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## Shen Jiasheng and Anna Tarasova Win KAI70k at Mt. FUJI 100



Shen Jiasheng (China) and Anna Tarasova (Spain) emerged victorious in the men's and women's categories, respectively, in the KAI70k trail running race, part of the Mt. FUJI 100 event. The KAI70k covers a distance of 70.2km with a cumulative elevation gain of 3,052m.

The KAI70k started and finished at Fuji Hokuroku Park / Mt. Fuji Meisui Stadium (Fuji yoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture), kicking off at 1:30 PM on Saturday, April 26th. The number of starters was 950 (188 women and 762 men).

### ### Women's Race

In the women's race, Anna Tarasova, Honoka Akiyama (Japan), and Ruby Raven Lindquist (USA) led the early stages.

However, Tarasova gradually began to pull away from the others. At the 25km checkpoint "Yamanakako Kirara" (K2), she arrived with a 3-minute lead over Akiyama and Lindquist. Tarasova continued to extend her lead through the subsequent technical mountain sections. Meanwhile, Aurore Dacier de Biasi (FRA) moved into third place, overtaking Akiyama.

Anna Tarasova reached the finish line at Fuji Hokuroku Park in 7 hours, 44 minutes, and 59 seconds, securing the women's KAI70k title for this year. Ruby Raven Lindquist made a late surge to finish second, crossing the gate just 3 minutes behind in 7 hours, 48 minutes, and 7 seconds. Aurore Dacier de Biasi followed 25 minutes later in 8 hours, 13 minutes, and 26 seconds, completing the top three. Sarah Keyes (USA) finished fourth, followed by Honoka Akiyama in fifth and Naho Kotani in sixth.

Runner-up Ruby Lindquist, participating in her first race in Japan after traveling from California, USA, commented on the KAI70k course: "It was very beautiful. There were steeper and more technical sections than I expected, and we even used fixed ropes to climb. I felt really good for most of the race." Reflecting on memorable moments during the race, she added, "Running through the trees at dusk as the fog rolled in was a really cool experience."

### ### Men's Race

The men's race saw Jiasheng Shen (China) taking an aggressive lead from the start, pursued by Marcel Hoeche (Germany).

After leaving the 25km checkpoint "Yamanakako Kirara" (K2), Shen began to extend his lead, ultimately finishing at Fuji Hokuroku Park in 6 hours, 38 minutes, and 40 seconds. He was greeted by his family as he won his first race in Japan.

The battle for third place involved several Japanese runners. Sei Koga emerged from the group. He reached the "Fujiyoshida" (K4) checkpoint at the 51km mark in third place, nearly 5 minutes ahead of the runners behind him. He maintained his position to finish in 7 hours, 25 minutes, and 41 seconds, securing a spot in the top three. Ryoshin Hase finished fourth, followed by Naoki Satani in fifth and Tsubasa Azuma in sixth.

Jiasheng Shen commented on his race day: "I felt very good today, and the mountain course was wonderful, so I'm very satisfied with my performance." Regarding the KAI 70k course, he reflected, "There were many runnable sections, which suited me very well." He added, "This was my first race in Japan, and I enjoyed it very much. I would definitely like to come back often if I have the opportunity," expressing enthusiasm for future participation in Japanese trail running events.

Marcel "Macy" Hoeche, who is currently on an exchange graduate program at a Japanese university this spring, shared his excitement with the crowd: "The Mt. Fuji 100 has always been a dream trail running race for me, and today I was able to fulfill that dream. I'm really happy to have finished second."

The KAI70k will reach its final cutoff time at 10:30 AM on Sunday, April 27th, 21 hours after the start.

KAI70k Results (Live results available here: [https://leaderboard.runnet.jp/?tri=02524\\_20240426\\_01](https://leaderboard.runnet.jp/?tri=02524_20240426_01) )

**\*\*(Women)\*\***

1. Anna TARASOVA (ESP) 7:44:59
2. Ruby Raven LINDQUIST (USA) 7:48:07
3. Aurore DACIER de BIASI (FRA) 8:13:26
4. Sarah KEYES (USA) 8:53:27
5. Honoka AKIYAMA (JPN) 9:06:26
6. Naho KOTANI (JPN) 9:24:57
7. Mina TERADA (JPN) 9:25:03
8. Erika FUKUDA (JPN) 9:49:15
9. Kaede HAYASHI (JPN) 9:55:24
10. Hiromi ICHIMURA (JPN) 10:03:08

