

2025  
JRA RACING



# Welcome

Last year was a memorable one for Japanese racing, with numerous world-class racehorses visiting Japan, highlighted by the 44th Japan Cup. It was particularly noteworthy that in the Yasuda Kinen, Romantic Warrior from Hong Kong triumphed, marking the first G1 victory by an overseas horse in Japan in 9 years.

Additionally, 13 Japanese G1 races were included in the “2024 LONGINES World's Top 100 Group 1 Races” announced by the IFHA, and 56 Japanese racehorses were listed in the “2024 LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings”, the highest number of any country in the world. These results further emphasize the strong recognition Japanese racing holds among horsemen around the world.

Japanese racing offers a strong connection between spectators and the races, well-maintained tracks and training facilities, the international stables at Tokyo Racecourse that allow direct access from the airport, and generous prize money, including attractive bonuses. These features are a source of great pride for Japanese racing and serve as strong incentives for overseas participants.

This year, we once again look forward to welcoming the World's top horses under the best possible conditions at Tokyo Racecourse and racecourses across Japan. We eagerly anticipate sharing the thrill of top-class racing with international guests and passionate fans.

If you require further information or have any inquiries regarding participation in races in Japan, please do not hesitate to contact our representative office. We sincerely look forward to welcoming you to our racecourses.

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President and CEO  
YOSHIDA, Masayoshi



# Experience the Thrill of JRA Racing



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# Prestigious Honors



# Annual prize pool of 21 billion JPY, with glory beyond the prize

In addition to the generous G1 prize fund of 21 billion total, including over 1 billion at the Japan Cup, JRA also offers a bonus program to encourage participation in racing.



## World's top races and racehorses

In the 2024 LONGINES World's Top 100 Group/Grade 1 Races 13 Japanese races, including the Japan Cup, Yasuda Kinen, Arima Kinen, and Tenno Sho (Autumn), are ranked among the Group/Grade 1 races from 11 countries. Additionally, in the 2024 LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings Japanese horses dominated the list with 56 ranked horses, with Do Deuce, who won both the Tenno Sho (Autumn) and Japan Cup, being the highest-ranked Japanese horse, tied for 5th place.

### 2023 LONGINES World's Top 100 Grade 1 Races

1	<b>Japan Cup in Association with LONGINES</b>
2	LONGINES Dubai Sheema Classic
3	Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe
4	King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Qipco Stakes
5	<b>Takarazuka Kinen</b>

### 2024 LONGINES World's Top 100 Grade 1 Races

1	Juddmonte International Stakes
2	DraftKings Travers Stakes
3	Queen Elizabeth Stakes
4	King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Qipco Stakes
5	<b>Japan Cup in Association with LONGINES</b>

# Passionate Racing Fans



# Welcoming over 5M passionate fans each year

JRA Racing attracts over 5 million racegoers annually with a unique blend of passion and excitement. The fan base is diverse, with excitement fueled by a range of engaging events. In addition to core racing enthusiasts, JRA offers events for women and family-friendly experiences for all to enjoy.



## Farewell to Auguste Rodin

A special retirement ceremony for Auguste Rodin, a progeny of Deep Impact, was held in front of 15,000 passionate Japanese racing fans after the Japan Cup 2024.

Auguste Rodin became the first foreign-trained horse to be honored with this special ceremony.



# Discover Japan's Charm

## Unique Japan attractions near JRA racecourses



TOKYO SKYTREE

### Tokyo/Nakayama Racecourse

## Central Tokyo

Central Tokyo offers a variety of unique attractions, such as the bustling nightlife of Shinjuku, the trendy youth-centered shopping and entertainment district of Shibuya, the art scene with museums and galleries in Roppongi, the bayside area of Odaiba filled with entertainment and amusement facilities, a luxury shopping experience in Ginza, and the modern atmosphere around Tokyo Station and Marunouchi, home to the Imperial Palace and historic shops. Each area has its own distinct charm.



KAMINARI-MON

### Tokyo/Nakayama Racecourse

## Asakusa

Asakusa, a historic downtown area that offers many spots where you can experience Japan's traditions and culture, is home to the famous Senso-ji Temple and its Kaminarimon Gate, which is adorned with a large red lantern. The Nakamise Shopping Street, starting from Kaminarimon, is one of Japan's oldest shopping streets, lined with unique products such as traditional Japanese sweets and handicrafts specific to Asakusa. The retro Asakusa Hanayashiki, Japan's first amusement park, is also located here.



In the areas surrounding G1 racecourses (Tokyo, Nakayama, Chukyo, Kyoto, and Hanshin), there are various spots where you can enjoy experiences unique to Japan, such as famous tourist attractions and gourmet dining.



TOJI TEMPLE'S FIVE-STORY PAGODA

## Kyoto Racecourse

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# Kyoto

The city of Kyoto, rich in history and tradition, is home to many historical buildings, cultural assets, and streets, including shrines and temples registered as World Heritage Sites. The city offers beautiful landscapes that change with the seasons, as well as opportunities to experience traditional Japanese culture and cuisine.



NAGOYA CASTLE

## Chukyo Racecourse

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# Nagoya

Nagoya, Japan's third-largest city after Tokyo and Osaka, is home to historical landmarks such as Nagoya Castle, famous for its Golden Shachihoko (carp-shaped roof ornaments). The city also boasts modern commercial facilities. The Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology offers a chance to experience Japan's history of craftsmanship. Nagoya's unique food culture, including Misokatsu (breaded pork cutlet with miso sauce), Tebasaki (fried chicken wings), and Hitsumabushi (grilled eel on rice), is also a major attraction.

