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## Welcome NAGANO

## Voices from Olympians --What Makes Nagano So Attractive for Athletes?



### Message from Governor

Surrounded on all four sides by "Japan's Roof" of 3,000m high mountain ranges ("the Japan Alps"), Nagano Prefecture is one of the leading mountain tourism sites in Japan, rich in vast, beautiful nature.

Sporting activities are very popular here in Nagano, especially those which fully utilize the benefits of being located in the highlands and having such bountiful nature like rivers and lakes. In addition, Nagano Prefecture has clear, clean air and water, and safe, delicious food, grown in fertile land. People here enjoy an active and vigorous lifestyle, helping to make Nagano the top ranking prefecture for longevity in Japan.

Located roughly in the center of Japan, Nagano Prefecture has convenient access from Tokyo, the capital of Japan which, for the second time, will host the Olympic Games in 2020.

Above all, Nagano Prefecture hosted the 1998 Winter Olympics and Paralympics, and has expe pleasure of providing excitement to the world.

There are many training venues in the vast area of Nagano Prefecture, ideal for a full range of sporting events. In addition, people have fostered and cultivated a high awareness of sports through participation in international exchange activities with athletes from different countries through a variety of Olympics and Paralympics programs, including the One School One Country project.

Those looking for a sports training camp venue, please come and visit us here in Nagano Prefecture. We offer perfect surroundings and conditions for sports training. The people in Nagano are ready to welcome you with warm and genuine

Shuichi Abe, Governor of Nagano Prefecture

### Hospitality and a desire for world peace alive in the sport loving people of Nagano

I grew up in Bandokoro at the foot of Mount Norikura. After the war I moved to Shiga Kogen Heights, and participated in a National Sports Festival as a representative from Nagano Prefecture. Skills and techniques I had learned in those places led to my silver medal in the 1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo Winter Olympics. Due in part to hosting the Winter Olympics, Nagano Prefecture seems to be taken as a place primarily for winter sports, but is also ideal for summer sports training, and has already proven famous as a training camp venue for rugby, which has been selected as an event for the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. With easy access from Tokyo, it is cool in summer and the landscape makes the place suitable for delicious fruits like big apples and grapes produced uch as Shinshu soba noodles and Shinshu beef. There is also a variety of mountain vegetables served here, which are not familiar to foreign

d, can be satisfied. for sports, there are many excellent athletes That is why a sport loving culture and desire to welcome athletes has been growing in the minds of the Nagano people. In fact, their friendly hospitality is still renowned among IOC members, such as their ndid volunteer spirit. The One School One

Country project, which begun in the Nagano Winter

Olympics, tremendously impressed the Olympic always endure tremendous stress.

I feel that the roles sports play go beyond merely competing with each other, but also contribute to world peace by widening the friendship circle. In fact, I believe this is the most important aspect. Thanks to hosting the Winter Olympics, the people of Nagano have already learned how important it can be to send messages of world peace through sporting events. I would like them to keep this spirit

Nagano Prefecture provides foreign athletes with ideal conditions and surroundings for effective and efficient training, as well as warm hospitality. As an myself, I wish to welcome you, the





r. First Winter Olympic Games medalist in Japan. Bor ing training from an early age from his father a pioneer of skiing in Japan, and moved to t the foot of Mount Norikura aged 7 Underwriters Corporation (AIU). Won sliver he 1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo Winter Olympi a member of the IOC Committee in 1982 Nuer Olympia Octavers mittee in 1982. Received the



Ogiwara: Former Nordic skiing ructor. Won team gold medals in both the Albertville and 1994 Lillel nter Olympics. Won all-round individual championship titles three consecutive times rom 1993 to 1995. Born in Kusatsu, Gunma

