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## **Mt. FUJI 100 2026: The 68km "KAI70k" Gets Underway**

— A High-Speed Showdown Begins with Top Domestic and International Athletes —



The "KAI70k" race (approx. 68.6km distance, 2,921m cumulative elevation gain), part of the Mt. FUJI 100 international trail running event, officially started at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 25, from Fuji Hokuroku Park / Fujisan GX Stadium in Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture. A total of 992 runners—comprising 221 women and 771 men—started the race.

Taking runners through the grueling latter half of the 100-mile course around the base of Mt. Fuji, this race is renowned not just for its distance, but for being a fiercely competitive and

high-speed mid-distance showdown. It has drawn a stellar lineup of top-tier runners from both Japan and around the world.

## ■ A Grueling Mid-Distance Battle Commences

Under clear blue skies, the runners set off en masse at the 2:00 PM starting gun.

Lining up as favorites in the men's race were Chinese podium regular **Fujun HE** (CHN), high-speed American runner **Tracen KNOPP** (USA), and Japanese standout **Satoru SUGA** (JPN). The women's starting field was equally impressive, featuring strong North American mid-distance athletes like **Klaire RHODES** (USA) and **Tara FRAGA** (USA), alongside **Manyee CHEUNG** (HKG), who won last year's FUJI100mi and is challenging the KAI70k this year. They face stiff competition from top Japanese runners, including **Miho TSUBOI** (JPN), who has recently dominated domestic ultra-distance races. Together, these world-class athletes sprinted into what promises to be a spectacular race.

## ■ Upcoming Race Developments

The first finisher of the KAI70k is expected to arrive at Fuji Hokuroku Park around 7:30 PM today. The race has a time limit of 21 hours, with the final cutoff set for 11:00 AM tomorrow. As the event enters its second day, the excitement at the main venue, Fuji Hokuroku Park, has reached its peak. Top finishers from the "ASUMI40k" (which started at noon) and the 165km "FUJI100mi" journey (which started at 5:00 PM yesterday) are continuously returning to the finish line, keeping the festival atmosphere at an all-time high.

## Mt. FUJI 100 2026 Event Outline

■ **DATES: Friday, April 24, 2026 – Sunday, April 26, 2026 (3 days)**

### ■ Race Categories

#### ① FUJI100mi

- Distance: Approx. 165.3.0km / Cumulative altitude gain: +6,461m
- Start: Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni (Fuji City, Shizuoka Prefecture)
- Finish: Fuji Hokuroku Park / Fujisan GX Stadium (Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture)
- Race start time: Friday, April 24 (Wave start, 500 racers per wave)  
17:00 / 17:15 / 17:30 / 17:45
- Final cutoff time: 14:30, Sunday, April 26 (\*44 hours and 30 minutes cutoff)
- Number of racers: 2,000 (including priority, general, donation-based, and elite entries)

- Support crews: 500

## ② KAI70k

- Distance: Approx. 68.6km / Cumulative altitude gain: +2,921m
- Start / Finish: Fuji Hokuroku Park / Fujisan GX Stadium (Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture)
- Race start time: 14:00, Saturday, April 25
- Final cutoff time: 11:00, Sunday, April 26 (\*21 hours cutoff)
- Number of racers: 1,000 (including general, donation-based, and elite entries)

## ③ ASUMI40k

- Distance: Approx. 38.5km / Cumulative altitude gain: +1,481m
- Start / Finish: Fuji Hokuroku Park / Fujisan GX Stadium (Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture)
- Race start time: 12:00, Saturday, April 25
- Final cutoff time: 21:30, Saturday, April 25 (\*9 hours and 30 minutes cutoff)
- Number of racers: 1,000 (including general, donation-based, and elite entries)

## ④ SAKUYA 9k / U-20 6k (Open Race)

- Distance: 8.6km / U-20 5.7km
- Start / Finish: Fuji Hokuroku Park / Fujisan GX Stadium (Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture)
- Race start time: Sunday, April 26 (9k at 9:00 / U-20 6k at 9:15)
- Number of racers: 200 (including general and elite entries)