# 2025 JRA GRADE 1 RACES

Date	Race	Racecourse
Feb.23	<b>FEBRUARY STAKES</b>	Tokyo
Mar.30	<b>TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN</b>	Chukyo
Apr.06	<b>OSAKA HAI</b>	Hanshin
Apr.13	<b>OKA SHO (JAPANESE 1000 GUINEAS)</b>	Hanshin
Apr.20	<b>SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS)</b>	Nakayama
May.04	<b>TENNO SHO (SPRING)</b>	Kyoto
May.11	<b>NHK MILE CUP</b>	Tokyo
May.18	<b>VICTORIA MILE</b>	Tokyo
May.25	<b>YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS)</b>	Tokyo
Jun.01	<b>TOKYO YUSHUN (JAPANESE DERBY)</b>	Tokyo
Jun.08	<b>YASUDA KINEN</b>	Tokyo
Jun.15	<b>TAKARAZUKA KINEN</b>	Hanshin
Sep.28	<b>SPRINTERS STAKES</b>	Nakayama
Oct.19	<b>SHUKA SHO</b>	Kyoto
Oct.26	<b>KIKUKA SHO (JAPANESE ST.LEGER)</b>	Kyoto
Nov.02	<b>TENNO SHO (AUTUMN)</b>	Tokyo
Nov.16	<b>QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP</b>	Kyoto
Nov.23	<b>MILE CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	Kyoto
<b>Nov.30</b>	<b>JAPAN CUP</b> <small>Invitational</small>	<b>Tokyo</b>
Dec.07	<b>CHAMPIONS CUP</b>	Chukyo
Dec.14	<b>HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES</b>	Hanshin
Dec.21	<b>ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES</b>	Hanshin
Dec.27	<b>HOPEFUL STAKES</b>	Nakayama
Dec.28	<b>ARIMA KINEN</b>	Nakayama

"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](https://japanracing.jp/en/information/classic_races/entries.html)

Age	Sex	Distance	Total Value (JPY)	1st Place (JPY)	Nomination
4yo&up	-	1600m Dirt	260,400,000	120,000,000	Jan.07
4yo&up	-	1200m Turf	369,900,000	170,000,000	Feb.11
4yo&up	-	2000m Turf	651,000,000	300,000,000	Feb.11
3yo	F	1600m Turf	303,800,000	140,000,000	Feb.25
3yo	C&F	2000m Turf	434,000,000	200,000,000	Feb.25
4yo&up	-	3200m Turf	651,000,000	300,000,000	Mar.11
3yo	C&F	1600m Turf	283,100,000	130,000,000	Mar.25
4yo&up	F&M	1600m Turf	283,100,000	130,000,000	Mar.25
3yo	F	2400m Turf	326,500,000	150,000,000	Apr.08
3yo	C&F	2400m Turf	651,000,000	300,000,000	Apr.08
3yo&up	-	1600m Turf	390,600,000	180,000,000	Apr.22
3yo&up	-	2200m Turf	651,000,000	300,000,000	Apr.22
3yo&up	-	1200m Turf	369,900,000	170,000,000	Aug.12
3yo	F	2000m Turf	239,700,000	110,000,000	Aug.26
3yo	C&F	3000m Turf	434,000,000	200,000,000	Sep.09
3yo&up	-	2000m Turf	651,000,000	300,000,000	Sep.09
3yo&up	F&M	2200m Turf	283,100,000	130,000,000	Sep.23
3yo&up	-	1600m Turf	390,600,000	180,000,000	Sep.23
<b>3yo&amp;up</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2400m Turf</b>	<b>1,090,000,000</b>	<b>500,000,000</b>	<b>Oct.07</b>
3yo&up	-	1800m Dirt	260,400,000	120,000,000	Oct.07
2yo	F	1600m Turf	140,850,000	65,000,000	Oct.21
2yo	C&F	1600m Turf	152,900,000	70,000,000	Nov.04
2yo	C&F	2000m Turf	152,900,000	70,000,000	Nov.04
3yo&up	-	2500m Turf	1,090,000,000	500,000,000	Nov.04



# JAPAN CUP (G1)



## Tokyo Racecourse

**2,400m / Turf / 3yo+**

■ **Nomination Close** : Tuesday, 7 October

■ **Declaration** : Thursday, 27 November

- Maximum Number of Horses : 18
- Nomination Fee : Free of Charge
- Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000
- Deadline for Arriving in Japan : Thursday, 20 November

