

# 2019 Taiwan Cycling Festival Taiwan KOM Challenge

Founded in 2012, the Taiwan KOM Challenge has gone from humble beginnings to become one of the most prestigious non-UCI events on the international racing calendar, a climbing event that attracts both amateurs and top professionals alike. The route runs a total length of 105km, starting at sea level from Qixingtang Beach in Hualien, passing through the spectacular Taroko Gorge and finishing at the 3,275m summit of the highest passable road in Taiwan, at Wuling Pass on Mt. He Huan.

The Taiwan KOM Challenge is truly a once in a lifetime cycling event for all cyclists.

## Event Information

- 1. Sanctioned by:** Ministry of Transportation and Communication R.O.C., Tourism Bureau MOTC R.O.C., Hualien County Government, Nantou County Government.
- 2. Organized by:** Taiwan Cyclist Federation (TCF)
- 3. Date:** October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Friday)
- 4. Route:** Hualien Qixingtang → Taroko Bridge → Route 8 → Tianxiang → Xibao → Xinbaiyang → Bilu Sacred Tree → Guanyuan Gas Station → Dayuling → Route 14A → Wuling Pass. Total Distance: 105km, altitude from 0, sea level up to 3275 meters. (Refer to route map & profile & climb details & last kilometers at Appendix)
- 5. Entry Qualifications :**
  - MUST be 16 years old or above, and capable of finishing the route in 6.5 hours from the official start point (please note this is after the 18.5km neutralized zone).
  - Any rider who had a positive result recorded from ANY doping tests in the past will not be allowed to compete in the Taiwan KOM Challenge.
- 6. Categories :**

Elite: 19 years old and above (born before 2000. NOTE all riders born before 2000 may enter the Elite category but must be experienced racing cyclists).

M16: 16 - 19 years old (born 2000-2003)  
M20: 20 - 29 years old (1990-1999)  
M30: 30 - 39 years old (1980-1989)  
M40: 40 - 49 years old (1970-1979)  
M50: 50 years old and above (born before 1969)  
Women: 16 years old and above (born before 2003)

● For individuals and rider's companion(s) not riding the event, a KOM Spectator Tour can be opted.
- 7. Entry fee:** NTD6,000 per entry (including NTD1,000 J-chip deposit fee)  
Entry fee includes: Insurance fee, medal & certificate (only for official finishers), souvenir souvenir T-shirt / water bottle / backpack / race handbook / welcome party / feed zone supply / lunch / riders' farewell dinner ticket. (For additional dinner tickets please refer to the registration page, and tick if required.)
- 8. Event Schedule :**

(Exact time will be subject to change based on special circumstance and will be announced beforehand.)

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Thursday):  
10:00~18:00 Teams and riders check-in (at Parkview Hotel Hualien)  
15:00 Welcome party & riders pre-race notice



Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Friday):

- 05:00 Riders sign-in/check-in their day bags (at Qixingtang Beachside Park)
- 05:40 Opening ceremony
- 06:00 Race start (the first 18.5kms is a warm-up, official timing starts after the left turn of the Taroko Bridge – details to be published in the official brochure)
- 11:00 Award ceremony of GC Men/GC Women/Taiwan Top 6 (at Wuling.)
- 12:00 Award ceremony of Age categories/Combative/Friendship Award (at Kunyang.)
- 13:00 Wuling finish line closing time. Time limit: 6.5 hours after the flying start point.
- 18:00 Farewell dinner (In Hualien.)

## 9. Timing chip:

- a. Japanese J-Chip system will be used for official timing.
- b. NTD1,000 deposit is required for the sensor chip upon registration and will be refunded after the chip has been returned. In case the chip is lost, the 1,000 NTD deposit will be forfeited until the chip is found and returned to the Organizer.

## 10. Registration Notice:

- a. The registration is open until August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, or until the entry numbers reaching 600 riders (300 overseas riders & 300 local riders respectively).
- b. A scanned copy of passport is required to be emailed to [service@cyclist.org.tw](mailto:service@cyclist.org.tw), together with the rider order number provided by the registration system when registering.
- c. Riders should be responsible for the correctness of all data provided in his/her registration.
- d. Upon the announcement of the entry list, request to change category for any reason will not be acceptable.
- e. The Organizer reserves the right to reject any rider's registration.

## 11. Awards:

- a. The NT Dollar prize awards are as below:

Item/Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Male/GC	500,000	225,000	100,000	50,000	40,000	30,000
Female/GC	500,000	225,000	100,000	50,000	40,000	30,000
Taiwan/GC	100,000	50,000	40,000	30,000	20,000	10,000
Total/NTD 2,140,000.						

- According to Taiwan tax law, a local citizen or resident card holder who wins prize money over NT\$ 20,000 must pay 10% tax, foreigners must pay 20% tax. The amount of the tax money will be deducted from prize money.
  - A rider who has previously tested positive for doping will not be allowed to compete in the Taiwan KOM Challenge.
  - GC top 3 & Women top 3 riders doing drug testing will not be awarded prize money until verification of the drug test.
- b. If a rider tests positive, no prize money will be awarded, and their result will be nullified. Furthermore, they will be banned from all future Taiwan KOM competitions. If a rider's doping test result is positive, his/her placement and prize money will not be awarded to the next placed rider.
  - c. Top 6 placed male and female GC riders will be awarded trophies and prize money, and the overall first placed rider will be awarded with the Taiwan KOM champion jersey.
  - d. Most Combative Award: The most combative rider will be awarded with the Taiwan KOM Most Combative trophy and jersey.
  - e. Friendship Award: National best riders of those countries with no less than 10 rider registrations will be awarded with the Friendship trophy and jersey.
  - f. Every age category's top 6 placed riders will be awarded with trophies.
  - g. All riders who finish the race within the time limit will be awarded a finisher medal and a finishing record certificate.

