



## ULTRA-TRAIL MT. FUJI IS ABOUT TO KICK OFF TOMORROW

World's top tier mountain runners attended press conference

April 26, 2018

Ohike Kouen in Fujikawaguchiko was full of runners to check in for STY and UTMF. **UTMF EXPO**, 35 booths of our sponsors and exhibitors, is also open here in Ohike Kouen.

Race organization had press conference with elite athletes from Japan and overseas countries. **Tsuyoshi Kaburaki**, overall race director of ULTRA-TRAIL Mt. FUJI, said he could not tell if UTMF could come back again when the last 2016 edition was shortened and canceled due to heavy rain. In his opening remarks, *"I deeply appreciate all the people who helped us to make our dream come back again. I would appreciate if runners enjoy and savor the beauty of nature and tie of local community in UTMF, as well as racing."* Kaburaki said. 2016 UTMF (shortened) champion, **Dylan Bowman** (USA) looked back his experience and says he is excited to run full UTMF this year. *"UTMF is so impressive with friendly people*



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*that I made my mind to come again."* For Frenchman **Sebastien Chaigneau**, this is going to be fifth run in UTMF. *"Every year I come back to home from UTMF, I mark calendar next year date of UTMF. The trip to UTMF is something beyond racing Ultra-Trail."*, Chaigneau said.

Two races of ULTRA-TRAIL Mt. FUJI start from Fujisan-Kodomonokuni tomorrow. At noon for STY 92km, and at 3PM for UTMF 168km. The winners of STY and UTMF is expected to finish at Ohike Kouen about 9PM and 11AM of Saturday, respectively. We are one of the founding member of **Ultra-Trail World Tour** since 2014.

You can follow leaders, as well as all participants, on LiveTrail and Runners Update. "UTMF Live Show" will be on Youtube Live 50 hours, or from 11:30AM, Friday to 1:30PM, Sunday.

LiveTrail <http://utmf.livetrail.net/>

Runners Update <http://runnet.jp/project/utmf/update.html>

UTMF Live Show, non stop 50 hours <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fbt7oRy0G7Y>

UTMF Press desk will provide quality images for press use in timely manner this weekend. Please contact to us for ID and passcode to browse our "Gallery" page.

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## Outline of ULTRA-TRAIL Mt. FUJI 2018

- UTMF (ULTRA-TRAIL Mt. FUJI)
  - Distance 168km, Vertical gain approximately 8,100m
  - Start at 15:00, Friday, April 27, 2018
  - Cut-off: 46 hours
  - Number of participants: 1,400
- STY (Shizuoka to Yamanashi)
  - Distance 92km, Vertical gain approximately 4,100m
  - Start at 12:00, Friday, April 27, 2018
  - Cut-off: 20 hours
  - Number of participants: 1,000
- Both UTMF and STY start from Fujisan-Kodomo-no-kuni Park (Fuji, Shizuoka)
- Both UTMF and STY finish at Oike-koen Park (Fujikawaguchiko, Yamanashi)
- Member of International Trail Running Association (ITRA)
- Founding member of Ultra-Trail World Tour (UTWT)

## (revised) Schedule of ULTRA-TRAIL Mt. FUJI 2018

Pre-race press conference is set at 17:00 of Thursday, April 26, with elite athletes. From 10:30 of Sunday, April 29, we will have post-race press conference with top three male and female athletes of UTMF. Both conference are in bilingual (Japanese and English). Press Center will be set up at Room Fujisan on 5<sup>th</sup> floor of Hotel Shikinoyado, in Fujikawaguchiko.

### ● Thursday, April 26

12:00 - 20:00	UTMF & STY Mandatory gear check	Tokinsumika, Gotemba
13:00 - 22:30	UTMF & STY Runner check-in	Ohike Kouen, Fujikawaguchiko
15:00 - 18:00	Press Center	Fujikawaguchiko
17:00 - 18:00	Pre-race press conference	At Press Center

### ● Friday, April 27

8:00 - 10:30	STY Runner check-in	Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni
8:00 - 13:30	UTMF Runnercheck-in	Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni
8:00 - 14:30	Press registration	Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni
11:30	STY start ceremony	Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni
12:00	Start of STY	Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni
14:30	UTMF start ceremony	Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni
15:00	Start of UTMF	Fujisan Kodomo-no-Kuni
18:00 -	Press Center	Fujikawaguchiko
21:00	First finish of STY (estimated)	Ohike Kouen, Fujikawaguchiko

### ● Saturday, April 28

7:30	STY Award Ceremony	Ohike Kouen, Fujikawaguchiko
8:00	Cut-off of STY	Ohike Kouen, Fujikawaguchiko
11:00	First finish of UTMF (estimated)	Ohike Kouen, Fujikawaguchiko

### ● Sunday, April 29

10:30 - 11:30	Post-race press conference	At Press Center
12:30	UTMF Award Ceremony	Ohike Kouen, Fujikawaguchiko
13:00	Cut-off of UTMF	Ohike Kouen, Fujikawaguchiko
15:00	Closure of Press Center	Fujikawaguchiko

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\* Please contact us **by Thursday, April 19**, for press registration if you cover ULTRA-TRAIL Mt. FUJI 2018 on site.

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