

PRESS INFORMATION

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Japan Race Promotion Inc.

“SUZUKA 2&4 RACE” on Saturday April 12 – Sunday April 13 **2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Round 1 Suzuka Circuit**

Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Hiroshi Shirai, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) announced today the details of the SUZUKA 2 & 4 RACE “2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA, Round 1 Suzuka Circuit” scheduled to take place on April 12-13 at the Suzuka Circuit International Racing Course (length=5.807km) in Mie Prefecture, Japan.

This Suzuka round is the season opener in 2014. The race will extend over 43 laps of the Suzuka Circuit International Racing Course for a total distance of 249.70km.

SUPER FORMULA 2014 features the brand-new car “SF14” which has been introduced for the first time in 5 years. As SF14 comes with the new chassis and new engine, one of the key requirements for the competition is overall competency - not only drivers but all team crew must work as one to win.

In this season, SUPER FORMULA employs knockout qualifying for all races. The knockout is a qualifying format in which the grid order is determined by time trials in three stages (Q1 to Q3). If you fail to clock a good time, then you will be knocked out (eliminated). With 19 entrants as in this Suzuka round, the first stage (Q1) is 20 minutes in duration including all 19 entrants. The five slowest cars will be knocked out after the Q1 session, and fill 15th to 19th positions on the grid leaving the remaining 14 cars eligible to advance to the next session. After a 10-minute intermission, the 7-minute Q2 will determine 9th to 14th positions in the same way. Another 10-minute intermission will precede the last 7-minute Q3 session which will decide the top 8 positions on the starting grid for Sunday's race.

A total of 19 drivers from 11 teams are entered in 2014 season. This is the first ever race in which five Champions will line up on the same grid: the 2009 Champion Loic Duval (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans), the 2010 Champion J.P. de Oliveira (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL), the 2011 Champion Andre Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S), the 2012 Champion Kazuki Nakajima (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S), and the 2013 Champion Naoki Yamamoto (TEAM MUGEN). On top of this, two former F1 drivers' participation - Vitantonio Liuzzi (HP REAL RACING) and Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL) - will make the series even more competitive.

There are rookies, Yuichi Nakayama (KCMG) and Tomoki Nojiri (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING), both of whom have done well in FCJ and Japanese Formula 3 and are considered up-and-coming contenders. Another expectations are centered on the outcome of the Rookie of the Year award.

Yuhki Nakayama (TEAM MUGEN) and Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO · INGING) are also the drivers to watch, who have made a return to SUPER FORMULA with full of motivation.

Now the stage is all set for another grueling season.

2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Round 1 Entry List

(Chassis: SF14 Tyre: Bridgestone)

No.	DRIVER	DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH	TEAM TEAM MANAGER	ENGINE
1	Naoki Yamamoto	11 July 1988 Tochigi, Japan	TEAM MUGEN Nagataka Tezuka	HONDA HR-414E
2	Yuhki Nakayama	29 July 1987 Ishikawa, Japan		
3	James Rossiter	25 August 1983 United Kingdom	KONDO RACING Masahiko Kondo	TOYOTA RI4A
7	Ryo Hirakawa	7 March 1994 Hiroshima, Japan	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans Hiroyoshi Donuma	TOYOTA RI4A
8	Loic Duval	12 June 1982 France		
10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	20 November 1986 Tochigi, Japan	HP REAL RACING Katsutomo Kaneishi	HONDA HR-414E
11	Vitantonio Liuzzi	6 August 1981 Italy		
18	Yuichi Nakayama	25 July 1991 Tokyo, Japan	KCMG Ryuji Doi	TOYOTA RI4A
19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	13 July 1981 Brazil	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL Kazuyoshi Hoshino	TOYOTA RI4A
20	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	14 January 1977 India		
31	Daisuke Nakajima	29 January 1989 Aichi, Japan	NAKAJIMA RACING Satoru Nakajima	HONDA HR-414E
32	Takashi Kogure	1 August 1980 Gunma, Japan		
36	Andre Lotterer	19 November 1981 Germany	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S Nobuhide Tachi	TOYOTA RI4A
37	Kazuki Nakajima	11 January 1985 Aichi, Japan		
38	Hiroaki Ishiura	23 April 1981 Tokyo, Japan	P.MU / CERUMO · INGING Yuji Tachikawa	TOYOTA RI4A
39	Yuji Kunimoto	12 September 1990 Kanagawa, Japan		
40	Tomoki Nojiri	15 September 1989 Ibaraki, Japan	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Kiyoshi Muraoka	HONDA HR-414E
41	Hideki Mutoh	6 October 1982 Tokyo, Japan		
62	Koki Saga	25 April 1983 Aichi, Japan	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports Tadao Tsubomatsu	TOYOTA RI4A

2014 Championship Point Scoring System

POSITION	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th & beyond	PP
1 race per round	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	1
2 races per round	5	4	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	1

- * PP=Pole Position (a driver who set the fastest lap in the qualifying session). One point is awarded to the polesitter (only to the driver but not to the team).
- * In the 2-race rounds, half points are awarded for both Race 1 & Race 2.
- * In Rd.7 Suzuka, three extra points are awarded to each race winner of Race 1 & Race 2 (i.e. up to a maximum of 18 points are awarded to the driver who claimed pole position and wins of both Race 1 & Race 2).
- * In case two or more drivers/teams are in a dead heat for a championship standing at the end of the season, the driver/team with the higher number of superior race results is awarded the position.