## 12. Doping Test :

The GC top 3 & Women top 3 will undertake a doping test at this event (the method of sampling will be announced in the riders meeting and race handbook.) Riders must follow the rule of the doping test with no objection, or the Organizer may cancel that rider's race ranking and all prize money.

## 13. KOM Spectator Tour:

On Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> the KOM spectator tour will charge NT\$3,000 per person, including transportation Hualien-Wuling-Hualien, insurance, KOM shirt, race book, and lunch in Kunyang (**Please visit the KOM Spectator Tour webpage through KOM official website, and tick if required.**)

## 14. Traffic Access from Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) to Parkview Hotel Hualien by public transportation:

- Upon your arrival at TPE airport, Taking the airport MRT or airport bus to Taipei Main Station. It takes around one hour.
- Take TRA Railway from Taipei Main Station to Hualien Station. The Puyuma Express takes around 2~2.5 hours.
- Take a taxi from Hualien Station to the Parkview Hotel takes around 15 minutes.

## 15. This event is strictly prohibited participants riding down the hill back to Hualien or to Puli. The Organizer is not responsible for any accident after participants cross the finish line. Riders are to use team cars and/or other support vehicles. If riders have no support vehicles for downhill after finish line, **MUST** book the downhill transportation services.

## 16. Transportation services:

Item	Date	Route	Departure Time	ETA	Start-via-destination	Fee NT\$
1	Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Airport Pickup	All day	All day	TPE Taoyuan Airport to Platinum Hotel Taipei	2,000
2	Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Airport Pickup	All day	All day	TPE Taoyuan Airport to Platinum Hotel Taipei	2,000
3	Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	From Platinum Hotel Taipei to Hualien	09:00	14:00	Platinum Hotel Taipei to Parkview Hotel Hualien	2,000
4	Oct.23 <sup>rd</sup>	from Taipei Main Station to Hualien	09:00	14:00	Taipei Main Station WEST 3 Exit to Parkview Hotel Hualien	2,000
5	Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	From Platinum Hotel to Yang Ming Mt. and connect to Taiwan KOM Challenge event	05:30	07:00	Platinum Hotel Taipei to Yang Ming Mt. Challenge Start Line	4,000
			11:30	16:00	Yang Ming Mt. Challenge Finish Area to Parkview Hotel Hualien (includes a mid-way shower refresh)	
6	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Downhill from Kunyang (East-bound)	13:00	17:00	EAST-bound: Kunyang to Parkview Hotel	2,000
7	Oct.25 <sup>th</sup>	Downhill from Kunyang (West-bound)	13:00	17:00	WEST-bound: Kunyang to Taipei Main Station, with mid-way stops at Puli, HSR Taichung Station, and TPE Taoyuan Airport (Please tick your destination)	2,000

Item	Date	Route	Departure Time	ETA	Start-via-destination	Fee NT\$
8	Oct.26 <sup>th</sup>	Return to Platinum Hotel Taipei from Hualien	09:00	13:00	Parkview Hotel– Platinum Hotel Taipei	2,000
9	Oct.26 <sup>th</sup>	Return to Taipei Main Station from Hualien	09:00	14:00	Parkview Hotel – Taipei Main Station	2,000
10	Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Airport pickup	All day	All day	Platinum Hotel to TPE Taoyuan Airport	2,000
11	Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Airport pickup	All day	All day	Platinum Hotel to TPE Taoyuan Airport	2,000

※ **Transportation service notice:**

- Please also tick your destination if you book the Oct.25<sup>th</sup> West-bound downhill transportation.
- If you plan to stay in Hualien on Oct.25<sup>th</sup> after the event, please leave your bike box in advance in the hotel and do not hand over it to event luggage truck heading for Wuling. If you plan to stay in Taipei after the event, please leave your bike box in advance in Taipei and do not bring it from Taipei to Hualien.
- The downhill shuttle bus will depart on a fully-seated-and-go basis upon the traffic condition. ETA of each destination is for reference only. Please estimate reasonable time for your latter trip/flight arrangement.
- There is a risk of falling rocks blocking the highway connecting Taipei, YiLan and Hualien, causing road closure and traffic control and thus effect the ETA.

