

2026

JRA RACING



Message from the President

As the 2026 international racing season gathers momentum, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to horsemen worldwide.

The 45th Japan Cup in 2025 witnessed a historic victory by the French challenger Calandagan, who became the first foreign-trained winner in 20 years. Having triumphed in a thrilling finish to claim the 500-million-JPY first prize and a 3-million-USD bonus, he was later honored as the 2025 LONGINES World's Best Racehorse—proving that the highest honors and rewards are truly within reach in Japan.

Reflecting such world-class performances, the Japan Cup was ranked the world's best horse race for the second time in the 2025 LONGINES World's Top 100 Group/Grade 1 Races, sharing the top spot with Qipco Champion Stakes. With 15 Japanese races in the Top 100 and Japan ranking first in the World's Best Racehorse Rankings for the second consecutive year, our nation's presence in the sport is more formidable than ever.

To further enhance this prestigious global stage, we have completely overhauled our bonus system for all G1 races for older horses starting this year. Notably, the Japan Cup winner's bonus has been increased to a staggering 5 million USD, reflecting our deep respect for the international challengers and their connections.

With our world-class international stables at Tokyo Racecourse and the unparalleled atmosphere of Japanese racing, we offer a truly unique experience. Our team is fully committed to ensuring a seamless stay and an environment where the world's top horses and their connections can perform at their absolute best.

Please feel free to contact our representative offices for further details. We look forward to welcoming you to our racecourses and sharing the excitement of world-class racing together.

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President and CEO
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Prestigious Honors



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

In addition to the generous grade races 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 2025 LONGINES World's Top 100 Group/Grade 1 Races, the Japan Cup was ranked as the best horse race in the world. Additionally, 14 other Japanese races, including the Tenno Sho (Autumn), Arima Kinen, and Satsuki Sho, were ranked among the Group/Grade 1 races from 10 countries. In the 2025 LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings, Japanese horses tied for the lead with 54 ranked horses, with Forever Young and Masquerade Ball being the highest-ranked Japanese horses, tied for 2nd place.

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	Japan Cup in Association with LONGINES

2025 LONGINES World's Top 100 Grade 1 Races

1	Japan Cup in Association with LONGINES
1	Qipco Champion Stakes
3	LONGINES Breeders' Cup Classic
4	King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes
5	LONGINES Dubai Sheema Classic

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.



2026 JRA GRADE 1 RACES

Date	Race	Racecourse
Feb. 22	FEBRUARY STAKES	Tokyo
Mar. 29	TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN	Chukyo
Apr. 5	OSAKA HAI	Hanshin
Apr. 12	OKA SHO (JAPANESE 1000 GUINEAS)	Hanshin
Apr. 19	SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS)	Nakayama
May. 3	TENNO SHO (SPRING)	Kyoto
May. 10	NHK MILE CUP	Tokyo
May. 17	VICTORIA MILE	Tokyo
May. 24	YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS)	Tokyo
May. 31	TOKYO YUSHUN (JAPANESE DERBY)	Tokyo
Jun. 7	YASUDA KINEN	Tokyo
Jun. 14	TAKARAZUKA KINEN	Hanshin
Sep. 27	SPRINTERS STAKES	Nakayama
Oct. 18	SHUKA SHO	Kyoto
Oct. 25	KIKUKA SHO (JAPANESE ST.LEGER)	Kyoto
Nov. 1	TENNO SHO (AUTUMN)	Tokyo
Nov. 15	QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP	Kyoto
Nov. 22	MILE CHAMPIONSHIP	Kyoto
Nov. 29	JAPAN CUP <small>Invitational</small>	Tokyo
Dec. 6	CHAMPIONS CUP	Chukyo
Dec. 13	HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES	Hanshin
Dec. 20	ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES	Hanshin
Dec. 26	HOPEFUL STAKES	Nakayama
Dec. 27	ARIMA KINEN (G1)	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/horsemen/classic_races/entries.html

Age	Sex	Distance	Total Value (JPY)	1st Place (JPY)	Nomination
4yo&up	-	1600m Dirt	326,500,000	150,000,000	Jan. 6
4yo&up	-	1200m Turf	369,900,000	170,000,000	Feb. 10
4yo&up	-	2000m Turf	651,000,000	300,000,000	Feb. 10
3yo	F	1600m Turf	303,800,000	140,000,000	Feb. 24
3yo	C&F	2000m Turf	434,000,000	200,000,000	Feb. 24
4yo&up	-	3200m Turf	651,000,000	300,000,000	Mar. 10
3yo	C&F	1600m Turf	283,100,000	130,000,000	Mar. 24
4yo&up	F&M	1600m Turf	326,500,000	150,000,000	Mar. 24
3yo	F	2400m Turf	326,500,000	150,000,000	Apr. 7
3yo	C&F	2400m Turf	651,000,000	300,000,000	Apr. 7
3yo&up	-	1600m Turf	390,600,000	180,000,000	Apr. 21
3yo&up	-	2200m Turf	651,000,000	300,000,000	Apr. 21
3yo&up	-	1200m Turf	369,900,000	170,000,000	Aug. 11
3yo	F	2000m Turf	239,700,000	110,000,000	Aug. 25
3yo	C&F	3000m Turf	434,000,000	200,000,000	Sep. 8
3yo&up	-	2000m Turf	651,000,000	300,000,000	Sep. 8
3yo&up	F&M	2200m Turf	326,500,000	150,000,000	Sep. 22
3yo&up	-	1600m Turf	390,600,000	180,000,000	Sep. 22
3yo&up	-	2400m Turf	1,090,000,000	500,000,000	Oct. 6
3yo&up	-	1800m Dirt	326,500,000	150,000,000	Oct. 6
2yo	F	1600m Turf	162,750,000	75,000,000	Oct. 20
2yo	C&F	1600m Turf	173,600,000	80,000,000	Nov. 3
2yo	C&F	2000m Turf	173,600,000	80,000,000	Nov. 3
3yo&up	-	2500m Turf	1,090,000,000	500,000,000	Nov. 3