**Left Handed**

**Invitational**

### ► Weight

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

## ▶ Total Value

# JPY 1,090,000,000

## USD 7,271,000

# Sunday, 30 November

## ▶ Racecourse Information

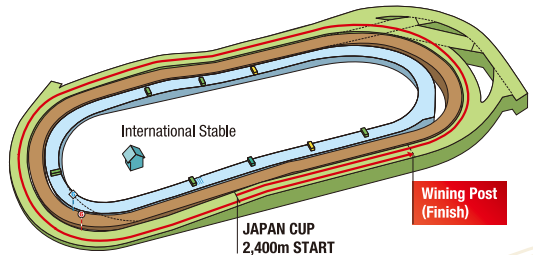
Circumference 2,120.8m

Width 25-35m

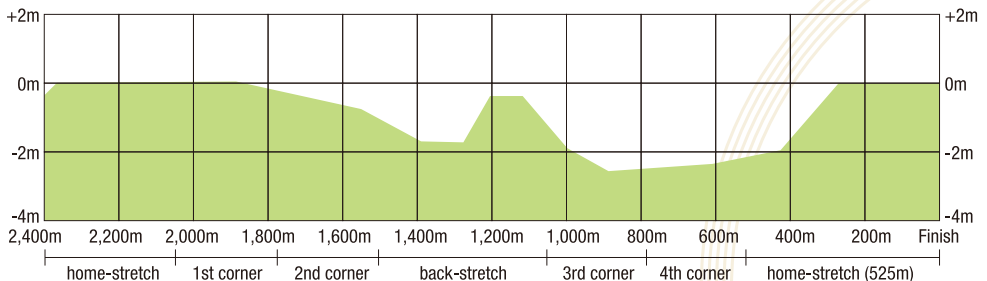
Homestretch (Final turn to finish) 525m

2400m (T) Record time as of 1 January, 2025

Almond Eye (25 November, 2018), 2:20.6



## ▶ Turf Course Undulation



## ► Prize Money

	JPY	USD	GBP	EUR	AUD	HKD
<b>Winner</b>	<b>500,000,000</b>	<b>3,334,000</b>	<b>2,605,000</b>	<b>3,068,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>26,316,000</b>
2nd	200,000,000	1,334,000	1,042,000	1,227,000	2,000,000	10,527,000
3rd	130,000,000	867,000	678,000	798,000	1,300,000	6,843,000
4th	75,000,000	500,000	391,000	461,000	750,000	3,948,000
5th	50,000,000	334,000	261,000	307,000	500,000	2,632,000
6th	40,000,000	267,000	209,000	246,000	400,000	2,106,000
7th	35,000,000	234,000	183,000	215,000	350,000	1,843,000
8th	30,000,000	200,000	157,000	185,000	300,000	1,579,000
9th	20,000,000	134,000	105,000	123,000	200,000	1,053,000
10th	10,000,000	67,000	53,000	62,000	100,000	527,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,090,000,000</b>	<b>7,271,000</b>	<b>5,684,000</b>	<b>6,692,000</b>	<b>10,900,000</b>	<b>57,374,000</b>

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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

A bonus will be awarded to the winners of races shown on the next page in 2025.

Winner	2nd	3rd	4th
<b>USD 3,000,000</b>	<b>USD 1,200,000</b>	<b>USD 750,000</b>	<b>USD 450,000</b>
5th	6th or below	For other individual runners	
<b>USD 300,000</b>	<b>USD 200,000</b>	<b>USD 100,000</b>	



# The 2023 LONGINES World's Best Horse Race



The Japan Cup, in association with LONGINES (G1), was named the 2023 LONGINES World's Best Horse Race. In addition, Equinox has been named the 2023 LONGINES World's Best Racehorse. His rating of 135 is the highest mark a Japanese horse has ever received under the current system, surpassing the 134 earned by El Condor Pasa in 1999.

## ► Bonus-Eligible Races for the Winner

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

The winners of the races designated for the aforementioned bonus system which are held after the closing date of the nomination and those horses deemed equivalent may be considered by the JRA Selection Committee as nominated horses.

# OFFICIAL HOTEL



## An experience beyond expectations with our sophisticated hospitality

### TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION FOR JAPAN CUP

For overseas horses invited to participate in 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.



JRA Official Hotel : Palace Hotel Tokyo

### JAPAN CUP EXPERIENCE

The reception party will also  
be held at the official hotel.





# TOKYO RACECOURSE



**Tokyo Racecourse, home of the Derby and Japan Cup, offers top-tier racing, stunning views of Mt. Fuji from select seats, and a range of exciting facilities.**

## Facilities



### Museum

JRA Racing Museum is JRA's corporate museum, designed to attract racing fans visiting Tokyo Racecourse.



### Japanese Garden

A park featuring playground equipment and a traditional Japanese garden.



### Giftshop

Visit Turfy Shop at Tokyo Racecourse, offering horse racing merchandise and souvenirs.



# QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP (G1)

▶ Total Value **JPY 283,100,000**  
USD 1,891,000

Sunday,  
16 November



## Kyoto Racecourse

**2,200m / Turf / 3yo+**

■ Nomination Close : Tuesday, 23 September

■ Declaration : Thursday, 13 November

- Maximum Number of Horses : 18
- Nomination Fee : Free of Charge
- Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000
- Deadline for Arriving in Japan : Thursday, 6 November

**Right Handed**

**Travel Subsidies Available**

### ▶ Weight

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

## ► Prize Money

	JPY	USD	GBP	EUR	AUD	HKD
<b>Winner</b>	<b>130,000,000</b>	<b>867,000</b>	<b>678,000</b>	<b>798,000</b>	<b>1,300,000</b>	<b>6,843,000</b>
2nd	52,000,000	347,000	271,000	320,000	520,000	2,737,000
3rd	33,000,000	220,000	172,000	203,000	330,000	1,737,000
4th	20,000,000	134,000	105,000	123,000	200,000	1,053,000
5th	13,000,000	87,000	68,000	80,000	130,000	685,000
6th	10,400,000	70,000	55,000	64,000	104,000	548,000
7th	9,100,000	61,000	48,000	56,000	91,000	479,000
8th	7,800,000	52,000	41,000	48,000	78,000	411,000
9th	5,200,000	35,000	28,000	32,000	52,000	274,000
10th	2,600,000	18,000	14,000	16,000	26,000	137,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>283,100,000</b>	<b>1,891,000</b>	<b>1,480,000</b>	<b>1,740,000</b>	<b>2,831,000</b>	<b>14,904,000</b>

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## ► Bonus System

A bonus will be awarded to the winners of races shown below in 2025.

<b>Winner</b>	<b>USD 700,000</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>USD 280,000</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>USD 175,000</b>
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## ► Bonus-Eligible Races for the Winner

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

The winners of the races designated for the aforementioned bonus system which are held after the closing date of the nomination and those horses deemed equivalent may be considered by the JRA Selection Committee as nominated horses.

