

The 67th BEPPU-OITA MAINICHI MARATHON

Competition Information

1. Date & Time

February 4th 2018 (Sunday) 12:00 noon START

2. Event

Marathon (42.195 km)

3. 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

4. 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 4th 1998); full marathon record within at least 3 hours and 30 minutes (record must have been attained after January 1st 2016. 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 2017. Note that application methods, deadlines, and participation fees differ depending on the category. The registration period begins on September 4th (Monday).

5. Marathon Bureau

Mainichi Shimbun Bureau (for applications and enquiries)
Mainichi Shimbun, Seibu Headquarters Division
“Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon” Section
13-1 Konya-Machi, Kokura Kita-Ku
Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture 802-8651
Tel: 093-511-1119 Fax: 093-541-8239

Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon Bureau (from November 1st)
Oita Athletic Stadium, 1-1 Nishihama, Oita Prefecture, 870-0931 JAPAN
Tel: 097-558-1999 Fax: 097-558-1784

Marathon homepage: <http://www.betsudai.com>

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 10,000yen**

■ **Application Method**

- All applicants can participate in the race.
- Applications must be submitted on the designated application form.
- Application period opens September 4th 2017 (Monday).
- Application deadline: Applications must arrive by December 15th 2017 (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 10,000yen**

■ **Application Method**

- All applicants can participate in the race.
- Applications accepted via post and internet.
- Application period opens September 4th 2017 (Monday) 8:00PM for internet applicants
- Application deadline: Applications must arrive by November 24th 2017 (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 above.

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 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.

*If multiple applications are detected (post or internet) by the same applicant, application will be dismissed. Eligible applicants will be published on the marathon homepage by the end of December.

*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 10,000yen**

■ **Application Method**

- Maximum number of participants: 2,200 (on a first-come, first-served basis).
- Applications accepted via both post and internet (first 100 postal applicants and first 2,100 internet applicants accepted)
- Postal application period opens: August 28th 2017 (Monday)
- Postal application deadline: August 31st 2017 (Thursday)
- Online application period opens: September 4th 2017 (Monday) 8:00PM
- Online application deadline: Applications must arrive by November 24th 2017 (Friday)
- 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.)

■ **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 bureau.

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 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. Applicants will be informed by the end of September whether they were successful in their application.

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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.

*If multiple applications are detected (post or internet) by the same applicant, application will be dismissed. Eligible applicants will be published on the website homepage by the beginning of November.

*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.

■ **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.

6. Invited Runners

Distinguished domestic and international male runners (not female runners)

7. Race Rules

The 2017 fiscal year rules of JAAF are applicable.

8. 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 20 km: 1 hour 40 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

9. 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, top 3 female runners and top 3 blind male 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).

10. Awards Ceremony

February 4th (Sunday) 17:20 at the Rembrandt Hotel (Oita City, 9-20 Tamuro-Machi Tel: 097-545-1040)

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

11. 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

12. Runners’ Plaza

On the day before the competition, February 4th (Saturday), a “Runners’ Plaza” will be set up at Beppu International Convention Plaza from 13:00 ~ 17:00 so that runners can meet one another.

13. Doping Tests

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

14. 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.)

15. 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 4th) 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 Participation fees will not be returned to applicants who withdraw from the competition for personal reasons.
- ⑤ Participation fees will not be returned if the competition is cancelled for reasons that the competition organizers are not responsible for.
- ⑥ If applicants are found to be dishonest in their applications, applications are dismissed and participation fees will not be returned.
- 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 Runners requiring overnight accommodation should apply by following the JTB link on the marathon homepage.
- ⑪ 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.