**17. Hotel accommodations:**

Item	Hotel	Date	Room Type	Bed Type	NT\$
1	Platinum Hotel (New Taipei City)	Oct.21 <sup>st</sup>	Single	1-person (1 bed)	2,600
			Twin	2-person (2 beds)	3,000
		Oct.22 <sup>nd</sup>	Single	1-person (1 bed)	2,600
			Twin	2-person (2 beds)	3,000
		Oct.26 <sup>th</sup>	Single	1-person (1 bed)	2,600
			Twin	2-person (2 beds)	3,000
Oct.27 <sup>th</sup>	Single	1-person (1 bed)	2,600		
	Twin	2-person (2 beds)	3,000		
2	Parkview Hotel (Hualien)	Oct.23 <sup>rd</sup>	Single	1-person (1 bed)	2,600
			Twin	2-person (2 beds)	3,000
		Oct.24 <sup>th</sup>	Single	1-person (1 bed)	2,600
			Twin	2-person (2 beds)	3,000
		Oct.25 <sup>th</sup>	Single	1-person (1 bed)	2,600
			Twin	2-person (2 beds)	3,000

**18. Notice :**

- Riders register this event by their own will and fully acknowledged and agree with all event regulations and notices.
- Falling rocks in Taroko Gorge are a hazard. Riders are requested to consider these risks before deciding whether to participate in this event. Riders will be required to sign a risk consent form before taking part in the event.
- There is a certain degree of difficulty involved with this cycling event. Attendees should consider the risk of riding this event and evaluate his/her own health condition to decide if entry is appropriate. Any rider with any health issues, or history of health issues such as hypertension, cardiovascular disease, heart disease, diabetes, epilepsy and asthma, is not allowed to participate in this cycling race/event. The Organizer will not be responsible for any accident caused by these health issues.



4. In the mountain area, temperature and weather can change very fast. Riders are requested to prepare warm-keeping clothing at the finishing area. The rider backpack with post-event items (food/warm clothing) are required to be handed over at the start line, and these backpacks will be carried to the finish area by the Organizer.
5. Riders must hand over the day bag to the Organizer before the event start. The Organizer will convey these bags to the finish area, for riders to take back for immediate use when arriving at the finish point.
6. The Organizer has the right to terminate or pause the event if there is deemed to be any risk to the rider's health and/or route safety. Riders and any other attendees must abide by this decision.
7. All riders must ride standard road bikes or flat bar road bike fitted with a full braking system front and rear. Both front and rear lights **MUST** also be mounted for riding through tunnels and foggy areas. Jerseys cannot be sleeveless. Cycling helmets are mandatory during riding.
8. Riders must ride on the right side of the road at ALL times. Riding against the flow of traffic on the left side is prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification.
9. All riders are responsible for the effective and safe working condition of their bicycles. Any rider on a bicycle deemed unsafe by the Organizer will not be allowed to start the event.
10. Riders who pass the finish line in Wuling must follow the following procedure: (Organizer-selected riders will take the doping test immediately), receive finisher medal, retrieve their personal day bags, then ride down the hill 2 kilometers on the western side to Kunyang parking lot to return their chip and receive the refund of their chip deposit money, and get lunch/certificate. Team cars and official transportation buses will be parked in Kunyang parking lot.
11. Male competitors must not offer any sustained unsportsmanlike assistance or support to female competitors in a way that might affect the outcome of the race. This especially includes deliberate pacing by means of drafting and/or riding alongside. If any infringement is spotted by any race staff then both riders will be handed a DNF sanction. In the case of this behavior being reported to race officials by other competitors, the race Organizers reserve the right, once a judgement has been made, to impose the DNF penalty.
12. There will be 3 check points in this event. Riders that fail to pass the check points within the designated time limits will be disqualified from the race.
  - Bilu Sacred Tree: 10:30
  - Dayuling: 12:00
  - Wuling: 13:00
13. There are four feeding zones, at Xibao, Xinbaiyang, Bilu Sacred Tree and Guanyuan Gas Station. Riders should slow down and ride to the side of the road for feeding access.
14. Team cars can feed riders only at two feed zones: Bilu Sacred Tree and Guanyuan Gas Station. Dynamic feeding on the course or feeding outside the feed zones is prohibited and could lead to a time penalty or disqualification from the event.
15. Only the Men/Women GC top 6 riders receive flowers, and must if requested take part in the photo shoot and media interview. All will be held at Wuling. All other categories award ceremonies will be held at Kunyang parking lot.
16. The 'back markers': race commissaire has the right to terminate the participation of any racer who has fallen behind the peloton too far. Riders in such situation should follow the commissaire's instruction to stop riding.
17. Riders should carry their health insurance card or travel document/other ID during the event. If any rider crashes and is injured whilst riding, please seek medical care immediately and keep the receipt and diagnosis certificate for later insurance claims.
18. The first insurance for participants of this event is "Medical Travel Insurance". Participants should evaluate his/her own safety regarding their personal health condition when deciding whether to participate in this event. Participants may apply for other personal insurance policies at own cost if they consider the Organizer's offered insurance as insufficient. Please refer to the event insurance policy website ([click here](#)) of "Medical Travel Insurance" for the coverage details of the event insurance. The Organizer is only responsible for the indemnity amount with the maximum price per person as the insurance policies offers. Do not register for the event if

you do not agree with the coverage, items, and indemnity amount of insurance policy.

