

# Japan-US Goodwill Relay Marathon

## Mitigation Proposal

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### Introduction

This mitigation proposal is compiled pursuant to **Guidelines on Prevention of Outbreak of COVID-19** in hosting a sports event issued by Japan Sport Association on May 14.

We have detailed the mitigation measures to be taken at various scenes including reception counter, starting line, relaying zone, waiting space and running course.

As the situation surrounding COVID-19 changes with every moment, resulting in modification to the guidelines, we will update the mitigation measures accordingly to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

## Conditions to host the event

- Conditions for entry
  - Participants must be residents of municipalities where a state of emergency has not been issued.
  - Entry by residents of prefectures other than Yamaguchi is not allowed when an order to restrict the traveling across prefectural borders has been issued in Yamaguchi Prefecture or respective prefectures of each participant.
  - When the restriction of traveling across prefectural borders has been relaxed, the conditions for entry will be relaxed accordingly.
  - ※ When it is revealed that the one does not meet the above conditions or the one becomes no longer fit the conditions for entry due to the situational changes spawned after the entry, the entry will be nullified and the following amount of money will be refunded to the representative by QUO card. (¥1,000/adult, ¥500/ 15 years old and under)
  - ※ How to give a refund and the amount of refund will be at the sole discretion of the sponsor.
  
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  - A state of emergency and a request of voluntary suspension of event have not been issued by Yamaguchi prefecture or Iwakuni city, or it is apparent that both of them are to be lifted by the event day.

## What to do in the event of cancellation

- Decision of cancellation and handling of entry fee
  - Decision of cancellation is based on the following conditions.
    - ① When a state of emergency and a request of voluntary suspension of event have been issued by the last day of registration and there's no chance for them to be lifted.
    - ② When the conditions to open the event have not been met due to the change of situation that has occurred after the last registration day.
  
  - Refund of entry fee
    - Refund is to be given in the following manner depending on how the decision has been made-either by ① or ②.
    - ① The following amount of money will be refunded to the representative by QUO card;  
¥1,000/adult, ¥500/15 years old and under
    - ② The number of towels equivalent to the number of registered participants will be forwarded to the representative. No monetary refund.
    - ※ How to give a refund and the amount of refund will be at the sole discretion of the sponsor.

### **Prior mitigation measures ①**

- Request for participants' cooperation
- Wearing of mask by staff members
- Frequent **hand washing and disinfection**
- Maintenance of social distance (2m+ apart from others)
- No loud **talking, cheering**. No **high touch**.
- **Bring mouth coverings like a mask and wear it while not running.**
- Giving up of participation when feeling ill. (**fever of 37.5°C, coughing, sore throat, fatigue, Impaired smell/taste**)
- **Giving up of participation when having a close contact with someone confirmed positive with COVID-19 within two weeks prior to the event day.**
- **Giving up of participation when a family member living together or a close friend has been suspected of being positive with COVID-19.**
- **Giving up of participation when having traveled to areas (municipalities under special alert) or countries that have been seeing the spike of positive cases within two weeks prior to the event day.**
- When confirmed positive within two weeks after the event, notify the host of whether there's/are close contact/s or not, immediately.
- **Download the oath ahead of time and submit the completed oath at the reception counter on the event day.** (The oath must be completed at home in advance to avoid congestion at the venue.)
- Follow the mitigation measures implemented by the host and instructions as deemed necessary.

### **Prior mitigation measures ②**

- Prior notification to participants
- Post the request for participants' cooperation on the official web site early on to ensure the understanding of each participant on the request.
- **Release the oath to the public to have the consent to the terms be pledged regarding the participation in the event. The oath is to be downloaded and completed by each participant for submittal at the reception counter on the event day.**
- Encourage the participants to install COVID-19 Contact-Confirming Application (COCOA) to heighten the awareness of contagion preventive measures.

## Mitigation measures on the event day ①

- Measures at the reception
  - Set up the outdoor reception counter.
  - **Mask mandatory** to the staff at the counter
  - **Marking mandatory** to maintain a certain distance among waiting participants in line.
  - Ask for **the submittal of oath** and **presentation of the mail screen** that had been sent by the participant.
  
- Measures at the venue
  - Place hand sanitizers at multiple locations.
  - Place POP on “Hand washing” and “Etiquette” to prevent infection.
  - **No Change rooms.** (Use of one’s own car as dressing room)
  - Scale down the opening ceremony and briefing. Summon the representatives only and keep social distance. (Announcement of basic rules only)
  - **No trash boxes.** (Trash has to be taken back home.)
  - Only the first runners must gather at the starting line, wearing a mask until just before the start.
  - **Temperature screening at the entrance to be administered on not just the participants but on everybody who enters the venue. Those with 37.5°C+ will be debarred.**

## Mitigation measures on the event day ②

- Water stations

**No water stations.**
  
- Relaying zone
  - **No relaying zone. Tasuki relay is allowed to take place freely within the running course.**
  - ※ Relay in not allowed in a certain section. To avoid congestion, participants have to scatter to relay the tasuki.
  
- On the course
  - **Must keep social distance even when getting ahead of other runners.**
  
- After making the Finish line
  - **Tasuki sashes have to be dropped into the designated collection box by each runner.**
  - A record certificate will printed and issued at the venue.
  - Mast mandatory immediately after making the finish line.
  - No finish tape
  
- Ceremony