### ■ Organizer: Mt.FUJI100 Race Committee

<Member Organizations>

General Incorporated Association Fuji Hakone Izu Trail Support

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

■ **Co-sponsored by:** Fuji City, Fujinomiya City, Minobu Town, Narusawa Village, Fujikawaguchiko Town, Fujiyoshida City, Oshino Village, Yamanakako Village, Gotemba City, Susono City

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

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

■ **Special Partner:** THE NORTH FACE

■ **Platinum Partner:** Goldwin, aminoVITAL®

■ **Supported by:** Japan Sports Agency, Japan Tourism Agency, Shizuoka Prefecture, Yamanashi Prefecture, Doshi Village, Yamanashi Nichinichi Shimbun, Yamanashi Broadcasting System,

Television Yamanashi, FM Fuji, The Shizuoka Shimbun, Shizuoka Broadcasting System, Shizuoka Telecasting, Shizuoka Asahi Television, Shizuoka Daiichi Television, K-MIX

■ **Honorary Race Committee:** Mayors of the 10 municipalities comprising the Executive Committee

■ **Race President:** Tsuyoshi KABURAKI (Representative Director, General Inc. Assoc. Fuji Hakone Izu Trail Support / Professional trail runner)

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

■ **Race Producer:** Ricka FUKUDA (Medical doctor / President of Japan Trail Running Association)

■ **Co-representatives:**

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

Yoshihiro TAJIKA (Representative, Region Port, LLC)

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■ **Advisors:**

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Masumi NAKAO (Representative Director of NPO Discover Rias)

Tsutomu MIURA (Chairman of NPO Fuji Trail Runners Club)

## **Mt. FUJI 100 2026 Press Schedule**

A press conference to introduce promising runners will be held on Friday, April 24, at 11:00, followed by a press briefing at 12:00. Award ceremonies for KAI and FUJI are scheduled for Sunday, April 26.

■ **Friday, April 24**

08:00- Press Center Opens [\*1 Fuji Hokuroku Park Press Center]

08:00-18:00 Mt.FUJI100 EXPO [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]

08:00-16:30 Press Registration [\*4 Fuji Hokuroku Park Information]

11:00-12:00 Press Conference (Japanese / English) [\*3 Fuji Hokuroku Park Special Stage]

12:00-13:00 Press Briefing (Japanese / English) [\*1 Fuji Hokuroku Park Press Center]

11:00-16:30 Press Registration (FUJI Start Area) [Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni Information]

16:30 FUJI Opening Ceremony (Japanese / English) [Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni]

17:00-17:45 FUJI Wave Start [Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni]

■ **Saturday, April 25**

08:00-18:00 Mt.FUJI100 EXPO [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]

10:20 (Est.) FUJI First Overall Finisher Expected [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]

11:30 ASUMI Opening Ceremony (Japanese / English) [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
12:00 ASUMI Start [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
13:20 (Est.) FUJI First Female Finisher Expected [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
13:30 KAI Opening Ceremony (Japanese / English) [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
14:00 KAI Start [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
14:55 (Est.) ASUMI First Overall Finisher Expected [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
14:55 (Est.) ASUMI First Female Finisher Expected [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
18:00-19:00 ASUMI Awards Ceremony (Japanese / English) [\*3 Fuji Hokuroku Park Special Stage]  
19:30 (Est.) KAI First Overall Finisher Expected [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
21:30 (Est.) KAI First Female Finisher Expected [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
21:30 ASUMI Final Cutoff Time [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]

## ■ Sunday, April 26

08:00-14:00 Mt.FUJI100 EXPO [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
08:45 SAKUYA Opening Ceremony (Japanese / English) [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
09:00 SAKUYA 9k Start [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
09:15 SAKUYA U-20 6k Start [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
11:00 SAKUYA Awards Ceremony (Japanese) [\*3 Fuji Hokuroku Park Special Stage]  
11:00 KAI Final Cutoff Time [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
12:00-13:00 KAI Awards Ceremony (Japanese / English) [\*3 Fuji Hokuroku Park Special Stage]  
14:00-15:00 FUJI Awards Ceremony (Japanese / English) [\*3 Fuji Hokuroku Park Special Stage]  
14:30 FUJI Final Cutoff Time [\*2 Fuji Hokuroku Park Stadium]  
14:30 Press Center Closes [\*1 Fuji Hokuroku Park Press Center]

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