* JRA may provide travel subsidies and a bonus for selected foreign horses in the 13 G1 races for older horses (highlighted in green)



JAPAN CUP (G1)



Tokyo Racecourse

2,400m / Turf / 3yo+

■ **Nomination Close** : Tuesday, 6 October

■ **Declaration** : Thursday, 26 November

- Maximum Number of Horses : 18
- Nomination Fee : Free of Charge
- Declaration Fee : JPY 300,000
- Deadline for Arriving in Japan : Thursday, 19 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 7,034,000

Sunday, 29 November

▶ Racecourse Information

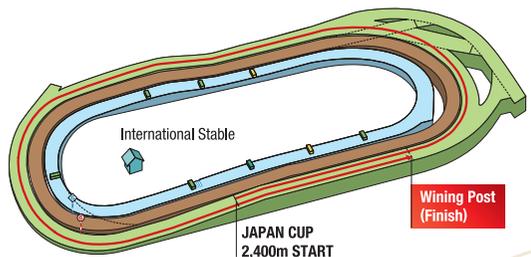
Circumference 2,120.8m

Width 25-35m

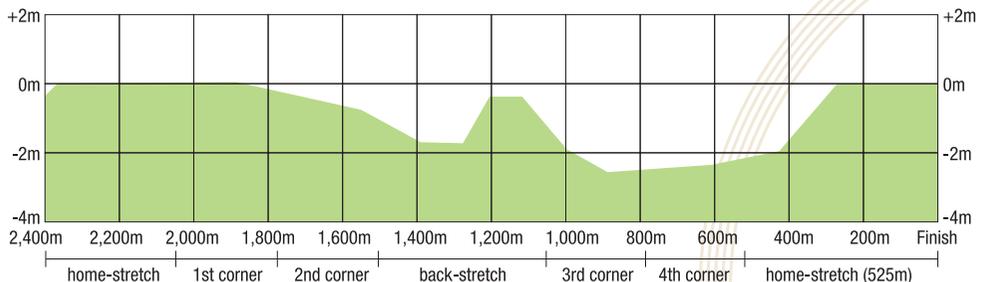
Homestretch (Final turn to finish) 525m

2400m (T) Record time as of 1 February, 2026

Calandagan (30 November, 2025), 2:20.3



▶ Turf Course Undulation





The 2025 LONGINES World's Best Horse Race

The Japan Cup, in association with LONGINES (G1), was named the 2025 LONGINES World's Best Horse Race, sharing the top spot with the Qipco Champion Stakes. This marked the second time the Japan Cup received this honor following 2023. In a historic performance, Calandagan became the first foreign-trained horse to win the race in 20 years. He set a stunning new course record of 2:20.3, surpassing the legendary mark previously held by Almond Eye.

► Prize Money

	JPY	USD	GBP	EUR	AUD	HKD
Winner	500,000,000	3,226,000	2,381,000	2,747,000	4,545,000	25,000,000
2nd	200,000,000	1,290,000	952,000	1,099,000	1,818,000	10,000,000
3rd	130,000,000	839,000	619,000	714,000	1,182,000	6,500,000
4th	75,000,000	484,000	357,000	412,000	682,000	3,750,000
5th	50,000,000	323,000	238,000	275,000	455,000	2,500,000
6th	40,000,000	258,000	190,000	220,000	364,000	2,000,000
7th	35,000,000	226,000	167,000	192,000	318,000	1,750,000
8th	30,000,000	194,000	143,000	165,000	273,000	1,500,000
9th	20,000,000	129,000	95,000	110,000	182,000	1,000,000
10th	10,000,000	65,000	48,000	55,000	91,000	500,000
Total	1,090,000,000	7,034,000	5,190,000	5,989,000	9,910,000	54,500,000



Bonus

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The currency exchange rate used in this guidebook is 1 USD=155 JPY, 1 GBP=210 JPY, 1 EUR=182 JPY, 1 AUD=110 JPY, 1 HKD=20 JPY.
Prize money will be paid in JPY to the Owner per exchange rate at that time.
Trophy to the Winning Owner: JPY 4,500,000 (equivalent value)

► Bonus System

From 2026, the Japan Cup Bonus reaches a record USD 5 million, bringing the total winner's prize to a world-leading USD 8.2 million for a turf race. We have expanded eligibility to include qualifying performances from both the current and previous year, and Tier 1 bonus eligibility now extends to 2nd and 3rd place finishers of those qualifying races. Experience the world's most lucrative challenge at Tokyo Racecourse.

