

2026 Taiwan KOM Challenge

The 15th Taiwan KOM Challenge has expanded into a two-day program, featuring the opening event - the *Hualien Individual Time Trial* - and the *Taiwan KOM Challenge*. For cycling enthusiasts, mountains represent the toughest of challenges and reward those who can truly persevere! Reaching the summit of the KOM Challenge by bicycle is, for many cyclists, the ultimate expression of personal achievement.

The Taiwan KOM Challenge begins in Hualien and follows a spectacular route through Taroko Gorge before finishing at Wuling Pass, on Hehuanshan. Covering a total distance of 105 kilometers, riders climb from sea level to an elevation of 3,275 meters. The course traverses deep gorges, passes through multiple climate zones, winds along countless twisting mountain roads, and finally ascends to full alpine terrain, making it one of the most demanding and iconic cycling routes in the world.

Guiding Organization:

Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Tourism Administration,
MOTC, Hualien County Government, Nantou County Government

Organizer:

Hualien County Sports Association ,Taiwan Cyclist Federation

Co-organizers:

Directorate General of Highways MOTC, FANCA Nantou Branch

Date: 11/01-11/02, 2026

Starting Point: Hualien Dexing Sports Park Parking Lot

Route:

11/1 – Individual Time Trial at Hualien Dexing Sports Park

11/2 – Taiwan KOM:

Hualien Dexing Sports Park → Zhongshan Rd. → Chiashan Base → Hwy 9
→ Asia Cement Royal Poinciana Tunnel (Hwy 8) → Taroko Arch Gate →
Left Turn at Jinwen Bridge (Hilltop Release Point) → Tianxiang → Xibao
→ Xinbaiyang → Bilu Sacred Tree → Guanyuan → Dayuling → Provincial
Highway 14A → Wuling, Hehuanshan.

Total Distance: 105 km. Elevation: 3,275 m.

11/2 — Junior High School Division (KOM):

Start at Hualien Dexing Sports Park → Zhongshan Road → beside Jiashan Air Base → Provincial Highway 9 → Provincial Highway 8, Cement Phoenix Tree Tunnel → Taroko Archway → turn left at Jinwen Bridge (release point at the top of the climb) → Tianxiang → Xibao → New Baiyang → Bilu Sacred Tree.

Total distance: 79 km; maximum elevation: 2,188 m.

11/2 Alternative Route:

Hualien Dexing Sports Park (Start) → Provincial Highway 11 → Yuchang Highway → U-turn before Yuli Bridge → Provincial Highway 11 → Yanliao, Hualien (Finish).

Total Distance: 215 km. Elevation: 2,793 m.

11/2 Alternate Route— Junior High School Division:

Start at Hualien Dexing Sports Park → Provincial Highway 11 → turn around at Fengbin Fire Station → Provincial Highway 11 → finish at Yanliao, Hualien.

Total distance: 80 km.

Schedule:

11/1 (Sun)

13:00 – Registration, Hualien Press Conference & Welcome Reception at Hualien Dexing Sports Park

14:00 – Individual Time Trial

15:00 – Preface Briefing. Team vehicle stickers distributed after the briefing.

11/2 (Mon)

05:00 – Participant Assembly & Bag Drop-off at Dexing Sports Park

05:40 – Opening Ceremony & Safety Briefing

06:00 – Event Start

10:00 – Estimated Arrival of the First Finisher at Wuling, Hehuanshan. or Yanliao, Hualien.

Receive finisher medal, timing chip return and deposit refund, baggage collection, lunch.

11:00 – Awards Ceremony at Wuling

14:00 – Finish Line Closure

Participant Requirement: Participants must be older than 16 years old

Grouping:

Elite Group Category: Aged over 19 (born in or before 2007)

Age Group Categories:

U13 (Men 12–13): **Born** 2013–2014

U14 (Men 12–13): **Born** 2012

U15 (Men 12–13): **Born** 2011

W15 (Women 12–15): **Born** 2011–2014

M16 (Men 16–19): **Born** 2007–2010

M20 (Men 20–24): **Born** 2002–2006

M25 (Men 25–29): **Born** 1997–2001

M30 (Men 30–34): **Born** 1992–1996

M35 (Men 35–39): **Born** 1987–1991

M40 (Men 40–44): **Born** 1982–1986

M45 (Men 45–49): **Born** 1977–1981

M50 (Men 50–54): **Born** 1972–1976

M55 (Men 55–59): **Born** 1967–1971

M60 (Men 60+): **Born** 1966 or earlier

W35 (Women 35 & Under): **Born** 1991–2010

W36 (Women 36+): **Born** 1990 or earlier

Registration Fee:

NT\$3000 per participant, plus a NT\$500 timing chip deposit.

