

Press Release

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Tokyo Marathon Foundation



Decisions at the Board of Directors Meeting of the Tokyo Marathon 2021/2022

Enclosed please find herewith the decisions made at the meeting, including the 3rd Go/No-Go decision for the 2021 event and the future plans.

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TOKYO MARATHON 2021

Tokyo Marathon 2021 Postponed

With the COVID-19 Countermeasure Committee and the COVID-19 Investigative Committee, the Tokyo Marathon Foundation has devoted much effort and time to deliver a safe and secure event during the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, even only a month away from the event, Tokyo is still under a state of emergency. With the difficulty to forecast the trend of COVID-19 and involved restrictions on mobility, it is decided at today's board meeting that the Tokyo Marathon 2021 (originally scheduled for Sunday, October 17) will be postponed to Sunday, March 6, 2022.

In addition, all related events (Tokyo Marathon EXPO 2021, Tokyo Marathon Friendship Run 2021, Tokyo Marathon Family Run 2021) are reorganized to be held in March 2022.

With today's decision, it was also decided that the Tokyo Marathon 2022 expected on March 6, 2022 will not take place. For all runners who have an entry to the Tokyo Marathon 2022, we will follow you up with details and options soon. Everyone's patience and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

■ Tokyo Marathon 2021

Postponed to Sunday, March 6, 2022.

■ Tokyo Marathon 2022

Due to postponement of the 2021 event, the 2022 event will not take place.

■ Upcoming Schedule

- Sept. 18 – Oct. 16, 2021 Virtual Tokyo Marathon 2021
- October 2021 Event Update on Tokyo Marathon 2021
 - Communication sent to the 2021 registered runners and volunteers
 - Communication sent to the 2022 registered runners
- December 2021 2021 runners confirmed
- January 2022 2021 volunteers confirmed
- March 2022 Tokyo Marathon 2021 related events
- March 6, 2022 Tokyo Marathon 2021

【Reference 1】

Course of Decisions on the Tokyo Marathon 2021 Postponement

○ In October of last year, observing the national and global situation with COVID-19, vaccination, and the Abbott World Marathon Majors event calendar, we have made the decision to postpone the Tokyo Marathon 2021 from March to October 2021, roughly to half a year later.

○ Collectively, the Foundation established the COVID-19 Countermeasure Committee and the COVID-19 Investigative Committee (comprising infectious disease experts and medical team), to discuss all possible countermeasures to deliver a safe and secure event.

○ As it can be viewed on our official website, different countermeasures and plans were prepared. PCR testing not only for the runners but also for volunteers and staff, monitoring individual condition before and after the event utilizing a health-management app, creating an environment to maintain physical distance, and many more that we could possibly think of that are relevant against COVID-19.

○ Also, we have established and executed a long-term planning schedule, which allowed us to make decisions ahead of time to minimize possible stress and impact on the runners and all personnel. We had meetings, 7 months prior to the event (before announcing event details) and 4 months prior to the event (before receiving event fees), to make a go/no-go decision of the event by assessing the situation at the time.

○ However since July, outbreak continues to rise due to Delta variant, and medical services are under increasing pressure. Though it's just a month away from the event, the disease continues to spread, and the state of emergency for Tokyo has been extended to September 30.

○ Even if the state of emergency has been lifted, it is difficult to determine whether we can deliver a safe and secure event with the current circumstance of the health services. Travel and many more restrictions are expected to continue. With careful consideration on how the event will affect the community, we have come to the difficult decision to postpone the Tokyo Marathon 2021 scheduled for October 17, 2021.

○ On the other hand, vaccination rate continues to rise, and the government has announced that by end of the year, they plan to ease restrictions by utilizing vaccination passport. It is also very positive that large-scale events are gradually opening in the USA and Europe, giving us a hopeful impression.

○ With all things considered, and furthermore, not to waste the tremendous effort of our runners who trained in the time of COVID-19, and the hard work of all personnel involved in the event, we have decided to postpone the Tokyo Marathon 2021 to March 6 (Sun) of the next year.

