



Kobe Marathon

2024 November 17 (Sunday)

Runners wanted!!

Application period April 12 (Fri) ▶ August 19 (Mon)

The Kobe Marathon is a partner event of the Gold Coast Marathon.



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Kobe Marathon 2024

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感謝と友情 Thanks & Friendship

With the theme of "Thanks and Friendship" the Kobe Marathon showcases Kobe City's resilience in its recovery from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake to people across Japan and around the world. It also serves as an expression of gratitude from the city to those who have generously extended their kindness and support.

Sunflowers expressing "Thanks and Friendship"

On the day of the race, yellow sunflowers symbolizing Kobe's recovery will line the roadsides to cheer the runners on. At the Start Ceremony, everyone will raise hands wearing sunflower gloves to express "Thanks and Friendship"

Friendship Bank

The Kobe Marathon, organized by Hyogo Prefecture and Kobe City, regions that were impacted by the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, is held to garner support for disaster-affected areas in Japan and overseas, as well as disaster prevention initiatives. Thank you to all involved for your attention and cooperation.

Personnel support	Material support	Monetary support
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To keep up with regional events and volunteer activities in the region, register for Hyogo Volunteer Plaza's email magazine "V Plaza Communication." By subscribing, you'll get tons of information about volunteer recruitment and event information in the prefecture.



V Plaza Communication



Items related to disaster support (purchased with a portion of charitable donations), unused towels created for the marathon, and more will be sent to natural disaster-affected areas in Japan and overseas as well as developing countries.

Recent support recipients

Donated crucial items for developing countries in Asia and Africa through the NPO Japan Rescue Clothing Center, etc.



A portion of the participation fee will be collected for charity. Donations collected through the sale of charity race bibs and from donation boxes will go to natural disaster-affected areas in Japan and overseas as well as organizations (selected through public applications) engaged in disaster prevention activities. These efforts will impact lives across the globe.

Recent support recipients

- Areas affected by the August 2022 torrential rains (Niigata and Ishikawa Prefectures)
- Areas affected by the Turkey-Syria Earthquake (Turkey and Syria)
- Public donation recipient organizations (school organizations in Hyogo Prefecture, NPOs), etc.
- Areas affected by the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake (Ishikawa, Niigata, and Toyama Prefectures)

Financial donations are periodically accepted, so please visit the marathon's website for details.

About Charity Athlete Bibs

Runners can apply to purchase charity athlete bibs (1,000 yen) when entering.

When applying, please select one out of options ①-③ below.

① Display your full name

② Display a nickname

③ Charity donation only

[Caution] The following cannot be accepted as nicknames.

- Company name, corporate name, store name, product name
- Containing platform-dependent characters
- Numerals, emoticons, and symbols only or combinations thereof
- Religion- or belief-related contents
- Discriminatory or prohibited terms
- Terms deemed contrary to public order and morals
- Other terms the organizers deem inappropriate



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Entry Fee

How to apply	Online (JTB Sports Station, RUNNET GLOBAL)	
How to pay the entry fee	Credit card	
Entry fee	21,500 yen *Including entry administrative fee and charity donation. *The charity donation of 200 yen will be used in the Kobe Marathon Friendship Bank.	
Charity athlete bibs	Not required	Please add
	0 yen	1,000 yen
Total amount	21,500 yen	22,500 yen

Entry Guidelines(Extracts)

◆ Event Name

KOBE MARATHON 2024

◆ Organizers

Hyogo Prefectural Government / Kobe City / Hyogo Athletics Association

◆ Co-Organizers

The Kobe Shimbun / The Asahi Shimbun Company

◆ Planning and Administration

Kobe Marathon Organizing Committee

◆ Managing Organization

Hyogo Athletics Association

◆ Supporting Organizations (Planned)

Japan Association of Athletics Federations / Hyogo Sports Association / Kobe Sport Association / Hyogo Prefectural Board of Education / Kobe City Board of Education, etc.

◆ Special Sponsor (Planned)

System Corporation

◆ Sponsors (Planned)

Minato Bank, Limited / SHIROYAMA HOLDINGS Co., Ltd. / Sanyo Electric Railway Co., Ltd. / ASICS Corporation / Yamazaki Baking Co., Ltd. / Rokko Butter Co., Ltd. / Tominaga Boeki Kaisha, Ltd. / CO-OP Kyosai / KOBE NEW TRANSIT Co., Ltd. / TOA Corporation / ROCK FIELD Co., Ltd. / Mitsubishi Belting Ltd. / KOBE TOYOPET / Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd. / DAIWA HOUSE INDUSTRY Co., Ltd. / Skymark Airlines Inc. / KOBE STEEL, LTD. / WADAKOHSAN Co., Ltd.

◆ Special Supporters (Planned)

Kobe Sport Association / Kobe Gakuin Educational Foundation Kobe Gakuin University

◆ Supporters (Planned)

Osaka Gas Network Co., Ltd. / The Kobe International House Inc. / Kobe Sports Photo Stacame / Kobe Future City Co., Ltd., etc.

◆ Event

Marathon (42.195 km)

◆ Date and Time

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Wave 1 start at 9:00 a.m. / Wave 2 start at 9:15 a.m. / Finish at 4:00 p.m.

