








JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION

HORSE RACING IN JRA 2024



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INTRODUCTION of HORSE RACING IN JRA

Welcome to Turf of Dreams

Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter.
There are beautiful seasons here.
There is nature, history, and culture.
There is tradition, cuisine, arts and crafts.
And here, horse racing is on.
There are great opportunities to meet the best riders and
horses from all over the world, glorious moments,
enthusiastic cheers and endless applause here.
In Nippon, there are races to be run and goals to be
grasped by great horses and great riders.
Let's go to the wonderful dream of horse racing.



In 2024, JRA will celebrate its 70th anniversary. Long before its establishment, the Japanese horse racing industry had been in continuous operation since the 1870s, holding a variety of races every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, including Imperial Award Races and Classic Races modeled after British horse racing. Japanese horse racing is characterized by a clear system, fair and strict rules, and modern and beautiful racecourses, all of which are popular with the public. Horsemen from around the world praise the generous prize money, including bonuses, the well-maintained tracks, the international stables at Tokyo Racecourse that now allow horses to enter directly from the airport, and the connection between spectators and racing. In November, we will hold the Japan Cup, the world's best race in 2023, at the Tokyo Racecourse. We are appreciate the greatest horses to come to the racecourse smoothly and fully prepared, and to watching the world's best race with 50 years of history with our guests from various countries and our enthusiastic horse racing fans. If you need any further information or have any questions regarding your trip to Japan, please do not hesitate to contact our representative office. We look forward to welcoming you to the racecourse of Japan.

吉田正義

President and CEO
YOSHIDA, Masayoshi



ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL
JAPAN HORSE RACING

2019 Arima Kinen Winner
Lys Gracieux & Damian Lane

TRADITIONAL, EMOTIONAL, INTERNATIONAL.

Horsemen around the world experience
beautiful moments here in Japan.



Jockey's voices around the world

Interview videos of world-class jockeys



**“Turf of Japan is so good and very safe.
Amazing grandstand, amazing track.”**

- Lanfranco Dettori -

The track and the grass condition at Tokyo Racecourse are usually impeccable.
For the 2400 race, it usually has over 16 runners so it's run at a good tempo.
That's why the time is always very fast and it is a very fair track, more than 500m homestretch and gives every horse a chance to win.
You have better grass and you can take the rain. You have new facilities, and new drainage, that is why the turf is so good. Very safe.
You have amazing followers, You have an amazing grandstand, an amazing track. I've been coming here a long time so I love the culture, I love the food.
I think Tokyo is very exciting so I like not just racing but I like being here.



**“Everything is very cool in Japan.
We never see the fans like this. I like it a lot.”**

- Cristian Demuro -

I think it's a good track for invited European horses. I think they just have to come from Europe and try because it's a big track and like Europe.
Horse racing in Japan is fantastic. We've never seen the fans like this. When you go to the racetrack, here in Japan they ask you to sign and they come to see you. In Europe, it doesn't happen like this.
Really good organization when you gallop the horse.
Everything is very cool in Japan. I like it a lot so I will try to come again.



“Japanese fans really love racing and they welcome us.”

- Ryan Moore -

All the tracks in Japan, all those quite big, wide-open racetracks, they have to accommodate the runners. Typically, the ground is quicker.
All the tracks in Japan are man-made, so it's got the great drainage so the tracks never get really deep.
I remember the Japan Cup one year and it just hammered down. Come race time and it stopped and it was loose and sloppy, but the ground was still good.
You have to be a real champion to come from abroad to win here.
The Japanese fans love their horses. Some of the fans have flags or banners, supporting certain jockeys, trainers or horses or owners. And the best thing about being in Japan is the food.
It's like an art, It's always quite homely.



“You can feel a real love for the horse from the fans too, which for me is the most important thing!”

- Hollie Doyle -

Racing in Japan has one of the best executed raceday experiences in the world.
Whether it be from a jockey, trainer, owner or racing fan's perspective.
The tracks are immaculate and the ability to accommodate full field races each weekend is outstanding.
You can feel a real love for the horse from the fans too, which for me is the most important thing!



Grade 1 Races 2024 in JRA



List of other international races open to foreign-trained horses

Date	Race		Racecourse	Age	Sex	Distance	Prize Money(JPY)	1st Place(JPY)	Nomination
18th Feb	FEBRUARY STAKES	G1	Tokyo	4yo&up	–	1600m Dirt	259,200,000	120,000,000	2nd Jan
24th Mar	TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN	G1	Chukyo	4yo&up	–	1200m Turf	368,200,000	170,000,000	13th Feb
31st Mar	OSAKA HAI	G1	Hanshin	4yo&up	–	2000m Turf	432,000,000	200,000,000	13th Feb
7th Apr	OKA SHO (JAPANESE 1000 GUINEAS)	G1	Hanshin	3yo	F	1600m Turf	302,400,000	140,000,000	27th Feb
14th Apr	SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS)	G1	Nakayama	3yo	C&F	2000m Turf	432,000,000	200,000,000	27th Feb
28th Apr	TENNO SHO (SPRING)	G1	Kyoto	4yo&up	–	3200m Turf	475,200,000	220,000,000	12th Mar
5th May	NHK MILE CUP	G1	Tokyo	3yo	C&F	1600m Turf	281,800,000	130,000,000	26th Mar
12th May	VICTORIA MILE	G1	Tokyo	4yo&up	F&M	1600m Turf	281,800,000	130,000,000	26th Mar
19th May	YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS)	G1	Tokyo	3yo	F	2400m Turf	325,000,000	150,000,000	9th Apr
26th May	TOKYO YUSHUN (JAPANESE DERBY)	G1	Tokyo	3yo	C&F	2400m Turf	648,000,000	300,000,000	9th Apr
2nd Jun	YASUDA KINEN	G1	Tokyo	3yo&up	–	1600m Turf	388,800,000	180,000,000	23rd Apr
23rd Jun	TAKARAZUKA KINEN	G1	Kyoto	3yo&up	–	2200m Turf	475,200,000	220,000,000	7th May
29th Sep	SPRINTERS STAKES	G1	Nakayama	3yo&up	–	1200m Turf	368,200,000	170,000,000	13th Aug
13th Oct	SHUKA SHO	G1	Kyoto	3yo	F	2000m Turf	238,600,000	110,000,000	27th Aug
20th Oct	KIKUKA SHO (JAPANESE ST.LEGER)	G1	Kyoto	3yo	C&F	3000m Turf	432,000,000	200,000,000	10th Sep
27th Oct	TENNO SHO (AUTUMN)	G1	Tokyo	3yo&up	–	2000m Turf	475,200,000	220,000,000	10th Sep
10th Nov	QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP	G1	Kyoto	3yo&up	F&M	2200m Turf	281,800,000	130,000,000	24th Sep
17th Nov	MILE CHAMPIONSHIP	G1	Kyoto	3yo&up	–	1600m Turf	388,800,000	180,000,000	24th Sep
24th Nov	JAPAN CUP <small>Invitational</small>	G1	Tokyo	3yo&up	–	2400m Turf	1,085,000,000	500,000,000	8th Oct
1st Dec	CHAMPIONS CUP	G1	Chukyo	3yo&up	–	1800m Dirt	259,200,000	120,000,000	8th Oct
8th Dec	HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES	G1	Kyoto	2yo	F	1600m Turf	140,200,000	65,000,000	22nd Oct
15th Dec	ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES	G1	Kyoto	2yo	C&F	1600m Turf	152,200,000	70,000,000	5th Nov
22nd Dec	ARIMA KINEN	G1	Nakayama	3yo&up	–	2500m Turf	1,085,000,000	500,000,000	5th Nov
28th Dec	HOPEFUL STAKES	G1	Nakayama	2yo	C&F	2000m Turf	152,200,000	70,000,000	19th Nov

* "F"...Fillies "F&M"...Fillies & Mares "C&F"...Colts & Fillies.

* Further details, including the entry and declaration forms are available at https://japanracing.jp/en/information/classic_races/entries.html

2018 Japan Cup Winner
Almond Eye & Christophe Lemaire

Entry to Glory

JRA MAJOR RACES



Japan Autumn International

JAPAN CUP [G1]



WEB Page

Prize Money JPY: ¥500,000,000 USD: \$3,598,000

Sunday, 24 November 2024



2023 Winner
Equinox

Tokyo Racecourse 2,400m turf 3yo+

Nomination Close Tuesday, 8 October 2024

Declaration Thursday, 21 November 2024

Maximum Number of Horses : 18

Nomination Fee : Free of Charge

Deadline for arriving in Japan : Thursday, 14 November 2024

Declaration Fee : JPY300,000

1 1/2 miles / 12f

Left Handed

Invitational



2023 Race Video

Weight

Age / Sex	Northern Hemisphere Bred	Southern Hemisphere Bred	Age / Sex	Northern Hemisphere Bred	Southern Hemisphere Bred
4yo+ C, H & G	58 kg (128lbs)	58 kg (128lbs)	3yo C & G	56 kg (123lbs)	54 kg (119lbs)
4yo+ F & M	56 kg (123lbs)	56 kg (123lbs)	3yo F	54 kg (119lbs)	52 kg (115lbs)

Prize Money

	JPY	USD	GBP	EUR	AUD	HKD
Winner	500,000,000	3,598,000	2,907,000	3,356,000	5,377,000	27,778,000
2nd	200,000,000	1,439,000	1,163,000	1,343,000	2,151,000	11,112,000
3rd	130,000,000	936,000	756,000	873,000	1,398,000	7,223,000
4th	75,000,000	540,000	437,000	504,000	807,000	4,167,000
5th	50,000,000	360,000	291,000	336,000	538,000	2,778,000
6th	40,000,000	288,000	233,000	269,000	431,000	2,223,000
7th	35,000,000	252,000	204,000	235,000	377,000	1,945,000
8th	30,000,000	216,000	175,000	202,000	323,000	1,667,000
9th	15,000,000	108,000	88,000	101,000	162,000	834,000
10th	10,000,000	72,000	59,000	68,000	108,000	556,000
Total	1,085,000,000	7,809,000	6,313,000	7,287,000	11,672,000	60,283,000

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Prize money will be paid in JPY to the Owner per exchange rate at that time.

