

The 61th BEPPU-OITA MAINICHI MARATHON

Dually serving as the selection race for male runners to compete in
The Japan Industrial Track and Field Association Overseas Marathon

Competition Information

1. Organizers

Kyushu Amateur Athletic Association, Oita Prefecture, Oita Prefectural Board of Education, Oita City, Oita Municipal Board of Education, Beppu City, Beppu Municipal Board of Education, The Mainichi Newspapers, RKB Mainichi Broadcasting Corporation and Oita Broadcasting System, Inc.

2. Backed by

Japan Association of Athletics Federations (JAAF), Japan Industrial Track and Field Association (JITA), Oita Amateur Sports Association and Sports Nippon Newspapers.

3. Managed by

Oita Track and Field Association

4. Supported by

Oita Prefectural Police, Japan Ground Self Defence Force Beppu Garrison 41st Infantry Regiment, Oita City Medical Association, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (Kyushu Regional Development Bureau, Oita Office of River and National Highways)

5. Date & Time

February 5, 2012 (Sunday) 12:00 noon START

6. Event

Marathon (42.195 km)

7. Course

Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon Course, officially approved by JAAF
Start: In front of Takasakiyama (Mt. Takasaki) / Umitamago, Oita City
Turn: Kamegawa bypass, Beppu City
Finish: Oita Athletic Stadium

8. Entry Qualifications

Participation in the 61th Marathon is limited to male and female runners with the following qualifications: 20 years old and over (born before February 5th 1992); full marathon record within at least 3 hours and 30 minutes (Record must have been attained after January 1st 2011. Record must be gross time. Runners registered with JAAF must submit official record. Non-registered runners must submit record from a JAAF approved course.) Three different application categories have been created based on record times and depending on whether the applicant is registered with JAAF or not. Note that application methods, deadlines, and early application guidelines differ depending on the category. The registration period begins on Tuesday, September 20th from 10am.

Category 1- Elite (Limited to runners registered with JAAF)

Qualifications: One of the below

- ① Marathon: Within 2 hours 30 minutes*
- ② 30km Road Race: Within 1 hour 40 minutes*
- ③ Half-Marathon: Within 1 hour 10 minutes*
- ④ Nomination by the Japan Association of Athletics Federations (JAAF), the Japan Industrial Track and Field Association (JITA), the Inter-University Athletic Union of Japan (IUUAU) or the Prefectural Athletics Association

*The official record must be gross time

■ Participation Fee 5000yen

■ Application Method

- All applicants can participate in the race
- Application Deadline: Application must arrive by Thursday, December 22th 2011 Apply by mail.

After transferring the participation fee via ATM transfer, fill out all necessary items on the designated application form and submit it to the following address:

Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon Office
The Mainichi Newspapers, Seibu Headquarters,
13-1 Konya-Machi, Kokura Kita-Ku
Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture 802-8651
Tel:093-511-1119 Fax:093-541-8239

To transfer the participation fee, use the *furi-komi* form available at the post office, and transfer the payment to:

Japan Post Account: 01750-1-11038

Account holder: The Mainichi Newspapers

*****You must write 'Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon' in the correspondence field.**

*Send in with your application a document (certificate etc.) proving your record time (copies accepted)

*Please write your JAAF registration number properly. This year it is no longer necessary to submit the registered seal of the association, however if any falsifications are found your application will be dismissed.

*Please indicate on your application if you would like to have the drink of your choice placed at water break points.

*10 days before the race a "Registration Card (Exchange Ticket for Runner Number)" and participant explanation guide will be sent to you via mail.

*The changing/waiting rooms for before the race are set to be at Osaru Kan on the Beppu Bay side of the road, and inside of tents. The changing rooms after the race are set to be inside Oita Athletic Stadium.

