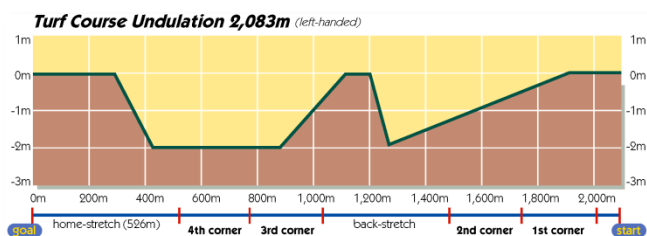
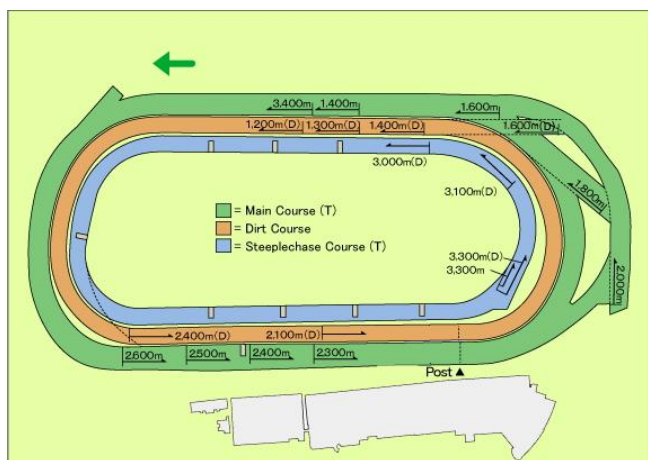


JRA Racecourses

Tokyo, Nakayama, Kyoto and Hanshin are known as the “big four” of the 10 JRA racecourses, and, along with Chukyo, all GI races are held at these five courses. Three racecourses - Tokyo, Niigata and Chukyo - have counterclockwise courses and the other tracks are right handed.



TOKYO RACECOURSE

Offering a view of Mt. Fuji to the southwest, this is JRA's largest racecourse. It is host to the February Stakes (GI), NHK Mile Cup (GI), Victoria Mile (GI), Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) (GI), Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) (GI), Yasuda Kinen (GI), Tenno Sho (Autumn) (GI) and Japan Cup (GI). Thrilling races take place down a 530-meter-long homestretch. The refurbishment of the grandstand was completed in the spring of 2007. This facility can now seat more than 120,000.

Main course (turf)

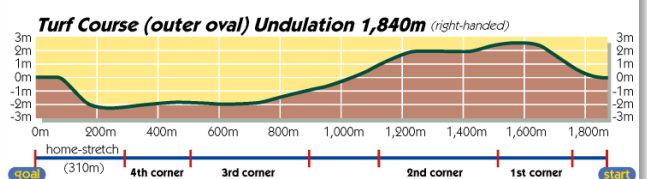
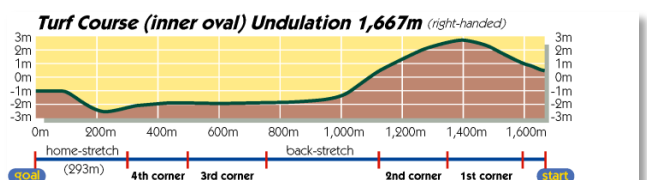
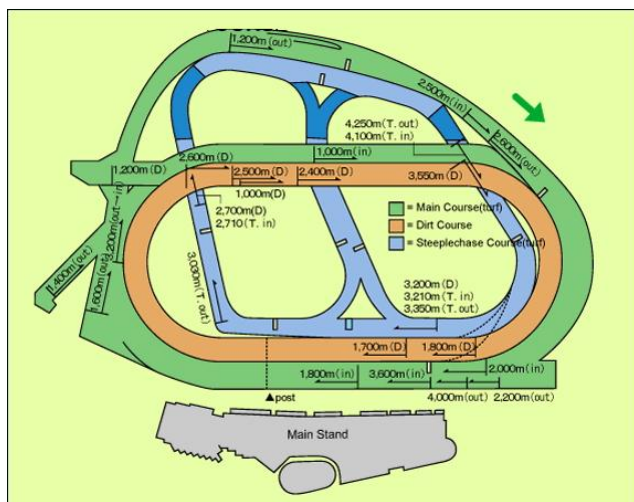
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A Course	2,083.1 m	31–41 m
B Course	2,101.9 m	28–38 m
C Course	2,120.8 m	25–35 m
D Course	2,139.6 m	22–32 m

Dirt course

	Length	Width
	1,899.0 m	25 m

Jump course (turf)

	Length	Width
	1,674.7 m	25 m



NAKAYAMA RACECOURSE

This racecourse holds the Nakayama Grand Jump (J-GI), Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) (GI), Sprinters Stakes (GI), Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (GI), Nakayama Daishogai (J-GI) and Arima Kinen (The Grand Prix) (GI). The rising slope along the final 200 meters of the homestretch adds to the interest of races. The steeplechase course has three inclining steeps unique to Nakayama.