○ Also with this decision, the Tokyo Marathon 2022 expected on March 6, 2022 (Sun) will not take place.

○ For all runners who have an entry to the Tokyo Marathon 2022, we will send you a further details and available options.

○ We truly hope that this pandemic will end soon, and we will continue to dedicate our utmost effort until “The Day We Unite”. Words cannot express our appreciation for the continuous support we receive from our runners, partners, and all relevant parties involved in the event, and we thank you for your understanding during this difficult time.

Update for Runners, Volunteers and Participants of the Related Events

1. Runners

① Tokyo Marathon 2021 Registered Runners

Scheduled for October, we will ask our registered runners to choose one of the options below.

Further details and schedule will be sent to all runners via email individually.

1. Wish to Run the Tokyo Marathon 2021 [New Date: March 6, 2022 (Sun)]

Entry shall remain, and no additional fees will be requested.

2. Do Not Wish to Run

If you choose "Do Not Wish to Run", the entry will become void and the entry and PCR testing fee (excl. handling fees*) will be refunded.

※Refund information will be separately announced.

【Amount】 *All are tax included.

Entry fee: 16,500 JPY.

PCR testing fee : 6,800 JPY

Others: Signature T-shirt 4,620 JPY; Memorial Newspaper 980 JPY

Handling fees*: administration fee of 200 JPY, and transaction fee of 120 JPY shall be deducted from the total amount of refund.

② Tokyo Marathon 2022 Registered Runners

Further details and available options are scheduled to be sent via email within October 2021.

2. Volunteers

We are working to reach out to our currently registered 2021 volunteers within this coming October to check if they still wish to support us in March 2022, while alongside recruiting new members if necessary.

3. Participants of the Related Events

Events originally scheduled for October 2021 will be reorganized to be held in March 2022.

1 Tokyo Marathon EXPO 2021

The location will change to the Tokyo Big Sight, South Exhibition Halls.

Further details will be announced as soon as determined.

2 Tokyo Marathon Friendship Run 2021

Date, location, and further details will be announced as soon as determined.

For those registered for October 2021, a full refund of the entry fee shall be made. (Entry deferral will not be available.)

Refund date will be announced via email separately.

3 Tokyo Marathon Family Run 2021

Date, location, and further details will be announced as soon as determined.

For those registered for October 2021, a full refund of the entry fee shall be made. (Entry deferral will not be available.)

Refund date will be announced via email separately.

For those wishing to defer their entry to 2022, further information will also be sent via email separately.

<Dear Our Runners>

We have been preparing to deliver an enjoyable event while ensuring safety, not only of our runners but of each and every individual involved in the event. Until the last possible moment, we have explored various ways of delivering the event in October, however, in consideration of the current status of the outbreak, we have made a regrettable decision to postpone the 2021 event and give up on the 2022 event.

I would like to sincerely apologize not only to our runners and volunteers, but to everyone who has been looking forward to our event.

We hope for the pandemic to end soon. Until we reach the light at the end of the tunnel, our entire team will continue to work hard. Like the Tokyo Marathon slogan says, "The Day We Unite", we look forward to the day we can meet.

We exist because of your support. Thank you, and we appreciate your kind understanding.

Tokyo Marathon Race Director

Tad Hayano

Important Details for Registered Runners

1. Tokyo Marathon 2021 Registered Runners

Below is our current update pertaining to the postponement of the Tokyo Marathon 2021. Further details and schedule will be delivered to all runners via email as soon as determined.

1 Entry

Scheduled in October, we will ask our registered runners to choose one of the options below.

1. Wish to Run the Tokyo Marathon 2021 [New Date: March 6, 2022 (Sun)]

Entry shall remain, and no additional fees will be requested.

2. Do Not Wish to Run

If you choose “Do Not Wish to Run”, the entry will become void and the entry fee and PCR testing fee (excl. handling fee*) will be refunded.