Tier 1							
Qualifying Race		Eligible Year(s)	Qualification	1st in Japan Cup	2nd in Japan Cup	3rd in Japan Cup	4th & below in Japan Cup
UK	Epsom Derby	2025 / 2026	Winner	USD 5,000,000	USD 2,000,000	USD 1,250,000	USD 200,000
	King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes						
	International Stakes						
	Champion Stakes						
IRE	Irish Champion Stakes						
FR	Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe						
USA	Breeders' Cup Turf		2nd / 3rd	USD 2,000,000	USD 800,000	USD 500,000	USD 100,000

Tier 2

Qualifying Race		Eligible Year(s)	Qualification	1st in Japan Cup	2nd in Japan Cup	3rd in Japan Cup	4th & below in Japan Cup
UK	Coronation Cup	2025 / 2026	Winner	USD 3,000,000	USD 1,200,000	USD 750,000	USD 100,000
	Epsom Oaks						
	Prince of Wales's Stakes						
	Eclipse Stakes						
IRE	Tattersalls Gold Cup						
	Irish Derby						
	Irish Oaks						
FR	Prix Ganay						
	Prix de Diane						
	Prix du Jockey Club						
	Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud						
	Grand Prix de Paris						
	Prix Vermeille						
GER	Grosser Preis von Berlin						
	Grosser Preis von Baden						
	Preis von Europa						
USA	Manhattan Stakes						
	Arlington Million						
	Christophe Clement Turf						
	Joe Hirsch Turf Classic						
	Breeders' Cup F & M Turf						
HK	Hong Kong Gold Cup	2024 / 2025					
	QEII Cup						
	Champions & Chater Cup						
	Hong Kong Cup						
	Hong Kong Vase						
AUS	Ranvet Stakes	2025 / 2026					
	Tancred Stakes						
	Queen Elizabeth Stakes						
	Caulfield Cup						
	Cox Plate						
	Melbourne Cup						
UAE	Dubai Sheema Classic						

* Any invited foreign horse that starts in the Japan Cup, unless qualifying for a higher bonus above, will receive a Participation Bonus of US\$ 100,000 regardless of the finishing order.

OFFICIAL HOTEL



An experience beyond expectations with our sophisticated hospitality

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION FOR JAPAN CUP

For invited overseas Horses participating in the Japan Cup, the JRA will provide the following incentives:

- 1 Horse transportation:** Return airfare between Japan and the point of embarkation/disembarkation, plus economy-class return airfare for two accompanying staff members.
- 2 Airfare for Connections:** Return Business-class airfare for the Owner, Trainer, Jockey and one companion each (These tickets are non-transferable).
- 3 Accommodation:** Five nights' accommodation at the JRA official hotel for the Owner, Trainer, and Jockey.



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.

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.

