

# Application Guidelines ①

## Date

February 16 (Sunday), 2025

- 9:00 [Start] Marathon, Pair Relay Marathon, 20.7 km Marathon
- 10:00 [Start] Fun Run
- 10:45 [Finish] Fun Run
- 12:00 [Finish] 20.7 km Marathon
- 15:00 [Finish] Marathon, Pair Relay Marathon

## Competition Rules

2024 Competition Rules of the Japan Association of Athletics Federations and Competition Guidelines of the Kitakyushu Marathon.

## Courses

- 1 Marathon Starting from Kitakyushu City Hall and finishing at the Kitakyushu International Conference Center (official course of Japan Association of Athletics Federations and AIMS)
- 2 Pair Relay Marathon Same as the Marathon Course with a relay point near the West Japan General Exhibition Center
- 3 Fun Run Starting and finishing at the Kitakyushu International Conference Center
- 4 20.7 km Marathon Starting from Kitakyushu City Hall and finishing at the Kitakyushu International Conference Center

## Events, Quotas, Time Limits, Entry Fees

Participation souvenir T-shirt is not included in the entry fees.

"Kitakyushu Marathon Original T-shirt" is available upon request for ¥1,500 (tax included) in addition to the entry fees.

Events		Quotas	Time limits	Entry fees
① Marathon (42.195 km)	Registered runners	10,800 participants* <sup>1</sup>	6 hours* <sup>4,5</sup>	Domestic: ¥14,500
	General runners			Overseas: ¥16,500* <sup>7</sup>
② Pair Relay Marathon* <sup>2</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> runner: about 20.4 km 2 <sup>nd</sup> runner: about 21.8 km		250 pairs of 500 participants		¥27,000 (a pair of 2 participants)
③ Fun Run* <sup>3</sup> (3 km or 5 km)	Elementary, junior high school students	800 participants	45 minutes* <sup>4,6</sup>	¥1,200
	High school students or older			¥3,600
④ 20.7 km Marathon (about 20.7 km)	<b>New event</b>	250 participants	3 hours* <sup>4</sup>	¥13,500

- \*<sup>1</sup> Quotas include the lottery and first-come-first-served quotas.
- \*<sup>2</sup> A pair of 2 runners completes 42.195 km, handing over their sash halfway.
- \*<sup>3</sup> Fun Run has two courses of 3 km and 5 km. The course can be chosen on the event day. Elementary school students, however, can choose only the 3 km course considering the physical limitations. There will be no time recording and awarding.
- \*<sup>4</sup> Time limits are based on the signal guns.
- \*<sup>5</sup> If the 1<sup>st</sup> runner of the pair relay marathon event abandons the competition, the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner will start simultaneously from the relay point at 12:01. Such a case is not considered a complete run.
- \*<sup>6</sup> Fun Run participants will be disqualified over 45 minutes after the start and asked to step up on the sidewalk.
- \*<sup>7</sup> Applicants who use the overseas entry website.

## Entry Qualifications

- 1 Marathon  
Those who were born on or before April 1, 2006
  - ① Registered runners: 2024 registered athletes of Japan Association of Athletics Federations
  - ② General runners: athletes not registered at Japan Association of Athletics Federations
  - ①② Those who can complete the run within 5 hours and 40 minutes, including athletes recommended by Kitakyushu Marathon
- 2 Pair Relay Marathon  
Those who were born on or before April 1, 2006 and can complete the run within 5 hours and 40 minutes as a pair
- 3 Fun Run  
Elementary school students or older who can run 3 km or 5 km within 45 minutes
- 4 20.7 km Marathon  
Those who were born on or before April 1, 2006 and can complete the run of about 20.7 km within 2 hours and 40 minutes.

## Accompanying Runners

- In all cases of the above entry qualifications ①~④:
  - ① For those with disabilities who have difficulty running alone, up to 2 accompanying runners can be registered. (Only one runner can accompany at a time)  
Detailed information on registration will be provided around December only to those who requested an accompanying runner(s).  
Guide dogs cannot accompany.
  - ② Participation with a wheelchair is not possible.

## Runner Receptions

- Date and time: ① February 14, Friday, 17:00~20:00  
② February 15, Saturday, 9:00~20:00  
③ February 16, Sunday, 7:00~9:00 only for Fun Run participants
- Venues: ①②: West Japan General Exhibition Center Annex (EXPO), ③: Kitakyushu International Conference Center  
\* There will be no receptions for Marathon, Pair Relay Marathon, or 20.7 km Marathon events on the day of the competition.  
\* **Proxy registration is possible. Details will be announced in the "Participation Guide" to be released in mid-January.**  
\* Athlete bibs exchange tickets will be delivered by mail in mid-January.  
For group applications (family or friend entries) or Pair Relay Marathon applicants, the delivery will be made only to the representatives.  
\* Those who apply within the Sports Promotion Runner (Furusato Hometown Tax) quota, the above reception is not necessary as the postal reception will be processed.

