

New Sub Assistant Area in Sasagamine Aid

We are pleased to announce that a sub assistant area will be available on the turf by the Otomiko-Lake Dam Management Office to respond to the voice of supporters who wish to enjoy the race closer to the course. As the increasing number of vehicles visits Sasagamine Aid Station exceeding the parking capacity, some supporters experienced inconvenience with providing support to their racers in the assistant area. There was also traffic congestion on the Niigata Prefectural Route 39 (AKA Myokokogen Kogen-line, the road taking you from Suginosawa to Sasagamine) around the Greenhouse with many vehicles trying to go to Green House. Instead of limiting the vehicle entry to Sasagamine Aid Station, we have decided to provide this sub assistant area with the following rules. Please follow the instructions given on signs and by staff members.

- Stop at the approach to Green House on Niigata Prefectural Route 39 and if there is any available parking spot, park your vehicle in the Greenhouse Parking or the supporters' parking at the lower level. If not, park your vehicle in the open space on Route 39 and walk about 700 meters or 11 minutes to Sasagamine Aid Station.
- If there is no available parking spot in any of the above, park your vehicle in the graveled parking in front of the Otomiko-Lake Rest House and support or watch the race from the sub assistant area which is about 450 meters or 6-minute walk away. Please communicate about your whereabouts with your racers as needed.
 - Vehicles are not allowed to wait for parking spot on road shoulder to prevent traffic jam.
 - Due to the limited road space, vehicles are not allowed to enter the Greenhouse Parking to drop off pacers. Pacers must be dropped off on road shoulder in front of the signage for Greenhouse entrance and walk to Sasagamine Aid Station.
- Sasagamine Aid sub assistant Area will be located by the Otomiko-lake with the view of Shinetsu mountains with changing colors. This area is available from 12:00PM to 18:00PM.
 - Supporters can provide support to the racers who are heading toward Togakushi, and providing support to the racers who are heading toward Sasagamine Aid is not allowed. Supporters must choose Sasagamine Aid or this sub assistant area by the Otomiko Dam Management Office to provide support to racers.
 - Supporters are allowed to secure a spot on the turf outside the sub-assistant area ahead of the race but are not allowed to do so inside 2 tents with chairs and tables.
 - Public toilets are available in the Otomiko Rest House which is about 150 meters away or 2-minute walk.
 - For parking, use the graveled parking in front of the Otomiko-Lake Rest House. The Rest House parking is reserved for tourists and hikers, and supporters' vehicles are not allowed to park there. Please do not use this park even just to drop off your bags and supporting equipment as accessing this park in vehicle will interfere with the racecourse. Please walk from the gravel park.