

PRESS INFORMATION

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2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA

Round 3 : Fuji Speedway

Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Hiroshi Shirai, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) today announced details of the “2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA, Round 3 Fuji Speedway” scheduled to take place on July 12–13 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 that also demonstrate superior environmental performance for racing engines. Cars powered by Toyota engines have won all three races so far, the opening round at the Suzuka Circuit and both races in Round 2 at Fuji Speedway. However, Honda-powered cars showed signs of revival in Round 2, with defending champion Naoki Yamamoto (TEAM MUGEN) placing fifth in the second race. All eyes are now on whether Honda engines can take back the momentum in the first half of the season. The championship race will be run over 55 laps of the 4.563km circuit for a total distance of 250.965km. The race distance is longer than the last round at Fuji Speedway and track temperatures are likely to be high due to hot summer weather. Tire management will therefore play a key role in the race. In this year’s championship, teams must make a pit stop to change their tires more than once. Teams will probably employ a strategy of preserving their tires by running light race cars, using multiple pit stops to reduce fuel loads. Whatever approach the teams use, the race is likely to see more dramatic changes in position due to race strategy than in the previous two-race round.

Judging by the results of races so far, drivers in Toyota-powered cars seem to be better placed to win Round 3. The leading contender is Joao Paulo Lima de Oliveira (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL), who is currently 3rd in the overall standings after winning the first race and coming runner up in the second at Fuji Speedway in Round 2. The next major contender is André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S), who is 2nd in the overall standings after coming 4th in the first race and winning the second in Round 2. Other potential winners include the current leader in the standings Loic Duval (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans), who won the opening round and placed 3rd and 4th, respectively, in the first and second races in Round 2. Also, Kazuki Nakajima (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S), who has been in the points in all races so far this season and is currently the highest placed Japanese driver in the overall standings (4th), also has a good chance to pull off a victory.

Drivers in Honda powered cars will be aiming to claw back some momentum. All eyes will be on defending champion Naoki Yamamoto (TEAM MUGEN) and Vitantonio Liuzzi (HP REAL RACING), a driver with F1 experience who placed in the points in Round 2, to see how high up the rankings they can get in Round 3.

Loic Duval (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans), who is currently top of the standings after winning the opening race of the season and coming 3rd and 4th, respectively, in the first and second race in Round 2, will unfortunately not be able to compete in Round 3.

2014 JAPANESE CHAMPIONSHIP SUPER FORMULA ROUND 3 ENTRY LIST

(Chassis: SF14, Tires: 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			
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 SUNOCOSF14	TOYOTA RI4A
8	Andrea Caldarelli	14 February 1990 Italy		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			
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			
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			
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			
38	Hiroaki Ishiura	23 April 1981 Tokyo, Japan	P.MU/CERUMO/INGING SF14 Yuji Tachikawa	P.MU/CERUMO/INGING SF14	TOYOTA RI4A
39	Yuji Kunimoto	12 September 1990 Kanagawa, Japan			
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 2 Fuji)

DRIVERS Standings

Pos	No.	Driver	Pts	4/12	5/17		7/12	8/23	9/13	9/27	11/8	
				SUZUKA	Rd.1	Rd.2-1	Rd.2-2	FUJI	FUJI	MOTEGI	AUTOPOL	SUGO
				Rd.1	Rd.2-1	Rd.2-2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	8	Loic Duval	15.5	10	3	2.5						
2	36	Andre Lotterer	13.5	5	2.5	6						
3	19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	12	2	6	4						
4	37	Kazuki Nakajima	10	3	4	3						
5	3	James Rossiter	9.5	8	1.5	-						
6	38	Hiroaki Ishiura	6	6	-	-						
7	7	Ryo Hirakawa	5.5	5	-	0.5						
8	39	Yuji Kunimoto	3	-	2	1						
9	20	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	2.5	-	1	1.5						
10	1	Naoki Yamamoto	2	-	-	2						
11	11	Vitantonio Liuzzi	1.5	1	0.5	-						
	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi		-	-	-						
	41	Hideki Mutoh		-	-	-						
	62	Koki Saga		-	-	-						
	31	Daisuke Nakajima		-	-	-						
	40	Tomoki Nojiri		-	-	-						
	18	Yuichi Nakayama		-	-	-						
	2	Yuhki Nakayama		-	-	-						
	32	Takashi Kogure		-	-	-						

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

TEAMS Standings

Pos	No.	Driver	Pts	4/12	5/17		7/12	8/23	9/13	9/27	11/8	
				SUZUKA	Rd.1	Rd.2-1	Rd.2-2	FUJI	FUJI	MOTEGI	AUTOPOL	SUGO
				Rd.1	Rd.2-1	Rd.2-2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	36/37	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S	21.5	7	6.5	8						
2	7/8	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans	21	15	3	3						
3	19/20	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL	13.5	2	6	5.5						
4	3	KONDO RACING	9.5	8	1.5	-						
5	38/39	P.MU/CERUMO-INGING	9	6	2	1						
6	1/2	TEAM MUGEN	2	-	-	2						
7	10/11	HP REAL RACING	1.5	1	0.5	-						
	40/41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING		-	-	-						
	62	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports		-	-	-						
	31/32	NAKAJIMA RACING		-	-	-						
	18	KCMG		-	-	-						

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

2014 CHAMPIOSHIP 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 CHAMPIOSHIP 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

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ OVERTAKE SYSTEM 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. After a 10-minute interval, the 7-minute long Q2 session will determine the 9th to 14th positions in the same way. After another 10-minute interval, the final 7-minute long Q3 session will decide the top 8 positions on the starting grid. As the name of the qualifying round suggests, drivers are knocked out if they do not post strong qualifying times..

ABOUT THE FUJI ROUND

- **Official name :** 2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Round 3 Fuji
- **Held Jointly with :** JAPANESE FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP Rd.8 / Rd.9
N-ONE OWNER'S CUP Rd.1
GT Asia Series 2014 Rd.5 / Rd.6
WAKO'S SUPER KART Grand Summer Festival
Enjoy Honda FUJI 2014 < <http://www.honda.co.jp/enjoyhonda/fuji/2014/index.html> >
- **Dates :** 2014 July 12 (Saturday) – July13 (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/> >
JAPANESE FORMULA 3 ASSOCIATION (JF3A)
Motorsport Asia Ltd/ Honda One make Race Secretariat (HORS)
- **Sponsored by :** Shizuoka Prefecture, Oyama-cho ; Gotemba City ; Susono City ;
Shizuoka Prefectural Tourist Association ; Oyama-cho Tourist Association ;
Gotemba City Turist Association ; Susono City Tourist Association ; K-mix
THE TOKYO CHUNICHI SPORTS / THE CHUNICHI SPORTS

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, July 12 at 14:45 -16:30 [Live coverage of the qualifying sessions on J SPORTS 3]
 Sunday, July 13 at 13:30 -17:30 [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 :** BS FUJI delivers a 55-minute SUPER FORMULA post-race program covering each round of the season
 On-air dates :
 Sunday, July 20 at 13:00 -13:55 (first air)
 Monday, July 21 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.bsfuji.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, July 18 at 22:40 -23:10 (NEXT)
 * For more info on the programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website
 <<http://www.superformula.net/>> or BS Fuji website < <http://www.bsfuji.tv/top/pub/superformura2014.html> >
- **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/> >

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

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