

The 2012 Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon

-- Doubles as Japanese Men's National Team Selection Race for the London 2012 Olympic Games --

Race Information

Organizers

Japan Association of Athletics Federations (JAAF)
The Mainichi Newspapers
Shiga Prefecture
Shiga Prefectural Board of Education
Otsu City
Otsu City Board of Education

Co-organizer

NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation)

Supporting organizations

Shiga Prefectural Sports Association
Otsu City Sports Association
Sports Nippon Newspapers

Supervisor

Shiga Amateur Athletic Association

Major Sponsor

K-opticom Corporation

Supporting Sponsors

Citizen Watch Co., Ltd
Nike Japan Corporation.
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Contribution Sponsors

Shiga Prefectural Police
Japan Ground Self Defense Force Camp Otsu

Race Date Sunday, 4 March 2012

Starting Time 12:30PM

Course Outline

42.195km (AIMS and JAAF-Certified Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon Course)
Ojiyama Stadium --- Yanagasaki --- Seta-Kara Bridge (West) --- Temple of Ishiyama --- Seta River Weir --- Seta-Kara Bridge (East) --- Shiga Prefectural Rowing Park --- Shin-Seta Water Purification Plant (turning point) --- Ojiyama Stadium

Qualification Guidelines

A. Athletes must fulfill the following conditions.

1. Athletes must be 19 years of age or older on the day of the race and must be JAAF-registered for the year 2011. Also, please note that Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon is a men's only event.
2. Athletes must have one of the following qualifying time standards recorded from 1 December 2009 until the date of entry.

Marathon	--	2 hours 30 minutes or faster
Half marathon	--	1 hours 10 minutes or faster
30km	--	1 hours 40 minutes or faster
20km	--	1 hours 05 minutes or faster
10,000m	--	31 minutes or faster

* **Important Note:** For those participants who are not registered JAAF and wish to lodge their application from overseas, please notify us by e-mail as soon as possible. As the registration procedure for non-JAAF-registered athletes does differ from standard applications, it requires individual handling. Please note that all registration enquiries regarding the 2012's marathon must be made by 31 December 2011. Enquiries after the deadline will not be accepted.

B. Athletes recommended by the JAAF.

Rules

- A. Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon is organized and directed under the 2011 JAAF Competition Rules and the Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon Rules.
- B. For traffic and security reasons and for management of the race, checking stations will be closed after cut-off times. Cut-off times are as follows:
 - 15km point: 53 minutes
 - 20km point: 1 hour 10 minutes
 - 25km point: 1 hour 28 minutes
 - 30km point: 1 hour 48 minutes
 - 35km point: 2 hour 09 minutes
 - 40km point: 2 hour 30 minutes
- C. Athletes who have highly possibility not to be able to arrive at the next checking station in time, or who are judged not to be able to keep the race by the competition officer might have to stop running.

How to Apply Download the entry form from the official homepage. With the approval of your affiliated federation, submit the forms to the address below by registered mail.

Registration Office 2012 Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon Office
The Mainichi Newspapers Osaka Office
3-4-5 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka, 530-8251, Japan
E-mail: jigyoubu@pearl.ocn.ne.jp
(Please be sure to include the words "2012 Lake Biwa Marathon" in the subject line of your e-mail.)

Deadline of the entry Non-JAAF-registered athletes: 31 December 2011
JAAF-registered athletes: 6 February 2012
Entry form and other documents must be received by the deadline date and entries mailed after the deadline date will not be accepted.

Entry Fee No entry fee is charged for foreign athletes

Athletes' Dormitories Biwako Hotel
Address: 2-40 Hamamachi, Otsu, Shiga, 520-0041
Tel: +81-77-524-7111
<http://www.biwakohotel.co.jp/english/>

Race Packet Pick-up Saturday, 3 March
All participants must pick up Race Number and RC Chip at the athletes' lounge of Biwako Hotel.

Welcome Ceremony Saturday, 3 March, from 5:00pm at Biwako Hotel.

Awards Sunday, 4 March, from 3:00pm at Ojiyama Stadium
1. The first 8 finishers are obliged to attend the ceremony.
2. All participants will receive a race memento.

Notes

1. The organizer will not provide any pre-medical checkup. All participants must take personal responsibility for their own personal health condition. It is strongly recommended that each participant undergoes a medical check prior to the race of their own accord.
2. The organizer will administer first aid to those participants who display discomfort or sickness or who incur injuries during the race, but no responsibility will be taken for any subsequent treatment.