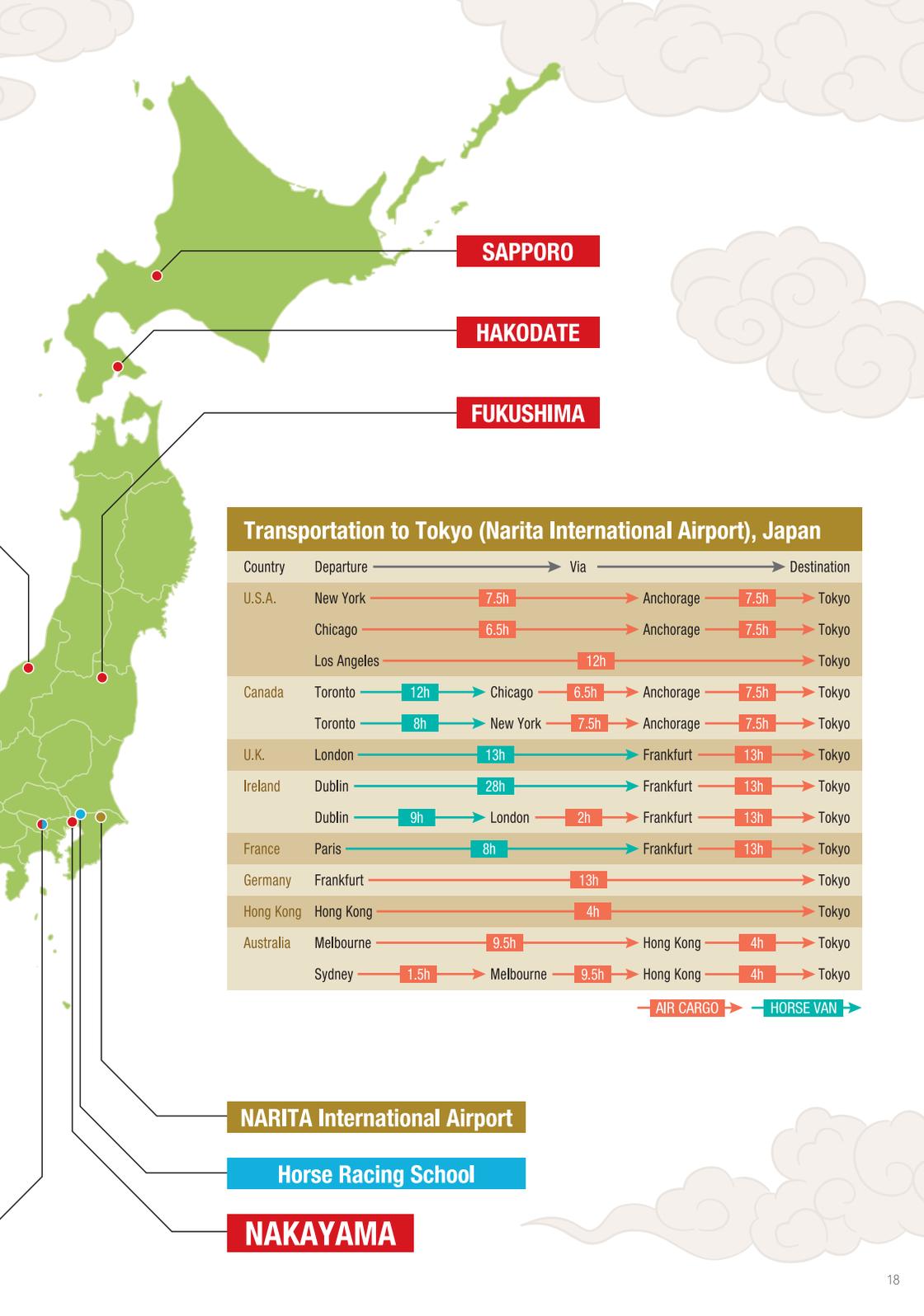
Transportation to Osaka (Kansai International Airport), Japan

Country	Departure	Via	Destination
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.S.A.	New York	7.5h → 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
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
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 exceptional setting with brand-new facilities will ensure your horse settles quickly and smoothly into its 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

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

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.