[Get to Know the Basics]

1. What is SUPER FORMULA?

Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA is the top category of Japanese formula racing featuring purpose-built racing cars with single-seat, open cockpit and open wheel. Organized by Japan Race Promotion Inc. and fully sanctioned by the Japan Automobile Federation (JAF), SUPER FORMULA traces back its origins to the Japanese Championship Formula NIPPON first launched in 1996. 2013 saw the relaunch of the series given a new name of SUPER FORMULA.

2. Championship Awards

The Drivers' Championship title is awarded to the driver who scores the most points over the course of the season. The Driver Champion is given the Series Driver's Champion Cup and prize money by Japan Race Promotion Inc. On top of this, he receives the Confederation's Cup offered by Parliamentary Association for Motorsport Promotion of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan, as well as the Commissioner's Cup from the Japan Tourism Agency. Towards the Team Champion, the Minister's Cup will be awarded by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, plus prize money by Japan Race Promotion Inc.

3. Race Car

The base chassis SF14 is supplied by Dallara (Italy). The cars are powered by 2.0-litre turbo-charged inline-4 direct injection engine either from Honda (HR414E) or Toyota (RI4A). Bridgestone serves as the sole tyre supplier.

4. Overtake System

The Overtake System (OTS) is an overtaking aid that works by leveraging the fuel flow restrictor (fuel flow rate control system) employed on the new engine. It can increase fuel supply temporarily to provide approximately five per cent of engine performance improvement. By pressing a button called OTB (Overtake Button) on the steering wheel, the system will be activated for 20 seconds per use. Drivers may use the OTS up to 5 times a race. The status of the OTS use can easily be recognized by "Overtake Lamp (five small LEDs)" on the roll hoop. The number of lighted Lamp(s) shows the number of OTS activation, and on top of this they are blinking when the system is in use. The Lamps basically illuminate white while the championship leader comes with red lights called "Leader's Red". The Overtake Lamp system can only be seen in SUPER FORMULA.

Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA 2014 RACE CALENDAR

DATES	ROUND / CIRCUIT	QUALIFYING FORMAT	RACE FORMAT
April 12 - 13	Round 1 / Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	250km
May 17 - 18	Round 2 / Fuji Speedway	Knockout	2-heat
July 12 - 13	Round 3 / Fuji Speedway	Knockout	250km
August 23 - 24	Round 4 / Twin Ring Motegi	Knockout	250km
September 13 - 14	Round 5 / Autopolis	Knockout	220km
September 27 - 28	Round 6 / Sportsland SUGO	Knockout	250km
November 8 - 9	Round 7 / Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	2-heat

ABOUT THE SUZUKA ROUND

- **Official Name:** SUZUKA 2 & 4 RACE
2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Round 1 Suzuka Circuit
2014 MFJ SUPERBIKE ALL JAPAN ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIP Round 1
- **Held Jointly with:** 2014 Japanese Formula 3 Championship Round 1 & Round 2
Honda Sports & Eco Program CR-Z 10-litre Challenge
Enjoy Honda Suzuka 2014
- **Hosted by:** Automobile: Group of Speed Sports (GSS), Suzuka Motor Sports Club (SMSC) and Mobilityland Corporation
Motorcycle: Motorcycle Federation of Japan (MFJ) and Mobilityland Corporation
- **Sanctioned by:** Automobile: Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)
Motorcycle: Fédération Internationale de Motorcyclisme (FIM) and Motorcycle Federation of Japan (MFJ)
- **Authorized by:** Automobile: Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP) and Japanese Formula 3 Association (JF3A)
- **Sponsored by:** Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; Japan Tourism Agency; Mie Prefecture; The City of Suzuka; The Suzuka F1 Japanese Grand Prix Regional Revitalization Council; Tourist Information Office Suzuka; and Suzuka Chamber of Commerce and Industry

TICKET & ENQUIRY

- **Advance Ticket (valid for 2 days):**
Adult ¥4,000 (with a one-day passport to the amusement park *Motopia*)
Junior 13 to 18 ¥1,700 (circuit admission only)
* The tickets allow you to enter the circuit also on Friday.
* For further information, visit Suzuka Circuit website <<http://www.suzukacircuit.jp/>>.

TV BROADCASTING & RACE FOOTAGE DELIVERY

- ◆ **J SPORTS 1**
Live coverage of all rounds (both qualifying and race) are provided on J SPORTS. Rebroadcastings and digest programs are also available.
* For more info on the rebroadcastings and digest programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website <<http://www.superformula.net/>> or J SPORTS website <http://www.jsports.co.jp/motor/super_formula/>.
- ◆ **BS FUJI**
BS FUJI delivers a 55-minute SUPER FORMULA post-race program covering each round of the season. The air dates are:
· First air: Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 - 11:55 am · Rebroadcasting: Saturday, April 26 at 12:00 - 12:55 pm
* For more info on the program, visit SUPER FORMULA official website <<http://www.superformula.net/>>.
- ◆ **FUJI TELEVISION CS "FUJI TELEVISION ONE/TWO/NEXT"**
A new program "SUPER FORMULA TV" is coming in. It features race highlights plus talk show with invited guest drivers.
First air: Friday, April 18 at 10:30 - 11:00 pm
- ◆ **Yahoo! GyaO!**
Race footage of each SUPER FORMULA round will be available on-demand 10 days after each round at <<http://gyao.yahoo.co.jp/>>.
- ◆ **YouTube**
Race and qualifying footage of each round will be available in digest format.

* On-air schedule is subject to change. Visit SUPER FORMULA official website <<http://www.superformula.net/>> for updates.

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