### also as one of the important places that has supported my harsh yet splendid athletic life. As an athlete, I quite often visited Nozawa Onsen Village and Hakuba Village, equipped with ski jump and cross-country facilities, for competitions and training camps. During off-seasons, I had high altitude training in many places around Nagano Prefecture, including Shinano Town and lizuna Kogen Heights in Nagano City. I felt when I was active as an athlete. Based upon these experiences, I have again recognized the good chemistry between Nagano Prefecture and leading athletes. The richness in the minds of local people, for example, the tight bond within a local community, the sincere attitude towards nature in recognizing great value in each season and their transitions, and the desire to keep local traditions and cultures alive, can mentally support athletes who are always under intense pressure. In addition, the "Athlete First" spirit is also one of the remarkable features you find common in the

### Nagano Prefecture Satisfying Athletes' Needs Not Only for Training Environments but also Food and Relaxation

Bountiful nature, clear and clean air and water, and delicious foods -- it is very cool even in summer here in Nagano Prefecture. I was fortunate to have had my training in such a Many of the boat courses are usually situated in the countryside, however, Lake Suwa is located not far from the center of Suwa City. The location because you have good access to the city center where you can easily do shopping and find a place to eat. In addition, there are many hot spring only because they are effective in helping the body recover from fatigue, but also because they make

built around the bank of Lake Suwa, where rowing races are very popular among the people in Suwa

City. Given that they have such a strong love of both plaving and watching sports, they are keen to welcome athletes from around the world. Furthermore, the people of Nagano tend to have a positive influence on athletes who stay for training in their home towns during the Tokyo Olympics.

opportunity to watch and enjoy professiona athletes at work.

## The "Athlete First" Spirit Cherished in Nagano Prefecture

For me, Nagano Prefecture is special not only as the stage of the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics, but

people of Nagano. The utmost respect is given to athletes and their instructors, and great lengths are gone to in order to realize ideal environments

for athletes to concentrate on their competitions or training, done so without being intrusive. This spirit was unveiled and polished through the experiences of the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics, and is set to advance in to the future.

I have no doubt that Nagano Prefecture would make an excellent training camp site for top level athletes on both sides of facilities and hospitality. They can take time out to visit sightseeing spots like the national treasures of Zenkoji Temple and Matsumoto Castle, or relax and refresh themselves in Mother Nature. I really hope that athletes around the world come here and experience highly rewarding and satisfying training, which can be achieved only here in Nagano



Suwa, I strongly recommend you try the eel dishe famous in this area for putting hair on your ches ouses a god of war and where even Taked hingen, a warrior in the 16th century, is believe





## Advantage

Merits and Benefits of "NAGANO" as a Training Camp Venue

Blessed with vast, magnificent nature, Nagano Prefecture features some of the most prominent and popular areas for mountain tourism, with the Japan Alps as a prime example. Since achieving top ranking for longevity in Japan for both men and women, and its position as one of Japan's leading agricultural regions, attention has also been drawn to Nagano's healthy lifestyle and food culture A mere 80 minutes on the Hokuriku Shinkansen, Nagano City is easily accessible from Tokyo. In addition, a broad network of national highways in the prefecture links local regions to the Tokyo metropolitan area. With its rich, abundant nature, its variety of healthy and delicious food, and its convenient access, Nagano is a perfect site for a training camp for top level athletes.

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It takes a mere 80 minutes on the Hokuriku Shinkansen from Tokyo to Nagano City the prefectural capital. In addition, a broad network of national highways in the prefecture links local regions to the Tokyo metropolitan area. This ease of access from Tokyo greatly adds to Nagano's attractiveness

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With the possibility of conducting high altitude training in mountain ranges well over 1,700 meters, the benefits of hosting training camps in the area has been drawing the attention of sports officials worldwide