11/1 (Sun) Individual Time Trial: NT\$200 per participant.

Timing Chip Deposit:

The NT\$500 timing chip deposit will be refunded upon return of the timing chip at the finish area. A compensation fee of NT\$500 will be charged if the timing chip is lost.

Fee Includes:

KOM One day bag, Souvenir T-shirt, Race Bib, Finisher Medal, Timing Chip, Electronic Completion Certificate, Insurance, Supply, Lunch, etc.

Registration:

Please visit the official website at www.cyclist.org.tw to register.

Registration is open now and will close on September 30.

Additional Services:

When registering, you can choose round-trip transportation to/from Taipei and shuttle services for the descent, as well as accommodation booking in Taipei and

Hualien. through the organizer and purchase KOM × CCN cycling jerseys and other commemorative merchandise.

- Registration Fee + KOM × CCN Cycling Jersey Package — NT\$5,500 per person
- Registration Fee + KOM × CCN Cycling Vest Package — NT\$5,000 per person
- Event Commemorative T-shirt Add-on — NT\$700 each

Warm Clothing & Bag Drop-off:

1. **Warm Clothing Bag Drop-off:** Participants are required to use the official KOM warm clothing bag for storing warm clothing. Bags can be checked in at the start line, Hualien Dexing Sports Park, from 5:00 on the event day (11/2)
2. **Participants Using the Downhill Shuttle Service:** Due to limited space in the 9-seat shuttle vehicles, participants are advised not to bring hard-shell bicycle cases or large suitcases. For participants staying in Hualien, please leave large luggage at your hotel and retrieve it after the event.

Shuttle Bus:

1. Downhill Shuttle Bus:

Date	Item	Departing Time	Estimated Arrival	Route	Fee
11/2(Mon)	Bus E (Eastbound Bus)	11:00	15:00	Wuling Finish Line → Hualien Railway Station or Hualien Meilun Hotel	NT\$2000

	Bus W (Westbound Bus)		13:00 15:00 17:00 18:00	1. Wuling Finish Line → Puli 2. Wuling Finish Line → Taichung High Speed Rail Station 3. Wuling Finish Line → Taoyuan International Airport 4. Wuling Finish Line → Taipei Main Station	NT\$2000
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Note: Cycling downhill after the event is strictly prohibited. Participants who require transportation after the event must reserve the official downhill shuttle service provided by the organizer.

2. Pre- and Post-Event Shuttle

Date	Item	Departing Time	Estimated Arrival	Route	Fee
11/1(Sun)	Bus A Taipei → Hualien	11:00	14:00	Taipei Main Station → Hualien Meilun Hotel	NT\$2000
11/2(Mon)	Bus B Hualien → Taipei	11:00	14:00	Hualien Meilun Hotel → Taipei Railway Station	NT\$2000

Rewards (NTD):

項目/名次	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Overall Men's Ranking	100,000	50,000	40,000	30,000	20,000	10,000
Overall Women's Ranking	100,000	50,000	40,000	30,000	20,000	10,000
Taiwan Overall Ranking	100,000	50,000	40,000	30,000	20,000	10,000

Notes: According to tax regulations, prize recipients receiving prize money of NT\$20,000 or above (inclusive) are subject to a 10% withholding tax for Taiwanese nationals and a 20% withholding tax for foreign nationals. The tax will be borne by the recipients and deducted from the prize money payment after the event.