## ► Racecourse Information

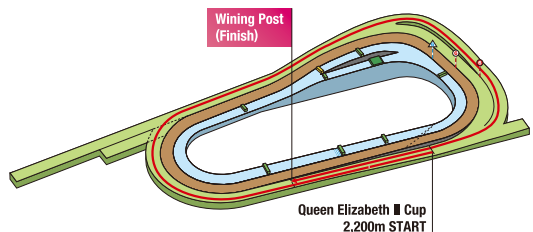
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Width 21-35m

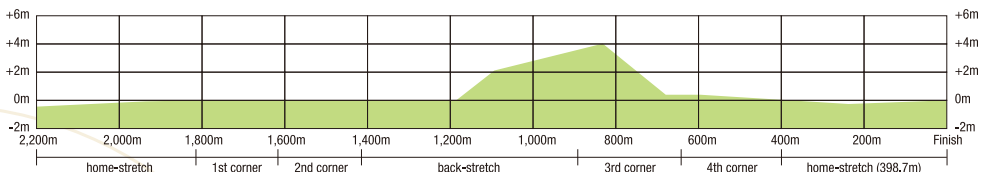
Homestretch (Final turn to finish) 398.7m

2,200m (T) Record time as of 1 January, 2025

Neptunite (21 April, 2019), 02:09.7



## ► Turf Course Undulation





# MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (G1)

▶ Total Value **JPY 390,600,000**  
USD 2,604,000

Sunday,  
23 November



## Kyoto Racecourse

**1,600m / Turf / 3yo+**

■ Nomination Close : Tuesday, 23 September

■ Declaration : Thursday, 20 November

- Maximum Number of Horses : 18
- Nomination Fee : Free of Charge
- Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000
- Deadline for Arriving in Japan : Thursday, 13 November

**Right Handed**

**Travel Subsidies Available**

## ▶ Weight

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

## ► Prize Money

	JPY	USD	GBP	EUR	AUD	HKD
<b>Winner</b>	<b>180,000,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>938,000</b>	<b>1,105,000</b>	<b>1,800,000</b>	<b>9,474,000</b>
2nd	72,000,000	480,000	375,000	442,000	720,000	3,790,000
3rd	45,000,000	300,000	235,000	277,000	450,000	2,369,000
4th	27,000,000	180,000	141,000	166,000	270,000	1,422,000
5th	18,000,000	120,000	94,000	111,000	180,000	948,000
6th	14,400,000	96,000	75,000	89,000	144,000	758,000
7th	12,600,000	84,000	66,000	78,000	126,000	664,000
8th	10,800,000	72,000	57,000	67,000	108,000	569,000
9th	7,200,000	48,000	38,000	45,000	72,000	379,000
10th	3,600,000	24,000	19,000	23,000	36,000	190,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>390,600,000</b>	<b>2,604,000</b>	<b>2,038,000</b>	<b>2,403,000</b>	<b>3,906,000</b>	<b>20,563,000</b>

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## ► Bonus System

A bonus will be awarded to the winners of races shown below in 2025.

<b>Winner</b>	<b>USD 700,000</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>USD 280,000</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>USD 175,000</b>
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## ► Bonus-Eligible Races for the Winner

UK	FR	CAN	UAE	HK
St James's Palace Stakes Queen Anne Stakes Sussex Stakes Sun Chariot Stakes Queen Elizabeth II Stakes	Prix de Jacques le Marois Prix du Moulin de Longchamp	Woodbine Mile	Dubai Turf	Champions Mile

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## ► Racecourse Information

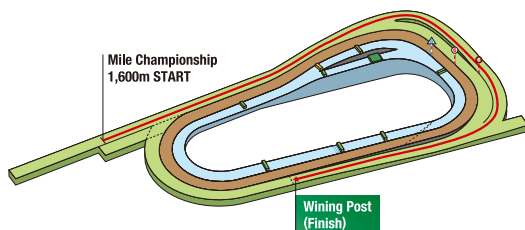
Circumference 1,932.4m

Width 18-32m

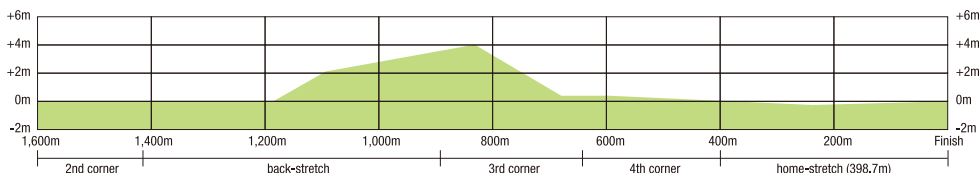
Homestretch (Final turn to finish) 398.7m

1,600m (T) Record time as of 1 January, 2025

Sungrazer (22 April, 2018), 01:31.3



## ► Turf Course Undulation





# CHAMPIONS CUP (G1)

▶ Total Value **JPY 260,400,000**  
USD 1,736,000

Sunday,  
7 December



## Chukyo Racecourse

**1,800m / Dirt / 3yo+**

■ Nomination Close : Tuesday, 7 October

■ Declaration : Thursday, 4 December

- Maximum Number of Horses : 16
- Nomination Fee : Free of Charge
- Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000
- Deadline for Arriving in Japan : Thursday, 27 November

**Left Handed**

**Travel Subsidies Available**

### ▶ Weight

Age/ Sex	Northern Hemisphere Bred	Southern Hemisphere Bred	Age/ Sex	Northern Hemisphere Bred	Southern Hemisphere Bred
4yo+ C, H & G	58 kg (128 lbs)	58 kg (128 lbs)	3yo C & G	57 kg (126 lbs)	55 kg (121 lbs)
4yo+ F & M	56 kg (123 lbs)	56 kg (123 lbs)	3yo F	55 kg (121 lbs)	53 kg (117 lbs)

\* Nominated overseas horses of the Champions Cup will be automatically nominated for the Tokyo Daishoten (G1) at Oi Racecourse (Dirt 1,000m)

