

Saturday August 3 – Sunday August 4
2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series
Round 4 Overview Twin Ring Motegi

Tokyo, July 30, 2013—Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Hiroshi Shirai, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) announced today details of the “2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series, Round 4 Twin Ring Motegi” scheduled to take place on August 3-4 on the Twin Ring Motegi Road Course (length= 4.801km) in Tochigi Prefecture, Japan.

Qualifying will include a Q1 session and a special stage session, which will be run back to back with an interval of 15 minutes. The top eight cars in the 30-minute long Q1 session will progress to the special stage. In the special stage, each of the eight cars will compete against the clock in the special stage, starting with the slowest Q1 qualifier first. The session will be run over three laps, including an in lap and an out lap and single timed lap. As the name suggests, the make-or-break special stage format is designed to create tension and excitement for the spectators.

Round 4 at Twin Ring Motegi is likely to be a crucial round in the battle for the series title. André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S) currently stands top of the rankings with 21 points after winning the two races he has entered in the 2013 series (Round 2 and Round 3). Naoki Yamamoto (TEAM MUGEN), who has finished in the points in all races so far this season (Round 1: 4th, Round 2: 3rd, Round 3: 3rd) is only four points off the lead. Takuya Izawa (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING) is third in the rankings, six points behind André Lotterer. Takuya won Round 1 and came fifth in Round 3. Further down the leader board are three capable drivers, all past champions: Loic Duval (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans) in fourth, seven points off the top of the driver rankings, Tsugio Matsuda (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL) in fifth, nine points behind, and J.P. de Oliveira (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL) in sixth, 10 points off the top.

Will the dominant André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S) be able to secure a third victory, or will the other drivers be able to keep him in check.

The race starts at 15:00 on Sunday 4 August.



2 André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S)

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2013 Championship Series: Point Allocation System

POSITION	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	PP
One-race rounds	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	1
Two-race rounds	5+3	4	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	1

*In two-race rounds, a 3-point bonus will be awarded to each winner of race 1 and race 2 in addition to the predetermined points.

*PP : A 1-point bonus will be awarded to drivers who secure pole position (qualify in first place).

[General Information]

1. SUPER FORMULA

Organized by Japan Race Promotion Inc. and fully sanctioned by the Japan Automobile Federation (JAF), the Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series traces back its origins to the Japanese Championship Formula NIPPON first launched in 1996. 2013 signals a new beginning under the new SUPER FORMULA name. The series fields fully fledged single seater racing machines befitting its status as Japan's top formula racing category.

2. Series Awards

Awards presented to the annual overall series champion driver include prize money and a championship series cup from Japan Race Promotion Inc. as well as trophies from the Liberal Democratic Party Parliamentarians League for the Promotion of Motorsports and the Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency. In addition, the annual champion team receives prize money from Japan Race Promotion Inc. and the Minister's Cup from Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

3. Race Machine

This year's SF13 chassis is officially supplied by Swift Engineering of the United States. Honda and Toyota are once again the official engine suppliers with their respective HONDA HR12E and TOYOTA RV8K 3.4-liter V8 engines while Bridgestone officiates as the sole official tire supplier.

4. Overtake System (OTS)

The Overtake System (OTS) increases maximum engine speed from 10,300rpm to 10,700rpm for 20 seconds at a time. It is activated by the driver pushing the OTB (=OverTake Button) located on the steering wheel. The driver can activate the OTS a maximum of 5 times over the length of the race to facilitate overtaking. When activated, lights fitted onto the rollover bar start blinking for all to see. The car of the leader in the championship standings at the time of the race is fitted with Leader Red-type red lights instead of the regular white lights. This Overtake System is unique to SUPER FORMULA.

