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Mt. FUJI 100 2026 Day 2 Highlights: Champions Crowned in FUJI100mi Women's, ASUMI40k, and KAI70k Races!

— Fierce Battles and Record-Breaking Speeds Under the New Prize Money System
Electrify Fuji Hokuroku Park —



The Mt. FUJI 100 international trail running event entered its second day on Saturday, April 25. The main venue at Fuji Hokuroku Park / Fujisan GX Stadium (Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture) was filled with roaring cheers as the 165km "FUJI100mi" finishers and the top athletes from the "ASUMI40k" and "KAI70k" races arrived in quick succession.

With the introduction of the inaugural prize money system for the FUJI100mi and ASUMI40k this year, the competition reached unprecedented levels of intensity, characterized by high-speed tactical racing among world-class athletes.

For FUJI100mi Men's results, please refer to Press Release No. 124.

FUJI100mi Women's Race: Ying LI Secures Dramatic Comeback Victory in 100-Mile Debut

In the women's FUJI100mi race, which started Friday evening and navigated a night of heavy fog, **Ying LI** (CHN) claimed the championship with a time of 22:18:12 in her very first 100-mile attempt. Li established an early lead but was overtaken at Lake Yamanaka (122km) by the highly experienced **Kaytlyn GERBIN** (USA), who was making a strong return after recovering from major injuries. Despite entering "unknown territory" after the 100km mark, Li showed remarkable tenacity in the final grueling mountain sections to retake the lead.

"The dense fog and poor visibility at night were the scariest and most difficult parts," Li shared after the race. "But I will always remember the support from the Chinese team and the Japanese runners saying 'Arigato' to me on the course." **Kaytlyn GERBIN** finished second in 22:44:59, and **Nami IWASAKI** (JPN) claimed third as the top Japanese woman in 24:52:01.

ASUMI40k: Honoka AKIYAMA Smashes Record; Ruqin WANG Wins Following Disqualification Drama



The 38.5km ASUMI40k, known for its runnable forest roads and high-speed trails, turned into an explosive sprint battle.

In the women's race, **Honoka AKIYAMA** (JPN) dominated from the start, finishing with a joyous smile in 3:24:03—shattering last year's winning time of 3:37. **Yuri YOSHIKUMI** (JPN) took

second in 3:38:41, followed by **Brittany CHARBONEAU** (USA), finishing third in 3:41:08.

The men's race concluded with unexpected drama. Japanese ace **Ruy UEDA** (JPN) led for most of the race, but was passed on the final descent by **Liam MEIROW** (USA), who crossed the line first in a staggering 2:57:27. However, during the mandatory gear check immediately after the finish, it was found that Meirow was not carrying a mobile phone, a required item. Following race regulations, he was disqualified. Consequently, **Ruqin WANG** (CHN) was declared the winner in 2:57:53, becoming the champion of the inaugural prize race, with **Ruy UEDA** taking second in 2:59:19. **Hajime KASAGI** took the last spot on the podium as a result.

KAI70k: Top Athletes Conquer the Mid-Distance Showdown

The 68.6km KAI70k, covering the challenging latter half of the 100-mile course, saw **Tracen KNOPP** (USA) claim the men's victory in 6:38:08. Knopp praised the course, saying, "It was a beautiful loop. I couldn't ask for any more." **Klaire RHODES** (USA) took the women's crown in 7:15:09, remarking on the unique mix of steep trails and pavement through local towns.

Looking Ahead to the Final Day

Tomorrow, Sunday, April 26, the new "SAKUYA 9k / U-20 6k" races will start at 9:00 AM. Citizen runners in the FUJI100mi and KAI70k will continue to finish until the final cutoffs at 2:30 PM and 11:00 AM, respectively. The awards ceremonies for all categories will begin at noon, marking the grand finale of the event.

