About Infection Prevention and Control against COVID-19 at the Kyoto Marathon 2023

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1 Preface

1. The event will be held taking measures for infection prevention and control in line with the "Guidance on Holding Road Races" provided by the Japan Association of Athletics Federations.

2. The infection prevention and control details shown below are just the current version and are subject to change as necessary based on an update to the Japan Association of Athletics Federations' guidelines and status of COVID-19's spread. Information about any changes will be given promptly.

3. We ask that all the runners, staff, volunteers, and other people concerned understand the infection prevention and control measures, and cooperate to achieve them to ensure the safety and security of all everyone involved in the marathon and hold the event sustainably. This includes taking care of their health within the period between eight days before and two weeks after the race.

2 Healthcare of runners, staff, volunteers, and other people concerned

1. Health check using the "Healthcare App" or "Healthcare Check Sheet" [Planned]

You will need to conduct a health check using the "Healthcare App" or "Healthcare Check Sheet" within the period starting from eight days before the event, and the record must be presented at the reception desk and other occasions. Details will be announced as soon as they are decided.

2. Vaccination and testing of runners [Planned]

Either of the following will be considered, depending on the status of COVID-19's spread. Details will be announced as soon as they are decided.

Presentation of a "COVID-19 vaccination certificate" or "certificate of a negative PCR test or quantitative antigen test" (from here on, "PCR test" or "quantitative antigen test" by all the competitors

* In this case, an additional fee may be charged from runners.

3. Measurement of body temperature

Each person's body temperature will be measured at the entrance of each facility and on other occasions, and persons with a body temperature of 37.5°C or higher will not be allowed to enter.

3 Criteria for judging whether to permit runners, staff, volunteers, and other people concerned to run in or work for the race A person will not be allowed to run in or work for the race in any of the following cases:

1. Is detected as being infected (within three weeks before the event)

2. Is recognized as a person who had close contact with an infected person (within two weeks before the event)

3. Is developing a symptom of a possible infection (difficulty with breathing, high fever, etc.) (within eight days before the event)

4. Is in a bad health condition

5. Has visited a country or region whose government has imposed immigration restrictions or post-entry health observation, and the quarantine period specified by the government has not expired as at the day of the event

6. Has had a symptom corresponding to an item in the Healthcare App or Healthcare Check Sheet or a body temperature of 37.5°C or higher within eight days before the event

7. Does not have a certificate for the test mentioned in 2 (2), or has a positive test result

4 Entry fee

The entry fee will not be refunded if a person withdraws from the race or is not allowed to run the race due to a failure to present the health check result or certificate.

5 Criteria for judging whether to hold the event

The race may be canceled under the "Guidance on Holding Road Races" provided by the Japan Association of Athletics Federations if any of the following criteria are met. If the event is canceled after entry fees are paid, a refund will be considered taking into account the total costs paid to prepare for the event until the cancellation and the bank transfer fees to be paid. Furthermore, if the race is cancelled, the right to run in the next and subsequent events will not be automatically granted, in principle.

1. If, within the period from one month before the event (January 19) to the day of the event, a state of emergency is declared in Kyoto Prefecture under the Act on Special Measures for Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response, or the Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of Infection is applied to Kyoto Prefecture under the Act

2. If Kyoto Prefecture (or Kyoto City) requests the event host not to hold the event at the host's own discretion, or otherwise agrees not to hold the event

3. If the medical treatment facilities in Kyoto City becomes insufficient to cope with COVID-19 and it might be difficult to reserve hospital beds available to runners, etc.

4. If the medical treatment facilities in Kyoto Prefecture become scarce due to the increase of patients infected by COVID-19 and it might be difficult to provide safety and security to the citizens of the prefecture

5. If it is decided that the event might be disrupted due to reasons such as the inability to secure the necessary medical and first-aid systems (insufficient numbers of doctors and nurses) or enough other people involved in holding the event, such as volunteers, race officials, and event managers

6. In addition to the criteria mentioned above, if the host decides that the race cannot be held safely as an overall judgment, taking into account the domestic status of COVID-19's spread and the risk of the infection spreading further

6 Scope of host's responsibility and insurance coverage

The host shall not be liable for infection of runners with COVID-19, except when the infection is caused by the host's willful misconduct or gross negligence.