1. The top six finishers in the Overall Men's Ranking, Overall Women's Ranking, and Taiwan Overall Ranking will receive prize money and trophies. The champion will additionally receive the "Taiwan KOM Champion Jersey."
2. The top six finishers in each age category will receive category trophies.
3. All participants who complete the course within the designated time limit will receive a finisher medal and an electronic certificate of completion.
4. **Combativity / Spirit Award:** Awarded to participants who demonstrate outstanding courage and determination during the race. Recipients will receive a trophy and the Combativity / Spirit Jersey.
5. ~~Friendship Award: Awarded to the top-ranked rider from each country with 10 or more registered participants from that country. The recipient will receive a trophy and a Friendship Jersey.~~

Appeals:

1. Appeals must be submitted in writing by the team leader or coach to the Event Jury within 30 minutes after the race, along with a deposit of NT\$3,000. The decision made by the Event Jury shall be final. The appeal deposit will not be refunded after the appeal is submitted.
2. If an appeal is not submitted through the above-mentioned procedure and causes disruption to the race, the referee panel may take appropriate disciplinary action to ensure the proper conduct of the competition.

Insurance:

1. Participants are required to obtain their own personal accident insurance for competition activities. Participants with any pre-existing medical conditions should carefully assess their own safety and are advised not to participate if there are safety concerns. Participants who require additional coverage beyond the provided insurance should obtain additional personal insurance on their own.
2. In accordance with relevant regulations of the Ministry of the Interior, this event is covered by Public Liability Insurance. The Public Liability Insurance only provides compensation for accidental injuries caused within the organizer's scope of responsibility. Participants with any pre-existing medical conditions should carefully assess their own safety and are advised not to participate if there are safety concerns. Participants who require additional coverage beyond the provided insurance should obtain additional personal insurance on their own. Please refer to the attached document for details of the Public Liability Insurance coverage ([click here](#)). The maximum compensation amount is limited to the coverage provided by the insurance policy. The organizer will not provide compensation exceeding the policy coverage. Participants who do not agree with the coverage scope, items, or compensation limits of the insurance policy are not permitted to participate.
3. Falls, collisions, and other accidents may occur during the challenge event. The organizer shall not be liable for any compensation beyond the coverage provided by the insurance policy.

Participant Guidelines:

1. Participants voluntarily and independently decide to participate in the cycling challenge and event organized by the Taiwan Cyclist Federation.
2. By registering for the event, participants acknowledge that they have reviewed the event regulations, participant guidelines, and related information provided by the organizer, understand all relevant notices and precautions, and have no objections.

3. Participants should assess their own physical ability and health condition before taking part in the cycling challenge. If feeling unwell during the event, please stop and rest at a safe location along the roadside. Do not exceed your personal physical limits.
4. Participants are strictly prohibited from cycling downhill after completing the event. A paid shuttle service for the return trip is available and can be reserved in advance (see the Shuttle Reservation Form for details). The organizer assumes no responsibility for any accidents or injuries resulting from violations of this rule.
5. All participants are required to use the official KOM clothing bag provided by the organizer to pack their warm clothing. Please drop off the bag at the designated baggage collection area before the event begins. It will be transported to the finish line at Wuling, where you can retrieve it and change into warm clothing.
6. The Taroko Gorge mountain area in Hualien is subject to the risk of rockfalls. All participants must carefully read and acknowledge the **Event Participation Notice** during registration. If you have any concerns about these risks or do not agree to the terms stated in the notice, please do not register for the event.
7. The finish line, located at an altitude of 3,275 meters, is an area where altitude sickness is common. Participants should familiarize themselves with the symptoms of high-altitude illness and monitor their physical condition throughout the event.
8. Low temperatures are common along the latter section of the course. Participants are strongly advised to prepare appropriate warm clothing for both during the ride and after arriving at the finish line.
9. Event officials reserve the right to suspend or withdraw participants from the event if, in their judgment, the participant's physical condition, riding pace, or road safety conditions warrant it. Participants who fall excessively behind the event schedule may be required to stop and may not raise any objections.