19. The second insurance for this event (participants) is “Public Liability Insurance” is for accident payments caused by Organizer. That means, based on the law, the insurance only covers the event accidents that are caused by the Organizer’s, and therefore the Organizer is liable. Please refer to the event insurance policy website ([click here](#)) of “Public Liability insurance” for the coverage details of the event insurance. The Organizer is only responsible for the indemnity amount with the maximum price per person as the insurance policies offer. Do not entry this event if you do not agree with the coverage, items, and indemnity amount of insurance policy. Any personal health issues during the event or any riding injury caused by a personal health problem will not be included in the insurance. Riders that have personal health problems should not attend this event.
20. The entrant is responsible for the correctness of all entry information provided. The rider is responsible for all results caused by incorrect registration information.
21. If the weather on the event day is bad, the Organizer may announce any new event policy at the Riders’ Meeting/Pre-event briefing. For example, the Organizer may cut short the riding time limit or shorten the race distance, etc.
22. In the case of typhoons, other extreme weather conditions or a local government suspension of traffic on He Huan Mountain, the Organizer retains the right to delay, terminate or postpone the event, change the time limit of check points, or to alter the route at any time. In such cases, all information will be forthcoming at the appropriate time.
23. The Organizer has the right to publish or share all event-related videos, photos, event results in media, internet, galleries etc. Attendee and riders must agree to the right of the Organizer to use all materials for promotion.
24. Respecting the natural environment, riders are forbidden to litter along the route. Anyone doing so will be immediately disqualified from the event.
25. Upon the completion of event registration, please continue to visit the TCF website [www.cyclist.org.tw](http://www.cyclist.org.tw) for updates.

### 19. Added Service :

Transportation & Accommodation & Souvenir booking Service:

Riders from foreign countries please check the event Transportation / accommodation / souvenir booking” information page via <http://www.taiwankom.org/>, and tick if required.

### 20. BIKE SHOP information in Hualien City: (Open hours normally 10:00~21:00.)

- Merida Hualien – No.9, Jie Yueh Street, Hualien City. +886-3-836-1126.
- KHS Bicycles dealer Guo Feng – No.1, Guo Feng Street, Hualien City. +886-3-833-3560.
- Giant Bicycles Hualien Station – No.35, Guo Xing 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hualien City (Near Hualien rail station). +886-3-833-6761.
- Giant Min Jie Cycling – No.491, Chung Hua Road, Hualien City. +886-3-852-5717.
- Giant Min Jie Cycling – 1F, No.1, Ming Li Street, Hualien City. +886-3-835-7427.

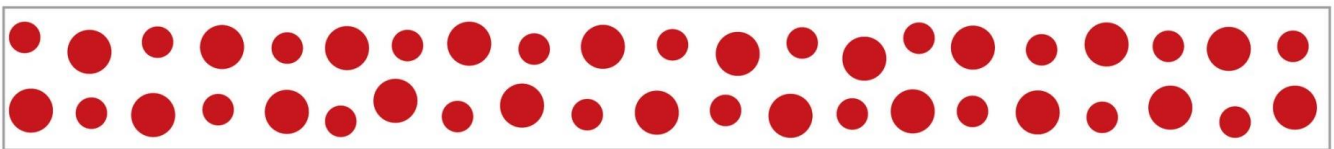
### Contact :

Taiwan Cyclist Federation/ Tel: +886-2-89193595/ Fax: +886-2-89193311

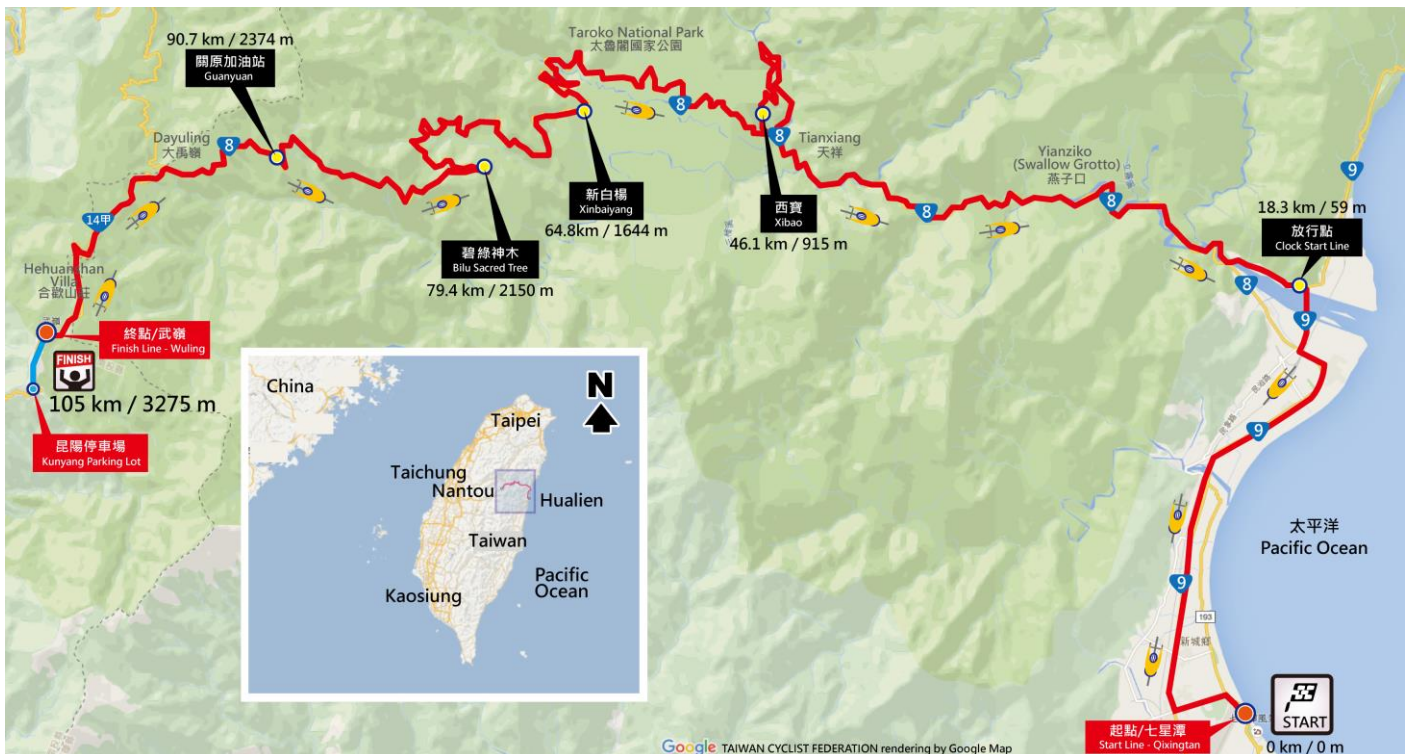
Website: [www.cyclist.org.tw](http://www.cyclist.org.tw) E-mail: [service@cyclist.org.tw](mailto:service@cyclist.org.tw)

