The 57th Hofu Yomiuri Marathon Application Requirements for Elite Men

MGC Series 2026-27　(Men G1/WomenG3)

National Selection Trial (men) for World Athletics Championships Beijing 2027

National Selection Trial (men) for Los Angeles 2028

The 27th Japan Blind Women's Marathon

1. Organizers　Chugoku Athletics Association, Yamaguchi Athletics Association, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Yamaguchi Amateur Sports Association, Hofu City, Yomiuri Shimbun, KRY Yamaguchi Broadcasting Co., Ltd.
2. Supporters　Japan Association of Athletics Federations (JAAF), Hofu City Sports Association, Hofu City Board of Education, Sports Hochi Western Headquarters
3. Supervisors　Yamaguchi Athletics Association, Hofu City Athletics Association
4. Cooperators　JGSDF (Japan Ground Self-Defense Force) 17th Infantry Regiment, Air Self-Defense Force 12th Flight Training Wing, Air Self-Defense Force Air Basic Training Wing JGSDF 13th Brigade, Hofu Medical Association, Hofu Traffic Safety Association, Hofu Scout Council, Hofu Tourism Convention Association, Hofu Neighborhood Association, Hofu City Sports Promotion Committee (scheduled)
5. Sponsors　Seiko Group Corporation, Mazda Motor Corporation, DyDo DRINCO, INC.
6. Schedule　Starting at 10:40 am, Sunday, December 6, 2026
7. Course　Hofu Yomiuri Marathon Course - certified by JAAF and WA/AIMS: 42.195km

   Prefectural Road in front of DaikyoNishikawa Square Salt Arena Hofu ~ Oaza Tajima, Hofu (turnaround point) ~ DaikyoNishikawa Square Athletics Stadium

   *The record of 15km, 20km, half, 25km, 30km and the marathon of the athletes who completed the race will be certified.
8. Broadcast　TV and radio by KRY Yamaguchi Broadcasting Co. Ltd.
9. Qualification　(1) Athletes satisfying all ① ・ ② ・ ③ requirements:
   - ① registered athletes of JAAF for 2026
   - ② over 19 years old on the race day
   - ③ have a certified record of the following time at an international or a domestic race between December 1, 2023 and the deadline of the application for this race;

     Marathon: 2:30:00 or faster

     Half-marathon: 1:10:00 or faster

   (2) Athletes recommended by the organizers

   (3) Athletes invited by the organizers
10. Competition Rules

    This race will be conducted in accordance with the latest regulations of WA, JAAF, and this marathon competition. This is a WA Elite Label Road Race; thus WA Road Race Label Regulations and WA Advertising Regulations will also be applied. The doping test will be carried out under WA regulations.

11. The Number of Participants　Unlimited

12. Entry Fee　13,000 yen

13. Entry　(1) Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 to Wednesday, September 30, 2026

(2) Procedure: Apply for the race directly via JAAF entry system

14. Award　The 1st through 8th winners at the 57th Hofu Yomiuri Marathon will be given an award after the race.

15. Reception　(1) Date and Time: 7:30~10:00 am, Sunday, December 6, 2026

・ Please register with the QR Code on the Participation Guide using the QR Code scanner placed at the venue.

・ The Participation Guide, the athlete bib, the timing chip, and etc. will be sent to you by two weeks before the race.

(2) Venue: DaikyoNishikawa Square Salt Arena Hofu

・ Please check the race website for the shuttle buses.

16. Reception of Special Drinks

7:30~9:00, Sunday, December 6, 2026

(1) If you wish to have your own bottles place at the water stations, please state so on the application form. The feasibility of your request, the time and place to submit your bottles on the race day will be notified later.

(2) Please prepare your own bottles (within 8cm in diameter and 35cm in height, not including decorations)

(3) Special drinks tables will be removed after the certain time.

17. Personal Information

(1) Organizers and JAAF recognize the importance of personal information, comply with the laws and regulations to protect the information, and deal with it based on the personal information protection policy of the organizers. Personal information will be used to improve the services for the participating athletes, to send the Participation Guide, a record, necessary information, and the next event guide, to provide medical aid and the services from sponsors, supporters, and other groups, and to announce the record (ranking). Organizers, JAAF, or contractors may contact you to confirm the details of your application.