2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA : Schedule

Dates	Round	Circuit
April 13-14	Round 1 Suzuka Circuit	Suzuka Circuit
June 1-2	Round 2 Autopolis	Autopolis
July 13-14	Round 3 Fuji Speedway	Fuji Speedway
August 3-4	Round 4 Twin Ring Motegi	Twin Ring Motegi
August 24-25	Round 5 Inje (Republic of Korea) Cancellation	Inje International Circuit
September 28-29	Round 6 Sportsland SUGO	Sportsland SUGO
November 9-10	Round 7 Suzuka Circuit	Suzuka Circuit
November 15-17	FUJI SPRINT CUP 2013	Fuji Speedway

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2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series, Round 4 Fuji Speedway Entry List

(Chassis: SF13, Tires: Bridgestone)

No.	Driver	Birth date Birth place	Team Name Team Manager	Engine
1	Kazuki Nakajima	1985.1.11 Japan (Aichi Prefecture)	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S Nobuhide Tachi	TOYOTA RV8K
2	Andre Lotterer	1981.11.9 Germany		
3	Hironobu Yasuda	1982.11.11 Japan (Shiga Prefecture)	KONDO RACING Masahiko Kondoh	TOYOTA RV8K
7	Ryo Hirakawa	1994.3.7 Japan (Hiroshima Prefecture)	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans Hiroyoshi Donuma	TOYOTA RV8K
8	Loic Duval	1982.6.12 France		
10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	1986.11.20 Japan (Tochigi Prefecture)	HP REAL RACING Katsutomo Kaneishi	HONDA HR12E
11	Yuhki Nakayama	1987.7.29 Japan (Ishikawa Prefecture)		
15	Takashi Kobayashi	1987.11.8 Japan (Hiroshima Prefecture)	TEAM 無限 Nagataka Tezuka	HONDA HR12E
16	Naoki Yamamoto	1988.7.11 Japan (Tochigi Prefecture)		
18	Richard Bradley	1991.8.17 England	KCMG Ryuji Doi	TOYOTA RV8K
19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	1981.7.13 Brazil	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL Kazuyoshi Hoshino	TOYOTA RV8K
20	Tsugio Matsuda	1979.6.18 Japan (Mie Prefecture)		
31	Daisuke Nakajima	1989.1.29 Japan (Aichi Prefecture)	NAKAJIMA RACING Satoru Nakajima	HONDA HR12E
32	Takashi Kogure	1980.8.1 Japan (Gunma Prefecture)		
38	Kohei Hirate	1986.3.24 Japan (Aichi Prefecture)	P.MU / CERUMO INGING Yuji Tachikawa	TOYOTA RV8K
39	Yuji Kunimoto	1990.9.12 Japan (Kanagawa Prefecture)		
40	Takuya Izawa	1984.6.1 Japan (Tokyo)	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Kiyoshi Muraoka	HONDA HR12E
41	Hideki Mutoh	1982.10.6 Japan (Tokyo)		
62	Koki Saga	1983.4.25 Japan (Aichi Prefecture)	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports Tadao Tsubomatsu	TOYOTA RV8K

Point Rankings: DRIVER

After Round 3 / All races count toward standings

Po.	No.	DRIVER	POINTS	GAP	4/14	6/2	7/14	8/4	8/25	9/29	11/10	11/10
					SUZUKA	AUTOPOLIS	FUJI	MOTEGI	INJE	SUGO	SUZUKA	SUZUKA
					Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	2	Andre Lotterer	21		-	11	10					
2	16	Naoki Yamamoto	17	-4	5	6	6					
2	40	Takuya Izawa	15	-6	11	0	4					
4	8	Loic Duval	14	-7	-	8	6					
5	20	Tsugio Matsuda	12	-9	8	4	0					
6	19	J .P. de Oliveira	11	-10	3	5	3					
7	38	Kohei Hirate	8	-13	0	0	8					
8	32	Takashi Kogure	6	-15	6	0	0					
9	1	Kazuki Nakajima	5	-16	4	0	1					
10	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	3	-18	0	3	0					
11	7	Ryo Hirakawa	3	-18	1	2	0					
12	39	Yuji Kunimoto	2	-19	0	0	2					
12	8	Andrea Caldarelli	2	-19	2	-	0					
14	11	Yuhki Nakayama	1	-20	0	1	0					
	31	Daisuke Nakajima	0	-21	0	0	0					
	3	Hironobu Yasuda	0	-21	0	0	0					
	41	Hideki Mutoh	0	-21	0	0	0					
	15	Takashi Kobayashi	0	-21	-	0	0					
	18	Richard Bradley	0	-21	0	0	0					
	62	Koki Saga	0	-21	0	0	0					
	2	James Rossiter	0	-21	0	-	-					
	15	Takuma Sato	0	-21	0	-	-					