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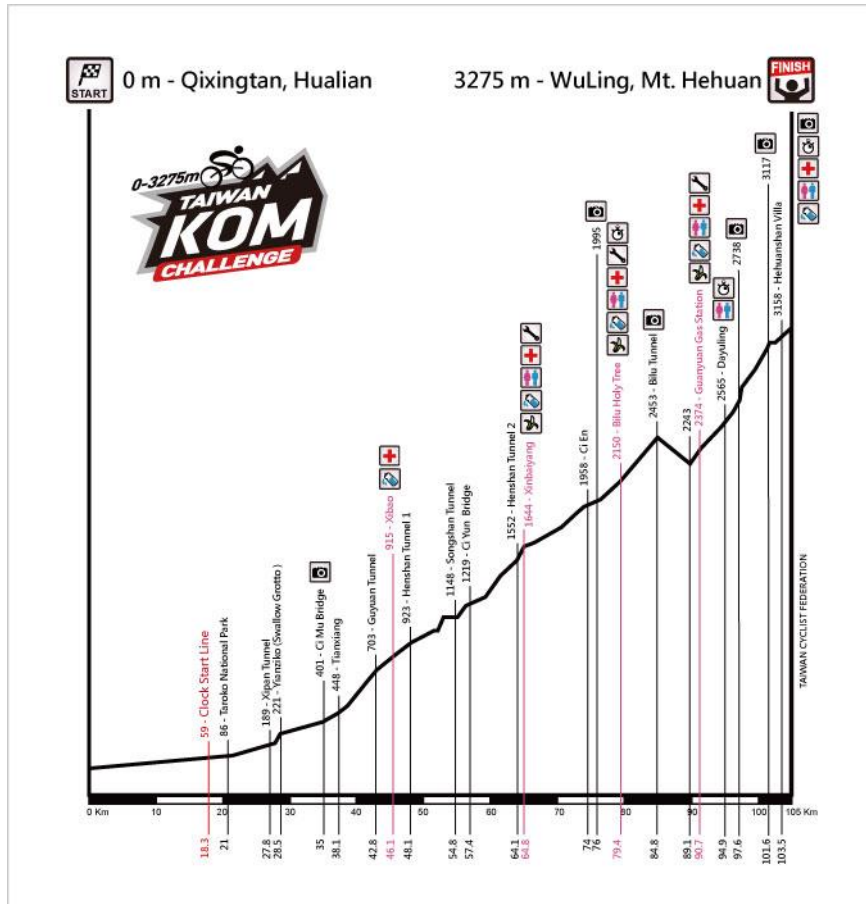
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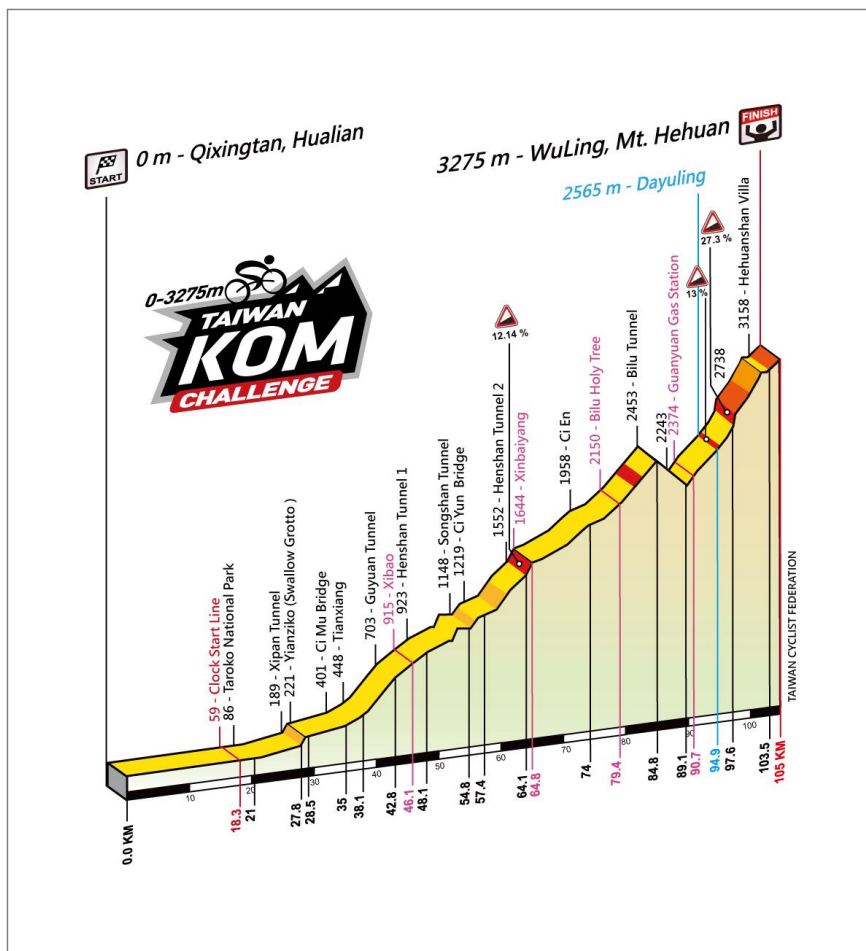
◆ Route Map



