

COVID-19 infection prevention measures for Kochi Ryoma

Marathon 2023

[Attention Runners]

In order to ensure the safety and security at Kochi Ryoma Marathon 2023, we will implement measures to prevent COVID-19 infection in accordance with the Japanese government's "Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control," and "Guidance on Holding Road Races" provided by the Japan Association of Athletics Federations (JAAF).

Please read and agree to the following before signing up for this event.

*The following information may be updated as appropriate depending on future infection situations and revisions to the JAAF's guidance. Any change to the following policy will be shared on the event's official website, Twitter, etc.

1. Physical conditions and health check for all runners

(1) "Health Management App" or "Health Check Sheet" for physical condition check

You will be required to check your health condition before and after the event using the app or check sheet, and submit the health check results at the reception before the event. We will announce the details as soon as they are finalized.

(2) Vaccination and tests for runners

Depending on the infection situation of COVID-19, we will consider implementing one of the following measures. In such cases, we may charge you additional fees in addition to the entry fee.

a. Require participants to present proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or proof of negative PCR or antigen qualitative test result

b. Conduct PCR or antigen qualitative tests for all participants

(3) Test result submission at the reception area

Registration will be held on the day before the event (Saturday, February 18, 2023). At that time, you will receive a bib (number card), measurement chip and participation prizes. You will also be asked to present your health check sheet (app).

(4) Body temperature check

On the day of the event, the staff will check your body temperature at the temperature check gate at the start venue. Individuals with a body temperature of 37.5°C or higher will not be allowed to enter the race.

2. Making participation decisions

You will be asked to voluntarily refrain from participating in the race if any of the following applies.

- (1) You were confirmed positive for COVID-19 within three weeks prior to the event.
- (2) You were confirmed to have been in close contact with a person infected with COVID-19 within two weeks prior to the event.
- (3) You developed possible COVID-19 symptoms (difficulty breathing, severe lethargy, high fever, etc.) within eight days prior to the event.
- (4) You are not feeling well.

3. Infection prevention measures for the event

(1) Runners, staff and other relevant individuals are asked to track their health before and after the event.

(2) To avoid close contact, we will not provide changing rooms at the start venue. Please change into running gear before coming to the venue

(3) On the day of the event, you will be asked to have your temperatures checked and sanitize your hands at the temperature check gate at the start venue before putting on a wristband as a proof that you have completed these steps.

(4) Please wear a mask and refrain from talking loudly in the alignment block.

(5) You will not be required to wear a mask while running. However, please keep your mask on until you start running and put it back on immediately after you finish running.

(6) Food and beverages will be provided as self-service at the water station.

(7) Please sanitize your hands when using the restrooms. Please observe social distancing while waiting in line.

(8) We will not be handing out completion certificates. Please download your completion certificate from the website.

(9) When using the changing room after finishing running, please change quickly while keeping your distance from others.

(10) Please take your own trash with you.

(11) We recommend using COCOA, the COVID-19 contact tracing app.

(12) Other infection prevention measures for the event will be announced on the event's website and in

the event guidelines one month prior to the event.

4. Procedure from application to participation in the event

Friday,
September 16,
2022

Registration opens at 8:00 p.m.

***Before submitting your application, you will be asked to agree to the "Kochi Ryoma Marathon 2023 COVID-19 Infection Prevention Measures."**

Sunday,
October 16

Registration deadline

Late January,
2023

We will announce the details of the infection prevention measures on the event's website and in the event guidelines.

One week
before the
event

Please start tracking your health using the health management app or health check sheet one week prior to the event.

Saturday,
February 18
(Day before
the event)

Reception 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. (Venue to be arranged in Kochi City)

***After checking your temperature, pre-event health check results (app or sheet), proof of vaccination and test results, the staff will provide a bib (number card), measurement chip and participation prize.**

If we are requesting proof of vaccination and test results, we will notify you at a later date.

***If your body temperature is 37.5°C or higher, you will not be admitted in the venue.**

***If you fail to submit your pre-event health check result (app or sheet), proof of vaccination and test result, you will not be allowed to participate in the event.**

Sunday,
February 19
(Day of the
event)

Day of the event

***You will be asked to wear a wristband after the staff check your bib (number card) and temperature and you sanitize your hands at the start venue gate.**

***If your body temperature is 37.5°C or higher, you will not be allowed to participate in the event.**

***Without a bib (number card), you will not be allowed to enter the temperature check gate.**

***You need to be wearing a wristband to check in your baggage or enter the alignment block.**

***There are no changing rooms at the start venue. A changing room will be provided at the finish venue.**

**Two weeks
after the event**

Please track your health using the health check sheet for two weeks after the event. You won't need to submit the sheet.

5. Refund of participation fee

- (1) You will not be eligible for refund if you cancel your participation for personal reasons or you are asked to withdraw from the event due to failure to submit your health check results, proof of vaccination, etc. as specified in items 1 and 2 above.
- (2) The organizer may cancel the event due to the spread of COVID-19. In such cases, we will determine whether to refund the entry fee and, if any, the refund amount after carefully considering the expenses incurred before the decision is made to cancel the event. Please note that you will not be able to carry over your participation right to the next event.

6. Event organizer's disclaimer of liability

- (1) The event organizer will not bear any responsibility for infection of COVID-19.
- (2) The accident insurance that the organizer will purchase for runners in this event will not cover COVID-19 infections.

7. Other

- (1) In order to ensure the safety of everyone involved in the event, we ask that you get vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to the event, if possible.
- (2) Applicants who are 65 years of age or older or have underlying medical conditions are asked to make participation decisions by taking into account that they are likely to develop serious symptoms if they are infected.

For the international entry page (English and traditional Chinese) only

- (3) The event organizing committee may ask international applicants to refrain from participating in the event, depending on the future infection situation. In such cases, the entry fee will be refunded.