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Courtney Dauwalter (USA) and Guomin Deng (China) Win FUJI100mi at Mt. FUJI 100



On the evening of Friday, April 26, during the two-day event **Mt. FUJI 100** held from April 26 (Fri) to 27 (Sat), 2024, **Courtney Dauwalter** (USA) and **Guomin Deng** (China) emerged victorious in the women's and men's divisions of the "FUJI100mi" race, respectively.

The "FUJI100mi" is a trail running race that started at midnight on April 26 (Fri) from Fujisan-Kodomo-Kuni (Fuji, Shizuoka) and finished at Fujisan-no-Meisui Stadium in Fuji Hokuroku Park. **Guomin Deng** completed the 166.6km course with a cumulative elevation gain of 7,039m through the mountains, forests, and towns at the foot of Mt. Fuji in 19 hours, 10 minutes, and 34 seconds, while **Courtney Dauwalter** finished in 19 hours, 21 minutes, and 22 seconds. Additionally, at the time of writing, **Guidu Qin** (China) secured 2nd place with a time of 19 hours, 20 minutes, and 52 seconds, and **Ryo Murata** (Japan) took 3rd place with a time of 20 hours, 27 minutes, and 14 seconds.



In the women's race, Courtney Dauwalter not only maintained her lead from the beginning but also overtook several male runners in the latter half of the race, ultimately achieving an astonishing 3rd place overall.

In the men's race, Guomin Deng and Guidu Qin ran together at the front in the first half. However, Deng arrived at F5 Oshino (113.0km) 20 minutes earlier, and from there, he continued to extend his lead over Qin.

Men's winner **Guomin Deng** reflected on his race, saying, *"Today's race was not perfect, and there will be points to reflect on. Especially when crossing the three mountains at the end, it was very tough. But I am grateful that I was able to run to the end and win the race."*

Guidu Qin, who finished second behind Deng, was attempting his first 100-mile race. Regarding being caught by Courtney Dauwalter with 20km remaining, he said, *"Courtney is my senior in this sport. When she caught up to me, I had no energy left, but I thought I would try to stay with her until the end to learn from her. I think she could have passed me and finished, but she respected my pride and let me go ahead. I appreciate her consideration."*

Courtney Dauwalter, who became the champion of this event for the second time following 2018, addressed the gathered crowd, saying, *"I felt so lucky to be out there seeing the sunrise with Mount Fuji. It was absolutely stunning. I hope you all saw it as well. Generally I just felt like it was the best day to be out moving with my feet on an amazing course in a beautiful place with a wonderful community and that was what kept me pushing towards the finish line."*

Ryo Murata, the top Japanese male runner who finished 3rd, humbly reflected on his performance, saying, *"This time, there were strong runners, and my goal was to at least finish in the top 10 among this group. As I progressed through the course, I was able to gradually improve my position, but finishing 3rd overall and as the top Japanese runner was unexpected. Staying faithful to my plan until the end led to this success."*

The approximately 2,400 runners participating in the "FUJI100mi" will aim to reach the finish line at Fujisan-no-Meisui Stadium, in Fuji Hokuoku Park, by the time limit of 21:00 on April 27 (Sat).

The "KAI70k" race, which covers the latter half of the "FUJI100mi" course with a distance of 69.4km and a cumulative elevation gain of 3,493m, will start shortly at midnight on April 27 (Sat) at Fujisan-no-Meisui Stadium.

FUJI100mi Result (https://leaderboard.runnet.jp/?tri=02524_20240426_01)

(Men)

- 1 Guomin Deng (CHN) 19:10:34
- 2 Guidu Qin (CHN) 19:20:52
- 3 Ryo Murata (JPN) 20:27:14
- 4 Hayato Nishikata (JPN) 20:59:36
- 5 Alexandre Boucheix (FRA) 21:02:14
- 6 Takashi Doi (JPN) 21:26:12
- 7 Nagisa Itagaki (JPN) 21:41:47
- 8 Ho Chung Wong (HKG) 21:48:31
- 9 Tatsuya Saguchi (JPN) 21:57:46
- 10 Takamaru Kawasaki (JPN)

(Women)

