

The 66th BEPPU-OITA MAINICHI MARATHON

Dually serving as the qualifying competition for representative athletes at the 16th World Championships in Athletics (2017, London).

Dually serving as the qualifying competition for male athletes for the Japan Industrial Track and Field overseas dispatch.

Competition Information

1. Organizers

Kyushu Athletic Track and Field Association, Oita Prefecture, Oita Prefectural Board of Education

Beppu City, Beppu Municipal Board of Education, Oita City, Oita 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 Prefectural Committee of Sports Doctors, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (Kyushu Regional Development Bureau, Oita Office of River and National Highways)

5. Date & Time

February 5th 2017 (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 Gyokō, Beppu City
Finish: Oita Athletic Stadium

8. Entry Qualifications

Participation in the marathon is limited to male and female runners with the following qualifications: 20 years old and over (born before February 5th 1997); full marathon record within at least 3 hours and 30 minutes (record must have been attained after January 1st 2015. Record must be gross time. Record must be from a course approved by JAAF or by AIMS). Four different application categories have been created based on record times and depending on whether the

applicant is registered with JAAF or not for the year 2016. Note that application methods, deadlines, and participation fees differ depending on the category. The registration period begins on September 5th (Monday).

Category 1 (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 (IUUA) or the Prefectural Athletics Association.

*Official record must be gross time

■ **Participation Fee 5000yen**

■ **Application Method**

- All applicants can participate in the race.
- Applications must be submitted on the designated application form.
- Application period opens September 5th 2016 (Monday).
- Application deadline: Applications must arrive by December 16th 2016 (Friday).

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 Entry Fee' in the correspondence field.**

***Send in with your application a document proving your record times (copies accepted), or a table of records etc.**

Furthermore, records from past Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathons will be verified by the executive office and applicants therefore do not need to send these in.

*Please write your JAAF registration number properly. If any falsifications are found in your application, it 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, Category 3 (Limited to runners registered with JAAF)

Category 2: ① Marathon: Within 2 hours 55 minutes (official record must be gross time).

Category 3: ① Marathon: Within 2 hours 59 minutes 59 seconds. ② 30km road race: within 1 hour 54 minutes. ③ Half-Marathon: Within 1 hour 17 minutes (official record must be gross time).

■ **Participation Fee 8000yen**

■ **Application Method**

- All applicants can participate in the race.
- Applications accepted via post and internet.
- Application period opens September 5th 2016 (Monday) 8:00PM
- Application deadline: Applications must arrive by November 25th 2016 (Friday) (For both internet and paper applications).

■ **Applications via internet:** RUNTES (internet/mobile phone site entry sheet) <http://runnet.jp>

Access the abovementioned URL from your computer or mobile phone, and follow the instructions to fill out the competition application form. Select the form of payment you prefer (credit card, convenience store, ATM etc.)

***In addition to your online application, also mail or fax a document proving your record times (copies accepted) that you filled out when applying, or a table of records etc. to the Mainichi Newspapers office listed below within one week of your application. For contact purposes, please neatly write your phone number on the document. If documents are not received in time, your application will be cancelled. Furthermore, records from past Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathons will be verified by the executive office and applicants therefore do not need to send these in.**

■ **Applications sent by post:**

After transferring the participation fee via ATM transfer, applicants must fill out all necessary items on the designated application form and submit it to the Mainichi Newspapers office as listed below.

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Furthermore, records from Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathons will be verified by the executive office and applicants therefore do not need to send these in.

***Please write your JAAF registration number properly. If any falsifications are found in your application, it 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.

*For changing/waiting before the race, runners can use 3rd floor of the Osaru Kan on the Beppu Bay side of the road or there will be tents. The changing rooms after the race for Category 2 runners are planned to be inside Oita Athletic Stadium, and for Category 3 runners the changing rooms are planned to be inside Oita Maizuru High School.

Category 4 - General (Open to runners not registered with JAAF, as well as JAAF registered runners)

Qualifications:

① Marathon: Within 3 hours and 30 minutes
(Official record must be gross time)

■ **Participation Fee 8000yen**

■ **Application Method**

- Maximum number of participants: 1,800 (on a first-come, first-served basis).
- Applications accepted via both post and internet.
- Application period opens September 5st 2016 (Monday) 8:00PM
- Application deadline: Applications must arrive by November 25th 2016 (Friday) (For both internet and paper applications).
- If the maximum number of runners is reached, there will be a notification on the marathon homepage, as well as on the cover of the Mainichi newspaper. (For those applying using the designated application form, applications postmarks up until the very day of the RUNTES receipt-of-application deadline will be accepted.)