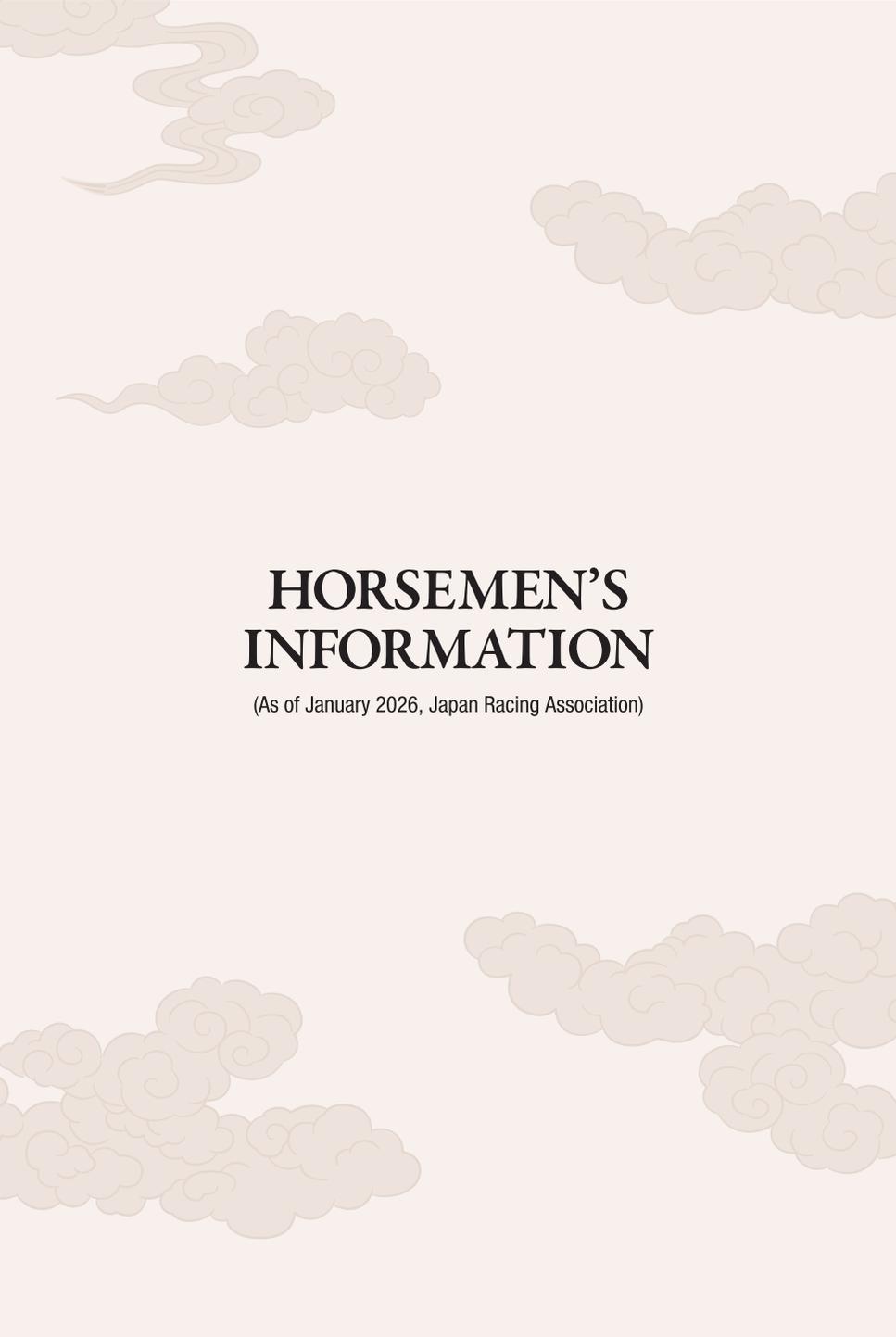


Transportation time

From Miki Horse Land Park to each Racecourse/ Airport by horse van

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

See the quarantine section of Horsemen's Information (on pp.26-27) for more information.

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HORSEMEN'S INFORMATION

(As of January 2026, Japan Racing Association)

I. EXPENDITURES

As a general rule, Owners of participating Horses shall 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:

1. **Horse transportation expenses** between international airports, quarantine facilities, and racecourses within Japan.
2. **Stall fees** at the quarantine facilities and racecourses.

II. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION FOR JAPAN CUP

For invited overseas Horses participating in the Japan Cup, the JRA will provide the following incentives:

1. **Horse Transportation:** Return airfare between Japan and the point of embarkation/disembarkation, plus economy-class return airfare for two accompanying staff members.
2. **Airfare for Connections:** Return Business-class airfare for the Owner, Trainer, Jockey and one companion each (These tickets are non-transferable).
3. **Accommodation:** Five nights' accommodation at the JRA official hotel for the Owner, Trainer, and Jockey.

III. TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

JRA may provide travel subsidies for selected foreign Horses in the 13 G1 races for older Horses listed on pages 7-8. These subsidies are granted at the sole discretion of the Selection Committee. For further details, please consult with the JRA Representative offices.

IV. OWNER REGISTRATION

1. Registration Fees

- (a) Ownership Registration Fee JPY 10,000
- (b) Registration of Racing Colors JPY 3,000
- (c) Owner Registration Tax JPY 90,000
- (d) Declaration Fee* (for 3yo+ G1 races) JPY 300,000 ※see p.23 VII-3

* (a), (b), and (c) are necessary only for the Owners making registration for the first time after 1 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

The name of the Horse and the race must be included in the message section of the foreign remittance application to facilitate JRA verification of the sender.

2. Owner's Name

The JRA Rules of Racing allow only the name of **ONE** Owner per Horse as the registered name.

3. Ownership Change

In case of a change in the Ownership of a participating Horse, both the new and previous Owners must report to the JRA no later than the day prior to the Declaration to Run, accompanied by documentary evidence such as an Ownership Registration Certificate issued by the Horse racing authority of the country represented, or the sales contract. Once a Horse has been drawn for 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, whichever occurs first.

V. PRIZE MONEY

All Prize Money will be wholly awarded to the single nominated Owner, who is registered with the JRA, for all participating Horses. Any division of prize money that reflects multiple Ownership shall be a matter of private agreement between those Owners. The JRA does not deduct percentages for the Trainer, Jockey, or stable staff from prize money. Prize money will be paid in Japanese Yen (JPY) to the Owner at the prevailing exchange rate on the date of payment.

VI. TAXATION

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

1. Owners are generally not subject to Japanese income tax. However, there is a possibility that an Owner who holds permanent establishment (e.g., an office) in Japan may be required to file a tax return and pay tax via self-assessment.
2. Trainers are not obliged to pay tax in Japan.
3. For Jockeys, Exercise Riders and Grooms, a withholding tax of 20.42% will be deducted at the source on money and prizes earned by the individual.

b) Consumption Tax

Owners or connections who had taxable earnings exceeding JPY 10 million in Japan during 2024 or has paid any salary, allowance, or pension for retirement exceeding JPY 10 million to resident of Japan from January to June of 2025 are obliged to pay by self-assessment a consumption tax of ten percent (10%) on the money and prizes of 2026. It is each individual's personal responsibility to file tax returns as appropriate to their status.

c) Customs Duties

Under Japanese law, customs duties are levied on each Horse upon temporary importation into Japan (rates specified under the TPP Agreement shall apply). Owners are required to lodge a security deposit equivalent to the applicable customs duties with the Customs Office for the duration of the Horse's stay in Japan. This deposit will be refunded in full upon the Horses' re-exportation immediately following the race.

