

Perfect for novices! A rough guide to Keirin



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Get to know Keirin!

Keirin is a big-time sport worldwide!

In 1948, The first ever keirin race was held at Kokura Velodrome in Kyushu. The dynamic races at speeds of up to 70 kph (\sim 45 mph) and the fun of predicting winners have long been enjoyed by many fans. It is now an official Olympic event, brought to the world by Japan. Hey, you, yes, you reading this Keirin Guide! You've taken your first step toward becoming a fan.









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What is Keirin?

⊕ Get to know the uniforms!

The riders' uniforms and helmets are assigned a different color for each bicycle number. They aren't just for a colorful attraction but so one can easily follow the racers' positions during a race. First, let's learn the numbers and colors.

Uniform



Rider's shorts

Riders are divided into 6 classes according to their standing (S-class groups S, 1, and 2, A-class groups 1, 2, and 3). Within these classes only 9 elite riders are chosen for S-class group S. Not just anyone gets to wear the red racing shorts.

Number of riders by class and group as of 1 June 2012

	Class	Group	Riders
Men	S- Class	Group S	9
		Group 1	261
		Group 2	527
	A- Class	Group 1	790
		Group 2	773
		Group 3	674
Women	A- Class	Group 2	33
Total			3,067



⊗ Racing shorts







S-class group S

S-class

A-class



How the racing works

(Ref to know how a race is run!

Keirin is an elimination-style tournament. In order to make it to the final race on the last day, riders must keep their focus through each day's struggle.

START

Keirin races are 3 or 4 laps on a 500m banked track, 4 or 5 laps on a 400m banked track, or 5 or 6 laps on a 333.3m (335m) banked track. The riders line up at the starting line and set out in unison at the starting gun. They start off pedaling slowly.



Laps

During laps, riders from the same region form lines behind the pace-setter ("pacer") while developing a strategy and jockeying for a good position.



2 to 1 laps remaining

When there are one and a half laps remaining, a bell rings and the race speeds up dramatically.







Straightaway

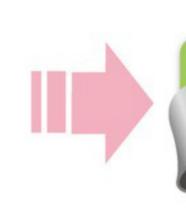
After rounding the last corner, this is the final push for the goal! Speeds reach 70 kph (45mph)!



Half a lap remaining

This is the most exciting part of the race. Each rider uses their own special tactic.





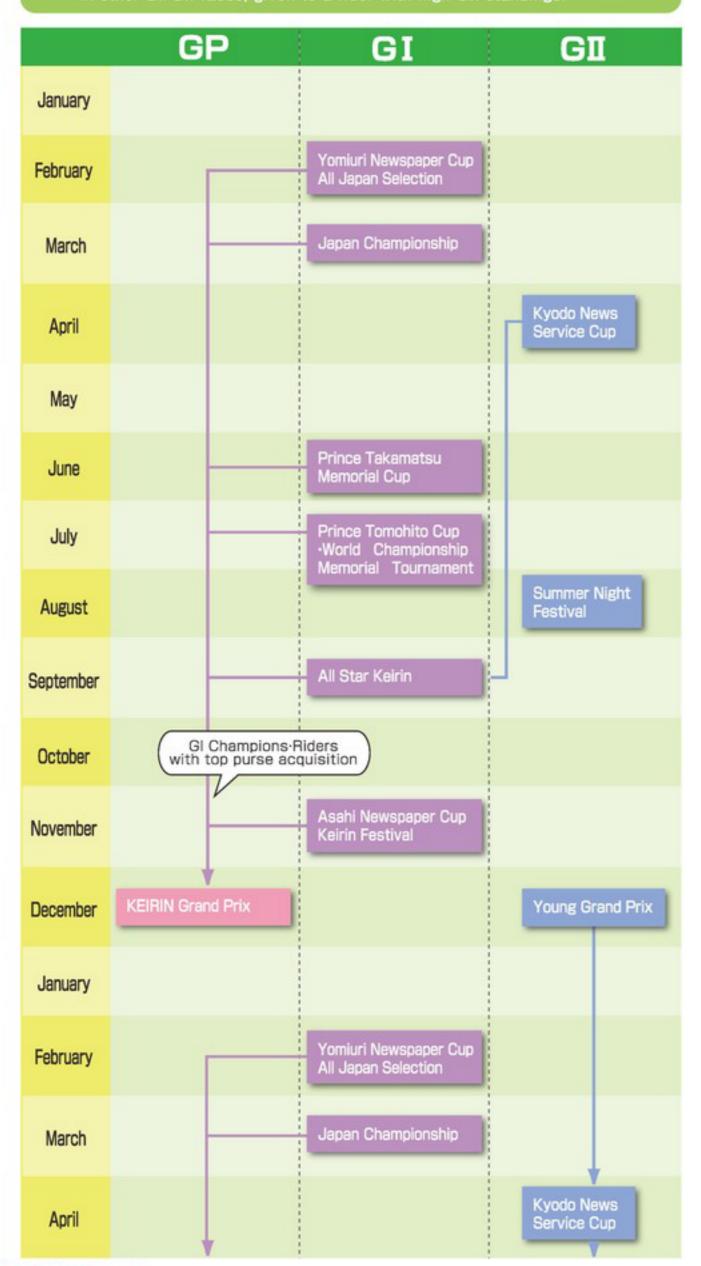




Types of races

Major races and priority qualification.

