

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Japan Race Promotion Inc.

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2015 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 “2015 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA, Round 3 Fuji Speedway,” scheduled to take place on July 18–19 at the Fuji Speedway Circuit (length = 4.563km) in Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan.

The 2015 Japanese Championship is the only internationally accredited driver championship series in Asia, run over seven rounds and six circuits across Japan. Points accumulated by drivers during the season determine the final rankings.

A total of 11 teams (entrants) and 19 drivers (cars) have entered this year’s Japanese Championship. Spectators have the chance to enjoy a domestic competition with world-class levels of racing, featuring seven top drivers from six countries (UK, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Brazil and India), driving cars with the same cornering speeds as the top Formula 1 racing cars.

Fuji Speedway is a challenging course with a long back straight that allows drivers to reach speeds of more than 310km. The course also has high-speed corners that will test the limits of the race cars and a double apex corner in the final section that requires advanced driving technique. Drivers, cars and tires will also be affected by the high temperatures at this time of year. On what is likely to be a hot day, the course will put the concentration, stamina and mental strength of drivers to the test and make conditions tough for the turbo-charged engines, which generate much more heat than naturally aspirated engines. Teams will need to be prepared for these conditions and make the right choices in tire management due to high track temperatures. Under these conditions, various factors will test the abilities of the whole race team.

Drivers to watch in Round 3 include winner of Round 2 in Okayama, Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING), and Kamui Kobayashi (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans), who is on a roll at the moment, finishing second in Round 2 after returning to competition in Japan. All eyes will also be on potential Round 3 winner Tomoki Nojiri (DOCOMO DANDELION RACING), who claimed third place in his Honda at Okayama, and defending champion Kazuki Nakajima of PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S, who had to drop out of the last race to receive treatment for an injury.



Top of the point standings is No. 38 Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING), who secured his first Super Formula win at Okayama in Round 2.

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2015 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	Kazuki Nakajima	11 January 1985 Aichi, Japan	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S Nobuhide Tachi	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S SF14	TOYOTA R14A
2	Andre Lotterer	19 November 1981 Germany			
3	James Rossiter	25 August 1983 United Kingdom	KONDO RACING Masahiko Kondo	FUJI x D'station KONDO SF14	TOYOTA R14A
4	William Buller	17 September 1992 United Kingdom			
7	Ryo Hirakawa	7 March 1994 Hiroshima, Japan	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans Hiroyoshi Donuma	ACHIVMENT Team KYGNUS SUNOCO SF14	TOYOTA R14A
8	Kamui Kobayashi	13 September 1986 Hyogo, Japan		Team KYGNUS SUNOCO SF14	
10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	20 November 1986 Tochigi, Japan	REAL RACING Katsutomo Kaneishi	REAL SF14	Honda HR-414E
11	Takuya Izawa	1 June 1984 Tokyo, Japan			
16	Naoki Yamamoto	11 July 1988 Tochigi, Japan	TEAM MUGEN Nagataka Tezuka	TEAM MUGEN SF14	Honda HR-414E
18	Yuichi Nakayama	25 July 1991 Tokyo, Japan	KCMG Ryuji Doi	KCMG Elyse SF14	TOYOTA R14A
19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	13 July 1981 Brazil	LENOVO TEAM IMPUL Kazuyoshi Hoshino	LENOVO TEAM IMPUL SF14	TOYOTA R14A
20	Andrea Caldarelli	14 February 1990 Italy			
34	Takashi Kogure	1 August 1980 Gunma, Japan	DRAGO CORSE Ryo Michigami	DRAGO CORSE SF14	Honda HR-414E
38	Hiroaki Ishiura	23 April 1981 Tokyo, Japan	P.MU/CERUMO/INGING SF14 Yuji Tachikawa	P.MU/CERUMO · INGING SF14	TOYOTA R14A
39	Yuji Kunimoto	12 September 1990 Kanagawa, Japan			
40	Tomoki Nojiri	15 September 1989 Ibaraki, Japan	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Kiyoshi Muraoka	DOCOMO DANDELION M40S SF14	Honda HR-414E
41	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	14 January 1977 India		DOCOMO DANDELION M41Y SF14	
64	Daisuke Nakajima	29 January 1989 Aichi, Japan	NAKAJIMA RACING Satoru Nakajima	NAKAJIMA RACING SF14	Honda HR-414E
65	Bertrand Baguette	23 February 1986 Belgian			

2015 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

DRIVERS Standings

Pos	No.	Driver	Pts	4/19	5/24	7/19	8/23	9/13	10/18	11/8	
				SUZUKA	OKAYAMA	FUJI	MOTEGI	AUTOPOLI	SUGO	SUZUKA	SUZUKA
				Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	38	Hiroaki Ishiura	15	4	11						
2	2	Andre Lotterer	11	10	1						
3	19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	9	5	4		-				
4	8	Kamui Kobayashi	8	0	8						
5	1	Kazuki Nakajima	8	8	-						
6	40	Tomoki Nojiri	7	1	.6						
7	16	Naoki Yamamoto	6	1	5						
8	41	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	6	6	0						
9	11	Takuya Izawa	4	2	2						
10	20	Andrea Caldarelli	3	0	3						
11	64	Daisuke Nakajima	3	3	0						
	7	Ryo Hirakawa	0	0	0						
	65	Bertrand Baguette	0	0	0						
	4	William Buller	0	0	0						
	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	0	0	0						
	1	Kazuya Osima	0	-	0						
	34	Takashi Kogure	0	0	0						
	3	James Rossiter	0	0	0						
	18	Yuichi Nakayama	0	0	0	-					
	39	Yuji Kunimoto	0	0	0						

* Winners are in **Bold italics** / Polesitters are in **bold**.

