

With "Thanks and Friendship" at the heart of the marathon, we support all runners in this athletic challenge.

# Kobe Marathon 2016

The Kobe Marathon has reached 20,000 runners!

2000 runner  
increase

## Sunday, November 20, 2016

**Application Period : April 22 (Fri) ⇒ May 20 (Fri)**

Kobe Marathon Official Website : <http://www.kobe-marathon.net/2016/english/>



42.195 km of Gratitude

## Open to 20,000 Runners!



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# Application Guidelines

**Event Name**  
Kobe Marathon 2016

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**Managing Organization**  
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**Events**  
Marathon (42.195km)

**Date & Time**  
Sunday, November 20, 2016  
Starts at 9:00 / Finishes at 16:00  
\* Wave starts will be set and announced at a later date.

**Course**  
Start: Kobe City Municipal Office  
Turning point: Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge (near Maiko Park)  
Finish: Port Island (near Shimin Hiroba)  
(Course certified by the Japan Association of Athletics Federations and the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races(AIMS))

**Competition Rules**  
The races are conducted in accordance with the FY2016 rules and regulations set forth by the Japan Association of Athletics Federations (JAAF), and the rules and regulations set forth for this event.

**Events / Type of Entry / Category / Maximum Number of Entrants / Time Limits / Entry Fee**

Event	Type of Entry	Category	Maximum Number of Entrants	Time Limit	Entry Fee(per person)
Marathon (42.195km)	Individual entry *1 *2	① Registered runners ② General runners	20,000 *3	7 hours *4 *5	¥10,300 (Entry fee includes a ¥100 donation to charity)*6
	Team entry (2~3 persons) *1	General runners			

- \* 1. Only one application may be submitted per event or entry category.
- \* 2. Kobe Marathon first-time entrants, age-group challenge entrants, seeded entrants and "Kirakira Joshi (brilliant women)" entrants can only enter as individuals.
- \* 3. Includes Kobe Marathon first-time entrants, age-group challenge entrants, seed entrants, "Kirakira Joshi (brilliant women)" entrants, group volunteer entrants, disabled entrants (holders of disability cards), entrants residing overseas and entrants affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake.
- \* 4. Time limits are based on the first signal gun time.
- \* 5. Cut-off times are set at each checkpoint due to the limited duration of traffic control, security, and event operation. The cut-off times will be announced when the wave start details are decided. Those entrants who will reach checkpoints after time limits should stop the race. Check points may be carried out at any time during the race.
- \* 6. Charity proceeds will be utilized by the Kobe Marathon Friendship Bank.
- \* 7. **Caution!!** Kobe Marathon first-time entrants, age-group challenge entrants, seed entrants and "Kirakira Joshi (brilliant women)" entrants can enter through the Japanese-language website only.  
The non-Japanese-language (multilingual) websites do not provide application for these categories.
- \* 8. **Caution!!** Group entry is supported by the Japanese-language website only.  
The non-Japanese-language (multilingual) websites do not provide application for this category.

**Qualifications**  
Athletes born on or before April 1, 1998  
Marathon: Athletes born on or before April 1, 1997

- ① Registered runners: Those registered with the Japan Association of Athletics Federations
- ② General runners: Those not registered with the Japan Association of Athletics Federations
  - \* Above both runners (including those from Japan and abroad recommended by the organizers) should be capable of completing the race within 6 hours and 30 minutes.
  - \* Above event is limited to non-wheelchair users.
  - \* Those with disabilities (holders of disability cards) who would have difficulty competing alone may designate one escort runner. (Runners may not be accompanied by a seeing-eye dog.)