Category 2- Sub3 (Limited to runners registered with JAAF)

Qualifications: One of the below

- ① Marathon: Within 3 hours*
- ② 30km Road Race: Within 1 hour 54 minutes*
- ③ Half-Marathon: Within 1 hour 17 minutes*

*The official record must be gross time

■ **Participation Fee 5000yen**

■ **Application Method**

- All applicants can participate in the race
- Applications accepted via post and internet
- Internet application deadline is Tuesday, September 20st
- Applications sent by post must arrive by Friday, November 25th

- **Applications via internet:** RUNTES (internet/mobile phone site entry sheet) <http://runnet.jp>
From your computer or mobile phone access the abovementioned URL, and follow the instructions to fill out the competition application form. Select the form of payment you prefer (credit card, convenience store, ATM etc.)

Additional 200yen fee for internet entry.

*In addition to your online application, also mail or fax a document (certificate etc.) proving your record time (copies accepted) to the office listed below by Thursday November 30th:

Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon Entry Centre
Haramachi 1-31-9, Meguro-ku, Tokyo Metro 152-8651
Fax: 03-3714-6427
Tel. 03-3714-7924 (10:00~17:00, closed on weekends, holidays)

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*Please write your JAAF registration number properly. This year it is no longer necessary to submit the registered seal of the association, however if any falsifications are found your application will be dismissed.

*10 days before the race a "Registration Card (Exchange Ticket for Runner Number)" and participant explanation guide will be sent to you via mail.

*The changing/waiting rooms for before the race are set to be at Osaru Kan on the Beppu Bay side of the road, and inside of tents. The changing rooms after the race are set to be inside Oita Athletic Stadium.

Category3- General

(Open to runners not registered with JAAF, as well as JAAF registered runners)

Qualifications:

① Marathon: Within 3 hours and 30 minutes*

*The official record must be gross time

■ Participation Fee 7000yen

■ Application Method

- Applications accepted via post and internet
- Registration starts Tuesday September 20th 2011
- Application deadline (for both post and online applications) is Friday, November 25st 2011
- First 1000 applicants can participate in the race
- If the limit for applicants is reached there will be notices posted on the competition homepage, and in the Mainichi Newspaper.

(Applications sent by post will be accepted for applications postmarked up until the day that the RUNTES online application closes.)

- **Applications via internet:** RUNTES (internet/mobile phone site entry sheet) <http://runnet.jp>
From your computer or mobile phone access the abovementioned URL, and follow the instructions to fill out the competition application form. Select the form of payment you prefer (credit card, convenience store, ATM etc.)

Additional 200yen fee for internet entry.

*In addition to your online application, also send in or fax a document (certificate etc.) proving your record time (copies accepted) to the office listed below by Friday December 10th:

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*For those who are registered with JAAF please write your registration number properly. There will be priority given in the starting line-up. If any falsifications are found your application will be dismissed.

*10 days before the race a "Registration Card (Exchange Ticket for Runner Number)" and participant explanation guide will be sent to you via mail.

*The changing/waiting rooms for before the race are set to be at Osaru Kan on the Beppu Bay side of the road, and inside of tents. The changing rooms after the race are set to be inside Oita Maiduru High School.

■ Female Runners

*Categories, registration, application methods and record times have same guidelines as male runners.

*The changing/waiting rooms for before the race are set to be at Osaru Kan on the Beppu Bay side of the road, and the changing rooms after the race are set to be inside Oita Maiduru High School.

9. Invited Runners

Distinguished domestic and international male runners (not female runners)

10. Race Rules

The 2011 fiscal year rules of JAAF applicable.

11. Course Closure

Course section closures will occur as follows (running after closure will not be allowed).

10 km: 49 minutes

15 km: 1 hour 13 minutes

Half (21.0975 km): 1 hour 45 minutes

25 km: 2 hours 03 minutes

30 km: 2 hours 28 minutes

35 km: 2 hours 54 minutes

40 km: 3 hours 20 minutes

12. Awards

The fastest runner will be awarded the “Excellence Cup”

The fastest domestic male runner will be awarded the “JAAF Trophy”

The top 10 male runners and top 3 female runners will each be awarded

The fastest rookie runner will be awarded the “Best Rookie Prize”

All participants will be given participation presents

*The best male runner from the race will be dispatched to an overseas marathon by the Japan Industrial Track and Field Association (JITA).

