

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Japan Race Promotion Inc.

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2015 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA

Round 7 : SUZUKA CIRCUIT

Who will clinch the Championship in the last round of the series?

Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Hiroshi Shirai, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) today announced details of the “2015 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Round 7” “The 14th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA” scheduled to take place on October 7(sat) – 8(sun) on the SUZUKA CIRCUIT International Racing Course (length = 5.807km) in Mie 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)

Like last year, the final round of this year’s Championship will also be run as the JAF GRAND PRIX^{*2}. Consequently, Round 7 is called the “2015 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Final Round, 14th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA.” Round 7 is a two-race format, with Race 1 run over 20 laps of the Suzuka Circuit (length = 5.807km) for a total distance of 116.140km and Race 2 run over 28 laps of the same circuit for a total distance of 162.596km. ^{*3}:

^{*2}: For more details, please refer to page 6, “■ The 14th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA / JAF GRAND PRIX.”

^{*3}: For more details, please refer to page 5, “■ RACE”

In the previous round at the Sportsland SUGO International Racing Course, PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S secured this year’s Team Championship and the battle for the Driver’s Championship was narrowed down to four drivers. After the end of Round 6, Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING) sits at the top of the rankings on 45 points, followed in second on 39 points by defending champion Kazuki Nakajima (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S), who has come first or second in every race he has competed in this year. In third on 31 points is André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S), who controlled the first race of the season at Suzuka. Joao Paulo de Oliveira (LENOVO TEAM IMPUL), who has taken points from every round this series, is in fourth on 31 points, the same as André Lotterer. Only 14 points separate the top four drivers. A maximum of 18 points are up for grabs in the final round, meaning all four still have a chance of winning the Championship.



No. 38 Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING) is currently top of the standings on 46points

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2015 JAPANESE CHAMPIONSHIP SUPER FORMULA Round 7 : 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			

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	45	4	<i>11</i>	6	<i>11</i>	<i>9</i>	4		
2	1	Kazuki Nakajima	39	8	-	8	8	<i>10</i>	5		
3	2	Andre Lotterer	31	<i>10</i>	1	4	5	0	<i>11</i>		
4	19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	31	5	4	<i>10</i>	6	4	2		
5	8	Kamui Kobayashi	17	0	8	0	0	6	3		
6	16	Naoki Yamamoto	17	<i>1</i>	5	0	1	2	8		
7	40	Tomoki Nojiri	17	1	6	1	3	0	6		
8	7	Ryo Hirakawa	11	0	0	3	2	5	1		
9	64	Daisuke Nakajima	7	3	0	0	4	0	0		
10	41	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	6	6	0	0	0	0	0		
11	39	Yuji Kunimoto	6	0	0	5	0	1	0		
12	3	James Rossiter	5	0	0	2	0	3	0		
13	20	Andrea Caldarelli	4	0	3	<i>1</i>	0	0	0		
14	11	Takuya Izawa	4	2	2	0	0	0	0		
	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	18	Yuichi Nakayama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	34	Takashi Kogure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	4	William Buller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	65	Bertrand Baguette	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	1	Kazuya Osima	0	-	0	-	-	-	-		

* 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	69	<i>18</i>	1	12	13	<i>10</i>	<i>15</i>		
2	38 39	P.MU/CERUMO-INGING	48	4	<i>10</i>	11	<i>10</i>	9	4		
3	19 20	LENOVO TEAM IMPUL	34	5	7	<i>10</i>	6	4	2		
4	7 8	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans	28	0	8	3	2	11	4		
5	40 41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	23	7	6	1	3	0	6		
6	16	TEAM MUGEN	16	0	5	0	1	2	8		
7	64 65	NAKAJIMA RACING	7	3	0	0	4	0	0		
8	3 4	KONDO RACING	5	0	0	2	0	3	0		
9	10 11	REAL RACING	4	2	2	0	0	0	0		
	18	KCMG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	34	DRAGO CORSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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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 the 2-race rounds (Final race) 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.

■ OFFICIAL QUALIFYING KNOCK-OUT STYLE

A knock-out format*² is used for official qualifying. Under this format, drivers are knocked out if they do not post strong qualifying times during three short qualifying races. In normal qualifying sessions, drivers go all out to make the top 14 in Q1 and the top eight in Q2, then aim to put in their best time in Q3 to secure a prime spot on the grid. However, for Race 1 in Round 7, drivers will line up on the grid based on their finishing places in Q1, setting the stage for a bruising qualifying session as drivers go all out right from the start.

*²: In the event of 19 entries: the five slowest cars during the 20-minute 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. After another 10-minute interval, the final 7-minute long Q3 session will decide the top 8 positions on the starting grid.

■ RACE

Round 7 is a two-race format.

Race 1, which will be run over 20 laps of the Suzuka Circuit (length = 5.807km) for a total distance of 116.140km.

Race 2, which will be run over 28 laps of the same course for a total distance of 162.596km.

All teams will be required to pit at least once to change all four tires simultaneously.

2015 CHAMPIONSHIP 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”

■ SUZUKA CIRCUIT International Racing Course

Suzuka is one of the few circuits worldwide with a figure of eight track design. The circuit has a long, narrow east-west layout with an overpass in the center that switches the driving direction from clockwise to counter-clockwise. Suzuka is also Japan's longest circuit with a length of 5.807km. The track is between 10m and 16m wide and has 20 corners and a maximum elevation change of 52m. Suzuka's asphalt also has a higher coefficient of friction than many circuits worldwide. Suzuka is widely recognized as a technical but rewarding course for drivers due to its elevation change and balanced layout of high- and low-speed corners.