*Priority qualification is the right to take precedence for participation in other GI/GII races, given to a rider with high GII standings.



A graded race system with the Grand Prix at the top. The competition takes place over the course of a year.

Grade System

GI

GII

KEIRIN Gran Prix Single Race

The championship purse is ¥100 million. In this largest Keirin race, held every 30 December, 9 riders (GI champions and top money winners) compete, as the name suggests, to become the year's No. 1.

Japan Championship 6Days

All Star Keirin 5Days

Prince Takamatsu Memorial Cup, Prince Tomohito Cup, All Japan Selection, Keirin Festival 40ays

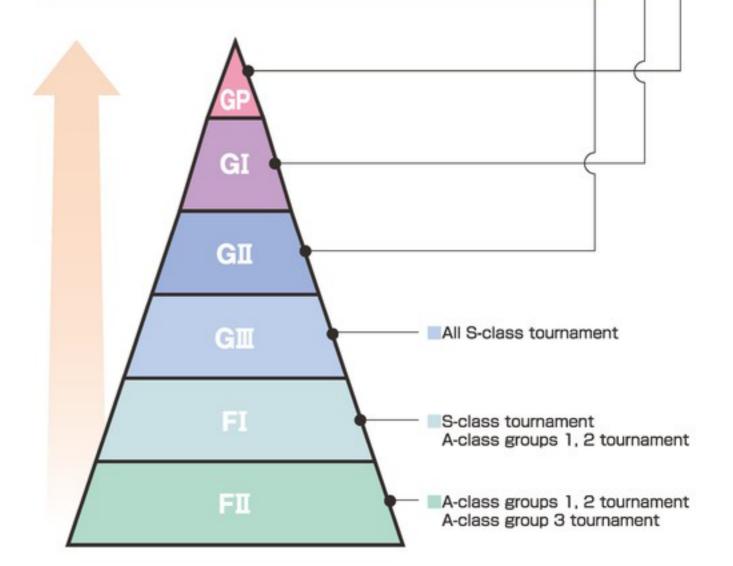
Top S-class riders compete.

The GI champions can compete in the GP.

OKyodo News Service Cup 4Days

Summer Night Festival 2Days
Young Grand Prix Single Race

Held for all S-class riders Riders with top standings receive priority qualification for GI·GII









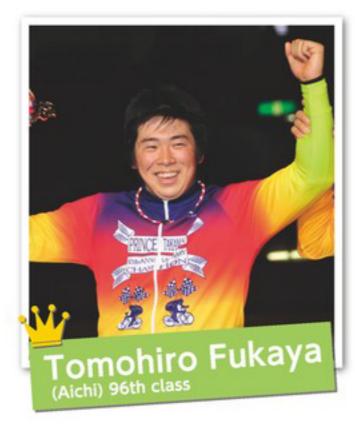
Champions

Winning the GP/GI/GII is the riders' goal!



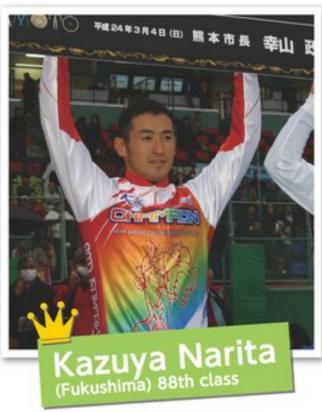
















Keirin Q&A



When do Keirin races take place?

A. Keirin races take place almost every day!

At the 44 velodromes throughout Japan, even during the New Year and summer O-Bon holidays, there is almost always a keirin race taking place somewhere. Please check race information at http://www.keirin.jp





A. The Pacer!!

When the starting gun is fired, one rider cycles out first. He is the pacer, officially called the "pace setter"; not a rider subject to betting, his purpose is to set the pace and act as a wind break. The pacer exits the track when the bell is rung to signal that there is one and a half laps remaining. (The pacer is a local rider.)





Why don't the riders pedal at full power from the start?

A. Fighting against the wind!

If a rider were to pedal at full power from the start of the race, he would be met by strong wind resistance. That rider would help the riders behind him by acting as a wind break. Although the riders appear to be moving slowly for the first half of the race, they are in fact racing between speeds of 30 to 40 kph.(20-25mph)

A. Forming a line.

With the pacer acting as a wind break, one might think "This is a chance to take the lead" but in fact the wind still poses fearsome opposition. Behind riders who want to take the lead even in the face of the wind (common amongst young riders) will be a group of 3 to 4 riders who will have the fastest speed at the end. This is called a line, usually composed of riders from the same areas, east/west divisions, or Keirin schools.