TEAMS Standings

Pos	No.	Driver	Pts	4/19	5/24	7/19	8/23	9/13	10/18	11/8	
				SUZUKA	OKAYAMA	FUJI	MOTEGI	AUTOPOLI	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	19	18	1						
2	38/39	P.MU/CERUMO-INGING	14	4	10						
3	40/41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	13	7	6						
4	19/20	LENIVO TEAM IMPUL	12	5	7						
5	7/8	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans	8	0	8						
6	16	TEAM MUGEN	5	0	5						
7	10/11	REAL RACING	4	2	2						
8	64/65	NAKAJIMA RACING	3	3	0						
	3/4	KONDO RACING	0	0	0						
	18	KCMG	0	0	0						
	34	DRAGO CORSE	0	0	0						

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2015 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.

2015 CHAMPIOSHIP RACE CALENDAR

DATES	ROUND / CIRCUIT	QUALIFYING FORMAT	RACE FORMAT
April 18 – 19	Round 1 / Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	250km
May 23 – 24	Round 2 / Okayama International	Knockout	250km
July 18 – 19	Round 3 / Fuji Speedway	Knockout	250km
August 22 – 23	Round 4 / Twin Ring Motegi	Knockout	250km
September 12 – 13	Round 5 / Autopolis	Knockout	250km
October 17 – 18	Round 6 / Sportsland SUGO	Knockout	250km
November 7 – 8	*Round 7 / Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	2-race

* “The 14th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA”

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 tire 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 (or ten)^{*1} 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.

^{*1}: Suzuka & Fuji Speedway Circuit :5%. Other Circuit :10% engine performance improvement.

■ 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. 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.

■ Race

Fuji Speedway Circuit (Circuit length 4.563km) : 55 laps / total distance 250.965km.

ABOUT THE SUZUKA ROUND

- **Official name :** 2015 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Round 3 : Fuji Speedway
- **Held Jointly with :** 2015 Japanese Formula 3 Championship Round 12 / Round 13
GT Asia Series 2014 Round 5 / Round 6
2015 N-ONE OWNER'S CUP Round 4
WAKO'S SUPER KART CUP Round 4
- **Dates :** 2015 July 18 (Saturday) – July 19 (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)
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 Tourism Association ; Oyama-cho Tourist Association ;
Gotemba City Tourist Association ; Susono City Tourist Association ; K-mix ;
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Ticket Information & Enquiries

- **Tickets :**
 - Advance sale tickets : ¥5,700 (valid for both days, qualifying and race) / ¥10,300 (pair ticket)
 - Ticket sold on the day : ¥3,700 (sat) / ¥6,700 (sun)
 - * Junior high school students and younger : Admission free (with guardian's)
 - Perking tickets (one day) : ¥1,600 (passenger cars) / ¥800 (motorcycles)
 - Paddock pass : ¥16,000 (include admission tickets) / ¥11,400 (not include admission tickets)
 - : ¥5,700 (elementary and junior high school students • ticket sold on the day only)
 - Pit-walk pass : ¥1,600 (sat) / ¥2,100 (sun)

* Ticket details: Please visit the Fuji Speedway Circuit official website for more details.

< http://www.fsw.tv/2ch/2_5ticket/info_sf3/index.html >

TV Coverage & Race Footage Delivery

- J SPORTS :** Live broadcast of all rounds (both qualifying and race). Rebroadcastings and digest programs also available.
J Sports will broadcast a day-long midsummer motorsports live program from all Sunday race days in this year's Super Formula season.

On-air dates:

July 18 (Sat) at 14:30 -16:00 [Live coverage of the qualifying sessions : J SPRTS 2]
July 19 (Sun) at 08:30 -13:20 [Live / practice, pit-walk, held jointly race and more : J SPRTS 3]
July 19 (Sun) at 13:30 -16:00 [Live coverage of the race : J SPRTS 3]
July 30 (Sun) at 21:50 -22:00 [Digest program : J SPRTS 2]

* For more info on the programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website <<http://www.superformula.net/>> or J SPORTS website < http://www.jsports.co.jp/motor/super_formula/ >
- BS FUJI :** "SUPER FORMULA Go On! " features all race highlights.

On-air dates:

July 24 (Fri) at 24:00 - 24:55 · Special feature : Kamui Kobayashi
July 31 (Fri) at 24:00 - 24:55 (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/superformura2015.html>>
- FUJI TELEVISION CS :** "SUPER FORMULA TV" features all race highlights plus talk show with invited guest drivers
Fuji TV F1 broadcast announcer along with language fluent fashion model Ms. Erika Yokoyama will host the show

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On-air dates:

July 24 (Fri) at 22:30 - 23:00 [NEXT] · Gest driver : Kazuki Nakajima

* For more info on the programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website <<http://www.superformula.net/>> or CS Fuji website < http://otn.fujitv.co.jp/b_hp/914200066.html>
- 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/> >
- You Tube :** Race and qualifying footage of each round will be available in digest format at
< <https://www.youtube.com/user/superformulavideo> >

***On-air schedule is subject to change.**

Visit SUPER FORMULA official website <<http://www.superformula.net/>> for updates.

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