10. Only standard drop-bar road bicycles equipped with a fully functional braking system are permitted. Participants must wear standard cycling apparel and properly fasten a certified cycling helmet at all times throughout the event.
11. Only bicycle-specific water bottles may be used. To prevent bottles from falling during the ride and endangering other cyclists, participants must inspect and adjust their bottle cages before the event to ensure the bottles are securely held in place.
12. A front light and rear light must be installed on your bicycle to ensure safe passage through tunnels, fog, and other sections with poor visibility.
13. Before the event, participants must thoroughly inspect their bicycles, including all components and tire pressure, to ensure the bicycle is in optimal riding condition.
14. The organizer will provide neutral spare wheel support for leading riders only. In the event of a mechanical problem, all other participants are responsible for arranging assistance through their own team support vehicles.
15. Each team support vehicle must be equipped with its own radio. During the event, the official radio channel is to be used primarily for receiving event information. Except in the case of emergencies or major incidents, please do not occupy the organizer's radio channel. The official race radio frequency is 145.970 MHz.
16. Participants are encouraged to ride in teams of two or more so they can support one another on the course and share the accomplishment of completing the challenge together.
17. Except for the lead group, the course will not be under full traffic control. Participants must strictly obey all traffic laws, ride in the direction of traffic, keep to the right side of the road, and **must not ride against traffic**.
18. Please carry your National Health Insurance (NHI) card or passport with you at all times. If you are injured during the event, seek medical attention on the same day and obtain a medical certificate (diagnosis) and original receipt to facilitate your insurance claim.

19. This cycling challenge is physically demanding and involves inherent risks. Participants are responsible for assessing their own health condition and evaluating the risks associated with participation. Individuals with hypertension, cardiovascular disease, heart disease, diabetes, epilepsy, asthma, or any other medical condition that makes strenuous **exercise** inadvisable are prohibited from participating. Participants are solely responsible for determining whether they have any of the above conditions. If a participant chooses to compete despite having such a condition, the organizer shall bear no liability and provide no compensation for any resulting injury, illness, accident, or other consequences.
20. Official cut-off times and locations are listed as follows: Bilu Sacred Tree: 11:00 AM Dayuling: 12:30 PM Wuling (Finish Line): 2:00 PM
21. Feed stations will be located at: Xibao Xinbaiyang Bilu Sacred Tree Guanyuan Gas Station
22. Team support vehicles may provide stationary support only at Bilu Sacred Tree and Guanyuan. Mobile (rolling) support is strictly prohibited. Any accidents or incidents resulting from violations of this regulation shall be the sole responsibility of the team support vehicle concerned.
23. If a team support vehicle is involved in a traffic accident with another person or vehicle during the event, the incident will be handled by the police in accordance with standard traffic accident procedures. The organizer assumes no responsibility for such traffic accidents.
24. Team support vehicles are not permitted to park at the Wuling parking lot. Vehicles descending eastbound should park at the Hehuanshan Lodge Parking Lot, while those descending westbound should park at the Kunyang or Yuanfeng Parking Lot. After crossing the finish line at Wuling, participants should carefully coast downhill to the designated parking area to meet their support vehicle.

- 25.Designated parking areas for team support vehicles near the Wuling finish line are:
Kunyang Parking Lot, Hehuanshan Lodge Parking Lot, and Xiaofengkou Second Parking Lot.
- 26.Upon arriving at the Wuling finish line, participants may collect their finisher's medal, KOM clothing bag, and lunch, then return their timing chip to receive the chip deposit refund.
- 27.By registering for the event, participants certify that all personal information provided is true and accurate. Any consequences arising from false or inaccurate information shall be the sole responsibility of the participant.
- 28.If adverse weather is forecast or unexpected weather conditions occur on the event day, the organizer will announce any necessary adjustments before the start of the event. These may include ending the event early, changing the finish location, or revising the official cut-off points. If unforeseen circumstances affect the awards ceremony at Wuling, the organizer will announce an alternative award ceremony venue prior to the event.
- 29.The organizer reserves the right to use and publish event videos, photographs, and official results worldwide through broadcasts, exhibitions, websites, and printed publications. By participating, participants consent to the use of their likeness, event results, and related media or online coverage for event promotion and publicity.
- 30.Participants are encouraged to demonstrate good cycling etiquette by respecting the natural environment—protect the mountains and waterways, and never litter.
- 31.The organizer reserves the right to accept or reject any registration or participation based on factors including, but not limited to, the participant's health, age, racing experience, and competitive achievements.
- 32.The organizer reserves the right to amend or supplement these regulations at any time. In addition, due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the post-COVID-19 situation, the organizer reserves the right to modify the contents of this event guide as necessary.