Main course (turf) Oval track:

	Length	Width	
Inner oval	A	1,667.1 m	20–32 m
	B	1,686.0 m	17–29 m
	C	1,704.8 m	14–26 m
Outer oval	A	1,839.7 m	25–32 m
	B	1,858.5 m	22–29 m
	C	1,877.3 m	19–26 m

Dirt course (Oval)

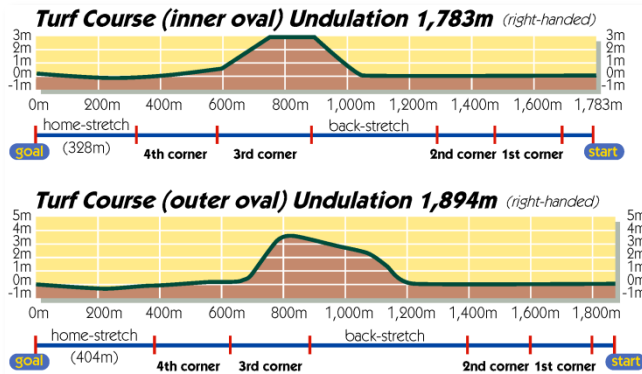
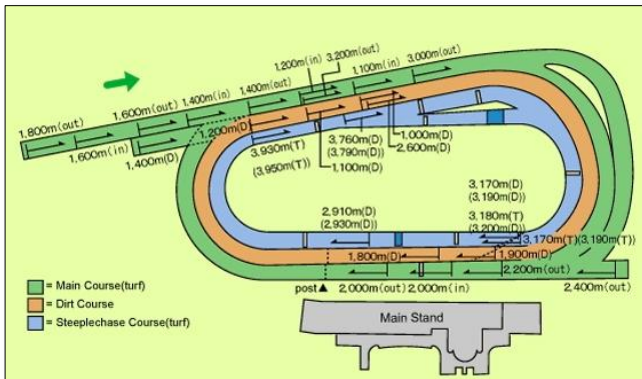
	Length	Width
	1,493.0 m	20–25 m

Jump course (turf)

	Length	Width
O-line	1,456.4 m	20–30 m
X-line	447.5 m and 424.3 m	20–30 m

KYOTO RACECOURSE

Built in 1924, Kyoto Racecourse is the premier racecourse in Western Japan. Kyoto Racecourse holds the same number of race meetings as other major racecourses, with five meetings a year. In 2007, a multi-screen Turf Vision on the same scale as that of Tokyo was installed to enhance the provision of video and information at the track. Major races are the Tenno Sho (Spring)(G1), Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger)(G1), Mile Championship (G1), Queen Elizabeth II (G1) and Shuka Sho (G1). The ability to overcome the inclination at the far turn of this track is said to be the deciding factor for races at Kyoto.



Main course (turf)

	Length		Width
	Inner oval	Outer oval	
A Course	1,782.8 m	1,894.3 m	27–38 m
B Course	1,802.2 m	1,913.6 m	24–35 m
C Course	1,821.1 m	1,932.4 m	21–32 m
D Course	1,839.9 m	1,951.3 m	18–29 m