- 1 Courtney Dauwalter (USA) 19:21:22

Mt.FUJI100 2024 Event Outline

■ **DATES** Friday, April 26, 2024 – Saturday, April 27, 2024 (2 days)

■ **Race category**

① **FUJI100mi**

- Distance: Approximately 166.6km
- Cumulative altitude gain: +7,039m / -7,614m
- Start: Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni, Fuji City, Shizuoka Prefecture
- Finish: FUJISAN NO MEISUI Stadium of Fuji Hokuroku Park, Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture
- Race start time:
 - WAVE1 600 racers, 0:00, Friday, April 26 (*cutoff time: 45 hours)
 - WAVE2 600 racers, 0:10, Friday, April 26 (*cutoff time: 44 hours and 50 minutes)
 - WAVE3 600 racers, 0:20, Friday, April 26 (*cutoff time: 44 hours and 40 minutes)
 - WAVE4 600 racers, 0:30, Friday, April 26 (*cutoff time: 44 hours and 30 minutes)
- Final cutoff time: 21:00, Saturday, April 27(*cutoff time: 44 hours and 30 minutes)
- Number of racers: 2,400 (including racers registered through priority registration, general registration, and donation-based registration)

② **KAI70k**

- Distance: Approximately 69.4km
- Cumulative altitude gain: +3,493m / -3,670m
- Start / Finish: FUJISAN NO MEISUI Stadium of Fuji Hokuroku Park, Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture
- Race start time: 0:00, Saturday, April 27 (*cutoff time: 21 hours)
- Final cutoff time: 21:00, Saturday, April 27
- Number of racers: 800(including racers registered through general registration and donation-based registration)

■ **Organizer:** Mt.FUJI100 Race Committee

<Member organizations>

General Incorporated Association Fuji Hakone Izu Trail Support
Mt.FUJI100 Joint Venture (Sotoe Co., Regionport LLC,Ltd., R-bies Co.,Ltd)

■ **Cosponsored:** Fuji City, Fujinomiya City, Minobu Town, Nurusawa Village, Fujikawaguchiko Town, Fujiyoshida City, Oshino Village, Yamanakako Village, Gotemba City, and Susono City

■ **Supervisor:** Mt.FUJI100 Joint Venture (Sotoe Co., Regionport LLC,Ltd., R-bies Co.,Ltd)

■ **Environment Support:** NPO Fuji Trail Runners Club

■ **Special Partner:** THE NORTH FACE, GOLDWIN, W. L. Gore & Associates, Fuji-Q Highland

■ **Support:** Japan Sports Sgency, Japan Tourism Agency, Yamanashi prefecture, Doshi village, East Shizuoka Association for the Promotion of/thru Sports, Yamanashi Nichinichi Shimbun, Yamanashi Broadcasting System, Television Yamanashi, FM Fuji, the Shizuoka Shimbun, Shizuoka Broadcasting System, Shizuoka Telecasting, Shizuoka Asahi Television, Shizuoka Daiichi Television, and K-mix

■ **Honorary Race Committee:** Race Committee Members10 Municipal Heads

■ **Race President:** TSUYOSHI KABURAKI (General Incorporated Association Fuji Hakone Izu Trail Support Representative Director, Professional trail runner)

■ **Vice President of the race:** KOICHIRO HORIUCHI (President, Fuji Kyuko Co., Ltd.)

■ **Race Producer:** RICKA FUKUDA (Medical doctor and musician, resident of Fujikawaguchiko Town)

■ **Co-representative:**

TATSUO CHIBA (Representative Director, Sotoe Co., Ltd.)

YOSHIHIRO TAJIKA (Representative, Region Port, LLC.)

YU KUROSAKI (Representative Director, R-bies Co., Ltd.)

■ **Advisor**

SHIN MURAKOSHI (Professor, Faculty of Education, Shizuoka University)

MASUMI NAKAO (Representative Director of NPO Discover Rias)

TSUTOMU MIURA (Vice Chair and Head of Secretariat of NPO Fuji Trail Runners Club)

Mt.FUJI100 2024 Press Schedule



A press conference to introduce promising runners will be held from 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, the day before the race, followed by a press briefing at 1:30 p.m.