## ► Prize Money

	JPY	USD	GBP	EUR	AUD	HKD
<b>Winner</b>	<b>120,000,000</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>625,000</b>	<b>737,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>6,316,000</b>
2nd	48,000,000	320,000	250,000	295,000	480,000	2,527,000
3rd	30,000,000	200,000	157,000	185,000	300,000	1,579,000
4th	18,000,000	120,000	94,000	111,000	180,000	948,000
5th	12,000,000	80,000	63,000	74,000	120,000	632,000
6th	9,600,000	64,000	50,000	59,000	96,000	506,000
7th	8,400,000	56,000	44,000	52,000	84,000	443,000
8th	7,200,000	48,000	38,000	45,000	72,000	379,000
9th	4,800,000	32,000	25,000	30,000	48,000	253,000
10th	2,400,000	16,000	13,000	15,000	24,000	127,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>260,400,000</b>	<b>1,736,000</b>	<b>1,359,000</b>	<b>1,603,000</b>	<b>2,604,000</b>	<b>13,710,000</b>

The currency exchange rate used in this guidebook is 1 USD=150 JPY, 1 GBP=192 JPY, 1 EUR=163 JPY, 1 AUD=100 JPY, 1 HKD=19 JPY. Prize money will be paid in JPY to the Owner per exchange rate at that time.



## ► Bonus System

A bonus will be awarded to the winners of races shown below in 2025.

<b>Winner</b>	<b>USD 700,000</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>USD 280,000</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>USD 175,000</b>
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## ► Bonus-Eligible Races for the Winner

USA			KSA	UAE
Santa Anita Handicap	Belmont Stakes	Pacific Classic	Saudi Cup	Dubai World Cup
Kentucky Derby	Stephen Foster Stakes	Jockey Club Gold Cup		
Preakness Stakes	Whitney Stakes	Breeders' Cup Classic		
Metropolitan Handicap	Travers Stakes			

The winners of the races designated for the aforementioned bonus system which are held after the closing date of the nomination and those horses deemed equivalent may be considered by the JRA Selection Committee as nominated horses.

## ► Racecourse Information

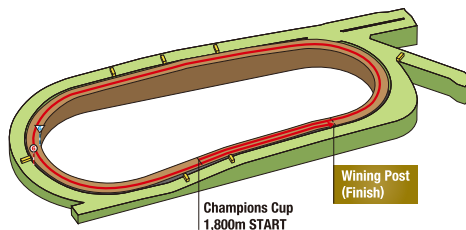
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Width 25m

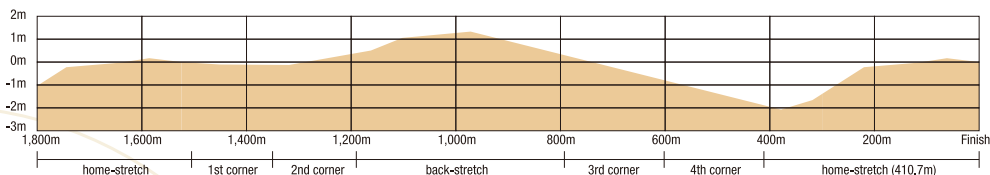
Homestretch (Final turn to finish) 410.7m

1,800m (D) Record time as of 1 January, 2025

Sumahama (14 July, 2019), 01:47.6



## ► Dirt Course Undulation





# TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN (G1)

▶ Total Value **JPY 369,900,000**  
USD 2,466,000

Sunday,  
30 March

**Chukyo Racecourse 1,200m / Turf / 4yo+**

■ Nomination Close : Tuesday, 11 February

■ Declaration : Thursday, 27 March

■ Maximum Number of Horses : 18

■ Nomination Fee : Free of Charge

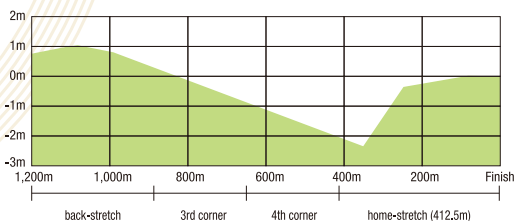
■ Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000

■ Deadline for Arriving in Japan : Thursday, 20 March

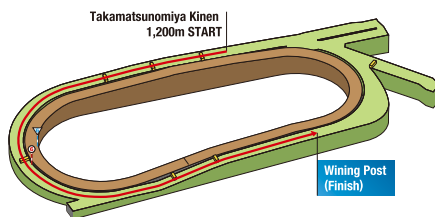
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Travel Subsidies  
Available

## ▶ Turf Course Undulation



## ▶ Racecourse Information







# TENNO SHO (SPRING) (G1)

▶ Total Value **JPY 651,000,000**  
USD 4,340,000

Sunday,  
4 May

**Kyoto Racecourse** **3,200m / Turf / 4yo+**

■ Nomination Close : Tuesday, 11 March

■ Declaration : Thursday, 1 May

■ Maximum Number of Horses : 18

■ Nomination Fee : Free of Charge

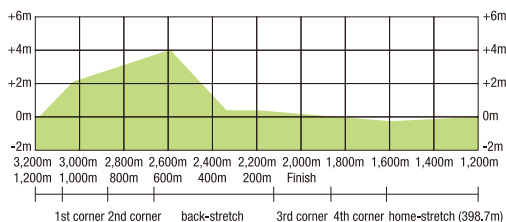
■ Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000

■ Deadline for Arriving in Japan : Thursday, 24 April

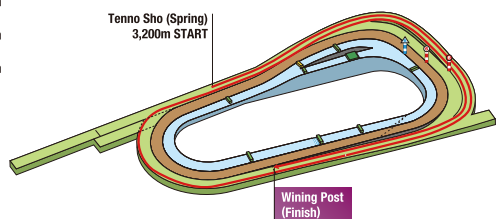
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**Travel Subsidies Available**

