

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Japan Race Promotion Inc.

Oct 17 (Saturday) – Oct 18 (Sunday)

2015 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA

Round 6 : SUGO

Who will be the driver that makes the strategic move towards championship at the race before the final round ?

Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Hiroshi Shirai, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) today announced details of the “2015 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA, Round 6 Sportsland SUGO” scheduled to take place on October 17(sat) – 18(sun) on the Sportsland SUGO International Racing Course (length = 3.704km) in Miyagi 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. A total of 11 teams (entrants) and 19 drivers (cars) from Japan and overseas* are competing to win this year’s Japanese Championship.

*12 drivers from Japan and seven from six other countries (UK, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Brazil and India)

With only two races left, the fierce championship competition continues for this season. Currently Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING) is leading the rankings with 41 points with speed in a different dimension, in addition to a stable performance. Defending champion Kazuki Nakajima (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S) who has left the results of being second place at all races for this season except for the second race (Okayama round 2) which he missed, has won the previous round at Autopolis and has emerged to second place in ranking with a 7 point difference to the leader (34 points). Ranking in third is Joao Paulo de Oliveira (LENOVO TEAM IMPUL) with 29 points, Ranking in fourth is André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S) with 20 points. It will be interesting to see, with a 21 points difference, which driver out of the four can make a strategic move in the fierce battle towards the championship in the race before the final round. In addition, can super rookie Kamui Kobayashi (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans) who has drawn lots of attention and currently ranked at fifth claim his first victory in the Super Formula Series ?

Can Honda drivers led by Tomoki Nojiri (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING) who has not yet won a race this season be able win and be rewarded again this year, same as last year ?

The whereabouts of the competition towards championship is expected to draw great attention.



No. 38 Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING) is currently top of the standings on 41 points

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2015 JAPANESE CHAMPIONSHIP SUPER FORMULA Round 6 : 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 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 | | | |

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2015 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

DRIVERS Standings

| Pos. | No. | Driver | Pts. | 2015/4/19 | 2015/5/24 | 2015/7/19 | 2015/8/23 | 2015/9/13 | 2015/10/18 | 2015/11/8 | |
|------|-----|------------------------------|------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | | | SUZUKA Rd.1 | OKAYAMA Rd.2 | FUJI Rd.3 | MOTEGI Rd.4 | AUTOPOLIS Rd.5 | SUGO Rd.6 | SUZUKA Rd.7-1 Rd.7-2 | |
| 1 | 38 | Hiroaki Ishiura | 41 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 11 | 9 | | | |
| 2 | 1 | Kazuki Nakajima | 34 | 8 | - | 8 | 8 | 10 | | | |
| 3 | 19 | Joao Paulo de Oliveira | 29 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 4 | | | |
| 4 | 2 | Andre Lotterer | 20 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 5 | - | | | |
| 5 | 8 | Kamui Kobayashi | 14 | - | 8 | - | - | 6 | | | |
| 6 | 40 | Tomoki Nojiri | 11 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 3 | - | | | |
| 7 | 7 | Ryo Hirakawa | 10 | - | - | 3 | 2 | 5 | | | |
| 8 | 16 | Naoki Yamamoto | 9 | 1 | 5 | - | 1 | 2 | | | |
| 9 | 64 | Daisuke Nakajima | 7 | 3 | - | - | 4 | - | | | |
| 10 | 41 | Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan | 6 | 6 | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 11 | 39 | Yuji Kunimoto | 6 | - | - | 5 | - | 1 | | | |
| 12 | 3 | James Rossiter | 5 | - | - | 2 | - | 3 | | | |
| 13 | 20 | Andrea Caldarelli | 4 | - | 3 | 1 | - | - | | | |
| 14 | 11 | Takuya Izawa | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | | | |
| | 34 | Takashi Kogure | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | 65 | Bertrand Baguette | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | 10 | Koudai Tsukakoshi | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | 4 | William Buller | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | 18 | Yuichi Nakayama | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | 1 | Kazuya Osima | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |

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

TEAMS Standings

| Pos. | No. | Team | Pts. | 2015/4/19 | 2015/5/24 | 2015/7/19 | 2015/8/23 | 2015/9/13 | 2015/10/18 | 2015/11/8 | |
|------|-------|------------------------------|------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | | | SUZUKA Rd.1 | OKAYAMA Rd.2 | FUJI Rd.3 | MOTEGI Rd.4 | AUTOPOLIS Rd.5 | SUGO Rd.6 | SUZUKA Rd.7-1 Rd.7-2 | |
| 1 | 1 2 | PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S | 54 | 18 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 10 | | | |
| 2 | 38 39 | P.MU/CERUMO-INGING | 44 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 9 | | | |
| 3 | 19 20 | LENOVO TEAM IMPUL | 32 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 4 | | | |
| 4 | 7 8 | KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans | 24 | - | 8 | 3 | 2 | 11 | | | |
| 5 | 40 41 | DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING | 17 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 3 | - | | | |
| 6 | 16 | TEAM MUGEN | 8 | - | 5 | - | 1 | 2 | | | |
| 7 | 64 65 | NAKAJIMA RACING | 7 | 3 | - | - | 4 | - | | | |
| 8 | 3 4 | KONDO RACING | 5 | - | - | 2 | - | 3 | | | |
| 9 | 10 11 | REAL RACING | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | | | |
| | 34 | DRAGO CORSE | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | 18 | KCMG | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |

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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

The 2015 Japanese Championship has a total of 11 teams (entrants) and 19 drivers (cars) from Japan and overseas (the seven overseas drivers are from six countries: UK, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Brazil and India). Teams and drivers are awarded points for each race, with accumulated points determining the final standings.