VII. DECISION OF RUNNERS

1. Selection of Runners

Entries and participation in the JRA races are subject to the JRA Rules of Racing. Candidate Horses for the race will be assessed based on their racing performance and ratings by the JRA Selection Committee. The JRA has the sole authority and discretion in determining the selection, and the JRA's decision shall be final and binding. 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 selections from Horses that can complete the necessary formalities and logistics in a timely manner.

2. Declaration to Run

Trainers are required to declare their Horses to run at the prescribed time for each race. It is essential that all special gear and equipment to be carried by the Horse must be specified on the official 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 if blinkers are not declared, their use is strictly prohibited during the race. Certain items of gear or equipment may not be permitted without prior authorization; therefore, Connections should contact the JRA Stewards in advance for clarification.

3. Declaration Fee

Declaration fees must be remitted to the bank account designated by the JRA. This fee is NON-REFUNDABLE once a Horse has been declared to run.

For G1 races (excluding 2yo races):	JPY 300,000
G2 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 based solely on the preferences of the Owner or Trainer regarding weather or track conditions are strictly prohibited on or after the deadline for declaration. **A Scratch will only be permitted if the Stewards of the Meeting accept and approve an application for withdrawal, which must be accompanied by an official veterinary certificate documenting an injury or illness 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 their 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 prior to the Declaration to Run. The Starting Gate Examination is done to check if the Horse can successfully get into the gate and stand still at least twice without any problems. To pass, one of those times must include a smooth and easy move straight into the start/breakaway. Verification methods may vary depending on each Horse's history and habits at the gate, so Connections must report all information about the Horse's starting behavior beforehand. The final decision on the method of verification shall be made by the Starter on the day of the procedure, subsequent to an assessment of the Horse's condition.

(2) Lead Pony, Barrier Blanket, Assistant Starter (Gate Crew) and Blindfold

The use of lead ponies and barrier blankets is strictly prohibited, Assistant Starters (gate crew) are not situated inside the starting gate to restrain the Horses, except in cases of emergency. The blindfold is permitted as an aid for entering the starting gate, but it is not permitted as an aid for keeping the Horse standing still (within the gate) in JRA. The use of a blindfold is restricted only to Horses that are reluctant to load, and such Horses must be the first to enter the gate. The blindfold must be removed by the Jockey immediately after the Horse has 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 a history of poor 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 led in by a JRA Official.

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

- (1) Saddling Enclosure:** The time schedule varies by race; Connections must confirm the assembly time of the saddling enclosure in advance and bring their Horses to the saddling enclosure by the designated time.
- (2) Saddle Inspection:** The weighed-out saddles must be inspected again at saddling enclosure by Trainers (or representatives) or Jockeys after assembly time of the saddling enclosure of the race.
- (3) Leading to Starting gate:** Generally, Runners must be led into the gate by JRA Officials. If Connections wish to have their Runners led into the gate by their own stable staff, they must inform JRA Officials 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 Stewards or Starter may call the Trainer to interview about the incidents during the race.
- (5) Post-race testing:** The first three finishers, 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 receive an eye-wash at the clinic before returning to their stalls.

4. Insurance

- a) The JRA will not be responsible for Horse insurance and connections are advised to make their own insurance arrangements for their Horses.
- b) All visiting 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 while under the control of the JRA.

5. Nosebleeding (Epistaxis)

Any Horse diagnosed with epistaxis (nosebleed) during the period from arrival at the saddling enclosure until exiting the track after the race shall be ineligible to compete in JRA races for a period of one month (for the first occurrence).

IX. MATTERS TO BE NOTED IN RELATION TO JOCKEYS

- a) Jockeys to ride in the JRA races must enter and stay in the **Jockeys' Quarters at the racecourse** designated by the JRA by **9:00 PM** on the day before the race meeting. (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) Jockeys 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 must ride the Horse at the weight of 58.0 kg.
- c) Jockeys must ride in a race with the safety vest and helmet approved by the Steward of the Meeting.
- d) Jockeys 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) Jockeys must not wear breeches featuring commercial logos. Only the Jockey's 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 be modified or contain any additions.
- g) Jockeys who are 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 Clerk's scales. 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) Jockeys' weights 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 replaced.
- i) Assembly times at the Paddock vary by racecourse; Jockeys must confirm the scheduled time at the Jockey's Quarters or the Weighing Room prior to gathering at the Paddock. Failure to attend the Paddock at the designated time without a valid reason will result in sanctions.
- j) Jockeys, after entering the track, must walk their Horses at a walking gait and pass in front of the Steward's Stand (winning post). In the case of a race on a turf course, the Horses shall warm up at the on the outer part of the track to protect the turf.
- k) Jockeys must immediately bring their Horses to the starting point as the red flag is waved approximately 4 minutes prior to the start of the race.
- l) Jockeys of the runners finishing in the first seven places and Jockeys of the Horses 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 eight 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 prohibited substances (stimulants, marijuana, narcotics, psychotropic drugs, beta 2 agonists, beta blockers, and diuretics). Breathalyzer tests may also be administered for alcohol testing.

X. QUARANTINE PROCEDURES

Please note that Animal Health Requirements are subject to change. Connections are advised to consult their respective government authorities for the latest information.