## ▶ Turf Course Undulation



## ▶ Racecourse Information





# YASUDA KINEN (G1)

▶ Total Value **JPY 390,600,000**  
USD 2,604,000

Sunday,  
8 June

## Tokyo Racecourse **1,600m / Turf / 3yo+**

■ Nomination Close : Tuesday, 22 April

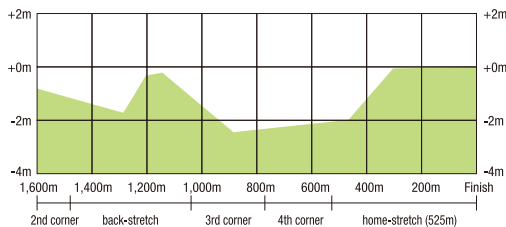
■ Declaration : Thursday, 5 June

- Maximum Number of Horses : 18
- Nomination Fee : Free of Charge
- Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000
- Deadline for Arriving in Japan : Thursday, 29 May

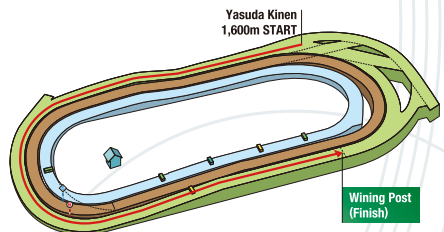
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**Travel Subsidies Available**

### ▶ Turf Course Undulation



### ▶ Racecourse Information





# TAKARAZUKA KINEN (G1)

▶ Total Value **JPY 651,000,000**  
USD 4,340,000

Sunday,  
15 June

## Hanshin Racecourse **2,200m / Turf / 3yo+**

■ Nomination Close : Tuesday, 22 April

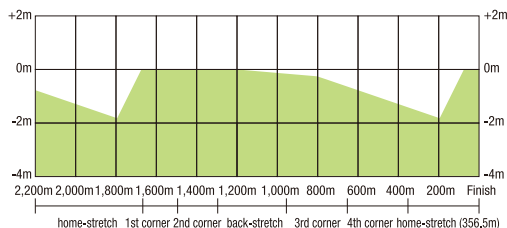
■ Declaration : Thursday, 12 June

- Maximum Number of Horses : 18
- Nomination Fee : Free of Charge
- Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000
- Deadline for Arriving in Japan : Thursday, 5 June

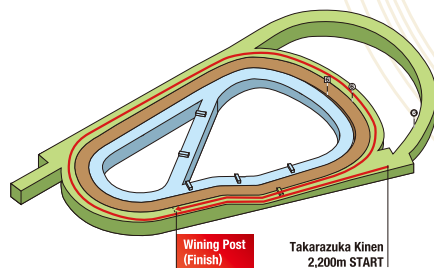
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**Travel Subsidies Available**

### ▶ Turf Course Undulation



### ▶ Racecourse Information





# SPRINTERS STAKES (G1)

▶ Total Value **JPY 369,900,000**  
USD 2,466,000

Sunday,  
28 September

## Nakayama Racecourse **1,200m / Turf / 3yo+**

■ **Nomination Close** : Tuesday, 12 August

■ **Declaration** : Thursday, 25 September

■ **Maximum Number of Horses** : 16

■ **Nomination Fee** : Free of Charge

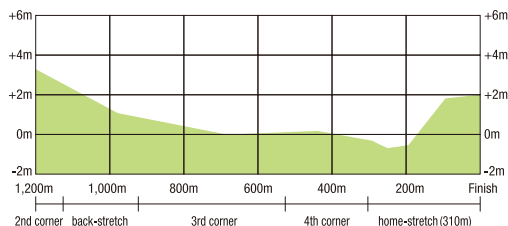
■ **Declaration Fee** : JPY 300,000

■ **Deadline for Arriving in Japan** : Thursday, 18 September

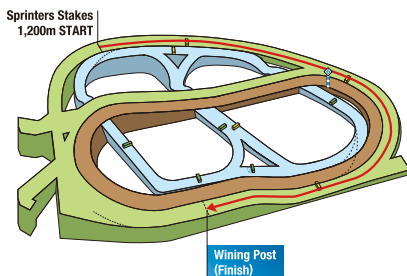
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**Travel Subsidies Available**

### ▶ **Turf Course Undulation**



### ▶ **Racecourse Information**





# TENNO SHO (AUTUMN) (G1)

▶ Total Value **JPY 651,000,000**  
USD 4,340,000

Sunday,  
2 November

**Tokyo Racecourse** **2,000m / Turf / 3yo+**

■ **Nomination Close** : Tuesday, 9 September

■ **Declaration** : Thursday, 30 October

■ **Maximum Number of Horses** : 18

■ **Nomination Fee** : Free of Charge

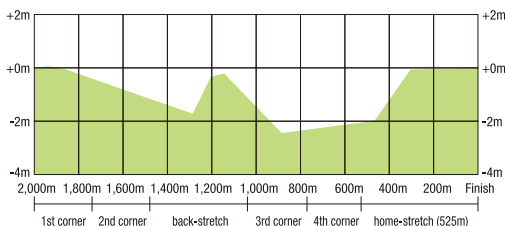
■ **Declaration Fee** : JPY 300,000

■ **Deadline for Arriving in Japan** : Thursday, 23 October

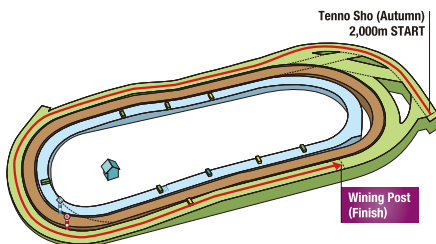
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**Travel Subsidies Available**