33. In addition to this event, participants are also welcome to register for the following activities: the **Hualien Pacific Cup Liushidan Mountain Challenge** (October 30–31), the **KOM Spectator Tour** (November 2), the **KOM E-Cycling Tour**, and the **TAIWAN KOM TOUR**. Please refer to the respective event guides for details.

- The latest event updates will be announced on the official KOM website and the KOM Facebook page. Participants are kindly requested to check these platforms regularly for the most up-to-date information.
- The latest event updates will be posted regularly on the official Facebook page of the Taiwan Cyclist Federation (Chinese Taipei Cyclist Federation) at <https://www.facebook.com/tcf1999/>. Participants are kindly requested to check the page regularly for the most up-to-date information.

- **Contact Information:**

Taiwan Cyclist Federation

TEL: +886 (02) 8919-3595

Official Line ID: @730qmryb

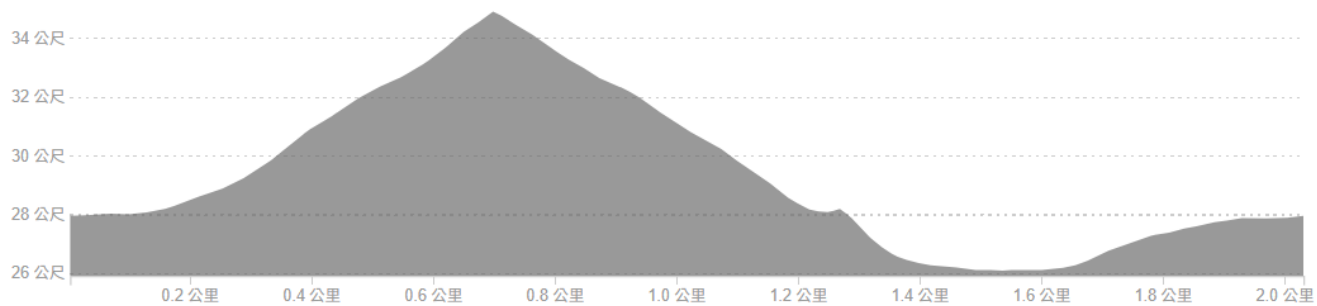
Website: www.cyclist.org.tw

Email: service@cyclist.org.tw

➤ 11/1 (Sun) Individual Time Trial

Course: One 2 km loop around Dexing Sports Park.