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 is limited to a maximum of 60 days (calculated from the day of release from import quarantine to the day prior to the commencement of 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 quarantined as a single lot.
- b) The import quarantine period is a minimum of seven (7) days (inclusive of the dates of arrival at and departure from the quarantine facility). 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					Transfer to the Racecourse*

*Excluding Tokyo Racecourse

- c) During the quarantine period, Trainers must adhere to the training schedule 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 the import quarantine period, necessary follow up measures will be instituted at the racecourse for epidemic prevention.
- f) The export quarantine will be conducted at the racecourse. The export quarantine period is generally 24 hours 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 requirements are based on the animal health protocols agreed upon between the Japanese Government and the respective government authorities of each country. Export quarantine requirements prior to departure must be ascertained in advance from the relevant government departments of the exporting country. Connections must follow all official instructions regarding necessary vaccinations, as certain countries require specific procedures for re-entry.

While the JRA is available to address inquiries regarding these topics, Connections are strongly advised to consult their own government authorities for the latest information.

Equine Viral Arteritis

The Japanese government does not require this vaccination. Connections must NOT vaccinate Horses against EVA if they intend for the Horse to remain in Japan for breeding purposes. In the case whereby a Horse test positive for antibodies of EVA after the race, the Horse will not be allowed to remain in Japan for breeding.

West Nile Virus (WNV)

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 other factors.

Please refer to the following requirements for international Horses:

No cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) infection were confirmed for 60 days immediately prior to shipment to Japan within 50 kilometers radius of the premises where the exported Horses were stabled for at least 14 days immediately prior to shipment to Japan (or for the entire duration of their stay if less than 14 days). **OR**

The exported Horses have been vaccinated against WNV using a vaccine approved by the government of a Listed Country in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations (typically involving two doses at a 3-to-6 week interval or a single booster shot).

Japanese Encephalitis Virus

Although the government does not require this vaccination, 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 vaccine before coming to Japan. The JRA accepts no liability for any Horses arriving during this period. 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 (Equine Herpes Virus infection)

The JRA requires vaccination against Equine Rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1) within 14 and 180 days prior to shipment to Japan either with a primary course or a booster and as per manufacturer's instructions.

Equine Influenza

As mentioned 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 examples of requirements are provided below. (As of February 2025)

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

The exported Horses must be vaccinated against Equine influenza in accordance with the recommendations of a manufacturer with a vaccine approved by the government of the Listed Countries within 21 and 90 days prior to shipment to Japan either with a primary course or a booster.

~Australia~

The International Horses shall 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. However, Horses must not be vaccinated with a live vaccine within 2 weeks 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

Within 5 days prior to shipment to Japan, a nasopharyngeal swab must be taken from the International Horse and test negative for Equine influenza using a RT-PCR or antigen ELISA.

Horses Remaining in Japan After the Race

Connections wishing for their Horses to remain in Japan for breeding purposes must consult with the JRA and their shipping agent as soon as possible. In such instances, Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) and other required examinations will be conducted immediately following the race. Please note that customs duties (security deposits) will NOT be refunded in these cases.

XII. VETERINARY ASSESSMENTS

1. Pre-Travel Veterinary History Declaration

Upon the JRA's request, Connections may be required to submit the Horse's veterinary history—including diagnostic imaging and data—to assess its suitability for racing in Japan.

2. Pre-Race Veterinary Inspection (All Runners)

Veterinary assessments for suitability to race are conducted by JRA Veterinarians prior to the Declaration to Run.

The veterinary assessment includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Visual Inspection
- b. Physical Examination
- c. Cardiac Auscultation
- d. Lameness Examination
- e. Palpation of the Musculoskeletal System

Should a Veterinary Officer issue instructions regarding measures to be taken for the Horse based on these assessment results, Trainers must comply with such instructions.

XIII. FEED, BEDDING AND WATER

1. Feed and Bedding

Feed, supplements, and bedding for use in Japan will be provided by the JRA. Selections must be made from the 'LIST OF FEED AVAILABLE IN JAPAN' (provided separately) and submitted to the JRA Representative Office in advance. The importation of external feed and supplements that cannot be substituted by products on the list may be permitted only 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 with "LIST OF FEED AVAILABLE IN JAPAN," to JRA in advance for approval.
- b) The feed and/or supplements were given to Horses regularly and right up to until arrival in Japan.
- c) Compound feed and supplements must be unopened and each product should be of the 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 are detected in the pre-race testing and are suspected to be derived from the feed or the supplements brought into Japan, Trainers 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 Custody until after the race.

2. Quarantine Precautions for Feed Imports

If Connections wish to import feed or supplements for their Horse to Japan, they may be required to obtain a phytosanitary certificate issued by the relevant government authorities of their country. In addition, upon arrival in Japan, feed or supplements must be cleared by Animal and Plant Quarantine Station and Customs. Please note that it may take time to go through these procedures.

Therefore, if Horses 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. Failure to provide timely notification may result in an inability to use the feed or supplements immediately upon 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 inspect all brought-in shoes upon arrival in Japan to ensure compliance with these standards.