Rider's reg	ions and cities.					
North Japan	Hokkaido,Aomori,Akita,Iwate,Yamagata, Miyagi,Fukushima					
Kanto	Ibaraki,Tochigi,Gunma,Saitama,Tokyo, Niigata,Nagano,Yamanashi					
South Kanto	Chiba,Kanagawa,Shizuoka	22				
Chubu	Aichi,Gifu,Mie,Toyama,Ishikawa					
Kinki	Fukui,Shiga,Kyoto,Nara,Wakayama, Osaka,Hyougo					
Chugoku	Okayama,Hiroshima,Yamaguchi, Shimane,Tottori					
Shikoku	Kagawa,Tokushima,Kochi,Ehime	n Morth				
Kyushu	Fukuoka,Saga,Nagasaki,Oita,Kumamoto, Kagoshima,Miyazaki,Okinawa	Japan region				
Chugoku r	egion Chubu region					
22	Kinki regio	South Kanto region				
Kyushu region Shikoku region						

This is a velodrome!





It looks like a festival stage!!



Enter the venue through coin-operated gates. (Entrance fee is from ¥50 to ¥100. Some velodromes offer entry free of charge).



Special viewing seats (main stand)

from ¥500 to ¥2,000.

kiosks

Entrance gate

You can receive instructions for filling out a mark sheet and making predictions.

Guidance corner for novices

center

stand 2

In front of the finish line

goal

back stand

bank

Entrance gate

center

stand '

Entrance fees range from ¥0 to ¥100.

Courage gate



There are also cloakrooms and information counters.



The track the athletes

⊗ Because they are pros, they can ride on such a steeply sloping track.

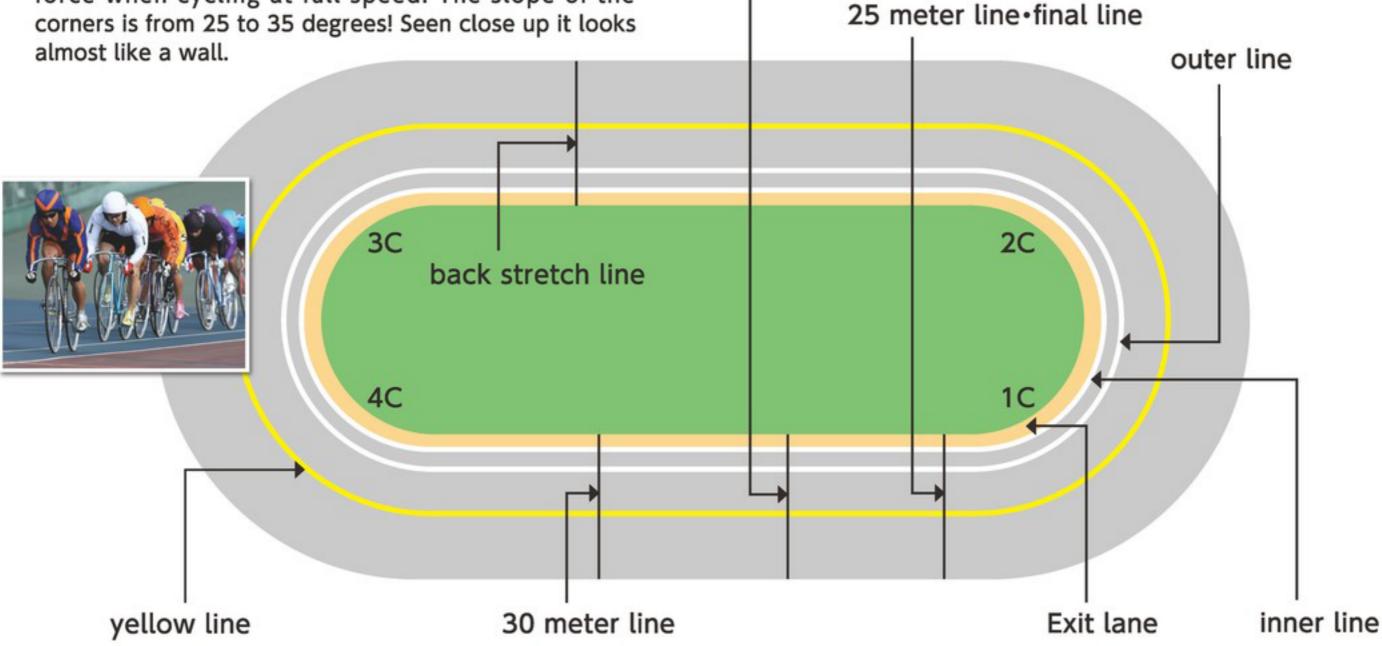
The track the riders race on is called a bank. Depending on the velodrome, the length of one lap may be 333.3m (335m), 400m, or 500m. Every corner is banked so that the riders do not fly off the track due to centrifugal force when cycling at full speed. The slope of the

race on



The riders assemble and adjust their own ticycles.

home stretch line start line



Not the bicycle you know pro riders' racing bikes





The bicycles the athletes ride are called "racers." They are made to order for each rider's body type. They weigh around 7 kg (15 lb) and are distinctive for not having brakes. (When riders practice on public roads, they attach brakes and observe traffic regulations.)



There are various types

⊕ Entrust your dreams to a thrilling race!

Are you the diligent, cautious type?

Or the big-payout dream chaser type?

Keirin betting tickets are called "shaken" (bicycle betting tickets). There are now various types of tickets available. The 7 types of betting are as below.



Example At a certain race







the winning tickets of each type are as below.

