to its characteristics, bull owners often used the Chinese character "白(white)" in bull's name.



Rarity ★★☆☆☆

Type of white patterns on their face. They inherit this trait from their parents.



Rarity ★★☆☆☆

Some bulls have their body totally white. They are highly popular among children, because of their appearance with impact.



Rarity ★★☆☆☆

It looks just like the Dalmatian dog breed that appears in the popular Disney animation. A cute pattern characterized by black spots on white hair

# Types of Horns

## Unique shape of horns

The shape of the horn is also different. Taking advantage of their respective characteristics, they also have different fighting styles, such as being good at attacking, or finding a winning chance with thorough defense. Here are the 6 main types of horns.



Togai

Strength ★★★★★



The most ideal shape is a horn that curves around 45 degrees forward. It is not only suitable for "Wari-waza" that strikes the opponent, but for "Kake-waza" that bends the opponent's neck by interlocking horns, which is also excellent in defense.



Kabula

Strength ★★★★★☆



A horn that curves downwards. It is suitable for "Wari-waza" that gives a blow. Since the tip of the horn catches the face when grappling, it can reduce the opponent's fighting spirit.



Hira

Strength ★★★☆☆☆



A shape that is curved and opens wide to the left and right instead of forward. It effectively pulls out the "Kake-waza" that bends the opponent's neck by grappling. Due to its defensive power, it specializes in endurance battles.



Tatchu

Strength ★★☆☆☆



A horn that extends straight up. It specializes in the "Wari-waza" that strikes the opponent. Bulls show aggressiveness from the start, partly because it's difficult to apply tricks



Hiigee

Strength ★★☆☆☆



A shape with left and right directions and lengths uneven. In order to make the best use of its characteristics, it shows a phantasmagoric fighting style, so although the skill is different from each bull, many types are good at the "Kake-waza" of bending the opponent's neck.



Boonuu

Strength ★☆☆☆☆



A horn that grows horizontally. Since it is not advantageous in attacks, it often becomes a "guts bull" that acquires thorough defense power and brings it into endurance battles. These are few in number.



# Skillful technique



## Technique 2 Haratori

Jumps into the opponent's bosom and attacks toward the stomach. If this technique is effective, it is a one-shot special move that usually ends the game. Agility and instantaneous power are important, and bulls that are good at this are very popular with fans.



## Technique 1 Oshi (Push)

Push in a straight line with force from the front. A powerful bull pushes the opponent into a corner and decides the game.

The types of attacks are roughly divided into 5 moves: "Wali/Tsuki", "Kake", "Oshi(Push)", "Haratori", and "Motasekomi". The bulls take advantage of their unique physiques and horns to use techniques effectively to face the opponent.



## Technique 3 Motasekomi

A technique that puts weight on the opponent. Like the clinch in boxing, it is often done for defensive purposes to avoid pushing the opponent. Some bulls actively set this up and use brain play to exhaust their opponents.



## Technique 4 Tsuki, Wari

**Tsuki:** A blow that damages the opponent by hitting the horn between the eyebrows. Techniques like jabs and straights in boxing.

**Wari:** A striking technique that aims at the opponent's side and hits the corner like a hook. It is more effective if he aims at the temple, which is a vital point.



## Technique 5 Kake

A technique that hangs the horn and twists the neck. It is also effective as a defense to block the opponent's blows, and it makes him difficult to fight because it is hard to breathe and sustain his giant body. It is said that a bull that is good at Kake will win.



## Tactics between a bull and a bullfighter

By "Yegui", bullfighters fire bulls up with shouting and they take turns one by one. While checking the condition of the bulls, they plan the timing of the game and encourage them.