

Essential Information about 14th Hill Climb Oodaigahara since 2001

Sponsor: Executive Committee of Hill Climb Oodaigahara since 2001 [Chairman: Tsutomu Fukunishi (village mayor)]

Cosponsors: Kamikitayama village, Nara prefecture

Supervisors: Work 21 Kamikitayama, KRC (Kamikitayama Road Club)

Supporters' Organizations: Kinki Regional Environment Office of Ministry of Environment, Nara Cycling Association (under negotiation)

[Dates] **Reception: September 12 (Saturday), 2015**
 Racing: September 13 (Sunday), 2015

[Venue] From the Seiryubashi bridge at Kawai district to the Oodaigahara parking lot in Kamikitayama village, Yoshino-gun, Nara prefecture

[Contents of Races] Time trials each of which is performed on the climb course set on the prefectural road "Oodaigahara Kouen Kawakami Line" (difference in elevation: 1,240 m, distance: 28 km). The climbing course starts from the Seiryubashi bridge on Route 169 and ends at the Oodaigahara parking lot via Kodokoro Onsen area (the forest road "Tsujidoyama Line"), except for the kids class of which the course ends at Hidarimatadani via the Kodokoro Onsen junction (difference in elevation: 250 m, distance: 10 km).

[Fixed Number of Participants] 800 (We will stop accepting applications when the number of participants reaches 800.)

[Fee] General: 7,000 yen (including accident insurance, etc.)
 Team: 20,000 yen/team (a team consisting of 3 or 4 persons)
 Couple/Parent-and-Child: 10,000 yen/pair
 Kids Class: 2,000 yen

Caution: Any fee refund request shall not be accepted once the application for participation is completed.

[Application Period] **From July 1, 2015 (Wednesday) to August 17, 2015 (Monday)**

[Entry Qualifications]

Healthy person at the age of 15 or above (high school student or above), who is confident of finishing the course within the prescribed time, has submitted the prescribed application form and oath, and has been accepted as the participants. The child in the parent-and-child class should be a junior high school student or above.

[Bicycle Types]

Road (only the road type bicycle is accepted in the champion class)

Mountain (tire width: 1.9 inch or more)

[Classes] Persons at the age of 15 or above (high school student or above) for the course having the difference in elevation of 1,240 m and the distance of 28 km except for the kids class and the parent-and-child class.

- Champion class (based on self-declaration, at the age of 15 or above (high school student or above), mixed-gender)
 - Ladies class
 - General class
 - Team class (4 or 3 persons/team, road bicycle only, result is not reflected in personal achievements)
 - Couple class (a pair of 2 persons, either road or mountain bike, result is not reflected in personal achievements, a pair should consist of a female and a male)
 - Parent-and-Child class (junior high school student or above, a pair of 2 persons, either road or mountain bike, result is not reflected in personal achievements, a pair may consist of a female and a male, 2 females, or 2 males)

Caution: Timeouts are set for all of the above classes.

- Kids classes (elementary school student class and junior high school student class, difference in elevation: 250 m, distance 10 km) (for elementary school 4th grade to junior high school 3rd grade kids)

[Awards] By bicycle type, age, and gender and a special award

Champion class

1st place (shield and sub-prize), 2nd and 3rd places (award certificate and sub-prize for each place), 4th to 6th places (award certificate for each place)

Ladies class

For each of the bicycle types: 1st place (shield and sub-prize), 2nd and 3rd places (award certificate and sub-prize for each place), 4th to 6th places (award certificate for each place)

General class

For each of the groups of 15-year-old (high school student) to 25-year-old males, 26-year-old to 35-year-old males, 36-year-old to 45-year-old males, 46-year-old to 55-year-old females and males, and females and males at the age of 56 or above and for each of the bicycle types: 1st place (shield and sub-prize), 2nd and 3rd places (award certificate and sub-prize for each place), 4th to 6th places (award certificate for each place)

Team class

1st place (shield and sub-prize), 2nd and 3rd places (award certificate and sub-prize for each place): [the ranking is determined based on the time of the third finisher of each of the teams.](#)

Couple class

1st place (shield and sub-prize), 2nd and 3rd places (award certificate and sub-prize for each place)

Parent-and-child class

1st place (shield and sub-prize), 2nd and 3rd places (award certificate and sub-prize for each place)

Kids classes

For each of the groups of elementary school 4th to 6th grade students and junior high school 1st to 3rd grade students: 1st place (shield and sub-prize), 2nd and 3rd places (award certificate and sub-prize for each place)

Super climb zone award (special award) as [Nara governor's award](#)

The special climb zone ranges from the kids' goal to the Oodaigahara driveway including the Tsujido forest road having the average gradient of 9.3% (difference in elevation 710 m, distance: about 7.5 km). By gender and bicycle type: 1st place (shield and sub-prize), 2nd and 3rd places (award certificate and sub-prize for each place). Only the finishers are subject to this award.