	7-rider line up	9-rider line up	See P3
Bracket Quinella (2-Waku-Fuku) 2 brakets for 1st and 2nd in either order	No sale	Probability 1/18	[3] - [4]
Bracket Perfecta (2-Waku-Tan) 2 brakets for 1st and 2nd in exact order	No sale	Probability 1/33	4] → 3
Quinella (2-Sha-Fuku) 2 Numbers for 1st and 2nd in either order	Probability 1/21	Probability 1/36	3 - 5
Perfecta (2-Sha-Tan) 2 Numbers for 1st and 2nd in exact order	Probability 1/42	Probability 1/72	5 → 3
Trio (3-Ren-Fuku) 3 Numbers for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in any order	Probability 1/35	Probability 1/84	2 - 3 - 5
Trifecta (3-Ren-Tan) 3 Numbers for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in exact order	Probability 1/210	Probability 1/504	5 → 3 → 2
Quinella Place (Wide) 2 Numbers for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any order	Probability 3/21	Probability 3/36	3 - 5
Fundamentally, the higher th			2 - 5
lower the pay-out, and the lov	wer the pro	bability is	2 - 2

Single entry and Multiple entry

With single entry, you must predict in exact order. With multiple entry , you can win even if the order is incorrect.

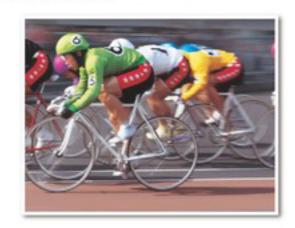
(1st place) No.7 (2nd place) No.2 [Example]

[Quinella(2-Sya-Fuku)]

the higher the pay-out on a winning bet.

*"Wide" means that you earn a win if the two riders you choose place anywhere in the top three.





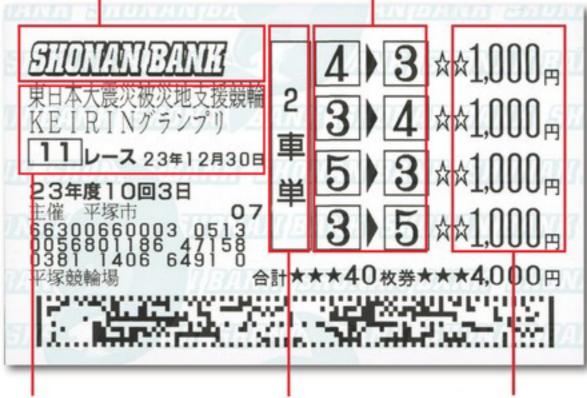
of betting tickets!

How to read a betting ticket

See p. 21 for instructions on buying betting tickets



The betting ticket's combination

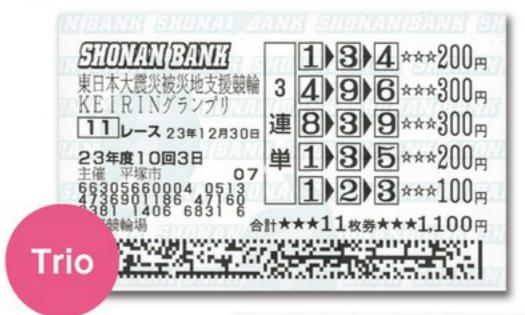


The race's title, number, and date

Ticket type

Bet amount

⊕ Betting ticket examples





betting tickets.

Let's learn how to

⊕ Odds are about predicting dividends!

If you purchase a betting ticket for this race, how much will you receive if you win? That is what odds are.



- 1 The name of the velodrome hosting the race.
- Race number.
- The types of betting tickets and their odds are displayed.
- Closing time display for betting.

- The odds of each grouping, from rider 1 on, are displayed.
- The total number of vouchers, with 1 voucher valued at ¥100.
- Returned vouchers.
- Total vouchers, with the returns subtracted from the total purchased. This affects the odds.



read the odds!

⊕ Get in the know here!

From well-known facts to specialized tips. Is a lot of information a good thing?

■Race entry sheet

Basic data provided by the promoter, including riders' names, bracket numbers, gear numbers, race points and so on are found on the members' charts.

These are distributed free of charge at each velodrome.



■Sports newspaper

Sports newspapers are familiar and easily accessible. Predictions and rider entries for the day are printed. ¥100 - ¥130.

■Specialty paper

Sold at velodromes and at nearby station kiosks and convenience stores. Detailed information for the day's race is printed . ¥500.



■Tipsters

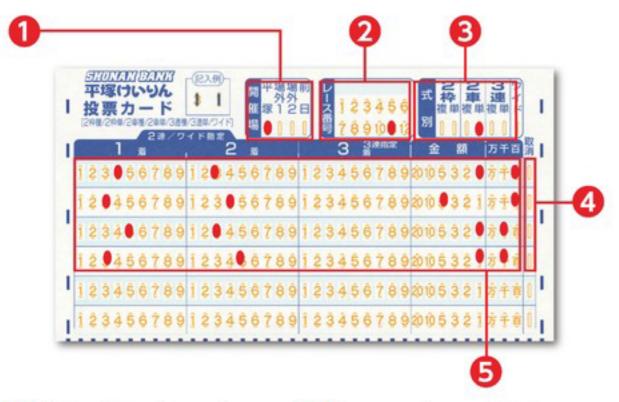
They'll tell you at the velodrome what the hot tips for each race are. As a rule, one race is ¥100 and all races are ¥500.