Trophy to the Winning Owner : JPY4,000,000 (equivalent value)

Bonus System

For the winners of races below in 2024

Coronation Cup (UK)
The Derby (UK)
Prix du Jockey Club (FR)
Prince of Wales's Stakes (UK)
The Irish Derby (IRE)
Eclipse Stakes (UK)
Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (FR)
Grand Prix de Paris (FR)
King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (UK)
International Stakes (UK)
Grosser Preis von Baden (GER)
Irish Champion Stakes (IRE)
Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (FR)
Champion Stakes (UK)
Manhattan Stakes (USA)
Arlington Million (USA)
Sword Dancer Stakes (USA)
Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (USA)
 Breeders' Cup Turf (USA)
H. E. Tancred Stakes (AUS)
Caulfield Cup (AUS)
Cox Plate (AUS)
Melbourne Cup (AUS)
Dubai Sheema Classic (UAE)

Japan Cup 2024

Bonus

WINNER



USD
\$3,000,000

2nd



USD
\$1,200,000

3rd



USD
\$750,000

4th or
below



USD
\$200,000

For other invitational runners

All



USD \$100,000

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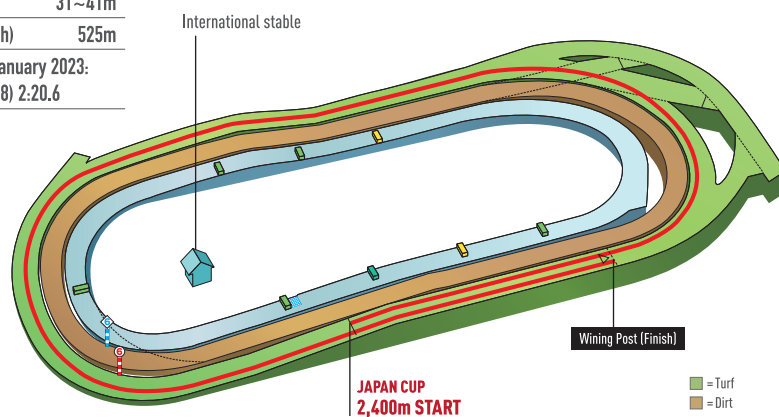
Past Winner

Year	Winner	Age/Sex	Jockey	Trainer
2023	Equinox(JPN)	4C	Christophe Lemaire	Tetsuya Kimura
2022	Vela Azul(JPN)	5H	Ryan Moore	Kunihiko Watanabe
2021	Contrail (JPN)	4C	Yuichi Fukunaga	Yoshito Yahagi
2020	Almond Eye (JPN)	5M	Christophe Lemaire	Sakae Kunieda
2019	Suave Richard (JPN)	5H	Oishin Murphy	Yasushi Shono

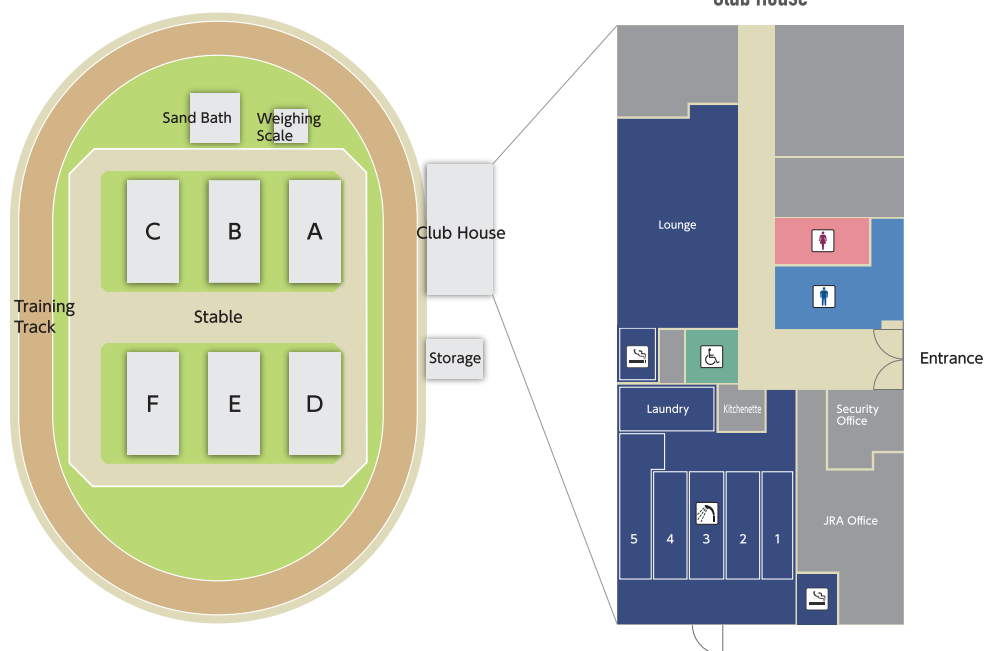
JAPAN CUP (G1)

Tokyo Racecourse

Circumference	2,083.1m
Width	31~41m
Homestretch (final turn to finish)	525m
2,400m(T) Record Time as of January 2023:	
Almond Eye (25 November 2018)	2:20.6



International stable



Links

The philosophy for
JRA TRACK



Through the eyes of
World-class jockey



Features for Japan Cup "Japan Cup Experience"



Experiences





Japan Autumn International

QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP [G1]

Prize Money JPY: ¥130,000,000 USD: \$936,000

Sunday, 10 November 2024



2023 Winner
Brede Weg

Kyoto Racecourse 2,200m turf 3yo+ F&M

* "F&M"...Fillies & Mares

Nomination Close Tuesday, 24 September 2024

Declaration Thursday, 7 November 2024

Maximum Number of Horses : 18

Nomination Fee : Free of Charge

Deadline for arriving in Japan : Thursday, 31 October 2024

Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000

1³/₈ miles / 11f

Right Handed

Travel Subsidies Available



2023 Race Video

Weight

Age / Sex	Northern Hemisphere Bred	Southern Hemisphere Bred
4yo+ F & M	56 kg (123lbs)	56 kg (123lbs)
3yo F	54 kg (119lbs)	52 kg (115lbs)

Prize Money

	JPY	USD	GBP	EUR	AUD	HKD
Winner	130,000,000	936,000	756,000	873,000	1,398,000	7,223,000
2nd	52,000,000	375,000	303,000	349,000	560,000	2,889,000
3rd	33,000,000	238,000	192,000	222,000	355,000	1,834,000
4th	20,000,000	144,000	117,000	135,000	216,000	1,112,000
5th	13,000,000	94,000	76,000	88,000	140,000	723,000
6th	10,400,000	75,000	61,000	70,000	112,000	578,000
7th	9,100,000	66,000	53,000	62,000	98,000	506,000
8th	7,800,000	57,000	46,000	53,000	84,000	434,000
9th	3,900,000	29,000	23,000	27,000	42,000	217,000
10th	2,600,000	19,000	16,000	18,000	28,000	145,000
Total	281,800,000	2,033,000	1,643,000	1,897,000	3,033,000	15,661,000

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Prize money will be paid in JPY to the Owner per exchange rate at that time.

Trophy to the Winning Owner : JPY4,000,000 (equivalent value)

Bonus System

For the winners of races below in 2024

The Oaks (UK)
Prix de Diane (FR)
Pretty Polly Stakes (IRE)
The Irish Oaks (IRE)
Nassau Stakes (UK)
Yorkshire Oaks (UK)
Prix Vermeille (FR)
Prix de l'Opera (FR)
British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes (UK)

QE II Cup 2024

WINNER



USD
\$700,000

2nd



USD
\$280,000

3rd



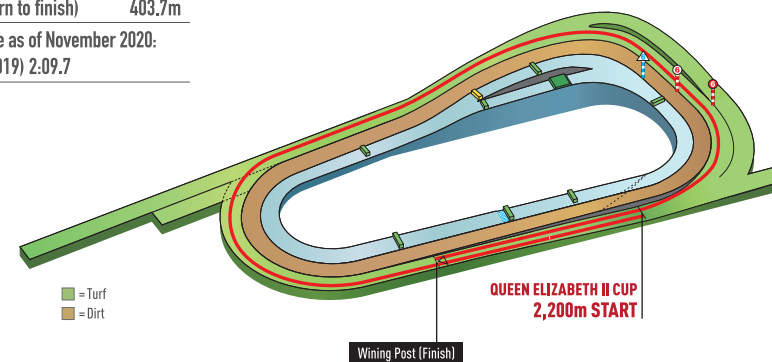
USD
\$175,000

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Kyoto Racecourse

Circumference	1,894.3m
Width	27~38m
Homestretch (final turn to finish)	403.7m

2,200m(T)Record Time as of November 2020:
Neptunite (21 April 2019) 2:09.7



Past Winner

Year	Winner	Age/Sex	Jockey	Trainer
2023	Brede Weg (JPN)	3F	Christophe Lemaire	Keisuke Miyata
2022	Geraldina (JPN)	4F	Cristian Demuro	Takashi Saito
2021	Akai Ito (JPN)	4F	Hideaki Miyuki	Kazuya Nakatake
2020	Lucky Lilac (JPN)	5M	Christophe Lemaire	Mikio Matsunaga
2019	Lucky Lilac (JPN)	4F	Christophe Soumillon	Mikio Matsunaga