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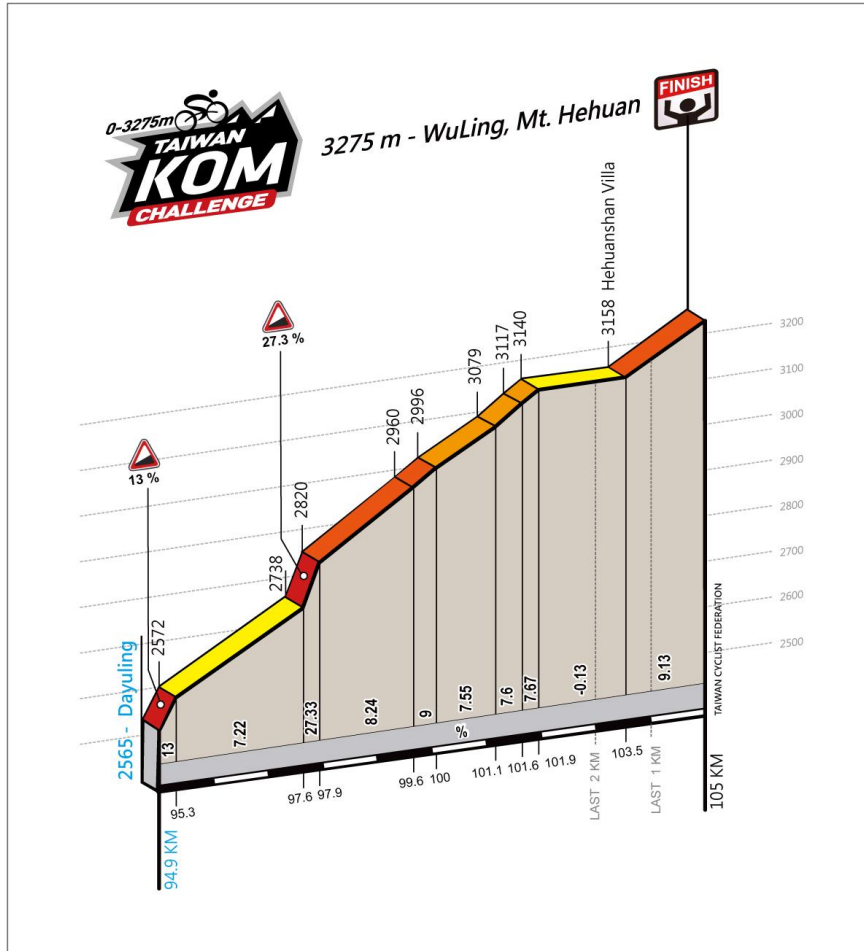


## ◆ Climb Details





◆ Last KM



# 2019 KOM Merchandise Booking

Oct.25<sup>th</sup> 「Farewell Dinner」 extra booking

Please tick extra ticket for the Oct.25<sup>th</sup> 18:00 Farewell dinner if required.  
NT\$1,000 per person. The dinner will be at the Parkview Hotel Hualien.

2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – T-Shirt (NT\$500)

A. Standard version

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge T-Shirt

[ Layout - Standard version ]



B. Academy version

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge T-Shirt

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Gray Version



Black Version



C. Crown version

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge T-Shirt

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## D. Poster version

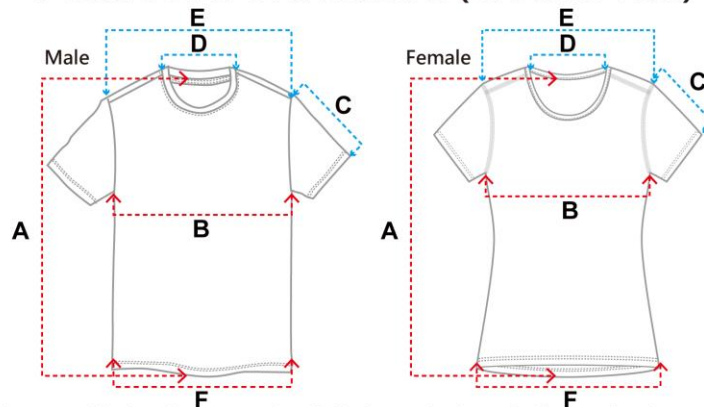
# 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge T-Shirt