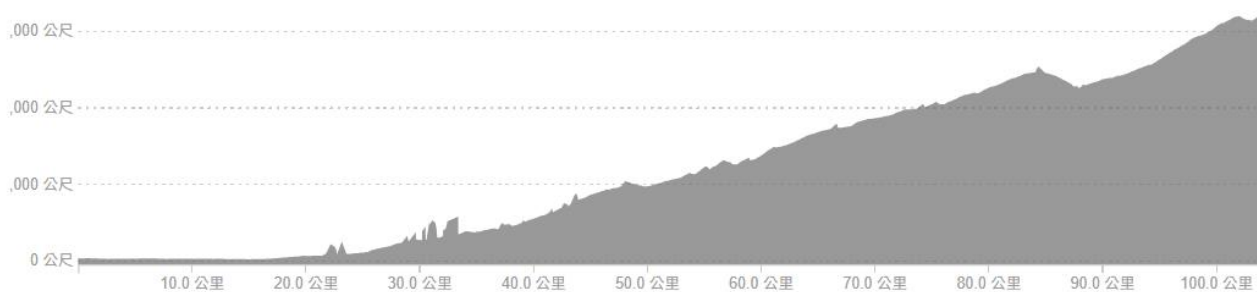
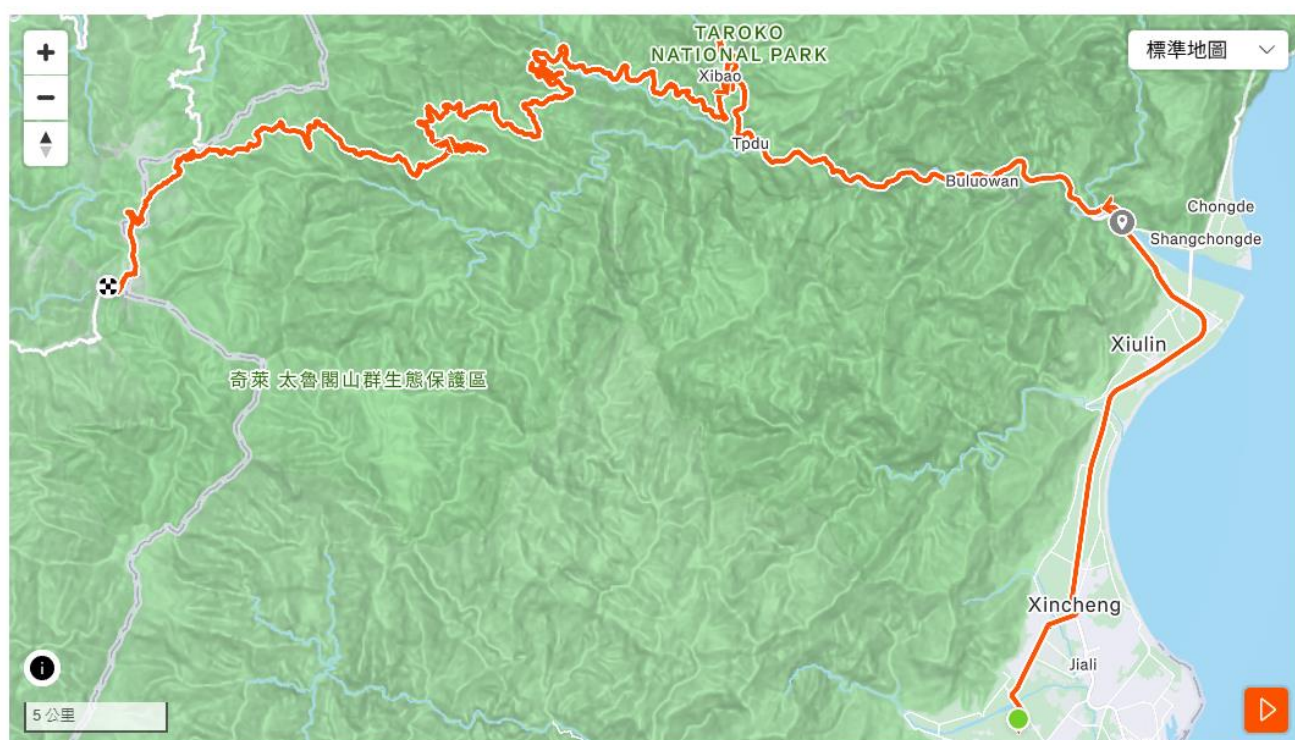
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➤ 11/2 (Mon) Taiwan KOM

Course: Hualien Dexing Sports Park → Zhongshan Rd. → Chiashan Base → Hwy 9 → Asia Cement Royal Poinciana Tunnel (Hwy 8) → Taroko Arch Gate → Left Turn at Jinwen Bridge (Hilltop Release Point) → Tianxiang → Xibao → Xinbaiyang → Bilu Sacred Tree → Guanyuan → Dayuling → Provincial Highway 14A → Wuling, Hehuanshan.