**\*\*(Men)\*\***

1. Jiasheng SHEN (CHN) 6:38:40
2. Marcel HOECHE (GER) 6:56:57
3. Sei KOGA (JPN) 7:25:41
4. Ryoshin HASE (JPN) 7:32:48
5. Naoki SATANI (JPN) 7:39:24
6. Tsubasa AZUMA (JPN) 7:54:13
7. Masataka OHATA (JPN) 8:00:06
8. Daiki TAKANO (JPN) 8:04:16
9. Tomohiro MACHIDA (JPN) 8:04:20
10. Ricky SUNG (TPE) 8:04:38

## Mt.FUJI100 2025 Event Outline

■**DATES** Friday, April 25, 2025 – Sunday, April 27, 2025 (3 days)

■**Race category**

### **FUJI100mi**

-Distance: Approximately 168.0km

-Cumulative altitude gain: +6,254m

-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, 17:00, Friday, April 25 (\*cutoff time: 45 hours and 50 minutes)

WAVE2 600 racers, 17:15, Friday, April 25 (\*cutoff time: 45 hours and 15 minutes)

WAVE3 600 racers, 17:30, Friday, April 25 (\*cutoff time: 45 hours)

WAVE4 600 racers, 17:45, Friday, April 25 (\*cutoff time: 44 hours and 45minutes)

-Final cutoff time: 14:30, Sunday, 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)

### **KAI70k**

-Distance: Approximately 70.2km

-Cumulative altitude gain: +3,052

-Start / Finish: FUJISAN NO MEISUI Stadium of Fuji Hokuroku Park, Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture

-Race start time: 13:30, Saturday, April 26 (\*cutoff time: 21 hours)

-Final cutoff time: 10:30, Sunday, April 27

-Number of racers: 1000(including racers registered through general registration and donation-based registration)

### **ASUMI40k**

-Distance: Approximately 40.2kkm

-Cumulative altitude gain: +1,445m

-Start / Finish: FUJISAN NO MEISUI Stadium of Fuji Hokuroku Park, Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture

-Race start time: : 12:00, Saturday, April 26 (\*cutoff time: 7 hours)

-Final cutoff time: 19:00, Sunday, April 26

-Number of racers: 200(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, Narusawa 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)

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

■**Special Partner:** THE NORTH FACE, Fuji-Q Group

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■**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.)

NANA KANESHIMA (Director, R-bies Co., Ltd.)

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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 Clu

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## Mt.FUJI100 2025 Press Schedule

A press conference to introduce promising runners will be held from 11:00 on Friday, April 25, the day before the race, followed by a press briefing at 12:00. Also, the awards ceremony will be held on from KAI12:00 FUJI14:00 on Sunday, April 27.

### ■Friday, April 25th

08:00- rk Press center	Opening of press center	*1 Fuji Hokuroku Pa
08:00-18:00 rk Stadium	Mt.FUJI100 EXPO	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Pa
10:00-14:00 k Press center	Press registration	*1 Fuji Hokuroku Par
11:00-12:00 rk Special stage	Press conference (Japanese / English)	*3 Fuji Hokuroku Pa
12:00-13:00 rk Special stage	Press briefing (Japanese / English)	*3 Fuji Hokuroku Pa
11:00-16:30 Kuni r	Press registration	Fujisan Kodomo-no-
16:30 Kuni	FUJI Opening Ceremony (Japanese / English)	Fujisan Kodomo-no-
17:00-17:45 uni	FUJI wave start	Fujisan Kodomo-no-K

### ■Saturday, April 26th

09:00-18:00 rk Stadium	Mt.FUJI100 EXPO	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Pa
11:30. k Stadium	ASUMI Opening Ceremony (Japanese / English)	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Par
12:00 rk Stadium	ASUMI start	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Pa
13:00 rk Stadium	KAI Opening Ceremony (Japanese / English)	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Pa
13:30	KAI start	*2 Fuji Hokuroku Pa

rk Stadium

18:00-19:00 ASUMI awards ceremony (Japanese / English)

\*3 Fuji Hokuroku Pa

rk Special stage

19:00 ASUMI Final cutoff time

\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Pa

rk Stadium

## ■Sunday, April 27th

09:00-14:00 Mt.FUJI100 EXPO

\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Pa

rk Stadium

10:30 KAI Final cutoff time

\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Pa

rk Stadium

12:00-13:00 KAI awards ceremony (Japanese / English)

\*3 Fuji Hokuroku Par

k Special stage

14:00-15:00 FUJI awards ceremony (Japanese / English)

\*3 Fuji Hokuroku Par

k Special stage

14:30 FUJI Final cutoff time

\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Pa

rk Stadium

14:30 Closing on the press center

\*1 Fuji Hokuroku P

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### [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



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

\*If you would like to see official photos of the competition for the press,  
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