# Application Guidelines ②

## Start Position Arrangement

- In order to ensure a safe and smooth start, standby blocks will be arranged for Marathon and 20.7 km Marathon events based on the estimated finish time and best time declared in the application.
- **Please report an achievable time. Reporting a time which considerably differs from your running ability will be a major safety hazard. In cases of apparent reporting irregularities, such participants may be disqualified.**
- For Pair Relay Marathon, starting blocks are pre-arranged for all participants.

## Checkpoints

Checkpoints	Locations	Distances	Closing times
3 km Checkpoint	Itozu-no-mori Zoological Park	3.1 km	9:40
8 km Checkpoint	Kitakyushu Museum of Natural History & Human History	7.5 km	10:16
11 km Checkpoint	Makiyama Intersection	11.3 km	10:47
15 km Checkpoint	Shinsokan High School	15.3 km	11:20
20 km Checkpoint	Kokura Sta. (Shinkansen Side) Intersection	20.3 km	12:00
25 km Checkpoint	Moji Sta. North Intersection	25.5 km	12:43
29 km Checkpoint	Seaside Plaza	28.8 km	13:10
32 km Checkpoint	Nishikaigan Car Park	32.0 km	13:36
36 km Checkpoint	Kanmon Logistics	35.8 km	14:07
40 km Checkpoint	Akasakakaigan Intersection	39.9 km	14:41

- For Marathon, Pair Relay Marathon, or 20.7 km Marathon events, checkpoints will be set up as listed above for traffic control and security and event operations.
- **Even before the closing times, the competition may be discontinued if the Event Organizer determines that it is impossible to reach the next checkpoint by the closing time or to continue the competition.**
- When the competition is discontinued, please follow the event staff instructions and board the service bus. \*The above checkpoint locations, distances, and closing times are tentative.

## Awards

- Award recipients \*On the event day, the award will be given only to male and female runners of Marathon event who finished in the 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place in each gender category.

① Marathon	① General: 1 <sup>st</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> place each in men's and women's
	② Age Group: 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> place each in men's and women's in each age group (age 24 or under, 25 to 29, and similarly every 5 years up to age 74, and 75 or older)
② Pair Relay Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> place in each pair category (male pair, female pair, male/female pair)
③ Fun Run	No award
④ 20.7 km Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> place each in men's and women's

## Athlete Bibs with Nickname

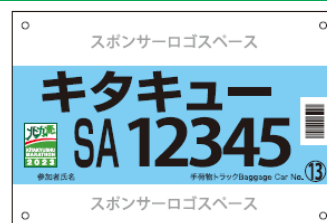
- Name or nickname (up to 5 characters) can be printed on the athlete bib.
- For group applications (family or friend entries), each participant can choose whether to apply or not and his or her own nickname.

**Eligibility: Marathon General, 20.7 km Marathon runners.**

**Fees: ¥500**

\* Hiragana, Katakana, Kanji, and alphabet characters can be used (numbers and symbols cannot be used).

\* **Company or product names or other nicknames considered inappropriate by the Event Organizer cannot be used.**



## My Cup Challenge

As an ongoing SDGs "sustainable effort" continuing from last year, the Kitakyushu Marathon will hold the "My Cup Challenge," wherein participants run with their own cups. We ask for the cooperation of all runners to support this initiative. Cooperating participants will receive a commemorative gift at the runner reception point.

If you can cooperate



- ① Check the box for "Cooperate in My Cup Challenge" on the application form screen in the runner application.
- ② Receive the gift at the runner reception point.
- ③ On the event day, pour water in your cup at the water stations.

# Application Guidelines ③

Please agree to the following terms and conditions before applying for the Kitakyushu Marathon.