Japan Autumn International

MILE CHAMPIONSHIP [G1]

Prize Money JPY: ¥180,000,000 USD: \$1,295,000

Sunday, 17 November 2024



Kyoto Racecourse 1,600m turf 3yo+

Nomination Close Tuesday, 24 September 2024

Declaration Thursday, 14 November 2024

Maximum Number of Horses : 18

Nomination Fee : Free of Charge

Deadline for arriving in Japan : Thursday, 7 November 2024

Declaration Fee : JPY300,000

1mile / 8f

Right Handed

Travel Subsidies Available



2023 Race Video

Weight

Age / Sex	Northern Hemisphere Bred	Southern Hemisphere Bred	Age / Sex	Northern Hemisphere Bred	Southern Hemisphere Bred
4yo+ C, H & G	58 kg (128lbs)	58 kg (128lbs)	3yo C & G	57 kg (126lbs)	56 kg (123lbs)
4yo+ F & M	56 kg (123lbs)	56 kg (123lbs)	3yo F	55 kg (121lbs)	54 kg (119lbs)

Prize Money

	JPY	USD	GBP	EUR	AUD	HKD
Winner	180,000,000	1,295,000	1,047,000	1,209,000	1,936,000	10,000,000
2nd	72,000,000	518,000	419,000	484,000	775,000	4,000,000
3rd	45,000,000	324,000	262,000	303,000	484,000	2,500,000
4th	27,000,000	195,000	157,000	182,000	291,000	1,500,000
5th	18,000,000	130,000	105,000	121,000	194,000	1,000,000
6th	14,400,000	104,000	84,000	97,000	155,000	800,000
7th	12,600,000	91,000	74,000	85,000	136,000	700,000
8th	10,800,000	78,000	63,000	73,000	117,000	600,000
9th	5,400,000	39,000	32,000	37,000	59,000	300,000
10th	3,600,000	26,000	21,000	25,000	39,000	200,000
Total	388,800,000	2,800,000	2,264,000	2,616,000	4,186,000	21,600,000

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Trophy to the Winning Owner : JPY4,000,000 (equivalent value)

Bonus System

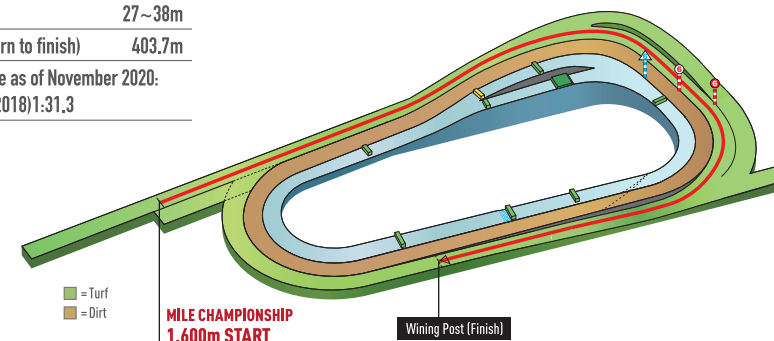
For the winners of races below in 2024	Mile Championship 2024	Bonus
St James's Palace Stakes (UK) Queen Anne Stakes (UK) Sussex Stakes (UK) Prix de Jacques le Marois (FR) Prix du Moulin de Longchamp (FR) Sun Chariot Stakes (UK) Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (UK)	WINNER →	USD \$700,000
Woodbine Mile (CAN) Dubai Turf (UAE) Champions Mile (HK)	2nd →	USD \$280,000
	3rd →	USD \$175,000

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Kyoto Racecourse

Circumference	1,894.3m
Width	27~38m
Homestretch (final turn to finish)	403.7m
1,600m(T)Record Time as of November 2020: Sungrazer (22 April 2018)1:31.3	

2023 Winner
Namur



Past Winner

Year	Winner	Age/Sex	Jockey	Trainer
2023	Namur (JPN)	4F	Kouta Fujioka	Tomokazu Takano
2022	Serifos (JPN)	3C	Damian Lane	Mitsumasa Nakauchida
2021	Gran Alegria (JPN)	5M	Christophe Lemaire	Kazuo Fujisawa
2020	Gran Alegria (JPN)	4F	Christophe Lemaire	Kazuo Fujisawa
2019	Indy Champ (JPN)	4C	Kenichi Ikezoe	Hidetaka Otonash



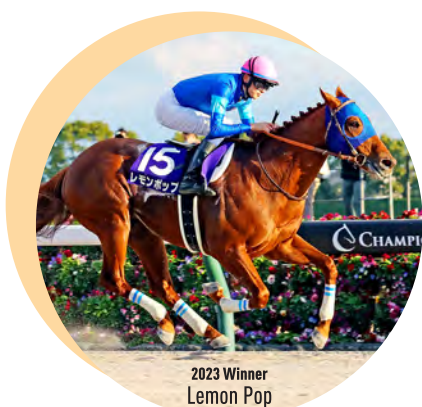
Japan Autumn International

CHAMPIONS CUP [G1]



Prize Money JPY: ¥120,000,000 USD: \$864,000

Sunday, 1 December 2024



2023 Winner
Lemon Pop

Chukyo Racecourse 1,800m dirt 3yo+

Nomination Close Tuesday, 8 October 2024

Declaration Thursday, 28 November 2024

Maximum Number of Horses : 16

Nomination Fee : Free of Charge

Deadline for arriving in Japan : Thursday, 21 November 2024

Declaration Fee : JPY300,000

1 1/8 miles / 9f

Left Handed

Travel Subsidies Available



2023 Race Video

Weight

Age / Sex	Northern Hemisphere Bred	Southern Hemisphere Bred	Age / Sex	Northern Hemisphere Bred	Southern Hemisphere Bred
4yo+ C, H & G	58 kg (128lbs)	58 kg (128lbs)	3yo C & G	56 kg (126lbs)	54 kg (121lbs)
4yo+ F & M	56 kg (123lbs)	56 kg (123lbs)	3yo F	54 kg (121lbs)	52 kg (117lbs)

Prize Money

	JPY	USD	GBP	EUR	AUD	HKD
Winner	120,000,000	864,000	698,000	806,000	1,291,000	6,667,000
2nd	48,000,000	346,000	280,000	323,000	517,000	2,667,000
3rd	30,000,000	216,000	175,000	202,000	323,000	1,667,000
4th	18,000,000	130,000	105,000	121,000	194,000	1,000,000
5th	12,000,000	87,000	70,000	81,000	130,000	667,000
6th	9,600,000	70,000	56,000	65,000	104,000	534,000
7th	8,400,000	61,000	49,000	57,000	91,000	467,000
8th	7,200,000	52,000	42,000	49,000	78,000	400,000
9th	3,600,000	26,000	21,000	25,000	39,000	200,000
10th	2,400,000	18,000	14,000	17,000	26,000	134,000
Total	259,200,000	1,870,000	1,510,000	1,746,000	2,793,000	14,403,000

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Trophy to the Winning Owner : JPY4,000,000 (equivalent value)

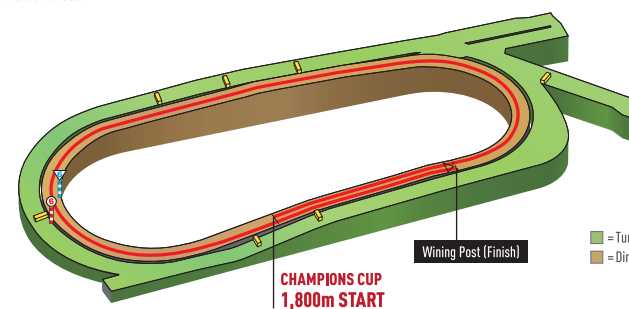
Bonus System

For the winners of races below in 2024	Champions Cup 2024	Bonus
Santa Anita Handicap (USA) Kentucky Derby (USA) Preakness Stakes (USA) Metropolitan Handicap (USA) Belmont Stakes (USA) Stephen Foster Stakes (USA) Whitney Stakes (USA) Travers Stakes (USA) Pacific Classic (USA) Jockey Club Gold Cup (USA) Breeders' Cup Classic (USA) Saudi Cup (SA) Dubai World Cup (UAE)	WINNER →	USD \$700,000
	2nd →	USD \$280,000
	3rd →	USD \$175,000

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Chukyo Racecourse

Circumference	1,530m
Width	25m
Homestretch (final turn to finish)	410m
1,800m(D) Record Time as of January 2023: Sumahama (14 July 2019)1:47.6	



Dry condition



Wet condition



Track Specification

Surface	Loose sand 90mm (3.54inches)
Pad	Mountain sand 200mm (7.87inches)
Base	Crushed Rock 150mm (7.87inches)

Past Winner

Year	Winner	Age/Sex	Jockey	Trainer
2023	Lemon Pop (USA)	5H	Ryusei Sakai	Hiroyasu Tanaka
2022	Jun Light Bolt (JPN)	4C	Kohei Matsuyama	Yasuo Tomomichi
2021	T O Keynes (JPN)	3C	Keita Tosaki	Daisuke Takayanagi
2020	Chuwa Wizard (JPN)	3C	Yuga Kawada	Ryuji Okubo
2019	Chrysoberyl (JPN)	3C	Mirco Demuro	Hidetaka Otonashi

*Nominated overseas horses of the Champions Cup will be automatically nominated for the Tokyo Daishoten (G1) at Oi Racecourse (Dirt 2,000m)

TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN [G1]

Prize Money JPY: ¥170,000,000 USD: \$1,224,000

Sunday, 24 March 2024

Chukyo Racecourse 1,200m turf 4yo+

Nomination Close Tuesday, 13 February 2024

Declaration Thursday, 21 March 2024

Maximum Number of Horses : 18
Nomination Fee : Free of Charge
Deadline for arriving in Japan : Thursday, 14 March 2024
Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000

