

NISEKO CLASSIC

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The 6th Niseko Classic attracts largest crowd ever with 1,500+ riders



The UCI Grand Fondo World Series “2019 Niseko Classic” took place on Saturday 6th July and Sunday 7th July and is being hailed as a massive success with more than 1,500 riders participating.

The Niseko Classic is an officially registered qualifier event for the UCI Grand Fondo World Series (UCIGFWS), with the top 25% finishers of each age category having the opportunity to attend the UCIGFW Championships held in Poznan, Poland this year.

The Niseko Classic is the only one of its kind in Japan and has gained a reputation as a destination cycling event, offering entrants breathtaking scenery and a challenging course.

This year a total 1,528 riders (RR 1,300 TT 228) participated in the race, a 20% increase on the previous year. Beautiful weather conditions greeted a wide age group of riders, with the youngest participant being 15 years old and the oldest participant 73 years old.

The 2019 Niseko Classic included approximately 20% international riders, participating from 30 different countries including Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Australia, Europe and more.

Adding to the 140km and 70km road races, a 13km Time Trial took part on Saturday as an UCIGFWS qualifier TT for the first time in Japan.

The race venue buzzed with excitement, supported by a weekend-long Niseko Cycling Festival keeping riders and guests entertained with local food and drinks, live music, kids activities and various shop stalls featuring latest cycling gear.

The date for 2020 Niseko Classic is scheduled for 11th and 12th July, 2020.

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< Race Details >

● DATE

Saturday 6 July, Sunday 7 July

● ROAD RACE / RR

[140km] Started in Hirafu, transversed the Annupuri ranges and Panorama line before heading to the sea of Japan coast and returning to Hirafu. Elevation 2,362m

[70km] Started in Rankoshi town, headed to the Sea of Japan coast and returning back to Hirafu along with the 140km race. Elevation 1,125m

● TIME TRIAL / TT

13km course with scenic views of Mt.Yotei located in Kutchan town.

ENTRANTS

1,528 riders (including media and invited riders) / RR 1,300 TT 228
(Approx. 50% from outside of Hokkaido and about 20% from overseas)

note

Comparison : 2018 year ... 1,227 riders / RR 1,082 TT 145
Comparison : 2017 year ... 881 riders

< Race Results > Please check the Niseko Classic Website for the entire list of results
www.nisekoclassic.com

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