# Strong Points

NAGANO

High Performance

Convenient

Access

## **Food Safety**

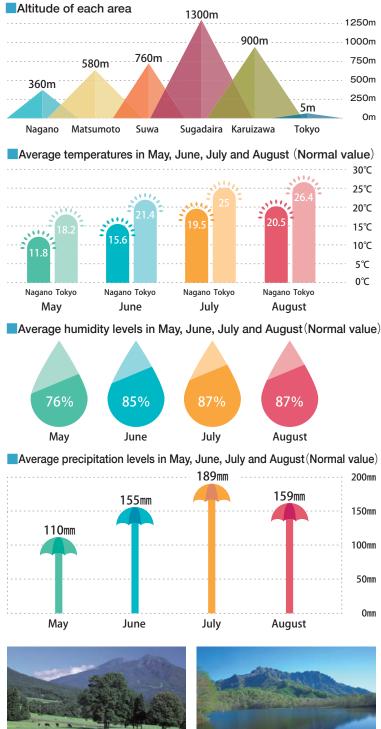
Nagano is one of Japan's leading agricultural regions. With clear, sparkling waters and clean, fresh air. local produce is both healthy and delicious

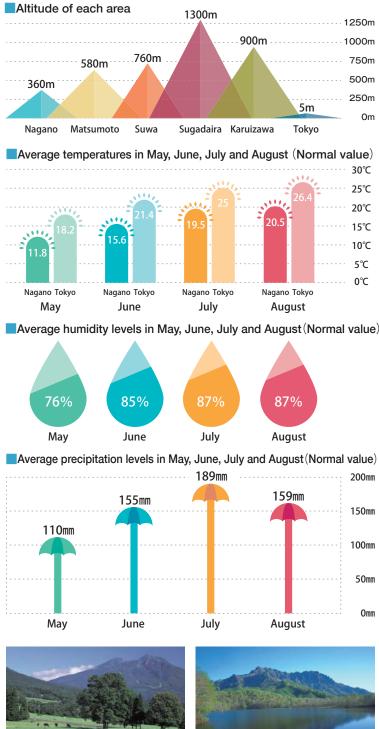
Each region in the prefecture boasts a core of professional medical facilities, including the Medical Department of Shinshu University, giving athletes and staff complete assurance during training.

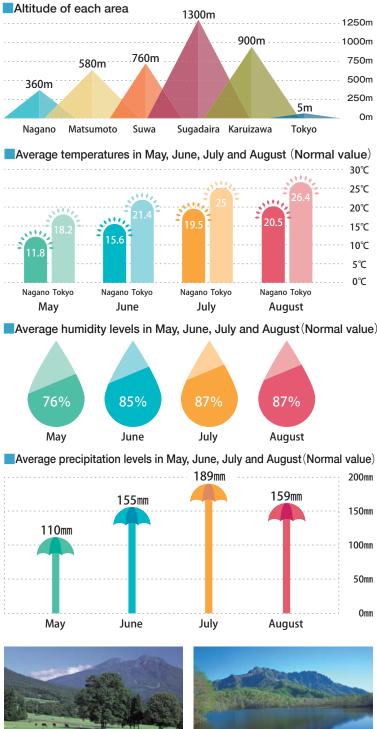
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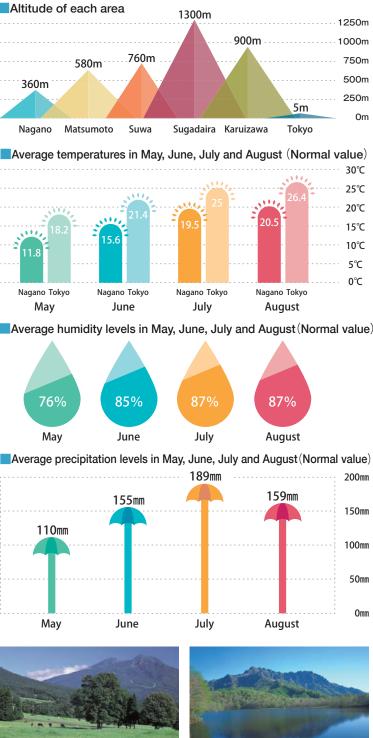