3/4 miles / 6f

Left Handed

Travel Subsidies Available



2023 Race Video



2023 Winner
First Force

YASUDA KINEN [G1]

Prize Money JPY: ¥180,000,000 USD: \$1,295,000

Sunday, 2 June 2024

Tokyo Racecourse 1,600m turf 3yo+

Nomination Close Tuesday, 23 April 2024

Declaration Thursday, 30 May 2024

Maximum Number of Horses : 18
Nomination Fee : Free of Charge
Deadline for arriving in Japan : Thursday, 23 May 2024
Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000

1mile / 8f

Left Handed

Travel Subsidies Available



2023 Race Video



2023 Winner
Songline

TENNO SHO (SPRING) [G1]

Prize Money JPY: ¥220,000,000 USD: \$1,583,000

Sunday, 28 April 2024

Kyoto Racecourse 3,200m turf 4yo+

Nomination Close Tuesday, 12 March 2024

Declaration Thursday, 25 April 2024

Maximum Number of Horses : 18
Nomination Fee : Free of Charge
Deadline for arriving in Japan : Thursday, 18 April 2024
Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000

2 miles / 16f

Right Handed

Travel Subsidies Available



2023 Race Video



2023 Winner
Justin Palace

TAKARAZUKA KINEN [G1]

Prize Money JPY: ¥220,000,000 USD: \$1,583,000

Sunday, 23 June 2024

Kyoto Racecourse 2,200m turf 3yo+

Nomination Close Tuesday, 7 May 2024

Declaration Thursday, 20 June 2024

Maximum Number of Horses : 18
Nomination Fee : Free of Charge
Deadline for arriving in Japan : Thursday, 13 June 2024
Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000

1 3/8 miles / 11f

Right Handed

Travel Subsidies Available



2023 Race Video



2023 Winner
Equinox

SPRINTERS STAKES [G1]

Prize Money JPY: ¥170,000,000 USD: \$1,224,000

Sunday, 29 September 2024

Nakayama Racecourse 1,200m turf 3yo+

Nomination Close Tuesday, 13 August 2024

Declaration Thursday, 26 September 2024

Maximum Number of Horses: 16

Nomination Fee: Free of Charge

Deadline for arriving in Japan: Thursday, 19 September 2024

Declaration Fee: JPY 300,000

3/4 miles / 6f

Right Handed

Travel Subsidies Available



2023 Race Video



2023 Winner
Mama Cocha

TENNO SHO (AUTUMN) [G1]

Prize Money JPY: ¥220,000,000 USD: \$1,583,000

Sunday, 27 October 2024

Tokyo Racecourse 2,000m turf 3yo+

Nomination Close Tuesday, 10 September 2024

Declaration Thursday, 24 October 2024

Maximum Number of Horses: 18

Nomination Fee: Free of Charge

Deadline for arriving in Japan: Thursday, 17 October 2024

Declaration Fee: JPY 300,000

1 1/4 miles / 10f

Left Handed

Travel Subsidies Available



2023 Race Video



2023 Winner
Equinox

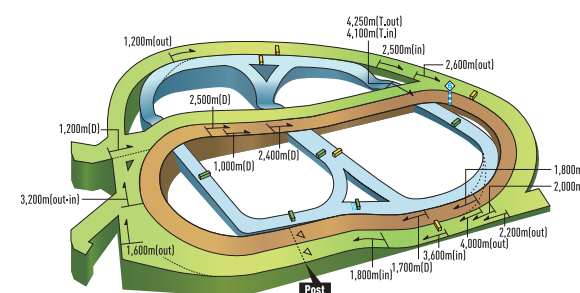
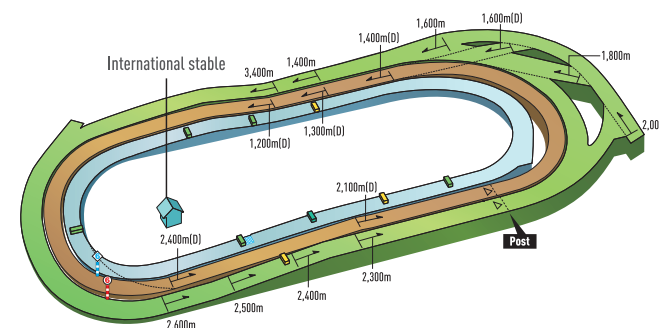
Racecourse Information

■ = Main Course (turf) ■ = Dirt Course ■ = Steeplechase Course (turf)



Tokyo Racecourse

Circumference	2083.1 m
Homestretch	525.9 m
Height Difference	2.7 m

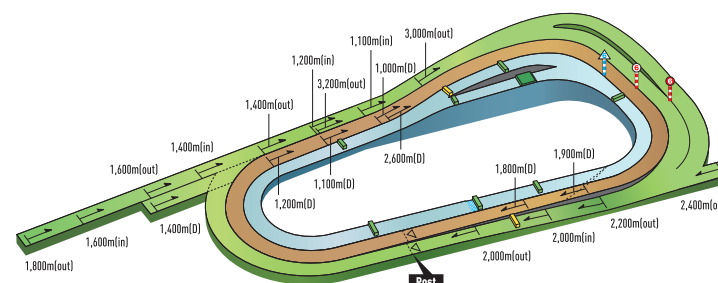
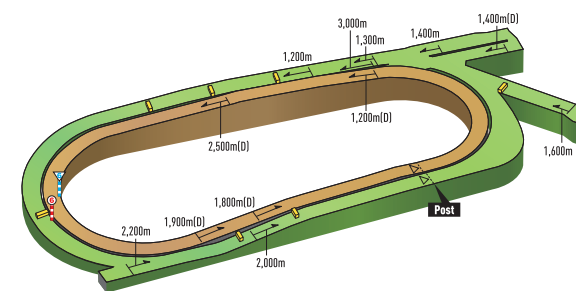


Nakayama Racecourse

Circumference	(in) 1667.1m (out) 1839.7m
Homestretch	310.0 m
Height Difference	5.3 m

Chukyo Racecourse

Circumference	1530.0 m
Homestretch	412.5 m
Height Difference	3.5 m



Kyoto Racecourse

Circumference	(in) 1782.8m (out) 1894.3m
Homestretch	403.7 m
Height Difference	4.3 m





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Horse shipment to JAPAN

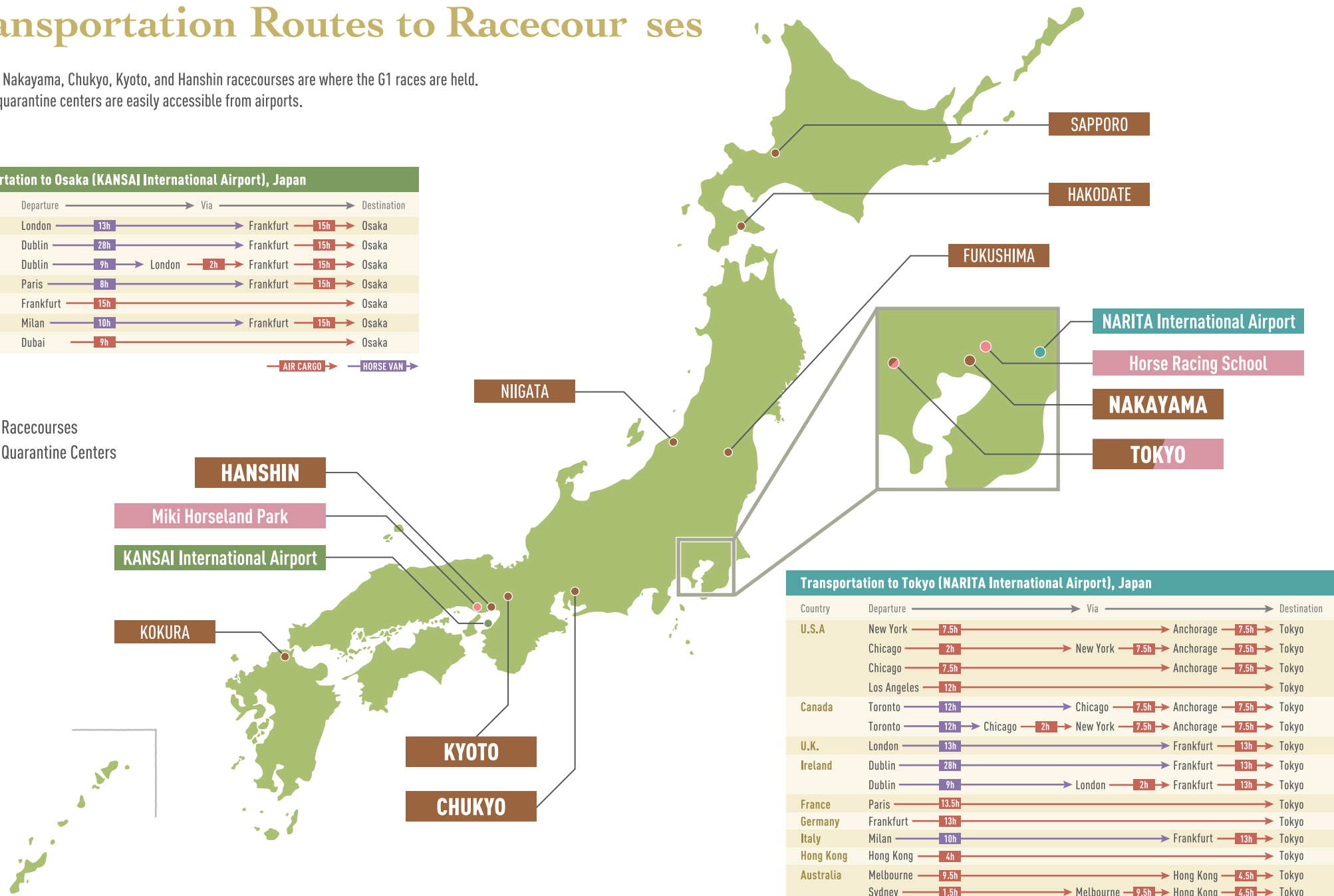
Transportation Routes to Racecourses

The Tokyo, Nakayama, Chukyo, Kyoto, and Hanshin racecourses are where the G1 races are held.
The three quarantine centers are easily accessible from airports.