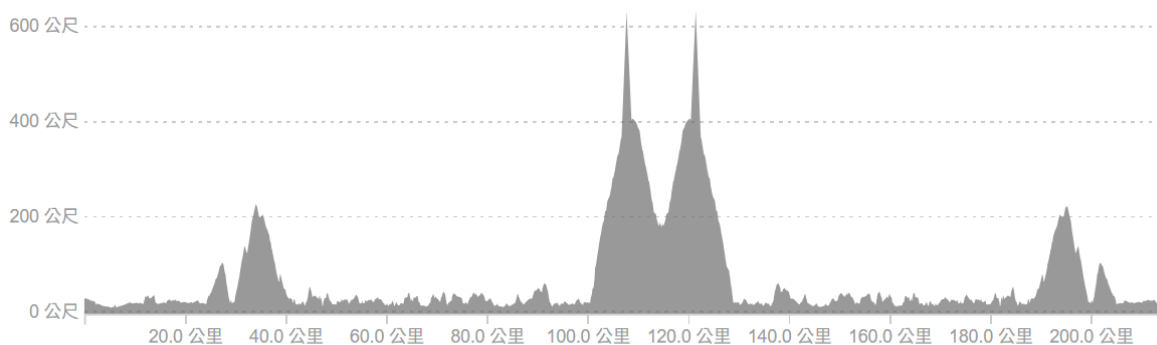
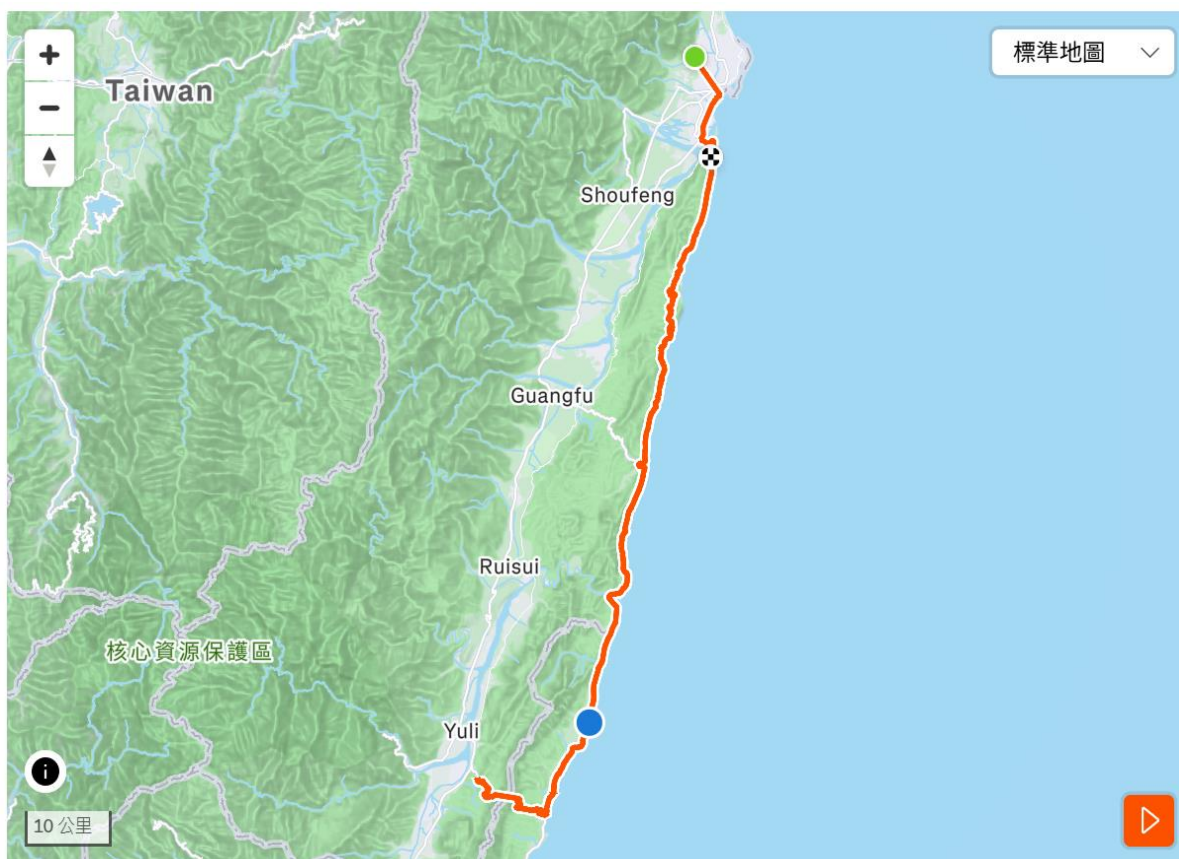
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➤ 11/2 (Mon) Alternative Route – Taiwan KOM Pacific Classic

Course: Hualien Dexing Sports Park (Start) → Provincial Highway 11 → Yuchang Highway → U-turn before Yuli Bridge → Provincial Highway 11 → Yanliao, Hualien (Finish).