[Special Quota for 20 Foreigners (newly starts from this year)]

A special quota for entries by foreigners is offered. The fixed number is 20. Each of the foreigners can participate in any one of the classes, provided that the couple, parent-and-child, or team should be consisted only of foreigners.

Caution: An identification as a foreigner as specified below under Application Method should be submitted to the Hill Climb Oodaigahara Office after sending application from the sports entry homepage on the web. Please note that the person who does not submit the identification will not be accepted as a participant under the special quota for 20 foreigners.

Special Offers

1. The Hill Climb Oodaigahara Office offers lodgings and dinner of the reception day (Saturday, September 12) and breakfast and light meal for lunch of the racing day (Sunday, September 13) for free.
2. The Hill Climb Oodaigahara Office will take the foreign participants to and from Kamikitayama village upon request. Please let us know if you need the pick-up and drop-off when you send the application (see Application Method, 1). The pick-up place and time on the reception day (Saturday, September 12) are Kintetsu Yamatokamiichi station at around 2 pm. On the racing day (Sunday, September 13), the courtesy bus will depart from Kamikitayama village at around 2 pm for Kintetsu Yamatokamiichi station.

Application Method

After sending the application to the desired class from the sports entry homepage,

1. Please send an e-mail to the Hill Climb Oodaigahara Office (oodaigahara@vill.kamikitayama.nara.jp) to let us know that you sent the application for registration in the special quota for foreigners. Please also inform whether or not you need the pick-up and drop-off in the e-mail. Only Japanese and English languages are accepted as the languages to be used in the e-mail.
2. Please send a filled out foreign entry application form (this application form will be sent to you from the Hill Climb Oodaigahara Office in return to the above-mentioned e-mail from you) and a photocopy of your alien registration certificate or passport by post or facsimile to the Hill Climb Oodaigahara Office.
3. The Hill Climb Oodaigahara Office will e-mail an application completion mail after confirming the documents.

Notes:

1. Classrooms of an elementary school building (old Kamikitayama village elementary school) will be used as the lodgings. The rooms are furnished with beds or tatami. Beddings will be provided. The rooms will be gender-segregated, and each of

the rooms will be shared by the participants of the same gender. As to the participants participating in the parent-and-child class or the couple class, please let us know if your pair wants to share a room.

2. Ingredients for the dinner are selected from the local products, and the dinner will be served as the bento style. The breakfast includes bread, milk, orange juice, etc.

3. Acceptable languages in the reception and racing are English, Mandarin Chinese, and Taiwanese. However, due to the limited number of interpreters, it can be difficult to meet the need of all of the participants.

[Schedule]

[September 12, 2015 \(Saturday\)](#)

13:00 – 17:00 Reception and transponder test at Kamikitayama village elementary and junior high school

Since the reception is not conducted on the racing day, please make sure you finish the reception on this day.

14:30 – 16:30 Bicycle school for children

19:00 – 21:00 Event for communication between participants and villagers (Eve of the racing, including talk show, live performance, fireworks, etc.)

[September 13, 2015 \(Sunday\)](#)

5:30 – 6:10 Check luggage

6:10 Assemble at the Seiryubashi bridge

6:25 Opening ceremony

6:50 Racing guidance (including instruction for climbing down after the racing)

6:55 Stand-by

7:00 Start of racings

Start time scheduling (subject to change)

7:00 Champion class and team class

7:02 Ladies class, MTB, couple class, and parent-and-child class (Couple and Parent- and-Child are positioned at the rear)

7:04 General/Road (first group)

7:06 General/Road (second group)

7:08 General/Road (third group)

7:10 General/Road (fourth group)

7:12 General/Road (fifth group)

7:25 Kids racing (elementary school 4th grade students to junior high school 3rd students) ([check luggage for children participating in this racing is accepted until 6:50 am](#))

9:00 Timeout (Tsujiyoyama junction gate)

10:00 Timeout (Oodaigahara goal)

9:30 Start of climbing down

12:45 Awards ceremony and closing ceremony (on the stage at the Seiryubashi bridge)

[Caution: Contents of the schedule are subject to change.](#)

Precautions

1. Please make entry from **the sports entry homepage on the internet**.
Application period: from July 1 (Wednesday) to August 17 (Monday), 2015
Application address: <http://www.sportsentry.ne.jp/event.php?tid=31137>
2. **Any fee refund request shall not be accepted once the application for participation is completed** (same applies to the cases of application cancellation, calling off of racing, dropping out of racing, etc.).
3. Please inform the Hill Climb Oodaigahara Office if you do not receive a participant's qualification certificate by **September 7 (Monday), 2015**.
4. Transfer of the participant's qualification to a third party is not allowed.
5. The contents of the races are subject to change or calling-off up to a sponsor's decision depending on weather conditions, natural calamities, etc.
6. A participant who may disrupt the racing operation and security control for other participants shall be forced to temporarily stop the racing or to withdraw from the racing in order to ensure safety of the participants in racing even when the participation of the person was admitted by the sponsor.
7. The sponsor can temporarily stop a participant even against the participant's will in order to ensure safety of the participants in racing.
8. The sponsor shall force the participants who are behind the times set as the timeouts to withdraw from the racing at the check points **(same applies to a participant after passing the check points when the participant may disrupt the racing operation)**.
9. The participants are obliged to wear helmets during the racings and the climbing-down after the racing.
10. The sponsor shall subscribe to the accident insurance for the entire participants (insurance contents: up to 10,000,000 yen for death/sequela, 10,000 yen for hospitalization per day, 5,000 yen for outpatient visit per day).
11. Please make sure to bring a health insurance card with you if you have the same.
12. Please cooperate to protect and preserve the natural environment.
13. As to the team class, in the case where the number of finishers of a team is **less than 3**, the team shall be **disqualified** (one team may desirably be consisted of 4 persons, but a team of 3 persons is allowed as a team to participate).
14. As to the couple and parent-and-child classes, in the case where **either one of 2 participants** in a pair cannot finish the course, the pair shall be **disqualified**.