2015 CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORING SYSTEM

| POSITION | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th & beyond | PP |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|----|
| 1 race round | 10 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 races round Race 1 | 5(+3) | 4 | 3 | 2.5 | 2 | 1.5 | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 races round Race 2 | 5(+3) | 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.

■ 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. SUPER FORMULA offers the chance to enjoy highly competitive racing featuring top drivers from Japan and overseas in the SF14 race car, which has the same cornering speeds as the top Formula 1 race cars.

■ 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 ten (or five)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

SUGO International Racing Course (Circuit length 3.704km) : 68 laps / total distance 251.88km.

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”

■ SUGO International Racing Course

Course length is 3.704 km, Located near the mountainous region of Sendai suburb, Miyagi-Prefecture. It is a very technical right turn circuit built taking advantage of the height difference of the terrain. Specially, the 10% climbing gradient from the last corner toward the home straight has been known as a major feature.

In addition, it is not a flat course but a continuous climbing and down. The first half of the course has continuous turns and is the very technical section, the second half becomes the exciting mid to high-speed section.

ABOUT THE AUTOPOLIS ROUND

- **Official name :** 2015 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series Round 6 : Sportsland SUGO
- **Held Jointly with :** 2015 JAPANESE FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP Round 16-17
JFA SUGO Super FJ CHAMPIONSHIP Round 5
GAZOO Racing Netz Cup Vitz Race 2015 Touhoku Series Round 3
N-ONE OWNER'S CUP 2015 Round 9
- **Dates :** 2015 Oct 17 (Saturday) - Oct 18 (Sunday)
- **Location :** Sportsland SUGO International Racing Course, Miyagi Prefecture (Circuit length: 3.704km)
- **Hosted by :** SUGO Co., Ltd. / SUGO SPORTS CLUB (SSC)
- **Official Recognition by :** Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) / Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)
- **Authorized by :** Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP)
- **Sponsored by :** Miyagi Prefecture Tourism Federation (Public Interest Incorporated Association)
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TV Coverage & Race Footage Delivery

● J SPORTS :

Live broadcast of all rounds (both qualifying and race)

Rebroadcastings and digest programs also available

Oct 17 (Sat) at 13:30 -15:30 [Live of the qualifying sessions : J SPRTS 1]

Oct 18 (Sun) at 14:00 -17:00 [Live coverage of the race : J SPRTS 3]

Oct 29 (Thu) at 23:40 -24:00 [Digest program : J SPRTS 1]

* For more info on the programs, visit J SPORTS website < http://www.jsports.co.jp/motor/super_formula/ >

□ FUJI TELEVISION :

Oct 18(Sun) Results announcement Fuji Television Network [Sport !] Nationwide Broadcast (tentative)

● BS FUJI :

“SUPER FORMULA Go On! ” features all race highlights

Oct 23 (Fri) at 24:10 - 25:15

Oct 30 (Fri) at 24:40 - 25:35 (Rebroadcasting)

* For more info on the programs, visit BS Fuji website < <http://www.bsfuji.tv/top/pub/superformura2015.html>>

□ FUJI TELEVISION CS :

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Fuji Television broadcasts race highlights of all 7 rounds and a talk show program called “SUPER FORMULA TV,” which features interviews with guest drivers about a range of topics, such as the appeal of the SUPER FORMULA format and genuine insights into how they feel during races. The highlights and talk show are broadcast simultaneously on internet pay channel “Fuji Television NEXTsmart”.

Oct 23 (Fri) at 22:30 - 23:00 [NEXT]

Oct 26 (Mon) at 03:00 - 03:30 [NEXT] (Rebroadcasting)

* For more info on the programs, visit CS Fuji website < http://otn.fujitv.co.jp/b_hp/914200066.html >

□ WAKUWAKU JAPAN :

Entertainment Channel that broadcasts Japanese programs Overseas (Indonesia · Myanmar · Singapore)

All programs can be watched in native language. English digest version of all seven rounds of Super Formula are to be broadcast.

Nov 22 (Sun) at 24:00 ~

Nov 23 (Mon) at 12:00 ~

* For more info on the programs, visit CS Fuji website < <http://dn.wakuwaku-japan.tv/ja/> >

● 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

<<http://www.superformula.net/>>

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

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

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Ticket Information & Enquiries

- **Ticket :**
 - Advance sale tickets (2-days) : ¥5,200 (single)
: ¥9,400 (pear)
 - Ticket sold on the day : ¥3,100 (sat) / ¥6,200 (sun)
 - * Junior high school students and younger : Admission free (Must be accompanied by an adult)
 - Paddock (w / Pit-walk) pass : ¥4,500 (sat) / ¥6,500 (sun)
 - Pit-walk pass : ¥2,500 (sat) / ¥2,500 (sun)
 - * Ticket sold on the day only
 - * Paddock pass : Child admission is half-price of adult admission. (Over 4 years old and Under Elementary School)
 - * Pit-walk pass : Child under Middle School age are free of admission when accompanied by an adult.
 - Parking tickets (Advance sale) : ¥3,500 (passenger cars)

* Please visit the Sportsland SUGO official website for more details.

< http://www.sportsland-sugo.jp/watch/contents/outline/2015/08/20150823_2874.html >

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