## ▶ Turf Course Undulation



## ▶ Racecourse Information



# ROUTES TO JRA RACECOURSES

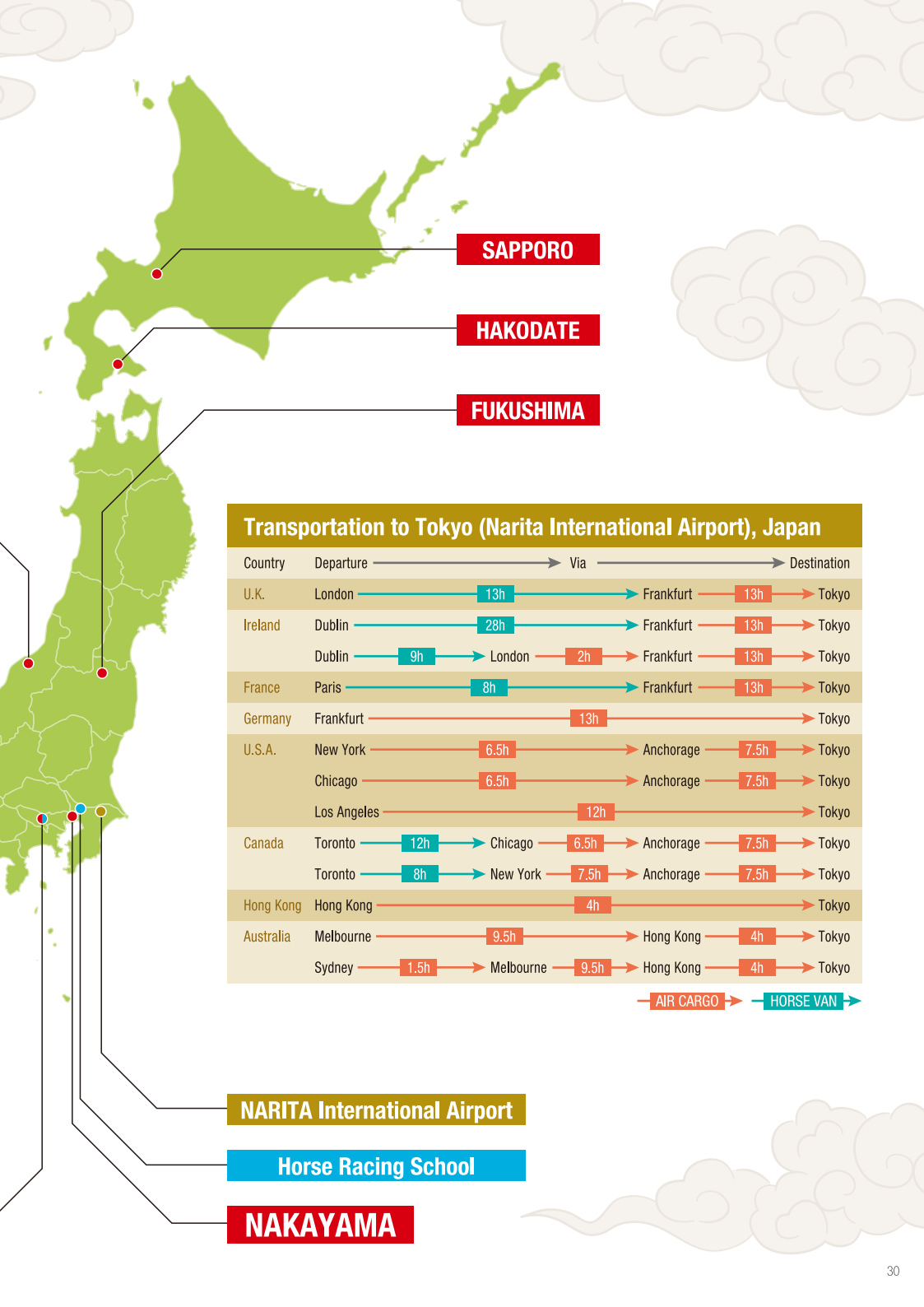
The Tokyo, Nakayama, Chukyo, Kyoto, and Hanshin racecourses are where the G1 races are held. The three quarantine centers are easily accessible from airports.

Transportation to Osaka (Kansai International Airport), Japan			
Country	Departure	Via	Destination
U.K.	London	13h → Frankfurt	12.5h → Osaka
Ireland	Dublin	28h → Frankfurt	12.5h → Osaka
	Dublin	9h → London → 2h → Frankfurt	12.5h → Osaka
France	Paris	8h → Frankfurt	12.5h → Osaka
Germany	Frankfurt	12.5h	Osaka
Italy	Milan	9h → Frankfurt	12.5h → Osaka
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	3.5h	Osaka

→ AIR CARGO    → HORSE VAN



- Racecourses
- Quarantine Centers



**SAPPORO**

**HAKODATE**

**FUKUSHIMA**

**Transportation to Tokyo (Narita International Airport), Japan**

Country	Departure	Via	Destination
U.K.	London	13h → Frankfurt	13h → Tokyo
Ireland	Dublin	28h → Frankfurt	13h → Tokyo
	Dublin	9h → London	2h → Frankfurt
			13h → Tokyo
France	Paris	8h → Frankfurt	13h → Tokyo
Germany	Frankfurt	13h	Tokyo
U.S.A.	New York	6.5h → Anchorage	7.5h → Tokyo
	Chicago	6.5h → Anchorage	7.5h → Tokyo
	Los Angeles	12h	Tokyo
Canada	Toronto	12h → Chicago	6.5h → Anchorage
			7.5h → Tokyo
	Toronto	8h → New York	7.5h → Anchorage
			7.5h → Tokyo
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	4h	Tokyo
Australia	Melbourne	9.5h → Hong Kong	4h → Tokyo
	Sydney	1.5h → Melbourne	9.5h → Hong Kong
			4h → Tokyo

→ AIR CARGO →    → HORSE VAN →

**NARITA International Airport**

**Horse Racing School**

**NAKAYAMA**

# QUARANTINE CENTERS

## TOKYO RACECOURSE



The International Stable 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.