The compensation for an injury sustained during the event is within the coverage of the accident insurance contracted by the host (infection with COVID-19 is not covered).

Major planned efforts

Race in general

- There will be a strict mandate to wear a mask (runners are allowed not to wear a mask during the race only).

- There will be a strict mandate to sanitize the hands and fingers (face shields, disposable gloves, etc., will be distributed as necessary).

- There will be a strict mandate on healthcare before and after the event (healthcare within the period eight days before and two weeks after the event).

- Sufficient physical distancing will be secured (markers will be placed in some areas).

- Contact will be avoided as much as possible when providing services to runners (methods for giving finisher's medals and distributing towels, water, and food).

- There will be a strict mandate to ventilate rooms constantly or periodically.
- There will be a strict mandate to take garbage, such as used masks, home.
- Clear vinyl curtains will be set up for droplet prevention at service desks and booths.
- Use of the COVID-19 Contact-Confirming Application (COCOA) will be recommended.
- Vaccination against COVID-19 will be recommended.

Reception

- Body temperature will be measured, and hands and fingers must be sanitized at the entrance.
- Each will be identified and be issued with a security band to attach (prevent impersonation and spoofing on the race day).
- Guidance will be given on various measures for infection prevention and control via signage.
- Contact will be avoided as much as possible during distribution of runner's souvenirs, etc.

Welcome square and finishing line

- This will be discussed closer to the event.

- Body temperature will be measured, hands and fingers must be sanitized at the entrance, and antiseptic solution bottles will be set up in the squares.

- Participants will be requested not to stay in the squares for a long time.

Start square

- Body temperature will be measured, and hands and fingers must be sanitized at the entrance.
- Expanding the start block will be considered (securing physical distancing at the start).
- Runners must wear a mask until they cross the starting line.
- The starting ceremony may be simplified.
- Details on the setup of the changeroom area and how it is to be used will be considered.
- Details on providing a baggage storage service and how it is to be used will be considered.

During race and along the course

1. Roadside along the course

1 Spectators may be asked to refrain from roadside cheering, depending on the status of COVID-19's spread (specifically, cheering loudly and slapping high fives).

* The presence and activities of the roadside promotion team will be considered closer to the event.

- 2. Water/food stops
- Providing water/food using paper cups and individual wrappings will be considered.

- Separating runners from each other by increasing the number of tables and space between them will be considered, as will placing tables on both sides of the course if the road conditions allow.

- 3. Restrooms
- Sanitizing the hands and fingers before and after using a restroom will be mandatory (set up antiseptic solution bottles).
- People waiting in line will be asked to maintain sufficient physical distancing, etc.

Finishing square

- Body temperature will be measured, hands and fingers must be sanitized, and movement lanes will be designed for leaving the square.

- Runners will be asked to wear their own masks, and spare masks will be handed out to people who lost their own.
- Contact will be avoided as much as possible during provision of finisher's medals, towels, etc.
- Completion certificates will be issued through the website.
- Cheering and speaking to runners will be discouraged (giving handclaps instead).
- Necessary information will be announced through broadcasting, etc., to avoid speaking to staff directly.
- The award ceremony may be simplified.
- * Details on the setup of the changeroom area and how it is to be used will be considered.
- * Details on providing a baggage storage service and how it is to be used will be discussed.

Shuttle bus and gate bus

- There will be a mandate to ventilate buses.

- Passengers will be asked to sanitize the hands and fingers before riding a bus, wear a mask, and avoid unnecessary conversations.

- Passengers will be asked to maintain physical distancing while waiting in the line waiting for a bus.

* The measures for infection prevention and control will be modified as necessary based on the latest information on the infection, with the aim of taking the optimal measures.