

# Yabusame at Kamakura Ground 2024, 2nd Edition

This will be the last event at Yabusame Kamakura Ground  
(The venue will close for relocation at the end of September)

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# 鎌倉教場 流鏑馬

## Monday, September 23, 2024

\* Canceled in case of heavy rain

## Gate opens at 9:00 am

Venue Yabusame Kamakura Ground, Japan Equestrian Archery Association  
(Kajiwara, Kamakura-shi, Kanagawa)

Program *Yabusame*, cultural experiences (Noh, Kamakura-bori lacquerware, tea culture originating in Kamakura, Kamakura-period food culture, children's archery, Japanese saddlery and archery equipment), and more

Schedule (subject to change)	Time	Event
	9:00 am	Gate opens; cultural experiences (see above)
	10:00 am	Start of <i>yabusame</i> program (pre-archery rituals)
	10:30 am	Starting drum (start of horseback action)
	12:00 noon	Conclusion of <i>yabusame</i> program
		Cultural experiences (continued) and interaction with horses
	1:00 pm	Horseback archery in heavy armor, meet-and-greet with archers
	1:45 pm	Gate closes

- \* Seats will be offered to guests who donate ¥1,000 or more on entry.
- \* Due to limited space, admission may be restricted if capacity is reached.
- \* Visiting guests are asked to take precautions against heatstroke.

Presented by The Japan Equestrian Archery Association, the Japan Arts Council, and the Agency for Cultural Affairs, Government of Japan



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7-min. walk from Fukasawa Bus Stop (take Enoden Bus or Keikyu Bus from Kamakura Sta.); short walk from Hatchozura Bus Stop (take Enoden Bus from Fujisawa Sta.); 8-min. walk from Shonan Fukasawa Sta. on Shonan Monorail  
 \* We ask that you use public transportation, as traffic congestion is expected.



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## Objectives

The *yabusame* will be held to pray for peace, a rich harvest, and people's health, as well as to wish for the promotion and development of various cultural traditions that live on in the city of Kamakura and for the preservation of *yabusame* and other forms of Japanese horseback archery. To convey the appeal of *yabusame* to a wider audience, we will create a foreigner-friendly viewing environment by providing live commentary and reference materials in English.

The event will further promote the appeal of Kamakura by introducing the diverse culture passed down in the city—including Noh theater, Kamakura-bori lacquerware, and tea-drinking culture, which is said to have originated in Kamakura—and by offering such experiences as archery for children and interaction with horses.



## About Yabusame

Shooting arrows from a galloping horse is called *kisha*, and the Shinto ritual in which *kisha* is dedicated to deities is called *yabusame*. *Yabusame* has a history that goes back 1,500 years and is said to have taken its present form in the early Kamakura period (1185–1333). Being a Shinto ritual, it is not just a competition of martial skill but is conducted to pray for such things as peace, a rich harvest, and people's health.

The Japan Equestrian Archery Association, which preserves and maintains *yabusame*, invites you to view this ancient art that has been handed down for eight centuries.



## Yabusame Kamakura Ground

The Yabusame Kamakura Ground is a training ground featuring a 220-meter *yabusame* horse track. Established on November 15, 2020, by the Japan Equestrian Archery Association on city-owned land, it is the largest permanent facility in Japan designed for *yabusame*.

The association welcomes visitors to observe the training sessions held every Sunday. For more information, please visit the association's website. The ground is scheduled for relocation at the end of September 2024.



Website

