

PRESS INFORMATION

Saturday May 17 – Sunday May 18

2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA ROUND 2 FUJI SPEEDWAY

Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Hiroshi Shirai, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) announced today details of the “2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA, Round 2 Fuji Speedway” scheduled to take place on May 17–18 at the Fuji Speedway circuit (length= 4.563km) in Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan.

The SUPER FORMULA 2014 season features the first new race car in five seasons, the “SF14.” The chassis is supplied by Dallara Automobile of Italy and Bridgestone is the sole tire supplier, but the teams can select Toyota’s R14A or Honda’s HR-414R for their engine. Both engine suppliers have developed new 2.0-litre turbo-charged inline-4 direct injection engines this year. In the opening round at the Suzuka Circuit, all top seven cars were powered by Toyota, showing an early dominance in the season. Honda-powered cars are likely to stage a fight back in Round 2.

Qualifying will be run over three knockout stages – Q1 (20 minutes), Q2 (7 minutes) and Q3 (7 minutes) – to decide places on the starting grid for two championship races. The results of Q1 will determine the grid for the first race, while Q3 will determine the grid for the second race. Drivers aiming to give themselves the best chance of winning the two championship races will need to secure pole position for the first race by recording the fastest time in Q1, avoid being knocked out in Q2 by placing in the top eight cars, then achieve the fastest time in Q3 to secure pole for the second championship race.

The first championship race will be run over 25 laps of the 4.563km circuit for a total distance of 114.075km. The second race will be run over 35 laps for a total distance of 159.705km, during which the teams have to change tires at least once. The first championship race is a sprint race, with positions on the starting grid likely to be a key factor determining the final outcome. In the second race, the skills of the whole race team will be tested, as the compulsory tire changes mean pit work comes into play.

Based on the results of the opening round, drivers in Toyota-powered cars are likely to have an advantage. Winner of the first race, Loic Duval (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans) and first and second place qualifiers Andre Lotterer and Kazuki Nakajima (both of PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S), all stand a good chance of getting onto the winner’s podium. Drivers in Honda-powered cars will be planning a fight back. All eyes will be on defending champion Naoki Yamamoto (TEAM MUGEN), Tomoki Nojiri (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING), recently up from Formula 3, and Vitantonio Liuzzi (HP REAL RACING), a driver with F1 experience, to see how high up the rankings they can get.

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2014 JAPANESE CHAMPIONSHIP SUPER FORMULA ROUND 2 ENTRY LIST

(Chassis: SF14 Tyre: Bridgestone)

NO.	DRIVER	DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH	ENTRANT MANAGER	CAR	ENGINE
1	Naoki Yamamoto	11 July 1988 Tochigi, Japan	TEAM MUGEN Nagataka Tezuka	TEAM MUGEN SF14	Honda HR-414E
2	Yuhki Nakayama	29 July 1987 Ishikawa, Japan		TEAM MUGEN SF14	
3	James Rossiter	25 August 1983 United Kingdom	KONDO RACING Masahiko Kondo	FUJI CORPORATION KONDO SF14	TOYOTA RI4A
7	Ryo Hirakawa	7 March 1994 Hiroshima, Japan	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans Hiroyoshi Donuma	ACHIEVEMENT Team KYGNUS SUNOCO SF14	TOYOTA RI4A
8	Loic Duval	12 June 1982 France		Team KYGNUS SUNOCO SF14	
10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	20 November 1986 Tochigi, Japan	HP REAL RACING Katsutomo Kaneishi	HP SF14	Honda HR-414E
11	Vitantonio Liuzzi	6 August 1981 Italy		HP SF14	
18	Yuichi Nakayama	25 July 1991 Tokyo, Japan	KCMG Ryuji Doi	KCMG Elyse SF14	TOYOTA RI4A
19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	13 July 1981 Brazil	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL Kazuyoshi Hoshino	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL SF14	TOYOTA RI4A
20	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	14 January 1977 India		Lenovo TEAM IMPUL SF14	
31	Daisuke Nakajima	29 January 1989 Aichi, Japan	NAKAJIMA RACING Satoru Nakajima	NAKAJIMA RACING SF14	Honda HR-414E
32	Takashi Kogure	1 August 1980 Gunma, Japan		NAKAJIMA RACING SF14	
36	Andre Lotterer	19 November 1981 Germany	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S Nobuhide Tachi	PETRONAS TOM'S SF14	TOYOTA RI4A
37	Kazuki Nakajima	11 January 1985 Aichi, Japan		PETRONAS TOM'S SF14	
38	Hiroaki Ishiura	23 April 1981 Tokyo, Japan	PMU/CERUMO/INGING SF14 Yuji Tachikawa	PMU/CERUMO/INGING SF14	TOYOTA RI4A
39	Yuji Kunimoto	12 September 1990 Kanagawa, Japan		PMU/CERUMO/INGING SF14	
40	Tomoki Nojiri	15 September 1989 Ibaraki, Japan	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Kiyoshi Muraoka	DOCOMO DANDELION M40T SF14	Honda HR-414E
41	Hideki Mutoh	6 October 1982 Tokyo, Japan		DOCOMO DANDELION M41Y SF14	
62	Koki Saga	25 April 1983 Aichi, Japan	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports Tadao Tsubomatsu	DENSO Le Beausset SF14D	TOYOTA RI4A