Filling out a mark sheet

When buying betting tickets, start from the mark sheet.

All you need to buy a betting ticket is to fill out the necessary information on the mark sheet and bring it to the teller window.



- Fill in off-track purchases or previous-day purchases.
- Fill in the race number Fill in the rider number you you're betting for.
- Fill in the type of bet you wish to buy. (in this case, Perfecta (2-Sya-tan)





Nagashi

this box.

With "Nagashi" (a combination bet on one ticket), you choose one point for one or two places and several points for the remaining places. Then you can place a bet on that combination.

If you make a mistake, you

predict and bet amount.

can cancel it by checking in

Box

With "Box," you can place a bet on the combination of all the points you have chosen.



is also important!

You can purchase betting tickets outsideof the velodrome, too.

You can purchase betting tickets even if there's no nearby velodrome or if you are too busy to attend.

Off -track betting facilities

There are over 60 off-track betting facilities across Japan. Find the nearest to you! (see p. 33)



Betting by phone

Betting by phone is a system set up to allow people to place bets from home, even when they are not able to attend the races. The sign-up procedures take place in accordance with the regulations of the Japan Keirin Association. After signing up, you can place bets on races being held at velodromes across the country.

(III) Internet

Betting by phone members can also use our convenient Internet betting system. With Internet betting, you can view odds and race entries and place bets quickly from your home computer, smartphone or mobile phone.



Cycle telephone center reception time weekday 9:00 ~ 20:00 / weekends & National Holidays 9:00 ~ 19:00 **00** 0120-319634

Dokanto! What's Dok anto auto-betting?

Dokanto! is a betting ticket that allows you to win on multiple races. It can only be purchased via the internet. Automated choice makes predictions unnecessary, giving even novices the feeling of "drawing lots." Dokanto! can easily be purchased by computer, smartphone or mobile phone. For a minimum bet of ¥200, winnings can be up to ¥1.2 billion! Find out how easy it is yourself, and give it a try!

* It is illegal for minors to purchase betting tickets.

* It may be necessary to file a tax return on your winnings.



"Dokanto Seven" 7 fold win betting

Automated quick-picks make predictions unnecessary. Correctly choosing 1st-place riders in all 7 second-half races. (Probability: approximately 1 in 4.78 million)

If you selected all the 1st place riders in the specified races, you win!



If you selected all the 1st place riders in the 7 races,



The 7 second-half races on the given day are the specified races.



How can up to ¥1,200 million carry over?

If there are no winning bets on a given day, the amount carries over to the next day (the tickets sold the next day). The payout can be as much as ¥1,200 million.





"Dokanto Four Two" 4 fold Qinella betting

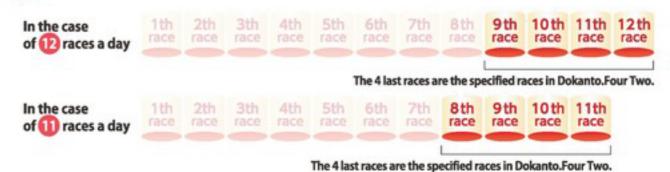
Automated guick-picks make predictions unnecessary. Correctly choosing all the 1st- and 2nd-place riders (in any order) in the 4 second-half races. (Probability: approximately 1 in 1.68 million)

If you selected all the 1st and 2nd place riders (in any order) in the specified races, you win!



If you selected all the 1st and 2nd place you riders (in any order) in the 4 races,

The 4 second-half races on the given day are the specified races.





Purchase via the Internet

Currently the 4 sites (URL) below are the websites where this can be purchased.

- ●KEIRIN. JP (http://keirin.jp)
- OK Dreams(http://www.kdreams.jp)
- Chariloto(http://www.chariloto.com)
- Odds park(http://www.oddspark.com/loto/)

*Multiple-race betting tickets include not only the types introduced here, but those sold individually at each velodrome. For details, visit keirin.jp .

GIRL'S This is what to look

Since July of 2012, Girl's Keirin races have been taking race. Girl's Keirin has been a part of world Olympic event in the 2012 London Summer Olympics.

& Uniform





Racers wear one-piece racing shorts and a bolero-style uniform.



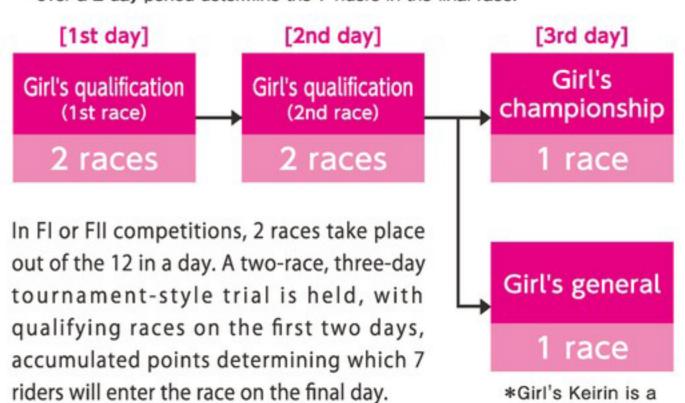
Like the bicycles used in Olympic events and world competitions, carbon monocoque frames, disk wheels and baton wheels are used. (Depending on weather conditions, the spoked wheels also used by male riders are sometimes used as well.)

out for in Girl's Keirin!

place. The first group of 33 riders offer an exciting championships since 2002, and became an official It is now extremely popular.

