

Saturday September 28 – Sunday September 29
2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series
Round 6 Overview Sportsland SUGO

Tokyo, September 24, 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 6 Sportsland Sugo” scheduled to take place on September 28-29 on the Sportsland Sugo International Road Racing Course in Miyagi Prefecture, Japan.

The Championships race will extend over 68 laps of the 3.704km Sportsland Sugo International Road Racing Course for a total racing distance of 251.88km. Placing a premium on enjoyment through increasingly exciting races, this season’s SUPER FORMULA Series has adopted a 250km medium-distance format. As a result, team strategies including the timing of pit stops to change tires and refuel will play an important role in deciding the outcome of the race. In addition, qualifying will take place over three knock-out style sessions to determine places on the starting grid for the Championship race on Saturday September 29. In the case of the 19 entries taking part in this Championship round, the five slowest cars during the 20-minute long Q1 session will be knocked out of the next session and assigned the 15th to 19th positions on the grid. After a 10 minute break, the 7-minute long Q2 will determine the 9th to 14th positions in the same way. Again, after another 10 minute break, the last 7-minute long Q3 session will decide the top 8 positions on the starting grid for Saturday’s Championship race. As the name suggests, slow lap times will lead a driver to be knocked out from advancing to the next qualifying session.

As the Championship Series enters its closing stages, interest continues to mount regarding its outcome. As of the end of round 5, André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S) stands at the top of the rankings with 29 points after winning two races in the 2013 Series. He is followed by Loic Duval (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans), who has placed on the podium in all races entered, on 20 points; Naoki Yamamoto (TEAM MUGEN), who has finished in the points in all races so far this season, on 18 points; Kazuki Nakajima (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S), winner of the previous round who is gradually lifting his performance, and J. P. de Oliveira (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL), both on 16 points, and; Takuya Ozawa (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING), who won the first round, on 15 points. In any event, this round will have a significant impact on who will emerge as the annual Championship Series winner with all eyes on the result.

Another highlight of the round is the participation of Takuma Sato (TEAM MUGEN), who is currently competing in the IndyCar Series, the pinnacle of formula car racing in the U.S. Takuma Sato is the first Japanese to have topped the podium in an IndyCar Series race and his driving is bound to attract considerable expectation.

André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S), leading the driver ranking as of the end of round 5

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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. The series will be fought on five circuits in Japan and one circuit in the Republic of Korea over a total of seven rounds, followed by an additional post series round.

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 (CANCELED)	Round 5 Inje (Republic of Korea)	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 6 Sportsland SUGO 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	Takuma Sato	1977.1.28 Japan (Tokyo)	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 DANDELIONRACING 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 5 / 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	29		-	11	<i>10</i>	8	C A N C E L L E D			
2	8	Loic Duval	20	-9	-	8	6	6				
2	16	Naoki Yamamoto	18	-11	5	6	6	1				
4	1	Kazuki Nakajima	16	-13	4	0	1	11				
5	19	J .P. de Oliveira	16	-13	3	5	3	5				
6	40	Takuya Izawa	15	-14	11	0	4	0				
7	20	Tsugio Matsuda	12	-17	8	4	0	0				
8	32	Takashi Kogure	10	-19	6	0	0	4				
9	38	Kohei Hirate	8	-21	0	0	8	0				
10	39	Yuji Kunimoto	5	-24	0	0	2	3				
10	7	Ryo Hirakawa	5	-24	1	2	0	2				
12	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	3	-26	0	3	0	0				
13	8	Andrea Caldarelli	2	-27	2	-	-	-				
14	11	Yuhki Nakayama	1	-28	0	1	0	0				
	31	Daisuke Nakajima	0	-29	0	0	0	0				
	41	Hideki Mutoh	0	-29	0	0	0	0				
	18	Richard Bradley	0	-29	0	0	0	0				
	62	Koki Saga	0	-29	0	0	0	0				
	3	Hironobu Yasuda	0	-29	0	0	0	0				
	15	Takashi Kobayashi	0	-29	-	0	0	0				
	2	James Rossiter	0	-29	0	-	-	-				
	15	Takuma Sato	0	-29	0	-	-	-				

*Win shown in *italics*, pole position shown in **bold**

Point Rankings: TEAM

After Round 5 / 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 TOMS	43		4	10	11	18	C A N C E L L E D			
2	19.20	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL	28	-15	11	9	3	5				
2	7.8	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans	26	-17	3	10	5	8				
4	15.16	TEAM 無限	18	-25	5	6	6	1				
5	40.41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELIONRACING	14	-29	10	0	4	0				
6	38.39	P.MU / CERUMO INGING	13	-30	0	0	10	3				
7	31.32	NAKAJIMA RACING	10	-33	6	0	0	4				
8	10.11	HP REAL RACING	4	-39	0	4	0	0				
	18	KCMG	0	-43	0	0	0	0				
	62	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports	0	-43	0	0	0	0				
	3	KONDO RACING	0	-43	0	0	0	0				

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Event Details

- Championship name : 2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series Round 6 Sportsland SUGO
- Support race JAPANESE FORMULA 3 2013 Round 12 & Round 13
GAZOO Racing Netz Cup Vitz Race 2013 Tohoku Series Round 3
2013 MUGEN POWER Cup CIVIC One Make Race Round 4
SUGO Road Race Series Round 4 CBR250R Dream CUP
- Dates : 2013 September 28 (Saturday) – September 29, (Sunday)
2013 September 28 (Saturday) 13:10 : Official qualifying races start time
2013 September 29 (Sunday) 15:00 : Finals race start time
- Location : Sportsland Sugo International Road Racing Course (Miyagi Prefecture)
(Finals race circuit length: 3,704m / 68 laps = 251.88km)
- Organizers : Sugo Co., Ltd. / Sugo Sports Club (SSC)
- Sanctioned by : Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) / Japan Automobile Federation (JAF) /
Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM)
- Certified by : Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP) / JAPANESE FORMULA 3 ASSOCIATION (JF3A)
- Support : Miyagi Prefecture Tourist Association / Murata Town / Kahoku Shimpo Publishing Co. / Natori City

[Ticket Information & Inquiries]

- Tickets :
 - Advance sale tickets for the full two days of the event ¥5,000 (adults)
 - Day ticket for all qualifying rounds held on September 28 (Saturday) ¥1,500 (adults)
 - Day ticket for the finals race held on September 29 (Sunday) ¥6,000 (adults)
 - * Children (up to junior high school students) Admission free
 - * Ticket information : http://www.sportsland-sugo.jp/watch/contents/2013/04/20130408_367.html
 - Sportsland Sugo Tel.: 0224-83-3111 / Fax.: 0224-83-3790 / e-mail : info@sportsland-sugo.jp

[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 October 5 (16:00pm – 16:55pm), followed by a re-run on Sunday October 6 (13:00pm – 13:55pm)
* 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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