2014 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS (updated after Round 1 Suzuka)

DRIVERS Standings

Pos	No.	Driver	Pts	Deficit	4/12	5/17		7/12	8/23	9/13	9/27	11/8	
					SUZUKA	Rd.2-1	Rd.2-2	FUJI	MOTEGI	AUTOPOLIS	SUGO	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	8	Loic Duval	10		10								
2	3	James Rossiter	8	-2	8								
3	38	Hiroaki Ishiura	6	-4	6								
4	7	Ryo Hirakawa	5	-5	5								
5	36	Andre Lotterer	5	-5	5								
6	37	Kazuki Nakajima	3	-7	3								
7	19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	2	-8	2								
8	11	Vitantonio Liuzzi	1	-9	1								
9	40	Tomoki Nojiri		-10	-								
10	41	Hideki Mutoh		-10	-								
11	1	Naoki Yamamoto		-10	-								
12	2	Yuhki Nakayama		-10	-								
13	39	Yuji Kunimoto		-10	-								
14	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi		-10	-								
	31	Daisuke Nakajima			-								
	32	Takashi Kogure			-								
	20	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan			-								
	62	Koki Saga			-								
	18	Yuichi Nakayama			-								

* Winners are in ***Bold italics*** and polesitters are in **bold**.

TEAMS Standings

Pos	No.	Driver	Pts	Deficit	4/12	5/17		7/12	8/23	9/13	9/27	11/8	
					SUZUKA	Rd.2-1	Rd.2-2	FUJI	MOTEGI	AUTOPOLIS	SUGO	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	7, 8	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans	15		15								
2	3	KONDO RACING	8	-7	8								
3	36, 37	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S	7	-8	7								
4	38, 39	PMU / CERUMO · INGING	6	-9	6								
5	19, 20	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL	2	-13	2								
6	10, 11	HP REAL RACING	1	-14	1								
7	40, 41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	2	-15	-								
8	1, 2	TEAM MUGEN	1	-15	-								
	31, 32	NAKAJIMA RACING			-								
	62	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports			-								
	18	KCMG			-								

* Winners are in ***Bold italics***. PP points are not awarded to the teams.

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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.

2014 CHAMPIONSHIP 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

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.

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ABOUT THE FUJI ROUND

- **Official name:** 2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Round 2 Fuji
- **Held Jointly with:** SUPER CAR RACE Series Round 3 & Round 4
GAZOO Racing 86 / BRZ Race 2014 Round 3
2014 Super FJ / FJ1600 Fuji Series Round 2
- **Dates:** 2014 May 17 (Saturday) – May18 (Sunday)
- **Location:** Fuji Speedway Racing Course, Shizuoka Prefecture (Circuit length: 4.563km)
- **Hosted by:** Fuji International Speedway Co., Ltd. / Fuji Motorsports Club (FMC)
- **Official Recognition by:** Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) / Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)
- **Authorized by:** Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP) <<http://www.f-nippon.co.jp/>>
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TOYOTA RACE ASSOCIATION (T.R.A)
- **Sponsored by:** Shizuoka Prefecture, Oyama-cho; Gotemba City; Susono City; Shizuoka Prefectural Tourism Association; Oyama-cho Tourism Association; Gotemba City Tourist Association; Susono City Tourist Association; k-mix
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Ticket Information & Enquiries

- **Ticket:** Advance sale tickets for the full two days of the event from ¥5,700 (valid for both days, qualifying and race)
* Junior high school students and younger: Admission free (with guardian's)
* Ticket details: Please visit the Fuji Speedway official website for more details. <<http://www.fsw.tv/>>

TV Coverage & Race Footage Delivery

- **J SPORTS:** Live broadcast of all rounds(both qualifying and race). Rebroadcastings and digest programs also available.
On-air dates: Saturday, May 17 at 13:50 -15:30 [Live coverage of the qualifying sessions on J SPORTS 3]
Sunday, May 18 at 14:00 -16:55 [Live coverage of the race on J SPORTS 1]
* For more info on the rebroadcastings and digest programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website <<http://www.superformula.net/>> or JSPORTS website <http://www.jsports.co.jp/motor/super_formula/>
- **BS FUJI "SUPER FORMULA":** BS FUJI delivers a 55-minute SUPER FORMULA post-race program covering each round of the season.
On-air dates: Sunday, May 25 at 14:00 -14:55 (first air)
Saturday, May 31 at 15:00 -15:55 (rebroadcasting)
* For more info on the programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website <<http://www.superformula.net/>> or BS Fuji website <<http://www.bsfsuji.tv/top/pub/superformura2014.html>>
- **FUJI TELEVISION ONE/NEXT (FUJI TELEVISION CS) "SUPER FORMULA TV":** A new program "SUPER FORMULA TV" is coming in. It features race highlights plus talk show with invited guest drivers.
On-air dates: Friday, May 16 at 28:00 - 28:30 (first air) on Fuji Television CS ONE
Saturday, May 24 at 17:25 -17:55
29:10 - 29:40 (rebroadcasting) on Fuji Television CS NEXT
* Simulcasting is available on Internet pay channel "Fuji Television NEXT smart"
- **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/sports/>>.
- **YouTube:** Race and qualifying footage of each round will be available in digest format at <<http://www.youtube.com/>>.

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

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