Also, the awards ceremony will be held on from 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.

■ Wednesday, April 24th

13:00-	Opening of press center	*1 Fuji Hokuroku Park Press center
13:00-17:00	Start press registration	*1 Fuji Hokuroku Park Press center
13:00-20:00	Mt.FUJI100 EXPO	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium

■ Thursday, April 25th

09:00-10:30	Press registration	*1 Fuji Hokuroku Park Press center
09:00-20:00	Mt.FUJI100 EXPO	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium
11:30-12:30	Press conference (Japanese / English)	*3 Fuji Hokuroku Park Special stage
13:30-14:30	Press briefing (Japanese / English)	*1 Fuji Hokuroku Park Press center
13:30-15:00	Press registration	*1 Fuji Hokuroku Park Press center
22:00-23:30	Press registration at the start venue	Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni
23:30	FUJI Opening Ceremony (Japanese / English)	Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni

■ Friday, April 26th

00:00-00:30	FUJI wave start	Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni
13:00-20:00	Mt.FUJI100 EXPO	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium
19:10	First runner of the FUJI finishes (expected time)	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium
21:52	First female runner of the FUJI finishes (expected time)	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium
23:30	KAI Opening Ceremony (Japanese / English)	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium

■ Saturday, April 27th

00:00	KAI start	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium
07:30	First runner of the KAI finishes (expected time)	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium
09:30	First female runner of the KAI finishes (expected time)	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium
10:00-17:00	Mt.FUJI100 EXPO	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium
10:45-11:15	mini long 5km awards ceremony	*3 Fuji Hokuroku Park Special stage
13:45-14:15	mini short 3km awards ceremony	*3 Fuji Hokuroku Park Special stage
17:00-18:00	KAI awards ceremony (Japanese / English)	*3 Fuji Hokuroku Park Special stage
18:00-19:00	FUJI awards ceremony (Japanese / English)	*3 Fuji Hokuroku Park Special stage
21:00	FUJI & KAI Final cutoff time	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium
21:00	Closing on the press center	*1 Fuji Hokuroku Park Press center

[Location Details]

***1 Fuji Hokuroku Park Press center :**
Gymnasium 1st floor conference room

***2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium:**
FUJISAN NO MEISUI Stadium

***3 Fuji Hokuroku Park Special stage:**
Special stage in FUJISAN NO MEISUI Stadium

MAP of Fuji Hokuroku Park



5000, Kamiyoshida-Tateishi,
Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi-ken

Live streaming to showcase the progress of top athletes and the appeal of the event to the world

During the Mt. FUJI 100 event period, participants can be searched on "Ouen Navi" to check their passing status and location information, and the "Leaderboard" will be updated with the passing status of the top 100 athletes in each category. IBUKIGPS also provides information on the location of FUJI100mi elite athletes and IBKIGPS holders.

During the event, please check the following sites for information on each athlete's location, ranking, running time, and other status.

Ouen Navi <https://v2.ouenavi.jp/teaser/?eid=00000000338673>

Leaderboard https://leaderboard.runnet.jp/?tri=02524_20240426_01

Available: April 26 (Fri) 0:00 - April 28 (Sun) 23:59

IBUKIGPS* <https://ibuki.run/ev/8963646647679083605/>

*Only for elite athletes in FUJI100mi and athletes with their own IBUKIGPS

Live programs in both Japanese and English will be broadcast from the late evening of Thursday, April 25, just before the start of the FUJI100mi until the late evening of Friday, April 26, when the top athletes finish. The programs will include footage from aid stations and the course, with commentary in both Japanese and English.

Japanese program: Mt. FUJI 100 official YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@mtfuji100>

English live stream: Gran Canaria World Trail Majors official YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@WorldTrailMajors>

English live stream: Mountain Outpost Official YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@MountainOutpost>

In addition, Mt. FUJI 100's social media will provide updates on the event and information as it happens.

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mt.fuji100/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Mt.FUJI100/>

X: <https://twitter.com/MtFUJI100>

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*Back numbers of the past press releases: <https://mtfuji100.com/en/press/>

*If you would like to see official photos of the competition for the press,
please contact the above race headquarters.