& How it's conducted

Established Programs (Elimination-style tournament)
Points are given according to standings in qualification races: the total points over a 2-day period determine the 7 riders in the final race.





*In accordance with the rules, the event is known as a "fixed-lead race (international)." Women's keirin follows competition rules which enhance its sporting character, distinguishing it from the competitive (original) keirin featuring male riders.

http://www.girlskeirin.com

7-rider lineup.

Get to know Girl's



Girl's Keirin is a 7-rider lineup over a race of roughly 1,500m-1,700m, with other distinctive features as well.

> A real sport with simple rules.

The international rules make it clear that it is a form of sport: for this reason, behavior that would not disqualify a male rider will disqualify a female rider.



> The pacer's starting point for the approach run.

The pacer starts out approximately half a lap behind the riders. When the pacer reaches the start line, the starting gun is fired and the riders begin to move.



Merging with the pacer is prohibited.

If a rider passes the pacer's back wheel while the pacer is leading, or comes abreast of the pacer, she will be disqualified. *excluding momentary positioning.



The pacer's lead exit is fixed.

The pacer will exit when reaching a determined area, but because of the "pacer merge prohibition" rule, riders cannot pass the pacer while he or she is on the track.



Keirin!

Introduction of noteworthy riders



Kanako Kase (Niigata)

Born May 31st 1980 Graduation Memorial Race winner Switched from triathlon



Yukari Nakamura (Tokyo)

Born March 9th 1981 Number 1 attendance record at Keirin school Former elementary school teacher



Ryoko Nakagawa (Niigata)

Born May 29th 1984 Number 3 attendance record at Keirin school Sister of Seiichiro Nakagawa (Kumamoto) Stage 85



Yukari Watanabe (Yamanashi)

Born April 28th 1981 Salt Lake City and Torino Winter Olympics 500m speed skating representative



Yuria Gokan (Tokyo)

Born April 2nd 1992 Daughter of Keirin champion Shinichi Gokan (Tokyo) Stage 65



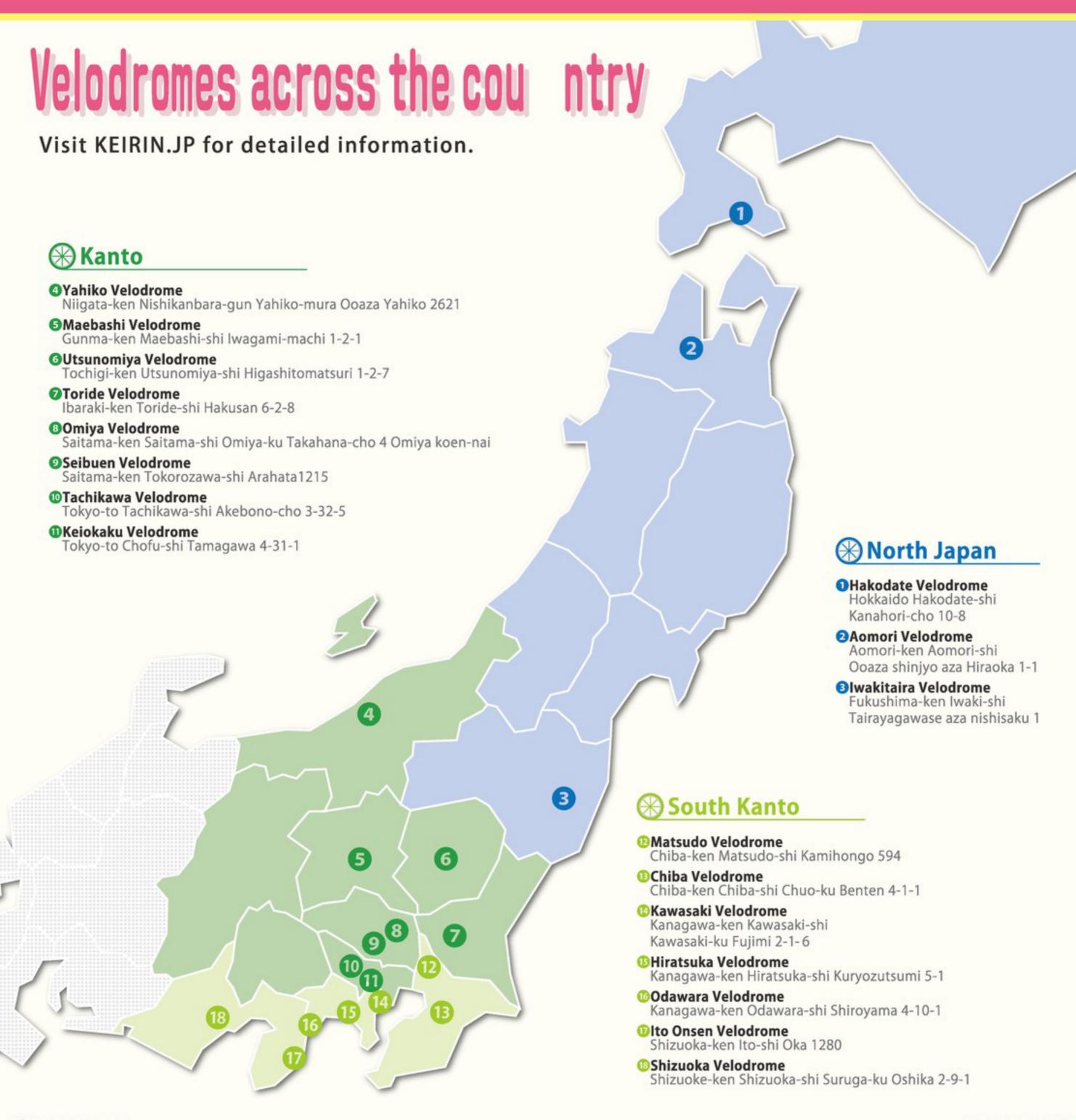
Miyoko Takamatsu (Kanagawa)