The following shoes are **strictly prohibited** during a race:

- a) Shoes whose calk is exceeding 2 millimeters in height from the ground-contact surface, or shoes with sharp-ended calks (i.e. Toe grabs) (Calks of exactly 2 millimeters are permitted)
- b) Shoes where the difference in thickness between the inner and outer lines (divided by the center groove) exceeds 3 millimeters, or those with an uneven ground-contact surface.(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 ground-contact surface is uneven along the circumference or 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

JRA Farriers are available to provide shoeing services upon request. The JRA recommends that Connections bring their own spare shoes and nails, as the existing stock may not accommodate all specific requirements. Further inquiries should be directed to the respective JRA Representative Office.

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 are 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 Horses shall be prescribed by the JRA Veterinary Officer. If Connections wish to seek treatment after coming to Japan, consult the JRA Veterinarian in charge.

A) PROHIBITED DRUGS

- a) Prohibited drugs (A complete list is available via the 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 is restricted from racing for a period of 10 days. However, if the prohibited drugs such as Detomidine (159) and Medetomidine (315) are administered, the Horse concerned is restricted from racing for a period of 5 days.
- b) The use of anabolic steroids is strictly prohibited at all times.
- c) The use of any unlisted drugs with the purpose or effect of temporarily stimulating or depressing race performance is prohibited.

B) RESTRICTED DRUGS

- a) Restricted drugs 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 on the next page (list of race restriction period). Connections should be aware that certain substances may remain in the body for an extended period.
- 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 January 2026)

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 kg of body weight by intravenous adm. Once daily for 5 days.
Oxybuprocaine	3	0.64 mg of oxybuprocaine hydrochloride per horse by eye drops
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.
Chlorpheniramine	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 of body weight by intramuscular adm.
Salicylic acid	2	5 g of sodium salicylate per Horse by intravenous adm.
	2	50 mg per Horse, applied
Diclofenac	5	1 mg of diclofenac sodium per kg of body weight by oral adm. once daily for 3 days.
	3	0.08 mg of diclofenac sodium per horse twice daily for 3 days by eye drops
Cetirizine	2	0.38 mg per kg of 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.
	3	0.08 mg per horse twice daily for 3 days by eye drops
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 of body weight by oral adm. once daily for 5 days
Filcoxib	30	0.1 mg per kg of body weight by oral adm. once daily for 5 days
Phenylbutazone	10	8.8 mg per kg of body weight by intravenous adm.
	10	4.7 mg per kg of body weight by oral adm. twice daily for 5 days
Butylscopolamine	4	0.3 mg per kg of body weight by intravenous adm.
Butorphanol	5	0.1 mg per kg of body weight by intravenous adm.
Pridinol	4	20 mg of pridinol mesilate per Horse by intravenous adm.
Flunixin	7	1.1 mg per kg of body weight by intravenous adm.
Prednisolone	3	1 mg per kg of body weight by oral adm.
Procaine	15	4.8 mg per kg of body weight by intramuscular adm.
Betamethasone	5	0.06 mg per kg of 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 of body weight by intravenous adm.
	4	0.6 mg per kg of 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 official form, no later than five (5) days prior to the Horse departure for Japan. This record must include all medications administered within 30 days prior to the departure date. After the initial submission, any further medications administered before arrival in Japan must be reported immediately upon arrival.

3. Veterinary Instructions Regarding Medical Treatment

- a) No medical treatment may be administered to a Horse starting from the day before the race.
- b) Prior consultation with a JRA Veterinary Officer is mandatory if any drug or medication is to be administered to a Horse scheduled to run.
- c) Only JRA Veterinary Officers are permitted to diagnose or administer treatment to the Horse.

4. Medication and Pharmaceutical Products Brought into Japan

- a) Medication and pharmaceutical products brought into Japan by Connections cannot be used within JRA premises. Such products will be held in JRA custody until after the race.
- b) The JRA provides a variety of products such as hot and cold compress medications (poultices), shampoos, skin protection creams, hoof oils and other products for the Horse's care. A list of these supplies is available at each JRA Representative Office. Should Connections wish to use products other than those provided, Connections must declare this in advance and obtain official permission.

5. Physico-Chemical Test

a) Pre-race testing

The pre-race testing will be conducted 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. Please note that a negative result in pre-race testing does not guarantee a negative result in 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 Sample A and Sample B. 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. Connections will forfeit any prizes and prize money. Furthermore, responsible parties 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, Connections 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).

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)

LIST OF FEED AVAILABLE IN JAPAN

Japan Racing Association
Jan. 2026

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 Fresh Protect (NZ)
- Beet pulp (Sugarbeet)(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
- 20% Oat Balancer Cooked Mix
- 10% Cool 'N Cooked Mix

[HYGAIN]

- RELEASE
- RACETORQUE
- POWATORQUE
- GROTORQUE
- TRU GAIN

[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
- RACING
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- TWYBLID
- VIGORADE
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New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing INC. (NZ)