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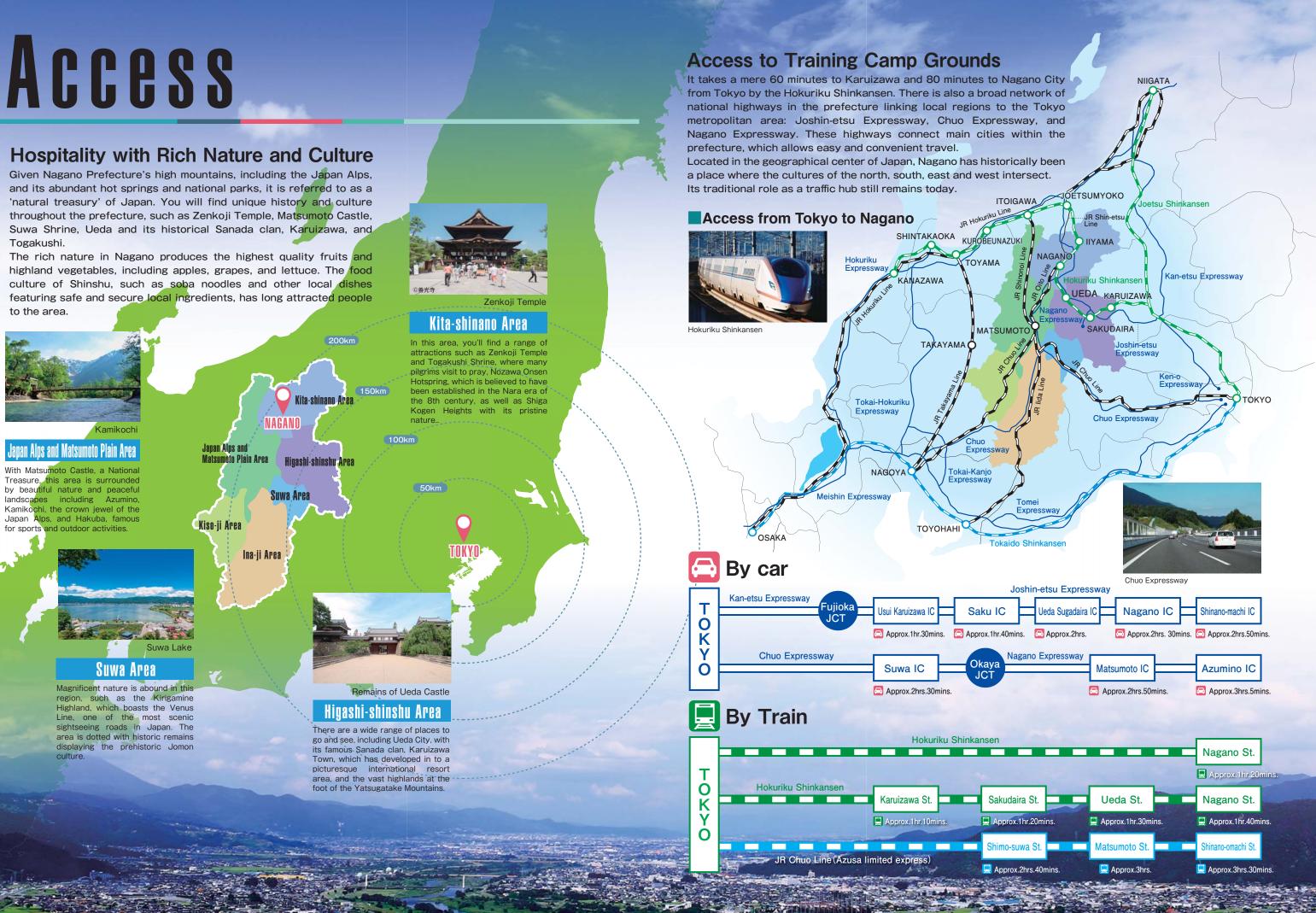
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## **Climate Ideally Suited to Training**

Nagano Prefecture enjoys a relatively dry climate. Eastern and Northern areas in particular experience comparatively low precipitation, with an average annual rainfall of about 1,000 mm. These areas also boast the highest ratio of clear skies in Japan! Across Nagano Prefecture, even though midday temperatures are sometimes high in summer, cool air in mornings and evenings provide a comfortable atmosphere. Furthermore, in the highland areas, including Shiga Kogen Heights, Shinano-machi, Sugadaira Heights, Karuizawa, Yatsugatake Mountains, and Nobevama Heights, summer maximums remain cool, providing an ideal atmosphere for everything from relaxing, to outdoor activities, to sports and training.