Born May 9th 1962 Oldest rider in the women's 1st league Former elementary school teacher



Maimi Tanaka (Niigata)

Born August 11th 1982 Bicycle club team Former model from "SPIRITS"



⊗ Chugoku

@Tamano Velodrome Okayama-ken Tamano-shi Chikko 5-18-1

 Hiroshima Velodrome Hiroshima-ken Hiroshima-shi Minami-ku Ujinakaigan 3-6-40

◎Houfu Velodrome Yamaguchi-ken Houfu-shi Kokubunji-cho 8-2

ℜ Shikoku

⊕Takamatsu Velodrome Kagawa-ken Takamatsu-shi Fukuoka-chou 1-4-46

™Komatsushima Velodrome Tokushima-ken Komatsushima-shi Yokosu-cho 5-57

Matsuyama Velodrome
Ehime-ken Matsuyama-shi
Ichitsubonishi-machi 796-6

®Kochi Velodrome Kochi-ken Kochi-shi Ohara-cho 45



@Fukui Velodrome Fukui-ken Fukui-shi Akari-cho 2-65

Wyoto Mukomachi Velodrome

Kyoto-shi Muko-shi Terado-cho Nishinodan 5

Olimbia

 Nara Velodrome Nara-ken Nara-shi Akishino-cho 98

 Wakayama Velodrome Wakayama-ken Wakayama-shi Itsusujime 10-1

Osaka-fu Kishiwada-shi Harukiwakamatsu-cho 22-38





Mokura Velodrome

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Descri Fukuoka-ken Kitakyushu-shi Kokurakita-ku Mihagino 3-1-1

Murume Velodrome

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Takeo Velodrome Saga-ken Takeo-shi Takeo-cho OoazaTakeo 4439

Sasebo Velodrome Nagasaki-ken Sasebo-shi Hizukushi-machi 2-5

 Beppu Velodrome Oita-ken Beppu-shi Kamegawahigashi-machi 1-36





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@Gifu Velodrome

Toyohasi Velodrome
 Aichi-ken Toyohashi-shi Azumada-cho 87

 Nagoya Velodrome Aichi-ken Nagoya-shi Nakamura-ku Nakamura-cho Aza takahata 68

Olchimiya Velodrome Aichi-ken Ichimiya-shi Hagoromo 2-5-105

Gifu-ken Gifu-shi Toei-cho 5-16-1 Ogaki Velodrome

Gifu-ken Ogaki-shi Sanae-cho 1-1

 Yokkaichi Velodrome Mie-ken Yokkaichi-shi Ooaza Hazuko 5163

Matsuzaka Velodrome Mie-ken Matsuzaka-shi Kasuga-cho 3-1

@Toyama Velodrome Toyama-ken Toyama-shi lwaseikeda-machi 8-2



Off-track betting facilities

North Japan

- 1. Satellite Asahikawa Hokkaido Asahikawa-shi
- 2. Satellite Ishikari Hokkaido Ishikari-shi
- 3. Satellite Sapporo Hokkaido Sapporo
- 4. Satellite Matsukaze Hokkaido Hakodate-shi
- 5. Aomori Maeuri Service Center Aomori-Ken Aomori-shi
- 6. Satellite Rokunohe Aomori-ken Kamikita-gun Rokunohe-machi
- 7. Fujisakijogai Aomori-ken Minamitsugaru-gun Fujisaki-machi
- 8. Satellite Oga Akita-ken Oga-shi
- 9. Satellite Rokugo Akita-ken Senboku-gun Misato-cho
- Satellite Ishidoriya Iwate-ken Hanamaki-shi
- 11. Satellite Taiwa Miyagi-ken Kurokawa-gun Taiwa-cho
- 12. Satellite Miyagi Miyagi-ken Shibata-gun Murata-machi
- 13. Satellite Kashima Fukushima-ken Minamisoma-shi
- 14. Satellite Fukushima Fukushima-ken Fukushima-shi
- 15. Satellite Aizu Fukushima-ken Kitakata-shi
- 16. Satellite Adatara Fukushima-ken Nihonmatsu-shi
- Koriyamajogai Fukushima-ken Koriyama-shi