Caution: The reception is not conducted on the racing day. Please finish the reception on the reception day.

Kamikitayama Village Homepage

<http://vill.kamikitayama.nara.jp/>

Hill Climb Oodaigahara Homepage
<http://www.oodaigahara.com/hc.html>

About Team Class

A team should basically be consisted of 4 members for entry into the team class, and a time of a third finisher of each of the teams is used for deciding rankings.

The important point is that the 4 (or 3) members cooperate in attaining a good time of the third finisher.

Entry qualifications: No age/gender segregation (same as [Entry Qualifications] on page 1)

Number of members: **A team should basically be consisted of 4 members (though a team of 3 members is acceptable).**

Team constitution: No age/gender segregation (bicycle type is limited to Road)

Fee: **20,000 yen/team (the representative member shall pay the fee)**
(There is the dedicated application page on the web)

Awards: Times of the third finishers of the teams are used for deciding rankings. Awards are given to 1st to 3rd places.

Start: Starts at the same time with the champion class, and the start position will be set at the rear of the champion class.

[Precautions]

1. **The members of a team should wear uniforms such as uniform sportswear for the upper half body.**
2. The achievements of the members of a team **will not be reflected in personal achievements.**
3. **At least 3 members should finish the course.**

Interpretation: **Even when one of the 4 members of a team should drop out of the racing due to a trouble such as timeout and puncture, the team is subject to the awards if the rest of 3 members finish the course. A team of 3 members is acceptable, but, in that case, the team will be disqualified unless all of the members of the team finish the course.**

4. The bicycle type that is allowed to participate in the team class is Road only (any bicycle types other than the road are unacceptable).
5. Other conditions and precautions are the same as those described under Precautions on page 7.

About Couple Class and Parent-and-Child Class

A pair of 2 persons is required for making an entry. A total time of the 2 participants is used for deciding rankings. Will you run together merely to enjoy cycling or will you run helter-skelter aiming to win the award?

The pair in the couple class should be a pair of a female and a male, and a pair of the parent-and-child class may be any one of a female and male pair, a male pair, and a female pair. Also, the bicycle type may be either one of the road and the MTB.

Couple Class

1) Entry qualifications: No age segregation (same as [Entry Qualifications] on page 1)

Number of members: **A pair of two persons**

Pair Constitution: A female and a male (bicycle type is not limited)

Fee: **10,000 yen/pair (the representative member shall pay the fee)**
(There is the dedicated application page on the web)

Awards: A total time of the 2 participants is used for deciding rankings. Awards are given to 1st to 3rd places.

Start: Starts at the same time with the ladies class and MTB, and the start position will be set at the rear of the ladies class and MTB.

Parent-and-Child Class

Entry qualifications: The child should be a junior high school student or above (qualifications of the parent are same as [Entry Qualifications] on page 1)

Number of members: **A pair of two persons**

Pair Constitution: Identical gender or Gender-mixed (bicycle type is not limited)

Fee: **10,000 yen/pair (the representative member shall pay the fee)**
(There is the dedicated application page on the web)

Awards: A total time of the 2 participants is used for deciding rankings. Awards are given to 1st to 3rd places.

Start: Starts at the same time with the ladies class, MTB, and the couple class, and the start position will be set at the rear of the ladies class, MTB, and the couple class.

Climbing down after racing: The junior high school students should ride the courtesy bus for climbing down.

[Precautions for Couple and Parent-and-Child Classes]

1. Achievements of the participants of the couple class and parent-and-child class **will not be reflected in personal achievements.**
2. **Both of the 2 participants should finish the course.**
Since the total time of the 2 participants are used for deciding rankings, the pair will be disqualified when either one of the participants fails to finish. However, the time of the finisher will be recorded.
3. The bicycle types may be combined (road and MTB, not a bicycle with a battery).
4. Other conditions and precautions are the same as those described under Precautions on page 7.

If you have any inquiry, please send an e-mail to the Hill Climb Oodaigahara Office at oodaigahara@vill.kamikitayama.nara.jp. Only Japanese and English

languages are accepted as the languages to be used in the e-mail.