## Application Terms and Conditions

- In case the event is canceled** due to an earthquake, windstorm, flood, storm, snowfall, incident, accident, pestilence, infectious disease, or other reasons beyond the control of the Event Organizer, **the entry fees, entry rights, etc. will be handled as follows:**
    - Entry fees**

Refund amounts are determined after deducting expenses and costs incurred up to the time of the decision to cancel the event.  
Refunds are made by sending money coupons (such as a QUO Card) equivalent to the refund amount.
    - Fees for sports promotion donations, athlete bibs with nicknames, event souvenirs (Original T-shirts)**

There will be no refunds after the payment.
    - Entry rights**

Entry rights obtained by lottery are canceled. Entry rights obtained through sports promotion donations (Furusato Hometown Tax quota) will be transferred to the next event.
  - For cancellations of entry for personal reasons, the entry fees will not be refunded.
  - Any expenses other than the entry fees for the Kitakyushu Marathon (travel, accommodation, etc.) will not be refunded or compensated for any reason.
  - In the event of injury or illness during the event, the Event Organizer will provide first aid only, but will not be responsible for the method or course of such aid.
  - If a physician, nurse, or event official determines during the event that a participant is unable to continue, the participation must be discontinued following the decisions made.
  - The Event Organizer will not be liable for any illness, loss, or other accident not attributable to the organizer, except for first-aid treatment. However, even in such cases, compensation will be provided within the scope of the organizer's insurance.
  - After the application period has ended, no changes in participating events, modifications to the information provided, cancellations, or changes in group members will be accepted.
  - False declarations of age, gender, address, etc., proxy participations, and transfers of entry rights are totally unacceptable. When such violation is found, the participant will be disqualified and will not be allowed to participate in any future events. In such cases, no refunds will be made for the entry fees, nicknamed athlete bibs, event souvenirs (Original T-shirts), or sports promotion donations.
  - The Kitakyushu Marathon shall be held in compliance with all relevant domestic laws.
  - Minors must obtain the consent of a parent or guardian before application.
- \* Preventive measures against infectious diseases at the Event will be based on notifications from the national and local governments and guidelines from the Japan Association of Athletics Federations.  
Please check the details on the website of the Kitakyushu Marathon.

## Notes on the Application

- If the same person applies for more than one event or applies for the same event more than once (including both individual and group applications (family and friend entries)), he or she will be disqualified. In addition, when such a person is in a group application, all members of the group will be disqualified.
- All applicants (or the representatives of group applications and Pair Relay Marathon) will be notified of the lottery results by e-mail. However, the Event Organizer will not check notification failure due to wrong e-mail address registered, spam filter settings, or other reasons.
- The Event Organizer will not be responsible for any delays in applications due to malfunctions of Internet devices or networks.
- When applying online, some sections of the application screen may not be displayed depending on the browser or terminal device in use. It is recommended that an application be sent using a personal computer.

## Notes on Event Participation

- Please have sufficient physical training and take all possible precautions to ensure good physical condition, such as undergoing a medical checkup beforehand.
- No advertising materials such as designs, trademarks, etc. that imply company or product names may be worn or displayed at the event site (including on the course) for the purpose of advertisement.
- The Event Organizer will transport the hand baggage of the runners of Marathon, Pair Relay Marathon (1<sup>st</sup> runners), and 20.7 km Marathon from the start point to the finish point. Only such items that fit into the baggage bag provided by the Event Organizer may be accepted (for reference: in 2024 Event, 50 cm (width) X 70 cm (length)). The arrival of baggage may be delayed due to road conditions along the way.
- Please use public transportation as there is no car parking at the venue. The Event Organizer will not be responsible for any delays caused by public transportation or road conditions. The same applies to those participants who cannot visit Japan due to travel restrictions.
- In cases of an accident, fire, or other emergency during the event, emergency vehicles and other vehicles will pass on the course. In such cases, the participants may be asked to temporarily discontinue the run under the direction from the event staff.
- For other matters related to the event, please follow the instructions of the Event Organizer.
- No receipts will be issued for the entry fees, etc. Please issue a receipt on your own from "My Page" on RUNNET, or use the "payment statement" or "invoice" from your credit card company if you paid by credit card, or use the bank transfer receipt if you paid at a convenience store.

## Handling of Personal Information

- The Event Organizer recognizes the importance of personal information, complies with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information and related regulations, and handles personal information in accordance with the Event Organizer's personal data protection policy.
- For the purpose of improving services to the event participants, the information will be utilized for entry instruction, notification of records and related information, provision of services from event sponsors and cooperating organizations, announcement of records (rankings, etc.), reporting to the Japan Association of Athletics Federations, and questionnaire surveys, etc.
- The Event Organizer may contact you for confirmation of the details of your application.
- The Event Organizer reserves the publishing rights and portrait rights of videos, photographs, articles during the event, applicant's name, age, address (country, prefecture or city), etc. to be published on TV, newspapers, magazines, Internet, and other media.
- Images, photographs, articles during the event, names of applicants, personal records, etc., may be used by the Event Organizer and authorized third parties for the purpose of operating and advertising the event, etc., and may be used in advertising materials such as the event program and posters, and in mass media such as TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, and the Internet.
- Photographs and other materials may be sold on consignment as approved by the Event Organizer.