Transportation to Osaka (KANSAI International Airport), Japan				
Country	Departure	Via		Destination
U.K.	London	13h	Frankfurt	15h → Osaka
Ireland	Dublin	28h	Frankfurt	15h → Osaka
	Dublin	9h	London → 2h	Frankfurt → 15h → Osaka
France	Paris	8h	Frankfurt	15h → Osaka
Germany	Frankfurt	15h		Osaka
Italy	Milan	10h	Frankfurt	15h → Osaka
UAE	Dubai	9h		Osaka

 AIR CARGO
  HORSE VAN

 Racecourses
 Quarantine Centers



Transportation to Tokyo (NARITA International Airport), Japan				
Country	Departure	Via		Destination
U.S.A	New York	7.5h	Anchorage	7.5h → Tokyo
	Chicago	2h	New York → 7.5h	Anchorage → 7.5h → Tokyo
	Chicago	7.5h	Anchorage	7.5h → Tokyo
	Los Angeles	12h		Tokyo
Canada	Toronto	12h	Chicago → 7.5h	Anchorage → 7.5h → Tokyo
	Toronto	12h	Chicago → 2h	New York → 7.5h → Anchorage → 7.5h → Tokyo
U.K.	London	13h	Frankfurt	13h → Tokyo
Ireland	Dublin	28h	Frankfurt	13h → Tokyo
	Dublin	9h	London → 2h	Frankfurt → 13h → Tokyo
France	Paris	13.5h		Tokyo
Germany	Frankfurt	13h		Tokyo
Italy	Milan	10h	Frankfurt	13h → Tokyo
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	4h		Tokyo
Australia	Melbourne	9.5h	Hong Kong	4.5h → Tokyo
	Sydney	1.5h	Melbourne → 9.5h	Hong Kong → 4.5h → Tokyo

 AIR CARGO
  HORSE VAN

QUARANTINE CENTERS BEST HOSPITALITY for YOUR HORSE

INTERNATIONAL STABLE AT TOKYO RACECOURSE

For races at **Tokyo Racecourse**

A new International Stable has opened at Tokyo Racecourse in Autumn 2022 to welcome overseas horses and horsemen. Horses can enter the stable directly from the airport for the quarantine and stay there until the race. Each barn has a dedicated grass paddock, air conditioning and remote monitoring system of the horse. The nice setting with brand-new facilities will ensure your horse settles quickly and smoothly in the new environment in Tokyo. The JRA's skilled professional team, including a veterinarian and farrier, will be on-site to support you during your stay. And there is a facilities where stable staff can take a break.



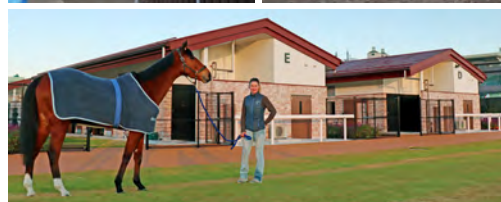
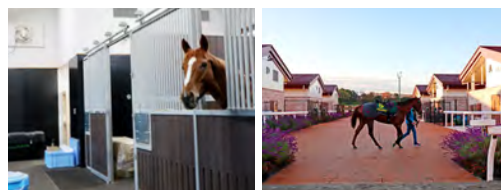
Facilities

The International Stable, surrounded by a 300m exercising Dirt track, has 6 barns. Each barn houses 2 horses and has a grass-picking area, monitor, tack room and a space for staff to rest. Up to 12 horses can be accommodated at the same time.

Exercising and track work

There are 3 tracks (300m exercising Dirt track, Dirt course and Turf course*) which can be used for training depending on the progress of the quarantine and the availability of the courses. Schooling of the racecourse will be permitted.

* Turf course will be available only after the import quarantine period has ended.



Transportation time by horse van

From Narita International Airport: 100km/62.1 miles 2 hours

OTHER QUARANTINE CENTERS (excluding races at Tokyo Racecourse)

We also have quarantine and stay bases in two locations in the east and west of Japan. Both options have good access to the airport and racetracks, and are fully equipped with accommodations and training tracks. We promise a comfortable stay for racehorses and training staff.

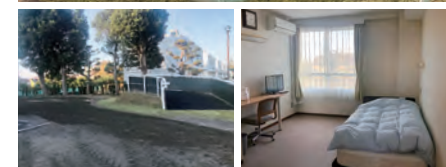
Via **Narita International Airport**

Horse Racing School

This quarantine center is located on the premises of Horse Racing School, about 60 minutes by horse van from the Narita International Airport. The facility offers a dirt training track of 1,400m (about 7 furlongs) in circumference and 17m wide.

Transportation time from Horse Racing School Center to
Each Racecourse / Airport by horse van

From Narita International Airport:	50km/31 miles	1 hour
To Nakayama Racecourse:	10km/6.2 miles	0.5 hours
To Chukyo Racecourse:	372km/232.5 miles	8 hours
To Kyoto Racecourse:	500km/312.5 miles	10 hours



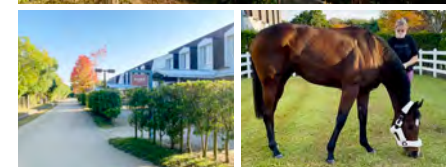
Via **Kansai International Airport**

Miki Horseland Park

This quarantine center is located on the premises of Miki Horseland Park, a public operated foundation in Hyogo Prefecture, in the western part of Japan. The facility offers a dirt outer track of 880m in circumference and 10m wide, and a smaller inner track of 627m in circumference and 10m wide.

Transportation time from Miki Horseland Park to
Each Racecourse / Airport by horse van

From Kansai International Airport:	150km/93.5 miles	2 hours
To Chukyo Racecourse:	225km/140.5 miles	5 hours
To Kyoto Racecourse:	90km/56.5 miles	1.5 hours



See the quarantine section of horsemen's information (on pages 37-38) for more information.

Horsemen's Information

(As of April 2024, Japan Racing Association)

I. EXPENDITURES

As a general rule, Owners of participating horses will be entirely responsible for all travel, accommodation, quarantine, isolation and all incidental costs associated with themselves, their horses, Trainers, Jockeys, and stable staff.

However, the JRA will provide the following expenses:

1. Van transportation expenses between the International Airport and the Quarantine Center and the Racecourses in Japan.
2. Stall fees at the Quarantine Center and at the Racecourse.

II. TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION FOR JAPAN CUP

For invited overseas horses for the Japan Cup, the JRA will provide the following:

1. Air transportation between Japan and the point of embarkation / disembarkation for the horse and two attendants (economy class).
2. Return business class air tickets for Owner, Trainer, Jockey, and their spouse / partner (Not transferable).
3. Five nights accommodation (one room) for Owner, Trainer, and Jockey at JRA Official Hotel.

III. TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

For Grade 1 races listed on pages 13-25 in this guidebook, the JRA may offer travel incentives for particular overseas horses taking into consideration factors such as the horse's International rating.

Please contact our Representative Offices for details.

IV. OWNERSHIP

1. Payment for Ownership and Colors Registration

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| (a) Application Fee for Ownership | JPY 10,000 |
| (b) Application Fee for Colors | JPY 3,000 |
| (c) Owner Registration Tax | JPY 90,000 |
| (d) Declaration Fee* (for 3yo+ G1 races) | JPY 300,000 ※see p.34 VII-3 |

* (a), (b), and (c) are necessary only for the Owners making registration for the first time after 1st January 1999. Once registered, this registration is valid throughout the period the Owner is registered as a JRA Owner, and the payment is necessary only once.

Payment of (a)~(d) must be remitted by noon, Friday, one week prior to the race day, Japan time. Please be sure that payment is made in Japanese yen. All bank charges and commissions (including paying bank charges) are to be paid by the owner.

The designated bank details are as follows:

Account Holder : JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION
Account Number : 0005-001-7834038
Bank : MUFG Bank, Ltd. Head Office, Tokyo, Japan
Bank Address : 2-7-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan
Swift Code : BOTKJPJT

Please fill in the name of your horse and race on the message section of the application for foreign remittance transactions so that the JRA can confirm from whom the bank transfer was sent.

2. Owner's Name

The JRA Rules of Racing only allows the name of ONE Owner per horse as registered name.

3. Ownership Change

In case of a change in the Ownership of a participating horse, the new and old Owners must report to the JRA at least one day before the declaration, accompanied by the documentary evidence such as an Ownership Registration Certificate issued by the horse racing authority of the country represented, or the sales contract.

After a horse is drawn into a race, there shall be no transfer nor assignment of any Ownership interest in such horse until after the race, or until such horse is scratched from the race, if sooner.

V. PRIZE MONEY

All Prize Money will be wholly awarded to the single nominated Owner, who is registered with the JRA, for participating horses. Any split in prize money that reflects multiple Ownership is a matter of private contract or agreement between those Owners. The JRA also does not deduct any percentages for Trainer, Jockey, and stable staff from prize money. Prize money will be paid in JPY to the Owner per exchange rate at that time.