◆ Course

Start: Kobe City Hall

Turning point: West side of Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge (Nishi-Maiko, Tarumi Ward)

Finish: Port Island (near Shimin Hiroba)

(Course certified by the Japan Association of Athletics Federations, World Athletics and the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS))

◆ Competition Rules

The race will be conducted in compliance with the 2024 regulations of World Athletics (WA) and the rules of the Japan Association of Athletics Federations and the Kobe Marathon. Because this is a WA Label race certified by the WA, WA Label Road Race regulations also apply. Doping tests will be carried out under WA regulations.

◆ Entry Qualifications(excluding invited athletes)

For those born before April 1, 2006

- The runner must be able to complete the race within 6 hours and 30 minutes.
- Transfer of race entry or running on behalf of another runner is prohibited. If any irregularities are discovered, the contestant will be disqualified.
- No clothing or costumes that are offensive to public order and morals or inappropriate for a sporting event will be allowed.
- Wheelchairs are not allowed.
- Runners with disabilities who have difficulty running alone may be accompanied by a runner. Runners must also register at the runner registration desk. Guide dogs are not allowed to accompany runners.
- Disabled runners must bring their physical disability certificate or the like to the runner registration desk.

◆ Types of Entry/Capacities/Time Limits

Place of residence	Nationality	
	Persons with overseas nationality (other than Japanese)	Japanese nationality
Overseas (outside of Japan)	○ Possible	○ Possible
Inside Japan	○ Possible	× Invalid

- If entering in English or Chinese (non-simplified Chinese characters), please use JTB Sports Station or RUNNET GLOBAL
- Only foreign nationals residing in Japan, and foreign nationals or Japanese nationals residing overseas, can enter in English or Chinese.
- JTB Sports Station or RUNNET GLOBAL does not cater to Japanese nationals residing in Japan. Entries to this site by Japanese nationals residing in Japan will be invalid. Please understand that refunds cannot be given for payments made by Japanese nationals residing in Japan.

Types of Entry	Categories	Capacity for overseas applicants	Time Limits
Individual entry	20,000	2,000	7 hours ^{1,2}

*1 Time limits are based on the first signal gun time (9:00 a.m.).

*2 Cut-off times are set at each checkpoint in consideration of traffic controls, security, and event operation. Runners who are lagging badly may be prompted or instructed to withdraw even outside of checkpoints.

*Entries will be accepted in the order of arrival. Entries will be made from the JTB Sports Station or RUNNET GLOBAL site and will be finalized after payment of the entry fee has been confirmed.

Please understand that we cannot refund entry fees following the completion of the payment procedure.

*Once an entry has been confirmed, we cannot change your name and runner information. Be sure to give your correct name and information.

Exceptions will be made in cases of justifiable reasons such as marriage and changes of address, etc.

*Please understand that entrants cannot be changed after entry has been confirmed.

◆ Checkpoint closing times (scheduled)

No.	Checkpoint location	Distance (km)	Closing time	No.	Checkpoint location	Distance (km)	Closing time
1	Otabi Park	3.8	10:00	6	Tarumi Sewage Treatment Plant	23.4	12:49
2	Tenjinbashi Higashizume	9.0	10:44	7	Sumaura-koen Station	26.8	13:19
3	Sumaura-koen Station	11.3	11:03	8	Suma Kaihin Park	29.0	13:41
4	Maiko Park	17.6	11:57	9	Wadamisaki Station	34.1	14:31
5	Maiko Station	20.3	12:20	10	Minato Elementary School	36.8	15:00
				11	Port Island West Ramp	41.0	15:46

*Regardless of whether you start in Wave 1 or Wave 2, the checkpoint closing times will be as shown above.

◆ Starting order

To ensure a safe and smooth start, standby blocks will be set at the start corresponding to the times declared by entrants in their applications, regardless of registration with the Japan Association of Athletics Federations and individual or group participation. Records (time, event name, year) may be checked by the Kobe Marathon Committee and should therefore be declared accurately.

*You may be required to submit a record certificate if necessary. False declarations will not be permitted.

◆ Awards (Planned)

(1) Overall (gross time): The top eight men and top eight women runners

(2) By age group (net time): The top eight men and top eight women runners in each five-year age group

*Excluding Overall award recipients.

◆ Participation Award

Announced at a later date on the official website.

◆ Certificate of Completion

Runners who finish the course will receive a Certificate of Completion.

*In addition to the marathon, records are also recognized for 25 kilometers and 30 kilometers. However, this applies only to those who finish the course.

◆ Personal Information

The organizers recognize the importance of privacy and will handle personal information based on the event's information protection policy in compliance with laws and regulations relating to personal information protection.

Personal information will be used for such purposes as drawing lots, providing information on participation, giving notification of related information, offering services from Kobe Marathon sponsors, co-sponsors, co-organizers and related organizations, giving first-aid treatment and coordinating with medical institutions, and announcing records (including rankings) with the aim of improving services to entrants.

Within the scope of operation of this event, personal information may also be provided to related business entities (including World Marathon Majors LLC, based in the United States, which operates Abbott World Marathon Majors, and the Tokyo Marathon Foundation).

◆ Miscellaneous

- The organizers will retain portrait rights and the right to post event images, photographs, articles, location information, names, ages and places of residence (name of prefecture or municipality) of entrants, records, etc. on TV, in newspapers or magazines, online, or in printed materials, etc. published by the organizers.
- Event photographs, etc. may be sold by entities contracted by the organizers.

◆ ABBOTT WMM WANDA AGE GROUP WORLD RANKINGS 5TH EDITION

The Kobe Marathon is partner of the Abbott World Marathon Majors.

You can check the details of Wanda Age Group World Rankings at Kobe Marathon home page. Let's register your runner details!!