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***In addition to your online application, also mail or fax a document proving your record times (copies accepted) that you filled out when applying, or a table of records etc. to the Mainichi Newspapers office listed below within one week of your application. For contact purposes, please neatly write your phone number on the document. If documents are not received in time, your application will be cancelled. Furthermore, records from past Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathons will be verified by the executive office and applicants therefore do not need to send these in.**

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

***Send in with your application a document proving your record times (copies**

accepted), or a table of records etc.

Furthermore, records from Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathons will be verified by the executive office and applicants therefore do not need to send these in.

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*Please write your JAAF registration number correctly. 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 tents or the large bus for changing/waiting before the race are set to be on the Takasakiyama (Mt. Takasaki) side of the road. The changing rooms after the race are planned to be at Oita Maizuru High School.

■ Female Runners

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

*For changing/waiting before the race, tents and also a large bus will be made available on the Beppu Bay side of the road for Category 2 and 3 athletes. There will be a tent for on the Takasakiyama (Mt. Takasaki) side of the road. The changing rooms after the race are set to be inside Oita Athletic Stadium.

9. Invited Runners

Distinguished domestic and international male runners (not female runners)

10. Race Rules

The 2016 fiscal year rules of JAAF are applicable.

11. Course Closure

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

- ① 10 km: 52 minutes
- ② 15 km: 1 hour 16 minutes
- ③ Half (21.0975km): 1 hour 45 minutes
- ④ 25 km: 2 hours 05 minutes
- ⑤ 30 km: 2 hours 30 minutes
- ⑥ 35 km: 2 hours 55 minutes
- ⑦ 40 km: 3 hours 20 minutes

12. Awards

- ① The winning male and female runners will be presented with trophies.
- ② The fastest domestic male runner will be awarded the “JAAF Trophy.”
- ③ The top 10 male runners and top 3 female runners will each be rewarded.
- ④ The fastest rookie runner will be awarded the “Best Rookie Prize.”

⑤ 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. Awards Ceremony

February 5th (Sunday) 17:20 at the Rembrandt Hotel (Oita City, 9-20 Tamuro-Machi Tel: 097-545-1040)

The top 10 male runners and top 3 female runners should attend.

14. Registration

Registration will be held on the day before the race, February 4th (Saturday) from 13:00~17:00 at Oita Prefecture's Beppu International Convention Center (B-Con Plaza). Present your receipt of application postcard (the exchange ticket for your number card). You will then be given your number, ID card, a program, a participation present, and a package for transporting items (60cm by 69cm). **We will not accept anyone who wishes to apply on the day of the race.**

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

Tel: 0977-26-7111

15. Runners' Plaza

On the day before the competition, February 4th (Saturday), a "Runners' Plaza" will be set up at Beppu International Convention Plaza so that runners can exchange with each other from 13:00~17:00.

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

- ① Record certificates will be forwarded at a later date to all runners that complete the race.
- ② On the day of the competition (February 5th) courtesy buses for runners will operate as follows. To estimate rider numbers, those wishing to utilize these services should indicate so on their entry form and present their ID card when boarding the bus.
 1. 9:00~10:00 Beppu Kitahama Hotel precinct to Takasakiyama / Umitamago (approx. 10minutes)
 2. 9:00~10:00 Oita Athletic Stadium to Takasakiyama / Umitamago (approx. 20minutes)
 3. 9:00~10:00 Oita JR Station to Takasakiyama / Umitamago (approx. 20minutes)
 4. 15:30~17:00 Oita Athletic Stadium to Oita JR Station and Beppu Kitahama
- ③ 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.

- ④ Runners requiring overnight accommodation should apply by following the JTB link on the marathon homepage.
- ⑤ Participation fees will not be returned to applicants who withdraw from the competition for personal reasons.
- ⑥ Participation fees will not be returned if the competition is cancelled for reasons that the competition organizers are not responsible for.
- ⑦ Runners can be denied participation in the competition if the competition organizers determine that their clothing is inappropriate.
- ⑧ This competition is held in accordance with Japanese law.
- ⑨ For security reasons, filming the race using small unmanned “drones” is forbidden.
- ⑩ There is a ticket for free admission to Beppu City municipally managed hot springs on the final page of the event program. Please make use of it.

19. Personal Information

- ① The name, age, locale, and occupation of runners will be listed in Mainichi Newspaper and on the competition homepage.
- ② Private information such as names, addresses, and telephone numbers will be handled carefully by the competition organizers.

20. Marathon Bureau

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“Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon” Section
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Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture 802-8651
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Oita Athletic Stadium, 1-1 Nishihama, Oita Prefecture, 870-0931 JAPAN
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