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## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – T-Shirt \_ Size Chart

### T-Shirt Size & Measure (Clothes Flat)



If you're unsure which size to buy, try measuring a T-shirt that you already own that fits you well, and compare those measurements to the size chart. Lay the T-shirt on a flat surface and use the above guide to measure the T-shirt. **Note: All measurements are approximate.**

Measure	Size <small>cm</small>		XS		S		M		L		XL		2XL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
A - Back Length	65	57	67	59	69	61	71	63	73	65	75	67		
B - Chest	45.5	45	48	47	50.5	49	53	51	55.5	53	58	55		
C - Sleeve Length	19	15	20	16	21	17	22	18	23	19	24	20		
D - Collar width	15	18.5	16	19	17	19.5	18	20	19	20.5	20	21		
E - Shoulder width	40	37	42	39	44	41	46	43	48	45	50	47		
F - Hem Width	45.5	46	48	48	50.5	50	53	52	55.5	54	58	56		

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – Jersey (NT\$2,500)

### A. Champion Jersey

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge Jersey

[ Layout-Champion Jersey ]



### B. Designer's Choice Jersey

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge Jersey

[ Layout-Designer's Choice Jersey ]



## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – Jersey

(price NT\$2,000 entry special price NT\$1,500)

### A. KING Jersey - Men

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge Jersey

[ Layout - King - Men ]



### B. QUEEN Jersey - Women

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge Jersey

[ Layout - Queen - Women ]



## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – Jersey (Limited version NT\$2,500)

### C. Challenge Jersey - Men

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge Jersey

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### D. Challenge Jersey - Women

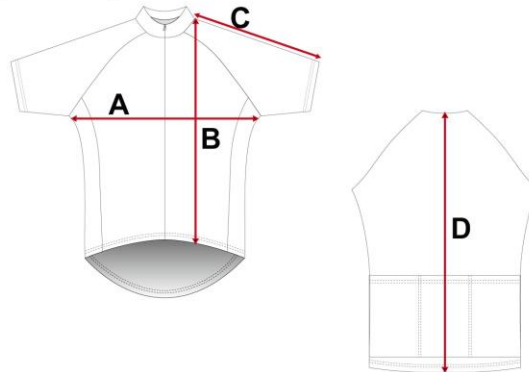
## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge Jersey

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## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – Jersey \_ Size Chart

### Cycling Jersey Size & Measure (Clothes Flat)



If you're unsure which size to buy, try measuring a cycling jersey that you already own that fits you well, and compare those measurements to the size chart. Lay the cycling jersey on a flat surface and use the above guide to measure the cycling jersey. **Note: All measurements are approximate.**

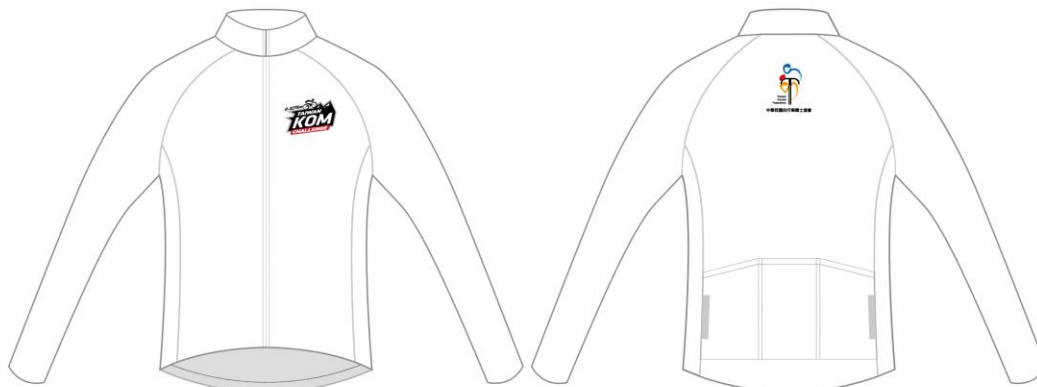
Size Cm	A (Chest)		B (Front Length)		C (S/S Length)		D (Back Length)	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
XS	43	41	55	50.5	34.5	28.5	61	58.5
S	45	43	57.5	53	35.5	29	63.5	61
M	47	45	60	55.5	36.5	30	66	63.5
L	49	47	62.5	58	37.5	30.5	68.5	66
XL	51	49	65	60.5	38.5	31.5	71	68.5
2XL	53	51.5	66.5	62.5	39.5	32	72.5	70.5
3XL	55	54	68	64	40.5	32.5	74	72
4XL	57	56.5	69.5	66.5	41.5	33	75.5	74

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – KOM Windbreaker (NT\$800)

