

Kobo Trail 2018
The Kobo Daishi Road

Entry Guidelines

Dates: May 19 (Sat.) and 20 (Sun.), 2018

(Minimum number of participants required: 170)

Organizer: Kobo Trail Running Organization Committee

(Yoshino Town, Tenkawa Village, Gojo City, Nosegawa Village, and Nara Prefecture)

Special sponsor: THE NORTH FACE

Course director: Minehiro Yokoyama

Guest runner (Stage "K to K"): Tsuyoshi Kaburaki

Purpose of the event: The Kobo Trail 2018 will be held in order to raise awareness of the "Kobo Daishi Road", and to contribute to the development of the districts along the route.

Entry and tour coordinator: Nanto Kankosha Company

(Registered by the Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency: No. 1220)

Conditions of entry:

1. Participants must be over 18 years old at the day of the event.
2. Participants must be confident that they can complete the whole distance within the time limit without getting lost.

<Reference> Completion rate of participants in the past three years:

In 2015: 87% In 2016: 92% In 2017: 75%

/// Attention: ///

* Transportation costs to and from the race are not included in the entrance fee.

* Please note that **the race course is not certified by the ITRA**

* **Participants who withdraw from the race without notice may not be eligible for entry in future events.**

/// Stage "K to K" ///

From **K**impusenji Temple on Yoshinoyama to **K**ongobuji Temple on Koyasan:
55.7 km (of which 14.7 km, or 26%, is paved)

Maximum number of participants: 150 people

Entrance fee: ¥23,000 for accommodation at a ryokan (Japanese style hotel);
¥20,000 for accommodation at a minshuku (Japanese style guest house)

(Both include one night's accommodation in shared rooms separated by gender, two meals, baggage transportation, insurance, etc.)

1st day: May 19, 2018 (Sat.)

14:30 - 15:15 Registration at the Juhoden Hall of Kimpusenji Temple
(Yoshinoyama Visitor Center)
15:30 - 16:30 Briefing
17:00 - 17:30 Buddhist evening service at the Zaodo Hall of Kimpusenji Temple
17:30 - 17:45 Inauguration ceremony
18:00 Accommodation check-in, supper, bath

2nd day: May 20, 2018 (Sun.)

4:30 Breakfast
5:30 Check out (Leave baggage at the entrance of accommodation facility)
5:45 Starting ceremony at the Zaodo Hall of Kimpusenji Temple
6:00 Start (The route includes 4 first aid stops and 5 check points)

/// Stage "D to K" ///

From **D**orogawa Onsen in Tenkawa Village to **K**ongobuji Temple on Koyasan
43.2 km (of which 15.2 km, or 35%, is paved)

Maximum number of participants: 100 people

Entrance fee: ¥23,000 includes one night's accommodation in shared rooms separated by gender at a ryokan (Japanese style hotel), two meals, bus fare, baggage transportation, insurance, etc.

1st day: May 19, 2018 (Sat.)

10:30 - 11:00 Registration at the south exit of Yamato Yagi Station (Kintetsu Railway)
11:00 Set off from the south exit of Yamato Yagi Station by bus
12:30 Arrive at Dorogawa Onsen, Tenkawa Village
13:00 - 14:00 Briefing at Tenkawa Village Shiryokan Museum
14:30 - 15:30 Buddhist service at Ryusenji Temple

- 15:30 – 16:00 Buddhist ascetic water purification ritual
(for those who wish to participate)
17:00 Accommodation check-in, supper, bath

2nd day: May 20, 2018 (Sun.)

- 6:30 Breakfast
7:30 Check out (Leave baggage at the entrance of accommodation facility)
7:45 Starting ceremony at the parking lot of the Zenitani Shokakudo store
8:00 Start (The route includes 3 first aid spots and 4 check points.)

/// Information Common to Both Routes ///

Checkpoint times: 14:00 at Fujigamine Ridge, 15:45 at Tentsuji Pass, 16:15 at Deyashiki Pass, 17:30 at Kiwa Zuido-jo, 19:00 at Tenguki Pass, and 20:00 at the finish line

* Checkpoint times = Final departure time, if you cannot pass each point before the designated time, you will have to stop running.

*After dark, please use a headlamp and wear reflective materials.

- Goal: Konpon Daito Pagoda at Kongobuji Temple.
Baggage pickup: Saizen-in Temple (shukubo)
Award Ceremony: Konpon Daito Pagoda at Kongobuji Temple.
From 16:00 Top 3 Male runners of “K to K “and “D to K” .
From 17:30 Top 3 Female runners of “K to K “and “D to K” .

*Schedule may be subject to change depending on road restrictions, climate, or other conditions.

/// Accommodation at Koyasan ///

Please note that accommodation on the night of May 20 (Sun.) after the race is not included in the entrance fee. If you are looking for accommodation for that night, please inquire with the Nanto Kankosha Company.

(TEL) 0743-62-5850 (URL) <http://www.nanto-k.jp/>

*Each shukubo (accommodation offered by temples) has preset times for supper, that cannot be changed. If you have any questions, please inquire in advance.