**Entry Application**

- (1) How to apply  
Please apply online at <http://www.kobe-marathon.net/2016/english/>
- (2) When to apply  
From Friday, April 22 (from 10 am), 2016 to Friday, May 20 (by 5 pm), 2016
- (3) Selection of entrants  
If applications exceed capacity, entrants will be selected through a drawing. The results of the drawing will be announced on Thursday, June 30 (tentative).
- (4) Entry fee transfer  
Successful applications will be asked to transfer the entry fee to a specified bank account by a specified date. If no entry fee is received, selection will be nullified.
- (5) Cautions  
**Disabled applicants (holders of disability cards) should complete the required parts of the application.**

**Check-in**

- (1) Check-in Dates & Time: Friday, November 18, 2016: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm (latest time for admission) (planned)  
Saturday, November 19, 2016: Time: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm (latest time for admission) (planned)
- (2) Location: Expo Venue, Kobe International Exhibition Hall
  - \* Note that check-in will be closed on the actual marathon day (November 20). Entrants may not check in outside the times stated above.
  - \* Escort runners should also check in at the above times.
  - \* At the time of check-in, the entrant's identity will be confirmed (the entrant must present in person).
  - \* Check-in will be refused if the entrant fails to show identification documents.
  - \* Those with disabilities must bring their disability card.

**Awards**

- Awards will be presented to the top eight men and the top eight women runners.
- Awards will be presented to the top eight men and the top eight women runners for each five-year age group.
- \* Certificates will be mailed at a later date.

**Personal Information**  
The organizers recognize the importance of entrants' personal information and will handle it in accordance with laws and regulations relating to the protection of personal information based on the organizers' personal information protection policy. Any personal information submitted will be used to provide drawing results, participation guidelines, notices of records achieved and related information, services from Kobe Marathon sponsors, supporters, co-organizers and related organizations, and for the announcement of records (including rankings) with the aim of improving service to entrants in this event.  
\* Note that the organizers or the Kobe Marathon Runner Call Center may use your personal information to contact you and confirm information related to your application.

**Terms of Kobe Marathon application**  
All applicants must agree to the following terms:

- (1) Please note that any applicant submitting more than one application will have their selection revoked. Any applicant found to have committed such an act will be disqualified and any funds they have transferred as surplus or duplicated payment will not be returned.
- (2) False declaration of name, age, gender, nationality, domicile, records or any other matter is not allowed. Also, use of a substitute for any event or transference of entry rights are not allowed. Any individual found to have committed such an act will be disqualified and the organizers will not be required to make any compensation or return any funds.
- (3) After an application has been made, no change, amendment, or cancellation can be made to the content of the registration for personal reasons. The secretariat will contact the applicant via the applicant's email address or telephone number only if there is a need to confirm the content of an application.
- (4) The organizers bear no responsibility for late applications resulting from problems with the Internet.
- (5) Entry fees will not be refunded in the event the Kobe Marathon is cancelled due to reasons beyond the control of the organizers (earthquake, wind or flood damage, snowfall, some sort of incident, accident, or disease, etc.).
- (6) The organizers will not be responsible for entrants' tardiness due to public transport or road traffic conditions on marathon day.
- (7) In the event of illness, loss, or other incident, the organizers accept no responsibility other than to take emergency measures.
- (8) At the event, including on the course, entrants are prohibited from wearing or displaying logos or trademarks representing a company or product name.
- (9) The organizers will retain publication and portrait rights for such media as television, newspapers, magazines, or the Internet with respect to images, photos, articles, entrants' names, ages, addresses (name of country, name of prefecture or equivalent administrative unit, or name of city, ward, town, or village), etc.
- (10) The organizers will handle the personal information of the entrants in accordance with laws and regulations relating to the protection of personal information.
- (11) This event shall be implemented in compliance with all the relevant laws of Japan.
- (12) The organizers shall stage this event in compliance with the event stipulations as well as the terms of application.

## Information on Charity Goods

Those who wish can select their original charity goods (see the following options) when entering.

\*The profits from selling the charity goods will be utilized by the Kobe Marathon Friendship Bank.

**1** ¥1,000 course  
Charity number card

**2** ¥3,000 course  
Charity number card and original goods

## Wear the charity number card when running!!

The charity number card can display your name or nickname on the front and back.

When applying, please select one of options (1) to (3) below.

(1) Display your full name

(2) Display your nickname

**Cautions:** The following nickname options are not acceptable.

- Company name, corporate name, store name, product name
- Numbers, emoticons, or symbols only and combinations thereof
- Prayer and other religious expressions
- Expressions judged to be discriminatory or non-allowable
- Expressions judged to be in violation of public order or morals
- Other expressions judged inappropriate by the sponsors

(3) Charity only (Your name will not be displayed unless you input it.)