Kanto

- 18. Satellite Agano Niigata-ken Agano-shi
- 19. Satellite Niigata Niigata-ken Niigata-shi
- 20. Satellite Chuuetsu Niigata-ken Nagaoka-shi
- 21. Satellite Myoko Niigata-ken Myoko-shi
- 22. Maebashikeirin Tonenishi Maeuri Service Center Gunma-ken Maebashi-shi
- 23. Windome Tatebayashi (Tatebayashijogai) Gunma-ken Tatebayashi-shi
- 24. Satellite Mito Ibaraki-ken Higashiibaraki-gun Shirosato-machi

- 25. Satellite ShiosaiKashima Ibaraki-Ken Kashima-shi
- 26. La Pista Shinbashi (Members only) Tokyo-to Minato-ku
- 27. Satellite Futaba Yamanashi-ken Kai-shi

South Kanto

- 28. Satellite Narita Chiba-ken Sanbu-gun Shibayama-machi
- 29. Satellite Funabashi Chiba-ken Funabashi-shi
- 30. Satellite Ichihara Chiba-ken Ichihara-shi
- 31. Satellite Kamogawa Chiba-ken Kamogawa-shi
- 32. Satellite Yokohama (Members only) Kanagawa-ken Yokohama-shi

Chubu

- 33. Satellite Nagoya (Members only) Aichi Nagoya-shi
- 34. Kawagoejogai Mie-ken Mie-gun Kawagoe-cho

Kinki

- 35. Satellite Osaka (Members only) Osaka-fu Osaka-shi Chuo-ku
- 36. Satellite Hanshin Hyougo-ken Miki-shi

Chugoku

- 37. Satellite Tsuyama Okayama-ken Tsuyama-shi
- 38. Satellite Kasaoka Okayama-ken Kasaoka-shi
- 39. Satellite Sanin Shimane-ken Matsue-shi
- 40. Satellite Sanyo Hiroshima-ken Mihara-shi
- 41. Houfuekimae Service Center Yamaguchi-ken Houfu-shi
- 42. Satellite Ube Yamaguchi-ken Ube-shi

Shikoku

- 43. Satellite Kanonji Kagawa-ken Kanonji-shi
- 44. Kokudomaeuri Service Center Kagawa-ken Kanonji-shi
- 45. Satellite Kamojima Tokushima-ken Yoshinogawa-shi
- 46. Satellite Seiyo Ehime-ken Seiyo-shi
- 47. Nibanchomaeuri Service Center Ehime-ken Matsuyama-shi

48. Satellite Komatsu Ehime-ken Saijo-shi

- 49. Satellite Nankoku Kochi-ken Nankoku-shi
- 50. Satellite Yasuda Kochi-ken Aki-gun Yasuda-cho

Kyushu

- 51. Hi-Vision Theater Moji Fukuoka-ken Kitakyushu-shi
- 52. Satellite Wakamatsu Fukuoka-ken Kitakyushu-shi
- 53. Satellite Kitakyushu Fukuoka-ken lizuka-shi
- 54. Satellite Kurume Fukuoka-ken Kurume-shi
- 55. Satellite Usa Oita-ken Usa-shi
- 56. Satellite Takeo Saga-ken Takeo-shi
- 57. Satellite Nagasaki Nagasaki-ken Isahaya-shi
- 58. Satellite Kadogawa Miyazaki-ken Higashiusuki-gun Kadogawa-cho
- 59. Satellite Miyazaki Miyazaki-ken Miyazaki-shi
- 60. Satellite Mimata Miyazaki-ken Kitamorokata-gun Mimata-cho
- 61. Satellite Mizobe Kagoshima-ken Kirishima-shi
- 62. Satellite Akune Kagoshima-ken Akune-shi
- 63. Satellite Satsumasendai Kagoshima-ken Satsumasendai-shi
- 64. Satellite Kagoshima Kagoshima-ken Kagoshima-shi
- 65. Satellite Kimotsuki Kagoshima-ken Kimotsuki-gen Kimotsuki-cho

Keirin riders on the world stage: Koichi Nakano is famous for his 10 successive sprint wins (1977-1986) at the World Cycling Championships. Professional riders have also been able to participate in the Olympics in pro/am open cycle racing since the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

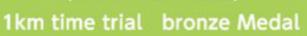
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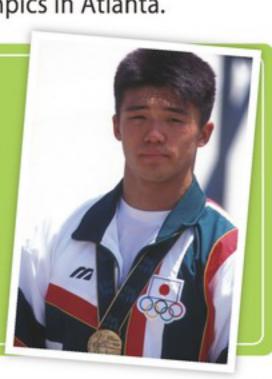
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1996

Atlanta Summer Olympics

Takanobu Jumonji (Ibaraki 75th class)







2004 **Athens Summer Olympics**

Tomohiro Nagatsuka (Ibaraki 81st class) Toshiaki Fushimi ⑪ (Fukushima 75th class) Masaki Inoue (Nagasaki 86th class) Team sprint silver medal

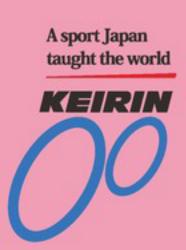
2008

Beijing Summer Olympics

Kiyofumi Nagai (Gifu 88th class Keirin bronze medal



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