VI. TAXATION

a) Income Tax and Corporation Tax (for the money and prizes earned in Japan)

1. Owners are not obliged to pay tax in Japan. However, there is a possibility that an Owner who holds permanent establishment (i.e., office) in Japan would pay tax as a self-assessment.
2. Trainers are not obliged to pay tax in Japan.
3. For Jockey, Exercise Rider and Groom, twenty percent (20.42%) tax will be deducted at the source on money and prizes earned by the individual.

b) Consumption Tax

Any person who had taxable earnings exceeding JPY 10 million in Japan during 2022 or has paid any salary, allowance, or pension for retirement exceeding JPY 10 million to resident of Japan from January to June of 2023 is obliged to pay by self-assessment a consumption tax of ten percent (10%) on the money and prizes of 2024. It is each individual's personal responsibility to file tax as appropriate to their status.

VII. DECISION OF RUNNERS

1. Selection of Runners

Entries and participations in the JRA races are subject to the JRA Rules of Racing. Candidate horses for the race will be assessed on their relative merits by the JRA Selection Committee. The JRA has the sole authority and discretion in determining the selection, and the decision of the JRA shall be final. The confirmation of intention to participate and the ability of the horse to meet the schedule of timing necessary for pre-race quarantine will be considered for the selection. The JRA reserves the right to make additional selection from horses which can complete the necessary formalities and logistics in time to participate in the race.

2. Declaration to Run

Trainers are required to declare their horses to run at the prescribed time for each race. It is essential that any special equipment to be carried by the horse is also declared on the declaration form. If a horse is to run with blinkers, a declaration that it is to do so must be made. When a horse has been declared to run with blinkers, they shall be worn, and when no declaration of blinkers, they must not be worn by the horse during the race.

Some equipment may not be allowed to be used without prior permission and therefore, please contact JRA stewards in advance.

3. Declaration Fee

Declaration Fee must be remitted to the bank account designated by the JRA. It will NOT be refunded after the horse is declared to run.

For	G1 races (excluding 2yo races) :	JPY 300,000
	G1 races (for 2yo) and G2 races (excluding 2yo races) :	JPY 100,000
	G2 races (for 2yo), G3 races :	JPY 50,000
	Other Races :	JPY 30,000

4. Scratches

Scratches in JRA racing, which are solely based on the opinion of the Owner or Trainer, for reasons of weather, or change in track conditions are not permitted on or after the deadline for declaration.

Scratches are only possible after receiving the approval of the stewards of the meeting through the submission of a document certifying to any accident to, or disease of the horse.

VIII. CONDUCT OF RACING

1. Licensing

Visiting Trainers and Jockeys are required to attend a licensing interview with the JRA stewards for the issuance of their license upon his/her arrival. All trainers and jockeys who are granted a license agree to be bound by the JRA Rules of Racing.

2. Starting Gate

(1) Starting gate examination

In JRA races, all runners must pass a starting gate examination before declaration. The starter checks and judges that the horse has performed the sequence of entering, standstill and breaking out at least twice without any problems.

(2) Lead pony, barrier blanket and Assistant starter (gate crew)

JRA does not permit the use of lead ponies and barrier blankets. There is also no assistant starters situated inside the starting gate in order to keep the horse in check.

However, a groom with the starter's permission may enter the starting gate and calm the runner in front of the door until the other runners have entered the gate.

(3) Entry procedure

Generally, runners enter the gate in the following order:

- 1) odd-numbered runners
- 2) even-numbered runners
- 3) the highest-numbered runner

However, horses with blindfolds or those horses with bad records at loading may be loaded first no matter whether the draw is odd or even. Should there be an unruly horse with the highest number, the starter may decide to load the horse with the second highest numbered last. The last runner to enter the gate must be entered by the JRA official.

*The jockey must take off the blindfold immediately once the horse enters the gate.

3. Race Day Schedule (Trainers, Assistant Trainers and Grooms)

(1) Saddling Enclosure

The time schedule differs depending on the each race, so please make sure to check the saddling area meeting time in advance and take horses to the saddling enclosure by specified time.

(2) Saddle Inspection

The pre-weighed Saddles must inspected again at saddling enclosure by trainers (or representative) or jockeys are required to weigh the saddle after the saddling time of the race.

(3) Leading to Starting gate

As a general rule, runners must be entered gate by JRA official. If you want your runner gated in by your own stable staff, you must inform JRA official in advance and obtain permission from the starter.

(4) After the race

Trainers must remain in the weighing room from the time of finish until the race is official. The steward or starter may call the trainer to interview about the events during the race.

(5) Post-race testing

The first three placed horses, and horses designated by the stewards of the meeting, must report to the sample (for blood or urine test) collecting enclosure.

(6) Post-race official veterinary check

After the race, the horses must be examined by a JRA veterinarian and be washed eyes at the clinic before returning to their stalls.

4. Insurance

a) JRA will not be responsible for horse insurance and connections are advised to make their own insurance arrangements for horse.

b) All visiting horse connections (Owners, Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Travelling Head Lads, Exercise Riders and Grooms) are strongly recommended to arrange their own insurance to cover travel, work, non-work injury and illness.

c) All visiting jockeys will be covered by the JRA's accident compensation policy during under the control of the JRA.

5. Nosebleeding (Epistaxis)

When a horse bleeds from the time of saddling area meeting until leaving course, the JRA Rules of Racing prohibits the horse from racing in the JRA races for one month for the first offence.

IX. MATTERS TO BE NOTED IN RELATION TO JOCKEYS

a) The Jockeys to ride in the JRA races must enter and stay in the **Jockey's Quarter at the racecourse** designated by the JRA by 9:00 PM on the previous day of that race meeting day. (For the Japan Cup, the Jockeys must stay at accommodation facilities designated by the JRA from 9:00 PM on the previous day of the race.) This is done to uphold the integrity of racing.

b) A Jockey must ride in a race carrying the officially announced weight. The safety vest is mandatory and 1.0 kg allowance will be applicable. For example, if the announced weight is 57.0 kg, the Jockey has to ride the horse at the weight of 58.0 kg.

c) A Jockey must ride in a race with the safety vest and helmet approved by the Steward of the Meeting.

d) A Jockey must wear one described in the Guideline Standards of Riding Equipment, International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering.

• Safety Vests

- JRA Standard (DESCENTE)
- European Standard EN13158:2000 Level 1~
- Australian Standard ARB 1998
- British Standard Satra Jockey Vest Standard Document M6 issue 3
- USA Standard ASTM F2681-08, ASTM F1937

• Skull cap (Safety helmet)

- JRA Standard (ARAI)
- European Standard EN1384:1996~, PAS015:1994~, VG1 01.040 2014-12, UTAC/CRITT 04/2015, 89/186/CEE, 89/686/CEE
- Australian Standard AS/NZS 3838 2003~
- USA Standard ASTM F11 63-01~, SNELL 2001~

e) A Jockey must not wear the pants which the logo of the advertising purpose printed. Only your own name or national flag is allowed to print.

f) Only whips that meet the following requirements may be used in a race.

- A whip which is 77 cm (approximately 30 inches) or longer is prohibited from being used in Races.
- Only padded whips whose pad is covered by shock absorbing material can be used in Races.
- The Pad must be longer than 17cm and its width is no fewer than 2cm nor more than 4cm.
- The surface of the pad must be smooth with no protrusion.
- The padded segment must not contain any additions.

g) A jockey who is to ride in a race must undergo weighing out at the weighing room during the time between 70 minutes before the post time of the first race to be held at the racecourse concerned on the day when the race concerned is to be held and 50 minutes before the post time of the race (saddling time of the race) in which the jockey is to ride in. In the weighing room, there is an adjustment scale to check the weight of the saddle. After preparing the saddle set to be used in the race, the weight must be pre-checked at the adjustment scale and then weighed at the scale of the clerk. The scales in the weighing room and in the paddock show the equivalent of a safety vest, with 1.0 kg deducted from the start.

h) The jockey's weight must be weighed when taking the weighing out. In addition, the jockey's weight must be checked at the paddock (or weighing room) prior to riding in each race. If the jockey's weight exceeds the weight announced at the previous weighing, the jockey will be sanctioned and may be changed to a different jockey.

i) A jockey, after entering the track, must walk his/her horse at a walking gait and pass in front of the steward's stand (goal board). In the case of a race on a turf course, the horses shall warm up at the outside of the course to protect the turf.

j) A jockey should immediately assemble his/her horses as the red flag is waved at the starting point approximately 4 minutes prior to the start of the race.

k) The jockeys of the horses up to the 7th order of arrival and also the jockey of a horse especially designated by the steward, must undergo weighing in immediately after the race concerned is finished. In the case where the placing is determined by photograph, the weighing in may be ordered for 8 or more jockeys. All jockeys should remain in the weighing room until the race will be official.

l) The types of sanctions that JRA may impose on a jockey include: prohibition or suspension from involvement in horse racing in Japan, suspension, fine, and reprimand.

m) Urine samples may be collected from randomly selected jockeys and tested for doping for prohibited substances (stimulants, marijuana, narcotics, psychotropic drugs, beta 2 agonists, beta blockers, and diuretics). A breath test may also be administered for alcohol testing.

X. QUARANTINE PROCEDURES

The Animal Health Requirements may have changed. Please ask your country's government for details.

All quarantine procedures are based on the special animal health protocols agreed upon between the government authorities of each country and the Japanese Government. Import is thereby under the conditions that the horse will be temporarily imported to Japan to run in a race and will immediately undergo export quarantine after the race.

Under the quarantine conditions applied to overseas trained horses, the Government mandates that the period of stay of a horse in Japan shall be 60 days or less (from the day of release from import quarantine up to the day before export quarantine).

The following quarantine procedures will take place:

- Upon arrival at the international airport, horses must be immediately transported to the Quarantine Center. Japanese Government quarantine officers carry out individual quarantine procedures for the participating horses. However, horses arriving on the same plane will normally be tested together.
- The import quarantine period is a minimum of **seven days** (arrival and departure date to and from the quarantine is included in the quarantine period). Transportation to the Racecourse is allowed only after the completion of import quarantine. It is necessary to clear all the tests that are required by the Japanese Government during the quarantine period.