With its high altitude location and temperate summer climate, Nagano Prefecture is perfectly suited for training of any

highland vegetables, including apples, grapes, and lettuce. The food culture of Shinshu, such as soba noodles and other local dishes featuring safe and secure local ingredients, has long attracted people



## **Athletics Facilities**

Nagano boasts state-of-the-art facilities, with local touches, surrounded by magnificent mountains, clean-air highlands, and abundant waterways and greenery. Nagano's quality facilities will help athletes get the most out of their training in order to improve their skills.





Located at approximately 1,300m, this athletics field is ideal for high altitude training.

## Sugadaira Kogen Sports Park Athletics Field (Sania Park)

Location 1278-244 Sugadaira-kogen, Ueda City, Nagano Prefecture





Altitude 1,294m Track Class-3 JAAF-certified athletic stadium / All-weather 400m track × 8 lanes Events Athletics Facilities Meeting rooms, shower rooms, bathrooms Night-game facilities None Medical institution Sugadaira-kogen Clinic

An excellent environment of natural turf grass, fresh air and greenery provides you with the best opportunities for regular training and for crunch time.

## **Kurohime Athletics Stadium**

Location 3884-590 Nojiri (Kurohime Kogen), Shinano Town, Kamiminochi Gun, Nagano Prefectur



Altitude 723m Track All-weather 400m track × 6 lanes Events Track Events, Long Jump, High Jump Facilities Shower rooms, meeting rooms, cross-country courses, a throwing-event ground (exclusive for hammer throw, discus, and javelin events), Lake Nojiri running course, and a gymnastics hall Night-game facilities None

Athletics

The athletics field with magnificient views of Asama Mountain and the Sakudaira Plain is well-equiped with night-game facilities. Saku Sports Park Athletics Stadium

Location 3011 Hiraka, Saku City, Nagano Prefecture



Altitude 732m Night-game facilities Fully equipped

### A Landscape in Nagano Prefecture Ideal for Training

Vast areas of Nagano Prefecture are covered by mountains and mountain ranges of 3,000m and higher. Even some of the major cities are located at ar altitude of over 700m. These high-altitude areas provide not only a comfortable and scenic training environment, but also various training courses utilizing natural geographical features, such as a running course with many uphills and downhills, and a long-distance swimming course. These are the strengths of Nagano Prefecture as a professional sports training location.

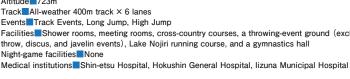
## The Volunteer Spirit of Nagano People

The One School One Country project began here in Nagano for the Nagano Winter Olympics & Paralympics in 1998. During the project, elementary schools and junior high schools, mainly in Nagano City each adopted a country to support Students developed international exchange programs to learn and understand their partner country's characteristics and cultures. Under their own initiative, they planned and carried out activities regarding how to best show hospitality to guests from their partner country. The project made a wonderful impression on Olympic athletes and helped to successfully promote the Olympic Games.

It has been more than 15 years since the Nagano Winter Olympics. The students involved in the One School One Country project have already grown up, and it is now time for them to play important roles in society

The volunteer spirit developed through the project of the Nagano Winter Olympics continues today in the people of Nagano, who learned by firsthand experience how to welcome people from different nationalities and cultures. Many citizens now participate in sporting events as volunteers to support organizing committees, which is a huge factor in the success of an event.