Size: M~2XL

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge Windbreaker

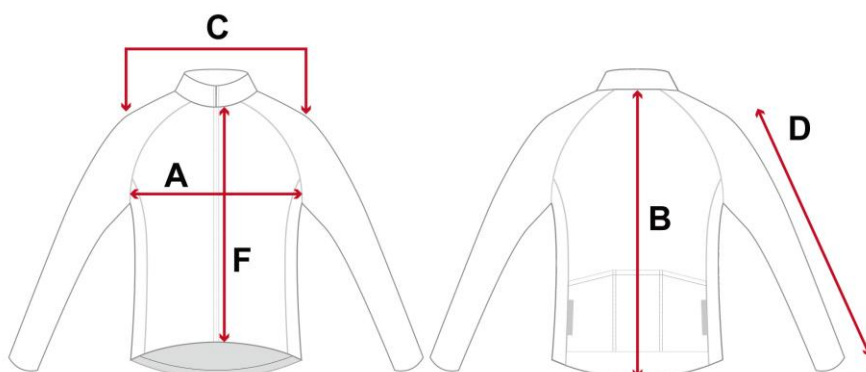
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## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – KOM Windbreaker \_ Size Chart

### Windbreaker Size & Measure (Clothes Flat)



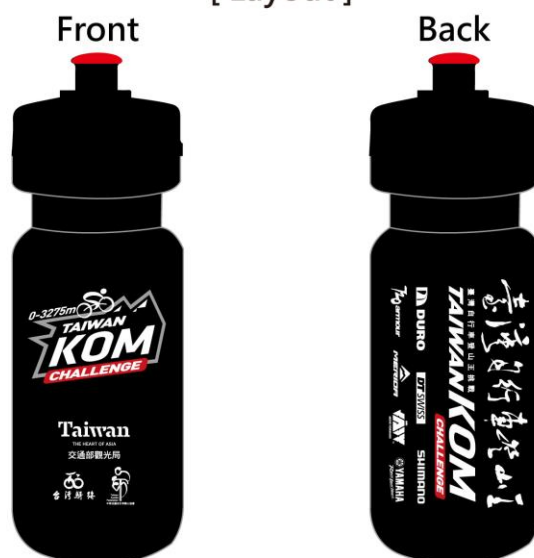
If you're unsure which size to buy, try measuring a Windbreaker that you already own that fits you well, and compare those measurements to the size chart. Lay the Windbreaker on a flat surface and use the above guide to measure the Windbreaker. **Note: All measurements are approximate.**

Size	M		L		XL		2XL	
	inch	cm	inch	cm	inch	cm	inch	cm
<b>A</b> (Chest)	40	102	42	107	44	112	46	117
<b>B</b> (Back Length)	27 1/2	70	28	71	28 1/2	72	29	74
<b>C</b> (Shoulder width)	17 1/2	44.5	18	46	18 1/2	47	19	48
<b>D</b> (Sleeve Length)	22	56	22 1/2	57	23	58	23 1/2	60
<b>F</b> (Zipper)	23	58	23 1/2	60	24	61	24 1/2	62

## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – Water Bottle (NT\$100)

### 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge - Water Bottle

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## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – Backpack (NT\$350)

### 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge - Backpack

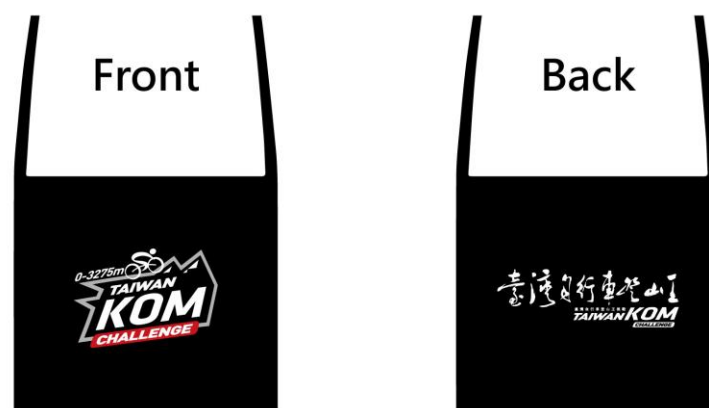
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## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – Supply bag (NT\$250)

### 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge Supply Bag

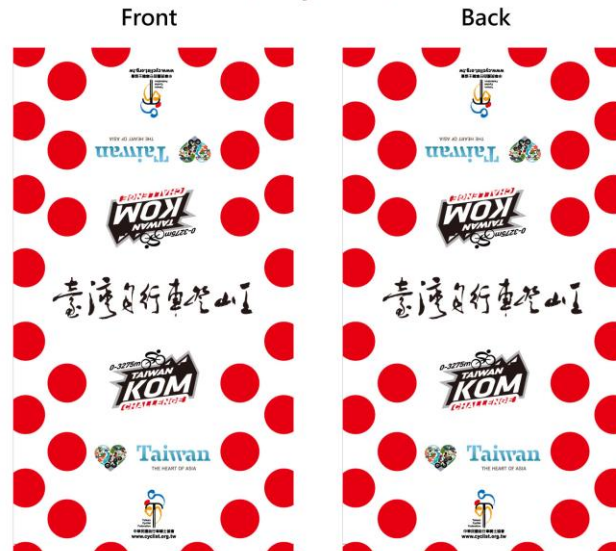
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## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – Scarf (NT\$200)

### 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge - Scarf

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## 2019 Taiwan KOM Challenge – KOM Teddybear (Length 20cm) (NT\$380)