1 st day	2 nd day	3 rd day	4 th day	5 th day	6 th day	7 th day
Arrival In Japan	← QUARANTINE PERIOD →					Move to Racecourse*

*Except Tokyo Racecourse

- During the quarantine period, horses must follow the training timetable designated by the quarantine officer.
- During the quarantine period, Grooms and Exercise Riders must enter and exit the Quarantine Center according to the separately established Standard Operation Procedure.
- After being cleared from quarantine, necessary follow up measures will be instituted at the racecourse for epidemic prevention.
- The export quarantine will be conducted at the racecourse. The period is one day or less. However, this is not applicable in cases where the Government of the importing country (e.g. Australia) requires more days of the quarantine period than that which is prescribed by the Japanese Government.

XI. VACCINATION AND EQUINE INFLUENZA TEST

Vaccination requisite is based on the animal health requirement agreed upon between the government authorities of each country and the Japanese Government. Export quarantine requirements prior to the departure from the country, should also be ascertained in advance from your respective Government Departments and you should follow their instructions for the necessary vaccinations since certain countries require particular re-entry procedures.

Although the JRA will be pleased to respond to any inquiries you might have on this topic, please also ask your country's government for the latest information.

Equine Viral Arteritis Vaccination

If you wish for your horse to remain in Japan for breeding purposes, In the case whereby a horse tests positive for antibodies of Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) after participating in the horserace, that horse will not be able to remain in Japan for breeding. Therefore, please DO NOT vaccinate against EVA.

West Nile Virus (WNV) Vaccination

This is especially important for North American horses, and European horses planning to come to Japan after running in North America. The conditions for each of these horses are different based on the areas which they have visited or transited, the length of these visits and so forth. Please take a look at the following requirements.

Any horse which, during the last 60 days, has been in an area which has had an outbreak of West Nile Virus (WNV), must be vaccinated against that virus, or must be certified under the conditions set forth by the Government of Japan, prior to entering Japan.

Japanese Encephalitis Virus Vaccination

Aside from the requirement established by government, the JRA strongly recommends that the overseas trained horses which participate in the races held in our jurisdiction from July to October to be vaccinated against Japanese Encephalitis (JE) virus with an acceptable inactivated vaccine before coming to Japan. The JRA does not take any responsibility for any horses coming to Japan during this period without being inoculated with the necessary vaccine protection from JE. Although it is also possible for the JRA to provide the vaccine required for inoculation prior to the horse coming to Japan, owners should ask the respective authorities in their own country about import procedures and permission for use of the vaccine overseas.

Equine Rhinopneumonitis Vaccination

The international racehorses have to be vaccinated against equine rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1) between 14 and 180 days before shipment to Japan either with a primary course or a booster and as per manufacturer's instructions.

Equine Influenza Vaccination

As above the animal health requirement agreed upon between the government authorities of each country and the Japanese Government should also be ascertained in advance, reference example of requirements are given below. (As of April 2022)

~France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Singapore and Republic of Korea~

The international racehorse must be vaccinated against Equine influenza between 21 and 90 days before shipment to Japan either with a primary course or a booster.

~Australia~The international racehorse exported to Japan must be vaccinated against Equine influenza on two occasions at an interval of 3 to 6 weeks (or once in the case of booster), and as per manufacturer's instructions, within 6 months immediately prior to shipment to Japan.

It is important that all vaccinations a horse has been administered must be recorded in its passport. The JRA's veterinarian judges whether a horse is vaccinated or not only through the description in the passport.
Therefore, please ensure that all the records are completely written in the passport especially immediately after vaccination.

Equine Influenza Test

As follows:

All horses should have a nasopharyngeal swab taken within 5 days prior to export and the sample should be tested using a RT-PCR or antigen detection test (e.g., espline).

Racehorses to remain in Japan after participating in the international horserace in Japan

If you wish for your horse to remain in Japan for breeding purposes, you must consult with JRA and the transport company as soon as possible. In this case, Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) and other tests will be conducted after participating in the horserace. Duties will not be refunded.

XII. VETERINARY ASSESSMENTS

Veterinary assessment for suitability to race is carried out by a JRA veterinarian before making a declaration to start the horse in the race.

The veterinary assessment includes the following:

- visual inspection
- physical examination
- cardiac auscultation
- lameness examination
- palpation of the musculoskeletal system

When a veterinary officer gives instructions concerning measures to be taken for said racehorse based on the results of the veterinary assessment, the trainer must comply with those instructions.

XIII. FEED, BEDDING AND WATER

1. Feed and Bedding

Feed, supplements, and bedding while in Japan will be provided by the JRA. Select the feed, etc. you wish to use from the "LIST OF FEED AVAILABLE IN JAPAN," which will be handed to you separately, and submit it to the JRA representative office in advance. Bringing in feeds and supplements that cannot be substituted for the products on the list may be allowed if all of the following conditions are met.

- "Feed Exportation Form for Travelling to Japan," which is an application form for Bringing in feed, etc., has been filled out and submitted it with "LIST OF FEED AVAILABLE IN JAPAN," to JRA in advance for approval.
 - The feed and/or supplements were given to your horse regularly and right up to until arrival in Japan.
 - Compound feed and supplements must be unopened and each product should be of same Lot and/or Batch numbers with the date of manufacture.
- If the above requirements cannot be met, the feed and/or supplements intended to use must undergo prior physico-chemical tests by the Laboratory of Racing Chemistry (LRC).

If prohibited or restricted drugs is detected in the post arrival sampling and is suspected to be derived from the feed or the supplements brought into Japan, the trainer cannot use their carried-in feed and supplements other than those which have already passed prior physico-chemical tests conducted by the LRC. The feed and bedding used during airfreight travel must be disposed of upon arrival at the airport in Japan. Any other feed (without prior notification and approval by the JRA) brought into the country must be kept in the JRA's custody until after the race.

2. Quarantine Precautions for Feed Imports

If you wish to import feed or supplements for your horse to Japan, you may be required to obtain a phytosanitary certificate issued by the Agricultural Department of your country. In addition, upon arrival in Japan, feed or supplements, must be cleared by the Plant and Animal Quarantine Department and Customs. Please be noted that it may take time to go through these procedures. Therefore, if your horse must have feed or supplements that cannot be replaced by the JRA provisions mentioned in "List of Feed Available in Japan", please contact the JRA Representative Office as far in advance as possible. Please note that if you fail to notify our office as far in advance as possible, you may not be able to use your feed or supplements immediately after arrival.

3. Water

All JRA facilities are furnished with complete water and sewerage service. The water from the waterworks is potable water, which more than satisfies the standards prescribed by law.

The quality of water is soft compared to North America and Europe.

XIV. HORSESHOES

1. Type of Shoes

Please note that shoes for racing must be 10 millimeters or less in thickness, 25 millimeters or less in width and 150 grams or less in weight. The JRA will check whether the shoes which are brought are permissible or not, after arrival in Japan.

The following shoes are **not permitted** during a race:

- Shoes whose calk is higher than 2 millimeters (2 millimeters is permitted) from the surface that touches the ground, and shoes whose calk on one end is sharp (i.e. Toe grabs)
- If there is a difference in thickness between the inner line and the outer line which is divided by the center groove, and whose surface touches the ground unevenly, the difference must be 3 millimeters or less (i.e. Rim shoes)
- Shoes that may pose a danger to other horses such as those with protruding object(s) attached to the bottom of the shoe, typically crampons and notches (i.e. Blocks and sticker heels)
- Shoes whose surface touches the ground unevenly around the circle, and are not on the same arc (i.e. Bent shoes)

Shown below are the typical images of such **banned shoes**:



a) Toe grab



b) Rim shoe



c) Block and sticker heel



d) Bent shoe

2. Nails and Nailing

A nail with a sharp head must not be used for shoeing. Nail heads must not protrude more than necessary (protrusion must be less than 2 millimeters).

3. Shoeing

Farriers of the JRA will be available for shoeing by request. The JRA will recommend bringing extra shoes and nails of own, in case our stock may not meet your request. Please contact the respective JRA Representative Offices for further information.

XV. MEDICATION AND DRUGS

1. Drug Control Regulation

The JRA defines drugs or medicines that temporarily stimulate or depress race performance as 'prohibited drugs' and drugs or medicines that is restricted from the standpoint of horse welfare and injury prevention as 'restricted drugs', and prohibits horses under the influence of drugs designated as such from running. Besides those prescribed in these regulations, all matters concerning the control of drug administration to racehorses shall be prescribed by the JRA Veterinary Officer. If you wish to seek treatment after coming to Japan, consult the JRA veterinarian in charge.

A) PROHIBITED DRUGS

- Prohibited drugs (You can see the list by scanning QR code below) are defined in Article 132(1) of the JRA Rules of Racing as "drugs which temporarily stimulate or depress race performance". In the event the prohibited drugs (except for anabolic steroids) are administered to a horse, the horse concerned cannot race for a period of 10 days. However, if the prohibited drugs such as Detomidine (159) and Medetomidine (315) are administered, the horse concerned cannot race for a period of 5 days.
- At any time, the use of anabolic steroids is not permitted.
- The use of any unlisted drugs with the purpose of, or lead to temporarily stimulating or depressing race performance is prohibited.

B) RESTRICTED DRUGS

- Restricted drugs (You can see the list by scanning QR code below) are defined in Article 132-2(1) the JRA Rules of Racing as "**drugs to be restricted from the standpoint of horse welfare and injury prevention**". The period during which a horse cannot be raced when administered restricted drugs are shown in below (list of race restriction period). Note that this includes drugs that may remain in the body for a long period of time, so care should be taken.
- The use of restricted drugs for which a restricted period is not indicated is not recommended. Please contact respective JRA Representative Offices for specific information.