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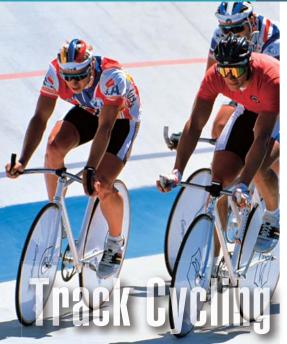
Track Class-2 JAAF-certified athletic stadium / All-weather 400m track × 9 lanes Events Athletics, Football (mix of 6 natural turf grasses)

Facilities Meeting rooms, shower rooms, locker rooms, and a broadcasting room

institutions Saku Central Hos Advanced Care Center. Asama General Hospita



## Velodromes



**Boat Rowing** 

With a maximum bank of 36 degrees, this is the highest altitude velodrome in Japan.

### Misuzu Lake Velodrome, Matsumoto City Location 1830 Misayama, Matsumoto City, Nagano Prefecture





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Altitude 1,000m Track Length: 333.333m, Width: 7m, Bank angle: up to 36 degrees Events Track Cycling Facilities Changing rooms, a medical room, a lounge, shower rooms, locker rooms, meeting rooms Night-game facilities Fully equipped Medical institutions Shinshu University Hospital, Aizawa Hospita

## **Outdoor Water Sports**

Unusually located in the midtown area. this boat course provides crews with a comfortable training environment in stable weather conditions.

## Shimosuwa Town Boat Course

Location 10615-8 Higashi Akasuna, Shimosuwa Town, Suwa Gun, Nagano Prefecture



Altitude 760n Field 1000m in length (Class B) Events Rowing events Facilities Training rooms, and a boathouse Suwa Red Cross Hospital

Designated under the Act on Special Measures concerning Conservation of Lake Water Quality, Lake Nojiri offers a fantastic long course training environment with high quality water.

### Lake Nojiri

Location 287-5 Nojiri, Shinano Town, Kamiminochi Gun, Nagano Prefecture



## Altitude 660m

Field 16km in total length Events Triathlon (Swimming) Facilities An athletics stadium and gymnasium for athletics training Medical institutions Shin-etsu Hospital, Hokushin General Hospital lizuna Municipal Hospital

## Swimming Stadiums



Track Cycling

(Adua-wing)



Altitude 350r Events Swimming, Synchronized Swimming



Other facilities training room

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Ueda City

### This stadium covers a wide range of events, not only swimming but also synchronized swimming and diving. Nagano Sports Park Swimming Pool

Location 5-1-19 Yoshida, Nagano City



Swimming facilities A 50m main swimming pool, a 25m sub-swimming pool, a diving pool

Facilities Locker rooms, shower rooms, warming rooms, meeting rooms and training rooms Medical institutions Nagano Red Cross Hospital, Nagano Municipal Hospital

Rich in nature, surrounded by woods, this is ideal for sports training.

## Sports Park Swimming Pool, Ueda City

Location 935 Shimonogo-otsu. Ueda City. Nagano Prefecture







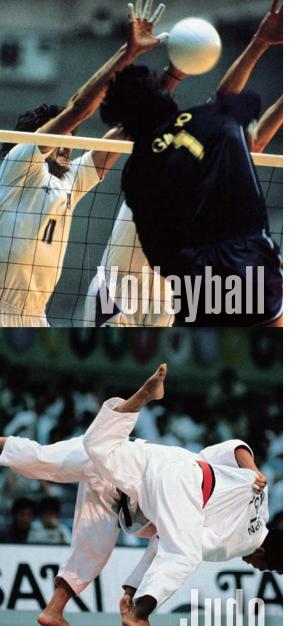
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## Gymnasiums



Hosting many international sporting competitions, this gymnasium has poven ideal for training in a variety of sports.

### Matsumoto City Gymnasium

Location 5-1 Misuzu, Matsumoto City, Nagano Prefecture



Courts Main arena: 3 basketball courts, 3 volleyball courts, 12 badminton courts, 2 handball courts,

40 table-tennis tables, 1 rhythmic gymnastics court, and 6 judo courts / Sub arena: 1 basketball court,

Events Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Handball, Table tennis, Rhythmic gymnastics, Judo, Trampoline,

The gymnasium is located in a tranquil environment surrounded by woods.

