

# 2024 Taiwan Cycling Festival

# The Road to Taiwan KOM – Spring

How about a no-pressure riding experience on the world-famous Taiwan KOM Challenge route?

The Taiwan KOM Challenge is perhaps one among the most iconic hill-climb races in the world, attracting world-level cyclists such as Cadel Evans, Vincenzo Nibali and Marianne Vos. The event has featured on the Global Cycling News channel and is regularly voted as one of the toughest climbs in the world.

Cyclists worldwide dream of riding this route as the professionals and elite amateurs.

Now, we present The Road to Taiwan KOM-Spring, which feature an extended cut-off time of up to 9 hours (6 hours on the October race).

We sincerely invite you to come experiencing the amazing beauty of Taroko Gorge and Hehuan mountain, and the awe-inspiring sense of achievement of riding up the very same route as featured in the Taiwan KOM Challenge.

The 2024 Road to Taiwan KOM- Spring will be held this year on March 11<sup>th</sup>, offering participants the opportunity to experience the Taiwan KOM Challenge at your own pace, and to take home the incredible experience of riding the route of one of the hardest bike races in the world.

The 2024 Road to Taiwan KOM- Spring: the journey of a lifetime!

**Directed by**: Tourism Administration MOTC R.O.C., Hualien County Government, Nantou County Government.

**Organizer**: Taiwan Cyclist Federation, aka TCF. Hualien County Athletics Federation.

Event Date: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Monday)

**Start Line**: Hualien Fushih Elementary School (No.127, Fushih Village, Xiulin Township, Hualien County)

Route: Hualien Fushih School → Taiwan No.8 Highway → Taroko Pylon → Tianxiang → Xinbaiyang → Bilu Sacred Tree → Guanyuan → Dayuling → Taiwan No.14A Highway → Hehuan mountain / Wuling. Total distance: 105 kms. Altitude rise: 3275 m.



Feed Zone and Check Point: All points with water/medical/toilet services except Dayuling.

Food Zona	Vihaa	Vinhaiyana	D;l	Cuanyuan	Dayulina*	\\\ulipa
Feed Zone	Xibao	Xinbaiyang	Bilu	Guanyuan	Dayuling*	Wuling
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point only)						
Distance	46.1	64.8 km	79.4 km	90.7 km	94.9 km	105 km
/km	km					
Altitude	915 m	1644 m	2150 m	2374 m	2565 m	3275 m
/m						
Event	11:00 (B	ilu Sacred Tre	e)	12:00	13:00	15:00
closing						
time						
Feed zone	Water	Water/Food	Water/Food	Water/Lunch	_	Water/Food
Note		Warm	Warm	Warm	Event	Take back personal
		keeping	keeping	keeping car,	closing	supply bag,
		car,	car,	Transportati	check	Finish medal, Time
		Transportat	Transporta	on service	point	chip return,
		ion service	tion	Lunch box,		deposit refund,
			service	Team car		Warm keeping car,
			Team car	feed zone		Transportation
			feed zone			service.

Team cars are only allowed to do the fixed feeding service at Bilu Sacred Tree and Guanyuan.



#### **Event Schedule:**

### March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Sunday):

- 15:00 Teams and riders check-in in Hualien Fushih Elementary School.
- 16:00 Riders Meeting/Pre-event briefing/Team car sticker distribution.

### March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Monday):

- 05:30 Riders sign-in, hand over their day bags (for items they will need immediately at the finish line), at the start line.
- 05:40 Opening Ceremony. Final safety notice.
- 06:00 Event start.
- 10:10 ETA of first arrival at Wuling.

  Finisher medal, chip/deposit return, receive day bag, lunch.

#### Check point closing time:

- 11:00 Bilu Sacred Tree.
- 12:00 Guanyuan.
- 13:00 Dayuling.
- 15:00 Wuling. Time allowance: 9 hours after the start.

### **Rider Qualifications:**

Riders must be 16 years old or above, and capable of finishing the route in 9 hours.

### Categories:

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M16: 16~19 years old (Born 2005-2008)
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M20: 20 ~ 24 years old (Born 2000-2004)

M25: 25 ~ 29 years old (Born 1995-1999)

M30: 30 ~ 34 years old (Born 1990-1994)

M35: 35 ~ 39 years old (Born 1985-1989)

M40: 40 ~ 44 years old (Born 1980-1984)

M45: 45 ~ 49 years old (Born 1975-1979)

M50: 50 ~ 54 years old (Born 1970-1974)

M55: 55 ~ 59 years old (Born 1965-1969)

M60: 60 years old and above (Born before 1964)

W35: 35 years old and below (Born 1989-2008)

W36: 36 years old and above (Born before 1988)

※E-Bike Group: Using pedalec (electric-assisted) bicycles only. No Gender/age categorization. Independing score recording. No prize/trophy awarding.