Handling fees* of administration fee of 200 JPY, and transaction fee of 120 JPY shall be deducted from the total amount of refund.

※Refund information will be separately announced.

② Packet Pick-up

1. New booking will be required in the future due to changes in date, location and such.

2. Pick-up times will be preassigned to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. Reservation within the specified time frame will be required.

※Requested reservation time is not guaranteed. We recognize the inconvenience this may cause, but we request for your cooperation.

③ Others

1. Health-management app will continue to be used in the postponed event.

※Please utilize the app until 2 weeks after the event.

※You must register health-assessment data starting from 10 days prior to the race date.

2. To detect the infection of COVID-19, PCR testing is currently planned for the postponed event.

If we decide not to initiate PCR testing, the testing fee shall be fully refunded.

Refund excludes handling fees.

3. For those who purchased a Signature T-shirt, please see below.

① If you decide to run the postponed Tokyo Marathon 2021

T-shirt will be distributed at Packet Pick-up/EXPO. Details will be outlined in the Runners Handbook available in the future.

② If you decide not to run the postponed Tokyo Marathon 2021

Along with the fee of entry and PCR testing, the Signature T-shirt will be refunded.

Refund excludes handling fees.

4. For those who purchased Memorial Newspaper

- ① If you decide to run the postponed Tokyo Marathon 2021

It will be delivered to you after the event.

- ② If you decide not to run the postponed Tokyo Marathon 2021

Along with the fee of entry and PCR testing, the Memorial Newspaper will be refunded.

Refund excludes handling fees.

5. Others

- For those requiring a guide runner, a new registration will be required.
- Six Star Finishers: action will be required; details to be announced separately.

2. Tokyo Marathon 2022 Registered Runners

Due to postponement of the Tokyo Marathon 2021, the Tokyo Marathon 2022 will not take place.

We plan to contact you within October regarding your entry to the event.

【Reference 3】

Tokyo Marathon 2021 Go/No-Go Decision Past Timeline

1 7 Months Prior to the Event: 1st Go/No-Go Decision

(At the Tokyo Marathon Foundation board of directors meeting on March 19, 2021)

① 1st Go/No-Go Decision of the Tokyo Marathon 2021

Made the decision to proceed with the preparation of the event as the preparation nor hosting the event was not hindered by the situation surrounding COVID-19.

② Tokyo Marathon 2021 Race Information Released

- Event Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021
- Field Size : 25,000
- Fundamental Countermeasure Policy (Core Countermeasures)

2 4 Months Prior to the Event: 2nd Go/No-Go Decision

(At the Tokyo Marathon Foundation second board of directors meeting on June 17, 2021)

① 2nd Go/No-Go Decision of the Tokyo Marathon 2021 within the COVID-19 Pandemic

Made the decision to proceed with the preparation of the event as the preparation in hosting the event was not hindered by the situation surrounding COVID-19.

② Other Decisions Made Due to the Influence of COVID-19

- 1 Overseas runners will not participate in the Tokyo Marathon 2021.
- 2 PCR testing for all runners and volunteers.

3 1 Month Prior to the Event: 3rd Go/No-Go Decision

(At the Tokyo Marathon Foundation board of directors meeting on September 17, 2021)

3rd Go/No-Go Decision of the Tokyo Marathon 2021 within the COVID-19 Pandemic

Due to the extension of the state of emergency for Tokyo until September 30, 2021, the decision has been made to postpone the Tokyo Marathon 2021 based on the event guideline.

The Tokyo Marathon 2021 shall be held on the new date of March 6, 2022, with regards to the runners.

【Reference: Event Cancellation Guidelines】

(1) 1st and 2nd Go/No-Go Decisions

The event shall be cancelled if the situation surrounding COVID-19 hinders the event preparation and/or it is difficult to determine if the event can be established.

(2) Following the 3rd Go/No-Go Decision

The event shall be cancelled if any of the following applies:

- State of emergency is declared by the government.
- Cancellation of a large-scale event is ordered by the municipality.