Dirt course

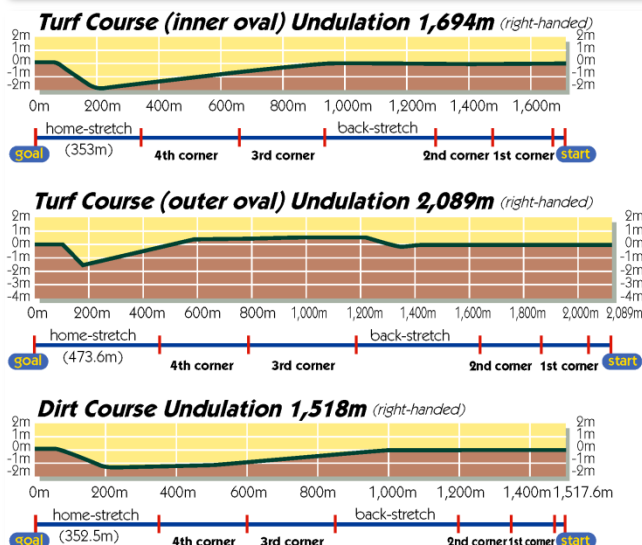
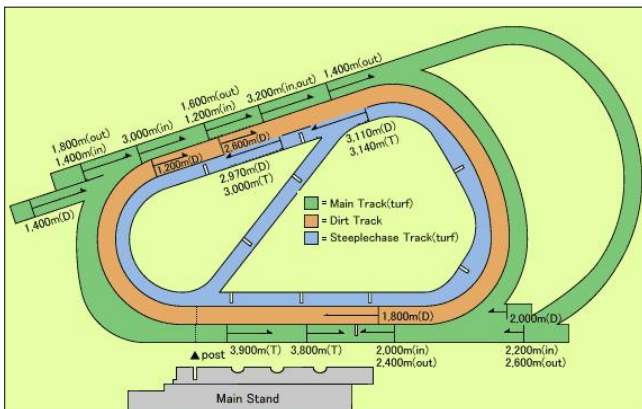
	Length	Width
Oval	1,607.6 m	25 m

Jump course (turf)

	Length	Width
Normal	1,413.9 m	23 m
Grand	1,399.8 m	20 m

HANSHIN RACECOURSE

First built on its present location in 1948, Hanshin Racecourse joins Kyoto Racecourse as the second of the two feature racecourses in Western Japan. Hanshin has the same number of race meetings as Kyoto and the two racecourses alternate race meeting. Its uniquely long corners, as well as a steep rise just before the finish line, are the major characteristics of this racecourse. Major races are the Japan Cup Dirt (G1), Takarazuka Kinen (G1), Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas)(G1), Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (G1).



Turf course (inner oval)

Course	Length	Width	Homestretch length	Undulation
A	1,689.0 m	24–28 m	356.5 m	1.9m
B	1,713.2 m	20–25 m	359.1 m	

Turf course (outer oval)

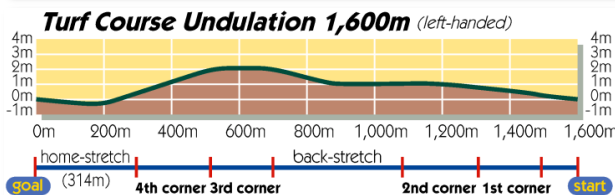
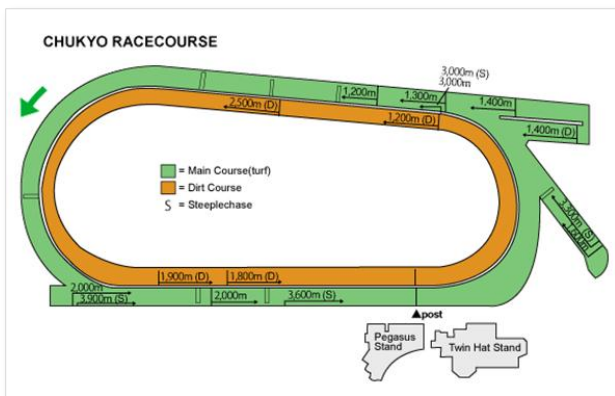
Course	Length	Width	Homestretch length	Undulation
A	2,089.0 m	24–28 m	473.6 m	2.4 m
B	2,113.2 m	20–25 m	476.3 m	

Dirt course

Length	Width	Homestretch length	Undulation
1,517.6 m	22–25 m	352.5 m	1.6 m

Steeplechase track (Turf)

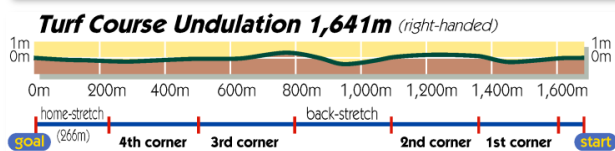
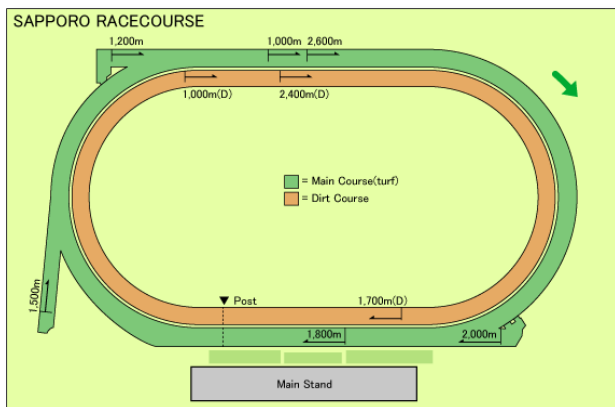
O-line Length	Width	Homestretch length	Undulation
1,366.7 m	20.5 m	403.7 m	1.3 m