Altitude 638m

Wrestling, GoalBall, Bocce

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Altitude 491m

8 badminton courts

2 volleyball courts, and 4 badminton courts

Facilities Training rooms, and meeting rooms

Medical institutions Shinshu University Hospital, Aizawa Hospital

Nature and Sports Park Gymnasium,

Location 935 Shimonogo-otsu, Ueda City, Nagano Prefecture





## Saku Gymnasium

Saku Gymnasium is a ball sports venue,

Location 2939 Nakagomi, Saku City, Nagano Prefecture

used for training and a valety of competitions.





Courts 2 basketball courts, 3 volleyball courts Events Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Handball, Table tennis Facilities A sub-gymnasium, a training room, an exercise room, and a meeting room Medical institution Saku Central Hopsital Advanced Care Center, Asama General Hospital

With a grand view of the Nothern Alps, you can train here for a variety of sports.

### Omachi Gymnasium

Location 5638-44 Tokiwa, Omachi City, Nagano Prefecture





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Courts Main arena: 2 basketball courts, 3 volleyball courts and 10 badminton courts Sub arena: 1 basketball court, 1 volleyball court and 3 badminton courts Medical institution Omachi Municipal General Hospita

Courts 2 basketball courts, 3 volleyball courts, and shower rooms Medical institution Shinshu Ueda Medical Center Events Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton Located approximately 1km from the Hokuriku Shinkansen line at JR Ueda Station, this gymnasium is ideally situated and provides a good environment for athletes. Uedajoseki Park Gymnasium,

Facilities A multi-purpose exercise room,

**Ueda City** Location 1-1-30 Tokiwagi, Ueda City, Nagano Prefecture





Altitude 442m Courts 2 basketball courts, 3 volleyball courts, 8 badminton courts

Events Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton Facilities None Medical institution Shinshu Ueda Medical Center







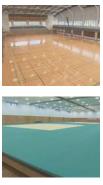


Suitable for training of various indoor sports such as ball sports, martial arts, and dance.

### Karuizawa Kazakoshi Park Gymnasium

Location 1157-6 Hocchi, Karuizawa Town, Kita-saku Gun, Nagano Prefecture





### Altitude 933m

Courts Main arena: 2 basketball courts, 3 vollyball courts, 8 badminton courts,

- 1 handball court, 16 table tennis courts / Sub-arena: For table tennis, judo, Movable tatami flooring available:  $16m \times 16m(2)$
- Events Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Handball, Table tennis, Judo
- Facilities A studio, meeting rooms, a running course, locker rooms, a broadcasting room,
- and a nursing room

Medical institution Karuizawa Municipal Hospital

## Shinano Town Gymnasium

Location 765-1 Furuma, Shinano Town, Kamiminochi Gun, Nagano Prefecture





Altitude 645m

Courts 2 basketball courts, 3 volleyball courts and 8 badminton courts Events Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton

Facilities A meeting room and a locker room

Medical institutions Shin-etsu Hospital, Hokushin General Hospital, lizuna Municipal Hospital

Handball





🔁 Table Tennis

Bocce



Rhythmic Gymnastics

## **Stadiums**



Ueda City Saku City

## **Medical facilities**

City	Institution	City	Institution	City	Institution
Nagano City	Nagano Red Cross Hospital	Ueda City	Shinshu Ueda Medical Center	Shimosuwa Town	Suwa Red Cross Hospital (Suwa City)
	Nagano Municipal Hospital		Sugadaira-kogen Clinic		Shin-etsu Hospital
	Shinonoi General Hospital	Omachi City	Omachi Municipal General Hospital	Shinano Town	Hokushin General Hospital
	Nagano Matsushiro General Hospital	Saku City	Saku Central Hospital Advanced Care Center		lizuna Municipal Hospital (lizuna Town)
Matsumoto City	Shinshu University Hospital		Asama General Hospital		
	Aizawa Hospital	Karuizawa Town	Karuizawa Municipal Hospital		