**Entry fee**: 2,000 NTD per rider. Plus a pre-paid time chip deposit of NT\$500.

Entry fee covers: Insurance fee, finisher medal, digital finisher certificate, event feeding bag,



KOM bag, event scarf, feed zone supply, daily lunch, number stickers (for helmet/ bike/daybag), chip timing.

#### Timing chips:

The Road to Taiwan KOM event will use the Japan J-Chip system to do riders' time recording. Riders are required to deposit NT\$500 for the sensor chip which will be refunded in Wuling once the chip is returned. In case of a lost sensor chip, a NT\$1,000 penalty will be charged. So please keep the sensor chip with care during riding.

### **\*\*Downhill Transportation Service:**

NT\$2,000 per rider (one rider + one bike): Normally operated by minivans.

- March 10<sup>th</sup> Taipei to Hualien: 10:00 departing Taipei MRT (Green line) Xindian District Office Station Exit 2, with the destination of Fushih Elementary School in Hualien. Please pack your bike with bike bags.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> EAST-bound transportation: Wuling Parking lot Hualien city.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> WEST-bound transportation: Wuling Parking lot Puli, HSR Taichung Station, TPE Taoyuan International Airport, Taipei Main Station.
- Downhill transportation service starts from 12:00 on a fully-seated-and-go basis.
- Riders without a team/support car for the post-event transportation must purchase the
  official downhill transportation service. Please check the "Notice" in this information.

**Hotel Booking Service**: Please refer to the booking service chart in the entry webpage for Mar.10<sup>th</sup> hotel room in Hualien if needed.

COVID-19 NOTICE: Please strictly follow the Organizer's COVID-19 on-site epidemic prevention measures during the whole event.

#### Registration:

Please check the "Online Registration" on <a href="www.cyclist.org.tw">www.cyclist.org.tw</a>. The registration period is open from now until <a href="March 1st">March 1st</a>. For registration questions please email to: <a href="mailto:service@cyclist.org.tw">service@cyclist.org.tw</a>.

#### Accommodation & Transportation service:

Please check the registration website. Riders must prepare their team/support cars, or order the event downhill transportation service. On-site transportation requests could be rejected due to limited seat availability.

#### Awards:

All riders who finish the event within the time limit will be awarded with a finishing medal and a digital finishing record certificate. First 6 riders in each age-category receive trophies and category winners receive a KOM jersey. Overall Men/Female ranking first 6 riders will receive trophies and prize money as below:



Group/Ranking	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Men overall	6,000	5,000	4,500	4,000	3,500	3,000
Female overall	6,000	5,000	4,500	4,000	3,500	3,000

#### Notice:

- 1. Riders finishing within 7.5 hours (from the flying start to the finish line) are qualified for the entry of the "2024 Taiwan KOM challenge".
- 2. This event strictly prohibits participants from cycling down the hill after the event. The Organizer is not responsible for any accident after participants cross the finish line. Riders please depart by team car or other support vehicle. Riders without support vehicles MUST purchase the event downhill shuttle service (please tick in the event registration webpage).
- 3. Riders must hand over the day bag offered by the Organizer (included in the entry fee) to the Organizer before the event start. Organizer will convey these bags to the Wuling finish area, for riders to take back for immediate use when arriving Wuling. Please remember to pack personal warm-keeping stuff.
- 4. Falling rocks in Taroko Gorge are potential hazard. Riders are requested to consider these risks when deciding whether to participate in this event. Riders will be requested to sign a consensual risk form while sign up to taking part in the event.
- 5. The finish line is situated at an altitude of 3275m in which it may cause altitude sickness, and we expect that each rider finished the event in good physical condition. If riders feel the onset of the symptoms of altitude sickness or any other unhealthy feeling during the ride, they are strongly advised to stop riding immediately and seek medical attention/support.
- 6. There is a certain degree of difficulty involved with this cycling event. Attendee 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 event. The Organizer will not be responsible for any accident caused by these personal health issues.
- 7. In high altitude mountain area, temperature and weather can change very fast. Riders are requested to prepare warm-keeping clothing at the finishing area. Event backpack with post-event stuff is required to be handed over at the start line, and it will be carried to the Wuling finish area by the Organizer.
- 8. 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.