(2) Organizers, sponsors, JAAF and the third party granted by them may use the image, pictures, articles of the race and/or personal records, etc. on pamphlets, posters, products, TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, and/or the Internet for promoting purposes.

18. Doping Control

(1) This race is conducted under WA Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations, and Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) Code. The test may be conducted sometime between 23:59 the night before the competition and the time when the race is closed. Urine and/or blood sample will be taken. Athletes shall follow the instructions of the officials when taking the test.

(2) Athletes subject to the doping test must present the identification with a photo, such as the student ID, employee ID, driver's license, or a clear copy of a passport. Please bring one to the race.

(3) The athletes who participate in this race (including those under 18 years old) shall be deemed to have agreed on the regulations of JADA, and to be subject to the doping control procedures upon the point of the entry of the race. Those who are under 18 years old are regarded to have approval of a person who has their parental authority upon the point of the entry.

(4) Athletes who are under 18 years old, and participate in this race must bring a letter of consent signed by the person who has their parental authority regardless of (3) above. Please download the consent form on the website of JADA (https://www.playtruejapan.org/jada/u18.html). When athletes under 18 become subject to the doping test, they must submit the letter of consent signed by the person who has parental authority to the assigned inspector. If athletes become subject to the doping test again after the submission of the letter of consent, please state that the letter is already submitted on the point of the test. If the letter cannot be submitted, please forward it to JADA Secretariat within 7 days after the test by post. Not having a letter of consent from a person who has parental authority does not have any influence on procedures of doping test.

(5) Athletes who participate in this race must learn about anti-doping on JADA Clean Sports Athlete Site (https://realchampion.jp; the QR Code on the right) in advance.

(6) The athlete who refuses or escapes from the doping test (urine and/or blood sample), does not follow the instructions of the doping inspectors, or complete the test due to the personal circumstances, may be considered to violate the anti-doping regulations. Please note that JADA will impose sanctions upon the athlete when he/she is judged to violate them.

(7) Please be aware that athletes subject to the blood testing must take a rest for two hours after the race before being able to take the sample.

(8) TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption)

Athletes who must use the prohibited substance or method specified on The Prohibited List for treatment must apply and be approved for TUE prior to the race.

Please refer to https://www.jaaf.or.jp/about/resist/medical/, the website of JAAF Medical Committee, or http://www.playtruejapan.org/, the website of JADA for details. You must submit the certificate or the copy of it granting TUE to the official when you are requested to take a doping test.

(9) As for the regulations of WA anti-doping, and details of rules and doping tests of JADA, please check the website of WA or JADA in advance.

19. Others (1) This competition will be held as a race of Japan Marathon Championship SeriesG1

for men, and G3 for women.

(2) Please check and agree on the race guidelines and regulations (tournament regulations, competition regulations, entry regulations, etc.) of this competition.

(3) This road race will observe and be conducted in accordance with the legislation of Japan.

(4) The size and number of the manufacturer's name/logo, or sponsor's name/logo on clothes etc. to be worn on the race course are strictly regulated by the Regulations Regarding Advertisements and Exhibits at Competitions. Please check the following website for the details in advance. If violated, the name/logo will be covered with masking tape. In addition, devices related to the Regulations TR6.3.2 are not allowed on the course. https://www.jaaf.or.jp/news/article/14995/

(5) The JAAF registered athletes must wear shoes in accordance with the shoe regulations of WA. Please check the regulations on the following site. https://www.jaaf.or.jp/about/resist/technical/shoes/ The shoes may be checked before the race, and after the race for winners with a prize.

(6) It is not permitted for athletes to take videos or photos on the course, etc. Furthermore, commercial use including SNS, etc. (regardless of the users being companies, groups, athletes or non-athletes), of images taken by athletes or the third party without permission of organizers is prohibited.

(7) Organizers shall hold the publication right of image, pictures, articles, records, etc. of this race on television, newspapers, magazines, the Internet, etc.

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