Race Results

FUJI100mi Men

1. Chris MYERS (USA) 17:50:13
2. Jiaju ZHAO (CHN) 18:28:12
3. Yuya KAWASAKI (JPN) 18:51:03
4. Terunobu KUROKAWA (JPN) 19:47:34
5. Minchul KO (KOR) 20:02:20
6. Ryoshin HASE (JPN) 20:05:56
7. Ryan WHELAN (GBR) 20:51:41
8. Takuya NOGUCHI (JPN) 20:53:36
9. Junsuke MIZUNO (JPN) 20:55:25

10. Hiroki SHIMURA (JPN) 21:23:10

FUJI100mi Women

1. Ying LI (CHN) 22:18:12
2. Kaytlyn Anne GERBIN (USA) 22:44:59
3. Nami IWASAKI (JPN) 24:52:01
4. Sumireko SUKEGAWA (JPN) 25:47:01
5. Fen ZHAO (CHN) 25:52:26
6. Hiromi ICHIMURA (JPN) 25:57:59
7. Junko YANO (JPN) 27:06:18
8. Kit Ying SO (HKG) 27:24:55
9. Kellie Bree ANGEL (AUS) 27:43:34
10. Arika ITO (JPN) 28:52:54

ASUMI40k Men

1. Ruqin WANG (CHN) 2:57:53
 2. Rui UEDA (JPN) 2:59:19
 3. Hajime KASAGI (JPN) 3:00:55
 4. Koken OGASAWARA (JPN) 3:01:50
 5. Taiga YAMAGUCHI (JPN) 3:05:58
 6. Toru MIYAHARA (JPN) 3:14:21
 7. John Ray ONIFA (PHI) 3:17:17
 8. Hiroki TAKASHIMA (JPN) 3:20:08
 9. Kang NGAI (HKG) 3:23:14
 10. Akito NAGAO (JPN) 3:27:06
- (Ref: Liam MEIROW (USA) 2:57:27 - Disqualified)*

ASUMI40k Women

1. Honoka AKIYAMA (JPN) 3:24:03
2. Yuri YOSHIZUMI (JPN) 3:38:41
3. Brittany CHARBONEAU (USA) 3:41:08
4. Erika FLOWERS (USA) 3:43:35
5. Takako TAKAMURA (JPN) 3:44:22

6. Kaili FAN (CHN) 3:44:46
7. Marcela VASINOVA (CZE) 3:47:10
8. Kanako EDAMOTO (JPN) 3:47:35
9. Natsuki TOMII (JPN) 4:00:39
10. Natsumi YAMAUCHI (JPN) 4:05:02

KAI70k Men

1. Tracen KNOPP (USA) 6:38:08
2. Takamaru KAWASAKI (JPN) 6:50:12
3. Hisashi KITAMURA (JPN) 6:55:14
4. Tse Kok WAI (HKG) 7:07:50
5. Ryo MURATA (JPN) 7:10:36
6. Navil SHAIMUKHAMEDOV (RUS) 7:14:46
7. Atthapol INTAJAK (THA) 7:19:38
8. Kose RODARTE (HKG) 7:20:11
9. Paulius PECIURA (LTU) 7:21:46
10. Satoru SUGA (JPN) 7:30:16

KAI70k Women

1. Klaire RHODES (USA) 7:15:09
2. Tara FRAGA (USA) 7:51:59
3. Shiori KATO (JPN) 8:21:34
4. Miho TSUBOI (JPN) 8:24:12
5. Ayaka OHNO (JPN) 8:40:54
6. Annalucrezia WINKLEHNER (SUI) 8:41:41
7. Manyee CHEUNG (HKG) 8:55:21
8. Kirari OI (JPN) 9:06:03
9. Shuangshuang LIN (CHN) 9:10:35
10. Masako SEKIYA (JPN) 9:40:43

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:**

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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 Hokuoku Park Special Stage]

11:00 KAI Final Cutoff Time [*2 Fuji Hokuoku Park Stadium]

12:00-13:00 KAI Awards Ceremony (Japanese / English) [*3 Fuji Hokuoku Park Special Stage]

14:00-15:00 FUJI Awards Ceremony (Japanese / English) [*3 Fuji Hokuoku Park Special Stage]

14:30 FUJI Final Cutoff Time [*2 Fuji Hokuoku Park Stadium]

14:30 Press Center Closes [*1 Fuji Hokuoku Park Press Center]

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