*Win shown in italics, pole position shown in bold

Point Rankings: TEAM

After Round 3 / All races count toward standings

Po.	No.	TEAM	POINTS	GAP	4/14	6/2	7/14	8/4	8/25	9/29	11/10	11/10
					SUZUKA	AUTOPOLIS	FUJI	MOTEGI	INJE	SUGO	SUZUKA	SUZUKA
					Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	1.2	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S	25		4	10	11					
2	19.20	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL	23	-2	11	9	3					
2	7. 8	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans	18	-7	3	10	5					
4	15. 16	TEAM 無限	17	-8	5	6	6					
5	40. 41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELIONRACING	14	-11	10	0	4					
6	38.39	PMU / CERUMO INGING	10	-15	0	0	10					
7	31.32	NAKAJIMA RACING	6	-19	6	0	0					
8	10.11	HP REAL RACING	4	-21	0	4	0					
	3	KONDO RACING	0	-25	0	0	0					
	18	KCMG	0	-25	0	0	0					
	62	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports	0	-25	0	0	0					

*Win shown in italics, pole position points only awarded to drivers

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Event Details

- Championship name : 2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series Round 4 Twin Ring Motegi
- Support race Achievement JAPANESE FORMULA 3 2013 Round 10 & Round 11
2013 MFJ Superbike All Japan Road Race Championship Round 5
Honda Sports & Eco Program CR-Z 10 Liter Challenge
- Dates : 2013 August 3 (Saturday) – August 4 (Sunday)
Finals race start time: August 4 (Sunday) 15:00
- Location : Twin Ring Motegi Road Course (Tochigi Prefecture)
(Finals race circuit length: 4.801km / 52 laps = 249.652km)
- Organizers : Mobilityland Corporation / MO Sports Club (M.O.S.C.)
- Sanctioned by : Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) / Japan Automobile Federation (JAF) /
Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM)
- Certified by : Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP) (<http://www.f-nippon.co.jp/>)
- Support : Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology / Japan Tourism Agency / Tochigi-cho /
The Tokyo Chunichi Sports / RADIO BERRY / FM NACK5

[Ticket Information]

- Tickets : Spectator tickets (two-day pass)
Adults (high school students and above): ¥3,900
Children (up to junior high school students) : Admission free
* Ticket details : Please visit the Twin Ring Motegi website (<http://www.twining.jp/>) for more spectator and ticket information.

[TV Coverage]

- JSports1: Live broadcast of all races. Re-runs of the finals race and race digest programs also broadcast
* Please refer to the SUPER FORMULA official website (<http://www.superformula.net/>) or the JSports website (http://www.jsports.co.jp/program_guide/month/japanese/c_month14.html) for details of re-runs and digest programs.
- BS Fuji : Broadcast of 55-minute long SUPER FORMULA feature program covering each race.
Next program scheduled for Saturday August 17 (17:00pm – 17:55pm), followed by a re-run on Sunday 18 August (12:00pm – 12:55pm)
* Please refer to the SUPER FORMULA official website (<http://www.superformula.net/>) for details on broadcasting dates and times.
- YAHOO! GyaO! : Coverage of all SUPER FORMULA finals race available on demand on the YAHOO! GyaO! website (<http://gyao.yahoo.co.jp/>) starting at midnight 14 days after the completion of each race.
*Broadcasting dates and times are subject to change without prior notice. Kindly consult the SUPER FORMULA official website (<http://www.superformula.net/>) for the latest information.

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