## Contact

Cities	Sports facilities	Events	Contact numbers	
Nagano City	Nagano Sports Park Swimming Pool (Aqua-wing)	Swimming Synchronised Swimming	Sports Section sports@city.nagano.lg.jp	
	Minami-Nagano Sports Park Football Stadium	Football		
Matsumoto City	Matsumoto City Gymnasium	Sasketball Volleyball Rhythmic Badminton Handball   Table Tennis Rhythmic Judo Trampoline   Wrestling Coalball Soc Bocce	Sports Promotion Section taiiku@city.matsumoto.nagano.jp	
	Misuzu Lake Velodrome, Matsumoto City	Track Cycling		
Ueda City	Nature and Sports Park Gymnasium, Ueda City	Sasketball Solleyball Sadminton	Sports Promotion Section sports@city.ueda.nagano.jp	
	Sports Park Swimming Pool, Ueda City	Swimming		
	Uedajoseki Park Gymnasium, Ueda City	Sasketball 😗 Volleyball 😪 Badminton		
	Sugadaira Kogen Sports Park Athletics Field (Sania Park)	Athletics		
	Sugadaira Kogen Sports Park Stadium (Sania Park)	<b>f</b> Football <b>Fugby</b>		
Omachi City	Omachi Gymnasium	Signal Basketball Solleyball Sadminton	Physical Education Section taiiku@city.omachi.nagano.jp	
	Football Pitch at The Sports Park, Omachi City	Football		
Saku City	Saku Sports Park Athletics Stadium	Athletics 5 Football	_	
	Saku Gymnasium	Basketball 🔀 Volleyball 🐼 Badminton	Physical Education Section taiiku@city.saku.nagano.jp	
Karuizawa Town	Karuizawa Kazakoshi Park Gymnasium	Basketball 😗 Volleyball 😧 Badminton 🔾 Handball	Secretary and Public Relations Section koho@town.karuizawa.nagano.jp	
Shimosuwa Town	Shimosuwa Town Boat Course	Boat Rowing	Education and Child Services Section taiiku@town.shimosuwa.lg.jp	
Shinano Town	Lake Nojiri	Triathlon (Swimming)	Business and Tourism Section syoukoukankou@ town.shinanomachi.nagano.jp	
	Kurohime Athletics Stadium	Athletics		
	Shinano Town Gymnasium	Basketball 😽 Volleyball 😪 Badminton		

Fully equipped with the latest facilities, this is exclusively used for ball sports such as football and rugby. Minami-Nagano Sports Park **Football Stadium** 

Location 320 Tofukuji, Shinonoi, Nagano City, Nagano Prefecture



Altitude 351m Field 1 field Events Football Facilities A swimming pool, a training room, and a Gymnasium Medical institutions Shinonoi General Hospital, Nagano Red Cross Hospital, Nagano Matsushiro General Hospital

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Located at 1,300m, this is perfect for high altitude training. Sugadaira Kogen Sports Park Stadium

Location 1278-244 Sugadaira Kogen, Ueda City, Nagano Prefecture



Altitude 1,299m

Fields 5 fields Events Football, Rugby Facilities Meeting rooms, shower rooms, a bathroom, a training room, and a swimming pool Medical institution Sugadaira-Kogen Clinic

The football ground has magnificient views of Asama Mountain and the Sakudaira Plain.

Saku Sports Park Athletics Stadium Location 3011 Hiraka, Saku City, Nagano Prefecture





Altitude 732m Field 1 field Events Football (mix of 6 natural turf grasses), Athletics Facilities Meeting rooms, shower rooms, locker rooms, and a broadcasting room Medical institutions Saku Central Hospital Advanced Care Center Asama General Hospital

## Football Pitch at The Sports Park, Omachi City

Location 5638-44 Tokiwa, Omachi City, Nagano Prefecture



Ţ Altitude 735m Field 1 field Events Football Facilities Locker rooms, a boardroom, storage Medical institution

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### List of bidding cities for Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics training camp venues