### 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.



Transportation time by horse van  
From Narita International Airport

100 km/62.1 miles 2 hours



## OTHER QUARANTINE CENTERS

### Horse Racing School

This quarantine center is located on the premises of Horse Racing School, which is about 60 minutes by horse van from 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 to each Racecourse/ Airport by horse van

<b>From Narita International Airport</b>	<b>: 50 km / 31 miles</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
<b>To Nakayama Racecourse</b>	<b>: 10 km / 6.2 miles</b>	<b>0.5 hours</b>
<b>To Chukyo Racecourse</b>	<b>: 372 km / 232.5 miles</b>	<b>8 hours</b>
<b>To Kyoto Racecourse</b>	<b>: 500 km / 312.5 miles</b>	<b>10 hours</b>
<b>To Hanshin Racecourse</b>	<b>: 550 km / 343.5 miles</b>	<b>10 hours</b>

### Miki Horse Land Park

This quarantine center is located on the premises of Miki Horse Land 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 Horse Land Park to each Racecourse/ Airport by horse van

<b>From Kansai International Airport</b>	<b>: 150 km / 93.5 miles</b>	<b>2 hours</b>
<b>To Chukyo Racecourse</b>	<b>: 225 km / 140.5 miles</b>	<b>5 hours</b>
<b>To Kyoto Racecourse</b>	<b>: 90 km / 56.5 miles</b>	<b>1.5 hours</b>
<b>To Hanshin Racecourse</b>	<b>: 50 km / 32.5 miles</b>	<b>1 hour</b>

See the quarantine section of Horsemen's Information (on page 38-39) for more information.

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# **HORSEMEN'S INFORMATION**

(As of January 2025, 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 ACCOMMODATION 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 11-28 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

- (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. 35 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 2023 or has paid any salary, allowance, or pension for retirement exceeding JPY 10 million to resident of Japan from January to June of 2024 is obliged to pay by self-assessment a consumption tax of ten percent (10%) on the money and prizes of 2025. 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):	<b>JPY 300,000</b>
G1 races (for 2yo) and G2 races (excluding 2yo races):	<b>JPY 100,000</b>
G2 races (for 2yo), G3 races:	<b>JPY 50,000</b>
Other Races:	<b>JPY 30,000</b>

### **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 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 each race, so please make sure to check the meeting time of the saddling enclosure in advance and take horses to the saddling enclosure by specified time.

### **(2) Saddle Inspection**

The pre-weighted Saddles must be inspected again at saddling enclosure by trainers (or representative) or jockeys after meeting time of the saddling enclosure of the race.

### **(3) Leading to Starting gate**

Generally, 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 incidents 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 weight officially announced. 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 must 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 17 cm and its width is no fewer than 2 cm nor more than 4 cm.
  - 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) The meeting time at the paddock differs depending on the racecourse, so please check the meeting time in the Jockey's Quarter or weighing room before gathering at the paddock. If you are unable to ride at the paddock without a valid reason, you will be subject to sanctions.
- j) 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.
- k) 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.
- l) The jockeys of the horses up to the 7th order of arrival and 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 is official.
- m) 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.
- n) 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:

- a) 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.
- b) 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.

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

\*Except Tokyo Racecourse

- c) During the quarantine period, horses must follow the training timetable designated by the quarantine officer.
- d) During the quarantine period, Grooms and Exercise Riders must enter and exit the Quarantine Center according to the separately established Standard Operation Procedure.
- e) After being cleared from quarantine, necessary follow up measures will be instituted at the racecourse for epidemic prevention.
- f) 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 an 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 horse race. 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:

- a. visual inspection
- b. physical examination
- c. cardiac auscultation
- d. lameness examination
- e. 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.

- a) "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.
- b) The feed and/or supplements were given to your horse regularly and right up to until arrival in Japan.
- c) 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-inn 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 note 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:

- a) 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)
- b) 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)
- c) 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)
- d) 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

- a) 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.
- b) At any time, the use of anabolic steroids is not permitted.
- c) The use of any unlisted drugs with the purpose of, or lead to temporarily stimulating or depressing race performance is prohibited.

### B) RESTRICTED DRUGS

- a) Restricted drugs (You can see the list by scanning QR code below) are defined in Article 132-2(1) of 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.
- b) 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
Elcatonin	30	-
Eltencac	14	0.5 mg per kilogram (kg) of body by weight intravenous adm. once daily for 5 days
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.
Salicylic acid	2	5 gram (g) of sodium salicylate per horse by intravenous adm.
	2	50 mg per horse, applied
Diclofenac	5	1 mg of diclofenac sodium per kg body weight by oral adm. once daily for 3 days
	3	0.8 mg of diclofenac sodium per horse twice daily for 3 days by eye drops
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	300 mg of dextromethorphan hydrobromide hydrate per horse by oral adm. twice daily
Tranexamic acid	10	10 g per horse by intravenous adm.
Naproxen	30	10 mg per kg body weight by oral adm. once daily for 5 days
Filocolix	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.
	10	200 mg of mepivacaine hydrochloride per horse by intraarticular 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**

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

## **4. Medication and Pharmaceutical Products Brought into Japan**

- a) 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.
- b) 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.

([https://japanracing.jp/en/horsemen/jra\\_rules/rules\\_racing.html#c9](https://japanracing.jp/en/horsemen/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.

([https://japanracing.jp/en/horsemen/jra\\_rules/veterinary.html](https://japanracing.jp/en/horsemen/jra_rules/veterinary.html))

# LIST OF FEED AVAILABLE IN JAPAN

Japan Racing Association  
Jan. 2025

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 (Sugar beet) (Japan)
- 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% Racehorse 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]**

- No.11 Racehorse Cubes
- No.10 Racehorse Mix
- OAT BALANCER MIX
- ALFALFA BLEND

### **[Hallway]**

- RACE-13

### **[LMF]**

- Race HI-PRO

## **5. Grooming Supplies**

- Poultice (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
- Honey
- 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
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