13. Registration

Registration will be held on the day before the race, Saturday February 4th from 2:00~5:00pm at Oita Prefecture’s Beppu International Convention Center (B-Con Plaza). Present the “exchange ticket for runner number”. You will then be given your number, ID card, a program, a participation present (original T-shirt), and a package for transporting items (60cm by 69cm). Starting this year there will no longer be “last call” reception on the day of the race. Registration on the day of the race is not possible.

* Beppu International Convention Center (B-Con Plaza) 12-1, Yamanote-machi, Beppu:
Tel: 0977-26-7111

14. Runners’ Plaza

On the day before the competition, Saturday, February 4th, a “Runner’s Plaza” (tentative name) will be set up at Beppu International Convention Plaza so that runners can exchange with each other. Further details will be listed on the competition homepage. The “Evening of Cheers” reception that was previously held will not be held this time due to an expected increase in participant numbers. On the last page of the competition program, there will be coupons for free entrance into Beppu City hot springs. Please take advantage of these coupons.

15. Award Ceremony

Sunday February 5th 5pm at Oita Toyo Hotel (Oita City, Tamuro-Machi 9-20
Tel: 097-545-1040)

The top 10 male runners and top 3 female runners must attend

16. Doping Tests

Tests shall be conducted at the Oita Athletic Stadium in accordance with the Rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

17. Accidents

For accidents during the race, the initial examination fee and first aid costs shall be borne by the organizers, with subsequent treatment costs to be borne by the patient. (Runners should bring their health insurance card.)

18. Miscellaneous

Record certificates will be forwarded at a later date to all runners that complete the race.

On the day of the competition (Feb. 5th) courtesy buses for runners will operate as follows. To estimate rider number those wishing to utilize these services should indicate so on their entry form and present ID card to board.

1. Departs the Beppu Kitahama hotel precinct at 9:00 ~10:00 am and arrives at Takasakiyama / Umitamago from 15 minutes.
2. Departs the Oita Athletic Stadium at 9:00 ~10:00 am and arrives at Takasakiyama / Umitamago from 15 minutes.
3. Departs the Oita Station at 9:00~10:00 am and arrives at Takasakiyama / Umitamago from 15 minutes.
4. Departs the Oita Athletic Stadium at 3:30 ~ 4:00 pm, going to Oita Station and then Beppu Station.

The competition organizers will arrange for transport of personal items from the starting point to the finishing point. Please place personal items in the package for transporting items, given to you at the time of reception, and give it to our staff before the race. Please note that we cannot be responsible for valuable items, so please keep valuables on you.

Runners requiring sleeping accommodations should fill out the hotel application form and submit it with their application.

Participation fees will not be returned to applicants who withdraw from the competition for personal reasons.

Participation fees will not be returned if the competition is cancelled for reasons that the competition organizers are not responsible for.

Runners can be denied participation in the competition if the competition organizers determine that their clothing is inappropriate.

This competition is held in accordance with Japanese law.

19. Personal Information

The name, age, locale, and occupation of runners will be listed in Mainichi Newspaper and on the competition homepage.

Private information such as names, addresses, and telephone numbers will be handled carefully by the competition organizers.

20. Marathon Secretariat

Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon Secretariat (from November 1st)

Oita Athletic Stadium, 1-1 Nishihama, Oita Prefecture, 870-0931 JAPAN

Tel.: 097-558-1999 Fax: 097-558-1784

Homepage: <http://www.betsudai.com>

Inquiries for online applications:

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Tel. 03-3714-7924 (10:00am to 5:00pm, closed on weekends, holidays).