CHUKYO RACECOURSE

Chukyo Racecourse outside of Nagoya reopened in March 2012, after nearly two years of renovation work. The turf course has been lengthened by over 100 meters and now measures 1,705.9 meters around with a 412.5-meter homestretch. The dirt course, formerly 1,417 meters around, now measures 1,530 meters with a 410.7-meter final homestretch, making it the longest dirt stretch in Western Japan. The 1,200-meter Takamatsunomiya Kinen (GI) is held on the turf track.

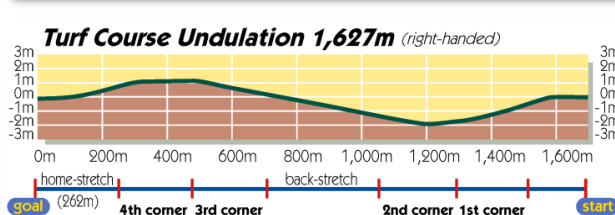
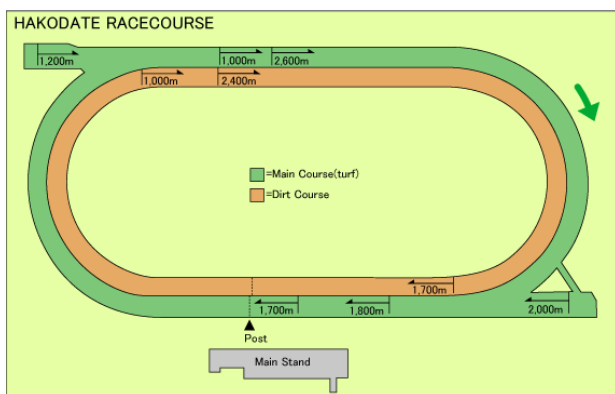
Main course (turf)		
Length	Homestretch length	Width
1,705 m	412.5m	28 m
Dirt course		
Length	Homestretch length	Width
1,530 m	410.7m	25 m



SAPPORO RACECOURSE

This racecourse, located in Sapporo City, the largest city on the northern island of Hokkaido, has two race meetings each year. The major races are the Sapporo Kinen (G2), Queen Stakes (G3), Keeneland Cup (G3), Sapporo Nisai Stakes (G3) and Elm Stakes (G3). The racecourse is refurbishing its grandstand and will go under construction from October 2012 to June 2014.

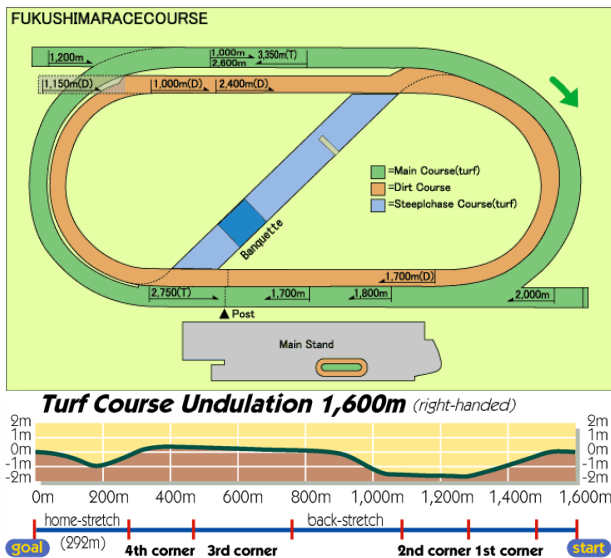
Main course (turf)		
	Length	Width
A Course	1,640.9 m	25–27 m
B Course	1,650.4m	23.5–25.5m
C Course	1,659.8 m	22–24 m
Dirt course		
	Length	Width
	1,487.0 m	20 m



HAKODATE RACECOURSE

Situated in Hakodate City in Hokkaido, this racecourse has two race meetings each year. Major races are the Hakodate Sprint Stakes (G3), Hakodate Kinen (G3) and Hakodate Nisai Stakes (G3). The grandstand was renovated in the summer of 2010.