\*The above charity number card is an impression only, not the actual item.

Runners cheered with their names and nicknames feel 100 times as powerful!

### Entry Fee, Administration Fee

Event	Application Method	Entry Fee Payment Procedure	Entry fee	Admin. Fee	Charity Goods	Total
Marathon	Internet Non-Japanese-language (multilingual) websites	Credit card	¥ 10,300	¥ 3,400	No charity goods applicant	¥ 0 ¥ 13,700
					① Charity number card applicant	¥ 1,000 ¥ 14,700
					② Charity number card and original goods applicant	¥ 3,000 ¥ 16,700

\* When entering through the Japanese-language website, an administration fee of ¥510 will be charged.

When entering through the Japanese-language website, the entry fee can be paid by card or at a convenience store.

### Steps from application to event participation

**April 22 (Fri)**  
Application accepted

Application accepted via Internet from 10:00 AM.  
<http://www.kobe-marathon.net/2016/english/>

**May 20 (Fri)**  
Application deadline

Application deadline on 5:00 PM on Friday, May 20.  
\* If applicants exceed capacity, entrants will be selected by drawing.

**June 30 (Thu) (tentative)**  
Selection results announced

All applicants will be notified via email.

**Mid- or late July**  
Entry fee payment

Please pay the entry fee as specified.

**Mid-October**  
Information on event mailed out

Information for entrants will be mailed out approximately one month before the event.  
\* Entrants using the Japanese-language website will be required to download information relating to marathon participation from the RUNNET personalized page.  
Entrants using a non-Japanese language (multilingual) website will be required to download this information from the JTB Sports Station personalized page.

**Nov 18 (Fri)**  
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
(latest time for admission)(planned)

**Runner check-in**  
Runner check-in will be closed on the actual marathon day. Entrants' identities will be confirmed using identification documents.  
\* Entrants must check in on one of the two days shown at the left.

**Nov. 19 (Sat)**  
10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
(latest time for admission)(planned)

\* Those with disabilities must bring their disability card.

**Runner check-in location:**  
Expo Venue, Kobe International Exhibition Hall

**Nov 20 (Sun)**  
Marathon Day

Starts at 9:00

\*Start: Kobe City Municipal Office

\*Finish: Port Island  
(near Civic Square)

### Participation prizes

Participants will receive commemoration T-shirts. For sizes, please refer to the chart below. (JASPO standard).

#### Men's

Size	S	M	L	O	XO
Height (approx.)	165cm	170cm	175cm	180cm	185cm
Chest measurement (approx.)	88cm	92cm	96cm	100cm	104cm

#### Women's

Size	S	M	L	O
Height (approx.)	155cm	160cm	165cm	170cm
Chest measurement (approx.)	80cm	83cm	86cm	89cm

- If no T-shirt size is specified at application, both men and women will receive the M-size.
- Men may not select a woman's T-shirt and women may not select a man's T-shirt.
- Please note that women's T-shirts are rather tight.
- Please note that circumstances may prevent some applicants getting the size they want.

### Miscellaneous

- (1) Please note that the Kobe Marathon Runner Call Center or secretariat will not respond to questions or inquiries about the status of an application or results of the drawing.
- (2) When applying via the Internet, the computer terminal, operating system, or browser used by the applicant may prevent the applicant from being able to file his or her application.
- (3) All applicants will be notified of the results of the drawing by email by Thursday, June 30. However, please be aware that the organizers will not be able to reconfirm the drawing results if the notification fails to arrive or goes astray due to a problem with the email provided by the applicant. Also, the organizers will take no responsibility whatsoever for any accompanying loss where email reception settings or security software settings prevent an applicant from receiving an email notifying them of the results of the drawing etc.
- (4) Receipts for entry fees
  - Payment via credit card  
Receipts will not be issued.  
Entrants are asked to substitute the credit card company's account or billing statement for an official receipt.
  - If paying at a convenience store (Japanese-language website entry only):  
Receipts will not be issued. Entrants are asked to substitute a copy of the transfer for an official receipt.
- (5) The passage of emergency vehicles including ambulances may impede the progress of runners. In such cases, no records adjustment can be made to compensate for the time lost.
- (6) The organizers may permit the commissioned sale of photographs and other approved products.
- (7) Minors must obtain the consent of a parent or guardian for entering.
- (8) For event-related matters not covered above, please follow the instructions of the organizers.
- (9) These guidelines are for Kobe Marathon 2016.