LIST OF PROHIBITED DRUGS AND RESTRICTED DRUGS
<https://japanracing.jp/en/horsemen/rule/medication.html>



LIST OF RACE RESTRICTION PERIOD

(As of April 2024)

Restricted Drugs	Race Restriction Period (Days)	Dosage and administration on the basis of which the period is set
Atropine	3	1 milligram (mg) of atropine sulphate per horse four times a day by eye drops
Ipriflavone	30	-
Indomethacin	3	500 mg per horse, applied once daily for 3 days
Eltenac	14	0.5 mg per kilogram (kg) of body by weight intravenous adm. once daily for 5 days
Elcatonin	30	-
Oxymetazoline	2	10 mg of oxymetazoline hydrochloride per horse by inhalation
Olopatadine	2	100 mg of olopatadine hydrochloride per horse by oral adm. Once daily for 5 days
Carbazochrome	3	100 mg of carbazochrome sodium sulfonate hydrate per horse by intravenous adm.
Carprofen	15	0.7 mg per kg of body weight by intravenous adm.
Chlorphenamine	2	50 mg of d-chlorpheniramine maleate per horse by intravenous adm.
Ketoprofen	5	2.2 mg per kg of body weight by intravenous adm. once daily for 5 days
	10	2.2 mg per kg body weight by intramuscular adm.
Diclofenac	5	1 mg of diclofenac sodium per kg body weight by oral adm. once daily for 3 days
Salicylic acid	2	5 gram (g) of sodium salicylate per horse by intravenous adm.
	2	50 mg per horse, applied
Cetirizine	2	0.38 mg per kg body weight by oral adm. twice daily for 4 days
Dantrolene	4	500 mg per horse by oral adm. once daily for 3 days
Tiludronic acid	30	-
Dexamethasone	5	0.06 mg as dexamethasone sodium phosphate per kg body weight by intravenous adm.
	8	0.05 mg per kg body weight by intramuscular adm.
Dextromethorphan	2	30 mg of dextromethorphan hydrobromide hydrate per horse by oral adm. twice daily
Tranexamic acid	10	10g per horse by intravenous adm.
Naproxen	30	10 mg per kg body weight by oral adm. once daily for 5 days
Filcoxib	30	0.1 mg per kg body weight by oral adm. once daily for 5 days
Phenylbutazone	10	8.8 mg per kg body weight by intravenous adm.
	10	4.7 mg per kg body weight by oral adm. twice daily for 5 days
Butylscopolamine	4	0.3 mg per kg body weight by intravenous adm.
Butorphanol	5	0.1 mg per kg body weight by intravenous adm.
Pridinol	4	20 mg of pridinol mesilate per horse by intravenous adm.
Flunixin	7	1.1 mg per kg body weight by intravenous adm.
Prednisolone	3	1 mg per kg body weight by oral adm.
Procaine	15	4.8 mg per kg body weight by intramuscular adm.
Betamethasone	5	0.06 mg per kg body weight by intravenous adm.
	6	20 mg per horse by intramuscular adm.
	5	4 mg per horse once daily for 5 days by inhalation
Mepivacaine	5	40 mg per horse by subcutaneous adm.
	8	400 mg of mepivacaine hydrochloride per horse by intramuscular adm.
Meloxicam	4	0.6 mg per kg body weight by intravenous adm.
	4	0.6 mg per kg body weight by oral adm. once daily for 14 days
Lidocaine	5	60 mg of lidocaine hydrochloride per horse by subcutaneous adm.

(Remarks)

1 The number of days of the restricted period shall be calculated from the date of use of the relevant restricted drugs.

2 The restricted period for restricted drugs not specified in this table and the restricted period for the use of restricted drugs listed in the left-hand column of the table other than in the dosage and administration listed in the right-hand column of the table shall be as directed by the Veterinary Officer.

2. Submission of Horse Medication Record

Please submit horse medication record to the respective JRA Representative Office, using the supplied official form, no less than five (5) days prior to the horse departure for Japan, including all medications administered to the horse within 30 days prior to the departure date. Upon arrival to Japan, please submit any update of any medication administered after submission of the first medication record.

3. Veterinary Instructions regarding medical treatment

- No medical treatment can be given to a horse from the day before the race.
- Prior consultation with the veterinary officer is necessary in case a drug or medication is to be administered to a horse scheduled to run.
- No one except the JRA Veterinary Officer can diagnose or give treatment to the horse.

4. Medication and Pharmaceutical Products Brought into Japan

- Medication and pharmaceutical products brought into Japan by persons involved with scheduled runners cannot be used at JRA premises. Therefore, any such products will be kept in the JRA's custody until after the race.
- A variety of products such as hot and cold compress medications (poultice), shampoo, skin protection cream, hoof oil and other products for the horse's care will be provided by the JRA. A list of these supplies is available at each JRA Representative Office. If you want to use products other than those provided by the JRA, you must declare this in advance and obtain permission.

5. Physico-Chemical Test

a) Pre-race testing

The pre-race testing will be held upon arrival in Japan. Both blood and urine samples will be taken for analysis. Should any prohibited and/or restricted drugs be detected, the JRA reserves the right to conduct additional testing. Further, even if the pre-race testing reported negative to any prohibited substances, this does not ensure that the horse will be reported negative in the post-race testing.

b) Post-race testing

Physico-chemical tests are conducted on horses that finish first through third in the race, and any horse designated by the stewards of the meeting, under the Rules of Racing of the JRA. The horses concerned must submit urine or/and blood sample after the race. The collected samples will be divided into A and B samples. If prohibited or restricted drugs are detected, the B specimen is examined at the same institute in the presence of a disinterested physico-chemical testing expert. If the presence of the same prohibited or restricted substances are detected in both samples A and B, it will be considered as a violation of the drugs regulations. If some prohibited drugs are detected, the horse concerned will be disqualified in accordance with Article 123 of the JRA Rules of Racing and suspended from running in a race for a fixed period of time in accordance with Article 140 of the JRA Rules of Racing. The connections of the horse will not be entitled to receive any prizes, or prize money. The horse connections concerned may be charged under Article 31 of the Horse Racing Law and will be penalized in accordance with Article 138 of the JRA Rules of Racing. If some restricted drugs are detected, the person involved in the race will be sanctioned in accordance with Article 147 of the JRA Rules of Racing.

(Reference)

Article 31 of the Horse Racing Law and Articles 132-136 of the JRA Rules of Racing.

(<http://japanracing.jp/en/information/jra-rules/rules-racing.html#c9>).

Matters to be instructed by Veterinary Officers regarding the control of the use of drugs and other prohibited activities on racehorses.

(<http://japanracing.jp/en/information/jra-rules/veterinary.html>)

LIST OF FEED AVAILABLE IN JAPAN

Japan Racing Association

Jan. 2024

Please check (☑) your choice, indicate the amount of feed required in Japan and return this form to JRA.

Name of horse _____ Trainer _____

1.Bedding

- ☐ Wheat straw
- ☐ Rice straw
- ☐ Wood shavings
- ☐ Paper

**ONLY RICE STRAW is available at Nakayama Racecourse.*

2.Hay

- ☐ Timothy (USA)
- ☐ Lucerne [= alfalfa] (USA)
- ☐ Lucernechaff (USA)
- ☐ Fiber Feesh Protect (NZ)
- ☐ Beet pulp [Sugarbeet] (USA)
- ☐ Crau hay (France)

3.Grains and cereals

- ☐ Oats (Canada)
- ☐ Steam flaked oats (Canada)
- ☐ Naked oats
- ☐ Black oats (France)
- ☐ Wheat Bran
- ☐ Soybean meal
- ☐ Sunflower seed
- ☐ Cracked corn [=maize]
- ☐ Linseed (Canada)
- ☐ Crushed Linseed (Canada)
- ☐ Carrot
- ☐ Apple

4.Mixed feed

[RED MILLS]

- ☐ 14% Race Horse Cubes
- ☐ 14% Horse Cooked Mix
- ☐ 16% Equine Booster Cooked Mix
- ☐ 20% Oat Balancer Cooked Mix
- ☐ 10% Cool 'N Cooked Mix

[HYGAIN]

- ☐ RELEASE
- ☐ RACETORQUE
- ☐ POWATORQUE
- ☐ GROTORQUE
- ☐ TRU GAIN

[Baileys]

- ☐ OAT BALANCER MIX
- ☐ ALFALFA BLEND
- ☐ No.11 Race Horse Cubes

[Hallway]

- ☐ RACE-13

[LMF]

- ☐ Race HI-PRO

5.Grooming supplies

- ☐ Pouttice (Cool Max)
- ☐ WONDER-BLUE SHAMPOO
- ☐ TWYDIL HOOF CARE
- ☐ SHUR HOOF (HOOF DRESSING)
- ☐ animalintex

6.Supplement

- ☐ Molasses
- ☐ Soybean oil + Canola oil
- ☐ Rice oil
- ☐ Apple cider vinegar
- ☐ Cube sugar
- ☐ Salt
- ☐ Sliced garlic
- ☐ Block salt
- ☐ Epsom salt
- ☐ Sodium bicarbonate
- ☐ Plusvital Syrup
- ☐ Salkavite
- ☐ Potassium plus

[TWYDIL]

- ☐ ARTRIDIL
- ☐ ELECTROLYTES
- ☐ ELECTROLYTES PASTE
- ☐ HEMATINIC
- ☐ HEMOPAR
- ☐ HIPACAN+C
- ☐ MINERAL COMPLEX
- ☐ PROTECT PLUS
- ☐ RACING
- ☐ STOMACARE
- ☐ TWYBLID
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