

**Saturday November 9 – Sunday November 10**  
**2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series**  
**Round 7 Overview Suzuka Circuit**

Tokyo, November 5, 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 7 Suzuka Circuit" scheduled to take place on November 9-10 at the Suzuka Circuit in Mie Prefecture, Japan.

The final round of the 2013 Championship Series will feature two races. As with previous races, a knock-out style qualifying competition will be used to determine grid places (please refer to P2 for more details about the knock-out system). The Q1 session will determine the grid for Race 1, which will be run over 20 laps of the 5.807km Suzuka Circuit for a total racing distance of 116.14km. The Q2 and Q3 sessions will determine the grid for Race 2, which will be run over 28 laps of the same course for a total racing distance of 162.60km. Each team is required to make one pit stop for a tire change (all four tires).

As the Championship Series enters its closing stages, interest in the final outcome continues to grow. After Round 6, André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S) stands at the top of the rankings with 37 points after winning Round 2 and Round 3 and securing podium finishes in all the races he entered this season. However, Lotterer will not be able to secure any more points, as he will not race in the final round. He is followed by Loic Duval (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans), six points behind. Duval has no chance of winning the Championship, as he will not take part in the final round either. The only driver who could unseat Lotterer at the top of the rankings is third placed Naoki Yamamoto (TEAM MUGEN), 13 points behind the leader. Under the two-race format of this final round, drivers receive half the number of points per race as single-race rounds, but bonus points are awarded to the winner of each race (please refer to P2 for more details about the Championship point system). This means a total of 18 points are still up for grabs if a driver achieves a pole-to-win victory in both races, so Yamamoto could still snatch the Championship from Lotterer. However, the battle for these points will not be easy, as three drivers currently share fourth place in the rankings, 21 points behind the leader: Kazuki Nakajima (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S), Tsugio Matsuda (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL) and J.P. de Oliveira (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL).

Fans will be keen to see Takuma Sato (TEAM MUGEN), who will also be competing in Round 7 after taking part in the season's opening race and Round 6. In Round 6, Sato battled hard through to Q3 but was forced to retire in the Championship race. All eyes will be on whether he can bounce back in Round 7.



**André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S), leading the driver ranking as of the end of round 6**

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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.

**5. OFFICIAL QUALIFYING:** KNOCK-OUT STYLE — Qualifying will take place over three knock-out sessions to determine places on the starting grid for the Championship race. In the event of 19 entries: 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. The 7-minute long Q2 session will determine the 9th to 14th positions in the same way. The final 7-minute long Q3 session will decide the top 8 positions on the starting grid.

SPECIAL STAGE STYLE — Individual cars compete against the clock for their position on the starting grid.

### 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 7 Suzuka Circuit 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	James Rossiter	1983.8.25 England		
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	Andrea Caldarelli	1990.2.14 Italia		
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 6 / 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	<b>37</b>		-	<b>11</b>	<i>10</i>	8	C A N C E L L E D	8		
2	8	Loic Duval	<b>31</b>	-6	-	8	<b>6</b>	6		<i>11</i>		
3	16	Naoki Yamamoto	<b>24</b>	-13	5	6	6	1		6		
4	1	Kazuki Nakajima	<b>16</b>	-21	4	0	1	<b>11</b>		0		
4	20	Tsugio Matsuda	<b>16</b>	-21	8	4	0	0		4		
4	19	J.P. de Oliveira	<b>16</b>	-21	3	5	3	5		0		
7	40	Takuya Izawa	<b>15</b>	-22	<b>11</b>	0	4	0		0		
8	32	Takashi Kogure	<b>11</b>	-26	6	0	0	4		1		
9	39	Yuji Kunimoto	<b>10</b>	-27	0	0	2	3		5		
10	38	Kohei Hirate	<b>8</b>	-29	0	0	8	0		0		
11	7	Ryo Hirakawa	<b>5</b>	-32	1	2	0	2		0		
12	3	Hironobu Yasuda	<b>3</b>	-34	0	0	0	0		3		
12	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	<b>3</b>	-34	0	3	0	0		0		
14	31	Daisuke Nakajima	<b>2</b>	-35	0	0	0	0		2		
14	8	Andrea Caldarelli	<b>2</b>	-35	2	-	-	-		-		
16	11	Yuhki Nakayama	<b>1</b>	-36	0	1	0	0		0		
	62	Koki Saga	<b>0</b>	-37	0	0	0	0	0			
	41	Hideki Mutoh	<b>0</b>	-37	0	0	0	0	0			
	15	Takuma Sato	<b>0</b>	-37	0	-	-	-	0			
	18	Richard Bradley	<b>0</b>	-37	0	0	0	0	0			
	2	James Rossiter	<b>0</b>	-37	0	-	-	-	-			
	15	Takashi Kobayashi	<b>0</b>	-37	-	0	0	0	-			

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

### Point Rankings: TEAM

After Round 6 / 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	<b>51</b>		4	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	C A N C E L L E D	8		
2	7.8	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans	<b>36</b>	-15	3	10	5	8		<i>10</i>		
2	19.20	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL	<b>32</b>	-19	11	9	3	5		4		
4	15.16	TEAM 無限	<b>24</b>	-27	5	6	6	1		6		
5	38.39	PMU/CERUMO INGING	<b>18</b>	-33	0	0	10	3		5		
6	40.41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELIONRACING	<b>14</b>	-37	<b>10</b>	0	4	0		0		
7	31.32	NAKAJIMA RACING	<b>13</b>	-38	6	0	0	4		3		
8	10.11	HP REAL RACING	<b>4</b>	-47	0	4	0	0		0		
9	3	KONDO RACING	<b>3</b>	-48	0	0	0	0		3		
	62	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports	<b>0</b>	-51	0	0	0	0		0		
	18	KCMG	<b>0</b>	-51	0	0	0	0	0			

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

## Event Details

- Championship name : 2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series Round 7 Suzuka Circuit
- Support race : 2013 Formula Challenge Japan(FCJ) Round 10、 11 and 12  
2013 MUGEN POWER Cup CIVIC One Make Race Round 5
- Dates : 2013 November 9 (Saturday) – November10(Sunday)  
2013 November 9 (Saturday) 14:00 : Official qualifying session start time  
2013 November 10 (Sunday) 10:20 : Race 1 (20 laps) start time  
2013 November 10 (Sunday) 14:30 : Race 2 (28 laps) start time
- Location : Suzuka Circuit (Suzuka City, Mie Prefecture)  
Finals race 1 circuit length: 5.807km / 20 laps = 116.140km  
Finals race 2 circuit length: 5.807km / 28 laps = 162.596km
- Organizers : Nagoya Racing Club (NRC) / Suzuka Motor Sports Club (SMSC)  
Mobilityland Corporation
- Sanctioned by : Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) / Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)
- Certified by : Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP)
- Support : Mie Prefecture / Suzuka City / The Suzuka F1 Japan Grand Prix Regional Revitalization Council /  
Suzuka City Tourism Association / The Suzuka Chamber of Commerce and Industry

### [Ticket Information & Inquiries]

- Tickets : Spectator tickets (valid for both event days) \*Also valid for entry on November 8 (Friday)
  - Adult : ¥3,900 (including one day passport for Motopia amusement park)
  - Junior and senior high school students : ¥1,600 (entry only)
 \* Please visit the Suzuka Circuit website ( <http://www.suzukacircuit.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 J SPORTS website ( [http://www.jsports.co.jp/program\\_guide/month/japanese/c\\_month14.html](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 November 16 (15:00pm – 15:55pm), followed by a re-run on Sunday November 17 (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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