- 9. All riders must ride standard road bikes fitted with a full braking system front and rear. Both front and rear lights MUST also be mounted for riding through tunnels (some tunnels are without enough illumination) and foggy area. Jerseys cannot be sleeveless. Cycling helmets are mandatory.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. Riders pass the finish line in Wuling must follow the following procedure: Receive the finishing medal, take personal bag back, refund time chip, take team car or pre-ordered official transportation vehicles for departure.
- 13. Riders must prepare their own team cars or order the official transportation service for downhill departure transportation. The transportation buses (also used for warm-keeping) will start departing from 12:00 on a fully-seated-and-go basis.
- 14. Riders should carry their health insurance card during the event. If any rider crashed and injured when riding, please seek medical support immediately and keep the receipt and diagnosis certificate for latter insurance claims.
- 15. The insurance for this event (participants) is 5-million NTD "Public Liability Insurance" which is for accident payments caused by Organizer responsibility only. That means, based on the law, the insurance only covers the race or event accident payments that is caused by the Organizer's liability. 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 offers. Do not register for the 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.
- 16. All entry information provided by the rider must be correct. The rider is responsible for all results caused by incorrect registration information.
- 17. If the weather on the event day is bad, the Organizer will announce the new event policy at the Riders' Meeting/Pre-event briefing. For example, the Organizer may cut short the riding time limit or shorten the riding distance...etc.
- 18. In case of extreme weather conditions or a local government suspension of traffic on Hehuan Mountain, the Organizer retains the right to delay, to terminate or to postpone the event, change the time limit of check point, to alter the route at any time. In the event of such cases, all information will be forthcoming at the appropriate time.
- 19. The Organizer has the right to publish or share all event-related videos, photos, event



results on media, internet, galleries etc. Attendee and riders must agree to the right of the Organizer to use all materials for promotion.

- 20. Cherishing the natural environment, riders are forbidden to litter all the way of riding route. Anyone doing so will be immediately disqualified from the event.
- 21. Please continue to visit the TCF website, Taiwan KOM website and TCF/KOM Facebook pages periodically for any additional information. Any updates, alterations and general information will be posted there.
- 22. For event merchandise please refer to the entry chart for purchasing. Make sure you order the Organizer's downhill transportation service if you don't have a support vehicle on the event day at Wuling.

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### **Route Map**





# **Route Profile**



# **Last Kilometers**



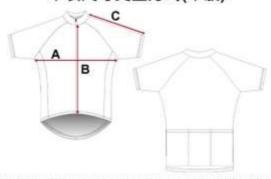


◆ The Road to Taiwan KOM – Spring Jersey (Photo for reference)\_NTD1,500.

# [樣式設計圖]



車衣尺寸丈量方式(平放)



新您未務並循序何程尺碼,建議您舊試到靈您已降為因婚命您輕點的車衣,然後將建施尺寸與下方的尺碼表婚行比對。 注意:本宪內所與別繼值智為生產近似值。

周報部位 尺寸。m	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL
A 胸寬-左右腋下直呈	44	46	48	50	52	54
B 前衣長-前領中至下擺	63	66	68	70	72	74
C 袖長-臍點至袖口	29	30	32	33	34	35

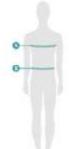


◆ The Road to Taiwan KOM – Jacket (Photo for reference)\_NTD1,500.



KOM 黑衣外套效果圖





#### UNISEX 黑衣外套振鸣参考 (衡量單位為CM)

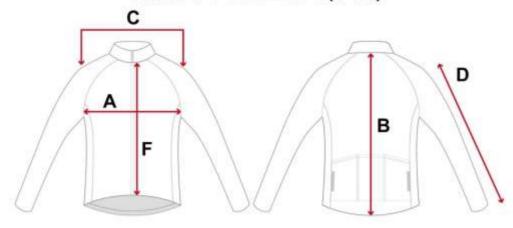
尺碼	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL
衣服胸閣	94	99	104	109	113	117	121
衣服下擺寬	80	82	84	86	91	96	101
衣服削中長 (不含衣領高度)	48	50	52	54	56.5	58	60.5
A. 建满胸湖	80-86	86-91	91-96	96-101	101-105	105-109	109-113
B. 建議接漢	76-82	78-84	80-86	82-88	87-93	92-98	97-103

我尺寸表描供命考,會宗實際布料特性和個人身形與穿著習慣有折不同。





# 風雨衣尺寸丈量方式(平放)



若您未確定循揮何種尺碼,建議您當試測嚴您已擁有且適合您體型的車农,然後將這些尺时與下方的尺碼表達行比對。 注意:本表內所有測量值皆為生產近似值。

尺碼	N	1	L	a	XL	
/ _ med	36.05	公分	英时	公分	英时	公分
A (跨團)	40	102	42	107	44	112
B (身長)	27 1/2	70	28	71	28 1/2	72
C (同意)	17 1/2	44.5	18	46	18 1/2	47
D (袖長)	22	56	22 1/2	57	23	58
F (拉鍊長)	23	58	23 1/2	60	24	61

◆ The Road to Taiwan KOM – Water-proof bag (Photo for reference)\_NTD380.