## Kobe Marathon Course Map



## Kobe Marathon Friendship Bank

Applying the lessons and experience of the 1995 Great Hanshin Earthquake, the Kobe Marathon established a Friendship Bank to provide a range of personnel, material and financial aid to disaster-hit areas in Japan and abroad. To reinforce the bank's resources in this event and various related planning, we are aiming to make this a citizens' marathon event that will generate general support for areas affected by natural disasters.

### Material Aid

Left-over T-shirts, towels and other items created for the event and clothes donated by runners on the day of the marathon will be cleaned, stored and sent on to disaster-affected areas in Japan and overseas or to developing countries.

#### Main aid recipients to date:

- Aso City Social Welfare Council
- Sumoto City Social Welfare Council
- Takashima City Social Welfare Council, Shiga Prefecture
- Tamba City Disaster Relief Supplies Center and developing countries through the Japan Relief Clothing Center (NPO)



### Personnel Aid

In collaboration with the Hyogo Volunteer Plaza, we are calling for volunteers to register in the Nojigiku\* Voluntary Network in an effort to provide ongoing participation in voluntary activities in broad-based events and in the region. Registrants will regularly receive the Nojigiku V-News, an email magazine containing various volunteer information.

\*Nojigiku is the prefectural flower of Hyogo.  
\*The website and email magazine are in Japanese.  
<https://www.hyogo-vplaza.jp/mag/index2.html>



### Financial Aid

A range of charity programs are conducted, starting with the donation of a portion of the entry fee to charity, the sale of charity goods, and the establishment of donation boxes. The funds collected will be used to support areas affected by disaster.

**NEW**

In the Kobe Marathon 2016, a public appeal will be made to suggest some new charity fund recipients to broaden the base of our support.

#### Main aid recipients to date:

- Great East Japan Earthquake Miyagi Children's Education Fund
- Philippine Cyclone Hyogo Prefecture Fund Raising Committee
- Iwate Learning Hope Foundation
- Fukushima Prefecture Contributions
- Nepal Earthquake Hyogo Prefecture Fund Raising Committee, etc.



Contributions can be made at any time; please see the Marathon website for details.

## The Kobe Marathon's Aspirations

The Kobe Marathon aims to be an event known for the world's best runner etiquette. We hope to attract runners who can share in the joy of running together. Please observe good etiquette and work together to make this the best mannered marathon in the world.

- (1) A false declaration at entry, check-in by a person other than the actual runner, transfer of entry rights, and use of a substitute runner on the day of the event are forbidden.
- (2) Entrants are expected to train sufficiently, receive a physical checkup, and otherwise be well prepared for the event.
- (3) Clothing or fancy dress that violates public order or morals or is inappropriate for a sports event will not be allowed.

## Inquiries

### Entry Inquiries

#### Kobe Marathon Entry Center

Address: Kobe Marathon Entry Center, JTB West MICE Division, JTB Sports Station, Osaka, Japan

**TEL. +81-6-6252-4009**

Hours: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm (JST) (except Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays)  
Email: [jtbss@west.jtb.jp](mailto:jtbss@west.jtb.jp)

\*The Kobe Marathon Entry Center will open on April 21 (Thu).

\*This will be the mailing address from which the documents, including certificates of event completion, will be sent.

### Accommodation Inquiries

#### Kobe Marathon Accommodation Center

Address: Kobe Marathon Accommodation Center, Kinki Nippon Tourist Co., Ltd. (Kobe Branch), 8th Floor, Kobe Ito-Machi Building, Ito-Machi 121, Chuo-ku, Kobe 650-0032 Japan

**TEL. +81-78-321-0644**

Hours: 10 am - 5 pm (JST) (except Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays)

\*The Kobe Marathon Accommodations Center will open after the announcement of the results of the drawing.