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Start/Finish Location

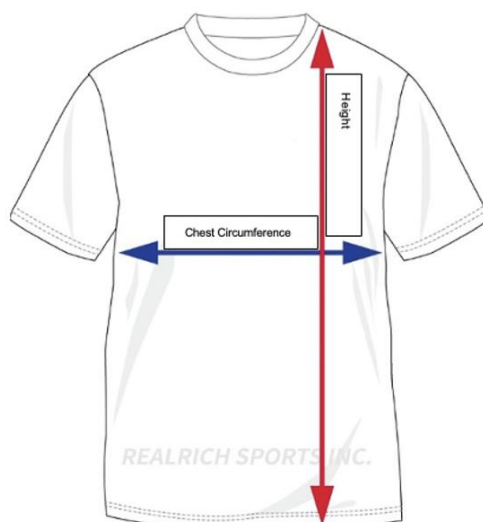


Event Souvenir

Commemorative T-shirt (Illustration)



	Chest Circumference		Body Length		Recommended Fit Range	
	Inch	Centimeter	Inch	Centimeter	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)
XS	18	45.7	26	66.0	150-158	40-50
S	19	48.3	27	68.6	155-162	50-60
M	20	50.8	28	71.1	160-167	60-70
L	21	53.3	29	73.7	165-172	70-80
XL	22	55.9	29.5	74.9	170-177	80-90
2XL	23	58.4	30	76.2	175-182	90-100
3XL	24	61.0	30	76.2	180+	100+



KOM-One day bag



Complete the medal



KOM × CCN Cycling Jersey



胸围 (CM)	82-85	86-89	90-93	94-97	98-102	103-107	108-112	113-117
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KOM × CCN Cycling Vest



Front



Back Mesh



Front



Back Mesh



Front



Back Mesh

胸围 (CM)	82-85	86-89	90-93	94-97	98-102	103-107	108-112	113-117
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● 10/31 HOTEL 住宿代訂

項目	房型/備註	價格
花蓮福容大飯店 (含早餐盒) Fullon Hotel Hualien (Breakfast included) https://www.fullon-hotels.com.tw/hl/tw/room/	2 人房(2 小床) 2-person (2 beds)	3,800
	4 人房(2 大床) 4-person (2 beds)	5,400
花蓮麗軒國際飯店 (含早餐盒) Lishiuan Hotel Hualien (Breakfast included) https://www.lishiuan.com/tw/index.html	2 人房(2 小床) 2-person (2 beds)	3,200
	3 人房(3 小床) 3-person (3 beds)	3,800
	4 人房(2 大床) 4-person (2 beds)	4,400
花蓮美侖大飯店 https://www.parkview-hotel.com/ 住宿附早餐盒	2 人房(2 小床) 2-person (2 beds)	3,700
	4 人房(2 大床) 4-person (2 beds)	5,700

● 11/1 HOTEL 住宿代訂

項目	房型/備註	價格
花蓮福容大飯店 (含早餐盒) Fullon Hotel Hualien (Breakfast included) https://www.fullon-hotels.com.tw/hl/tw/room/	2 人房(2 小床) 2-person (2 beds)	2,800
	4 人房(2 大床) 4-person (2 beds)	4,400
花蓮麗軒國際飯店 (含早餐盒) Lishiuan Hotel Hualien (Breakfast included) https://www.lishiuan.com/tw/index.html	2 人房(2 小床) 2-person (2 beds)	2,200
	3 人房(3 小床) 3-person (3 beds)	2,800
	4 人房(2 大床) 4-person (2 beds)	3,200
花蓮美侖大飯店 https://www.parkview-hotel.com/ 住宿附早餐盒	2 人房(2 小床) 2-person (2 beds)	3,200
	4 人房(2 大床) 4-person (2 beds)	5,200