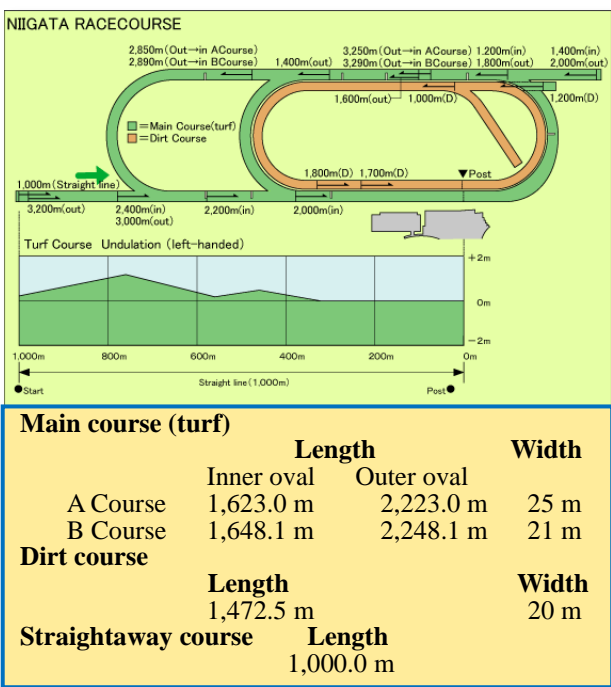
Main course (turf)		
	Length	Width
A Course	1,626.6 m	29 m
B Course	1,651.8 m	25 m
C Course	1,676.9 m	21 m
Dirt course		
	Length	Width
	1,475.8 m	20 m



FUKUSHIMA RACECOURSE

Located in Fukushima City in northern Honshu, this racecourse holds three race meetings annually. Major races are the Fukushima Himba Stakes (G3), Tanabata Sho (G3), Radio Nikkei Sho (G3) and Fukushima Kinen (G3).

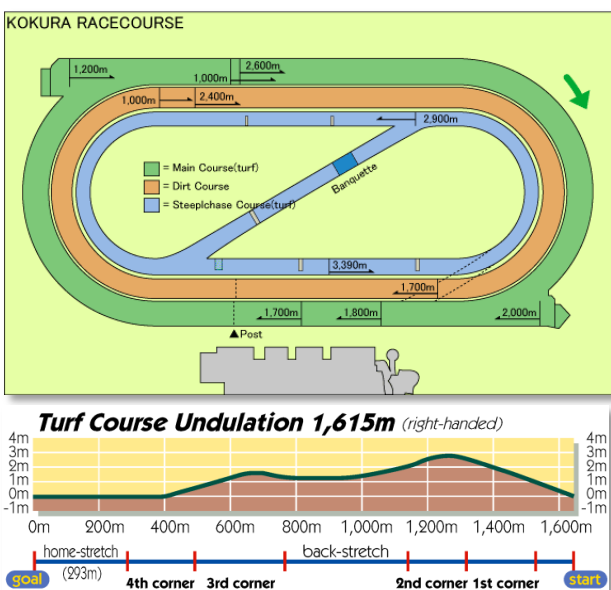
Main course (turf)		
	Length	Width
A Course	1,600.0 m	25–27 m
B Course	1,614.1 m	22.5–25 m
C Course	1,628.1 m	20–23 m
Dirt course		
	Length	Width
	1,444.6 m	20–25 m
Jump course (turf)		
	Length	Width
S-line	490.9 m	17.6-20 m



NIIGATA RACECOURSE

This racecourse is located in Niigata City alongside of the Japan Sea. Niigata Racecourse was completely renovated in 2001. Major races are the Sekiya Kinen (G3), Niigata Kinen (G3), Niigata Daishoten (G3), Niigata Nisai Stakes (G3) and Ibis Summer Dash (G3), the only JRA graded race held over the 1,000-meter straight course.

Main course (turf)				
	Length	Width		
A Course	Inner oval	1,623.0 m	2,223.0 m	25 m
	Outer oval	1,648.1 m	2,248.1 m	
B Course		1,472.5 m	1,000.0 m	21 m
Dirt course				
		1,472.5 m	1,000.0 m	20 m
Straightaway course				
		1,000.0 m		



KOKURA RACECOURSE

Located in the foremost industrial city of Kitakyushu on the island of Kyushu, Kokura Racecourse holds three race meetings a year. Its major races are the Kitakyushu Kinen (G3), Kokura Kinen (G3), Kokura Nisai Stakes (G3), Kokura Daishoten (G3) and Kokura Summer Jump (J-G3)

Main course (turf)		
	Length	Width
A Course	1,615.1 m	30 m
B Course	1,633.9 m	27 m
C Course	1,652.8 m	24 m
Dirt course		
	Length	Width
	1,445.4 m	24 m
Jump course (turf)		
	Length	Width
O-line	1,309.0 m	16–20 m
S-line	415.7 m	