■ The 14th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA / JAF GRAND PRIX

Continuing on from last year, the final round of this year's series will also have JAF GRAND PRIX in the title, under the auspices of the Japan Automobile Federation (JAF).

The first JAF GRAND PRIX was held at the Suzuka Circuit in 1974, a year after Japan's top motor racing competition at the time, F2000, was reconstituted as the Japanese Championship in 1973. The JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA was held a further 10 times, with drivers such as Kazuyoshi Hoshino, currently the director of SUPER FORMULA, and Satoru Nakajima securing big wins. Top overseas drivers have also taken part in the race to secure several famous victories. This historical race was restored to the Suzuka Circuit in 2014 after a break of 28 years. This year's race will be run as the 14th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA.

	DATES	GRAND PRIX NAME	CATEGORY	CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVER	CHAMPIONSHIP CAR
1	1974 / Nov / 2	JAF Grand prix Car race	F2000	Noritake Takahara	March 742 BMW
2	1975 / Nov / 1	JAF Grand prix	F2000	kazuyoshi Hoshino	March 742 BMW
3	1976 / Nov / 5	JAF Grand Prix Car race SUZUKA	F2000	Riccardo Patrese	Chevron B42 BMW
4	1977 / Nov / 5	JAF Grand Prix Car race SUZUKA	F2	Kunimitsu Takahashi	Kojima 008 BMW
5	1978 / Nov / 4	JAF Grand Prix Car race SUZUKA	F2	Kazuyoshi Hoshino	March 742 BMW
6	1979 / Nov / 3	JAF Grand Prix Car race SUZUKA	F2	Kazuyoshi Hoshino	March 742 BMW
7	1980 / Nov / 1	JAF Grand Prix Car race SUZUKA	F2	Satoru Nakajima	March 742 BMW
8	1981 / Nov / 7	JAF Grand Prix Car race SUZUKA	F2	Satoru Nakajima	March 812 HONDA
9	1986 / Nov / 2	JAF Grand Prix Car race SUZUKA	F2	Geoff Lees	March 822 HONDA
10	1984 / Nov / 3	JAF Grand Prix Car race SUZUKA	F2	Satoru Nakajima	March 832 HONDA
11	1984 / Nov / 3	JAF Grand Prix Car race SUZUKA	F2	Satoru Nakajima	March 85J HONDA
12	1985 / Nov / 2	JAF Grand Prix Car race SUZUKA	F2	Kazuyoshi Hoshino	March 86J HONDA
13	2014 / Nov / 9	13th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA 2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series Round 7	SUPER FORMULA	Kazuki Nakajima	PETRONAS TOM'S SF14
14	2015 / Nov / 8	14th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA 2015 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series Round 7	SUPER FORMULA		

ABOUT THE SUZUKA ROUND

- **Official name :** 14th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA
2015 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series Final Race
Round 7 : Suzuka Circuit
- **Dates :** 2015 Nov 07 (Saturday) - Nov 08 (Sunday)
- **Location :** Suzuka Circuit International Racing Course, Mie Prefecture (Circuit length: 5.807km)
- **Hosted by :** Nagoya Racing Club (NRC), Suzuka Motor Sports Club (SMSC)
Mobilityland Corporation
- **Official Recognition by :** Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) / Japan Automobile Feration (JAF)
- **Authorized by :** Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP)
- **Sponsored by :** Mie Prefecture; The City of Suzuka;
The Suzuka F1 Japanese Grand Prix Regional Revitalization Council ;
Tourist Information Office Suzuka ; Suzuka Chamber of Commerce and Industry ;
The Tokyo Chunichi Sports / The Chunichi Sports / The Chunichi Shimbun

TV Coverage & Race Footage Delivery

• J SPORTS :

Live broadcast of all rounds (both qualifying and race)

Rebroadcastings and digest programs also available

Nov 07 (Sat)

at 13:00 - 15:00 [Live of the qualifying sessions : J SPORTS 4] (tentative)

Nov 08 (Sun)

at 09:45 - 11:30 [Live coverage of the race 1 : J SPORTS 3]

Nov 08 (Sun)

at 14:30 - 17:00 [Live coverage of the race 2 : J SPORTS 3]

Nov 10 (Mon)

at 19:00 - 22:30 [Rebroadcasting : J SPORTS 3]

Nov 19 (Thu)

at 25:15 - 25:30 [Digest program : J SPORTS 3]

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

• BS FUJI :

“SUPER FORMULA Go On! ” features all race highlights

Nov 13 (Fri)

at 24:00 - 24:55

Nov 27 (Fri)

at 24:25 - 25:20 (Rebroadcasting) (tentative)

* 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”.

Nov 13 (Fri)

at 22:40 - 23:00 [NEXT]

Nov 15 (Sun)

at 12:00 - 12:30 [NEXT] (Rebroadcasting)

* For more info on the programs, visit 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

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

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

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

Ticket Information & Enquiries

- **Ticket :**
 - Advance sale tickets (2-days) : ¥4,000 (adult)
 - : ¥1,700 (High school & Junior high school students)
 - : ¥ 800 (Elementary School)
 - : ¥ 600 (Over 3 years old and Under Elementary School)
 - Advance sale tickets (2-days) : ¥4,000 (adult)
 - w / MOTOPIA 1day passport : ¥4,000 (High school & Junior high school students)
 - : ¥ 3.100 (Elementary School)
 - : ¥ 2.000 (Over 3 years old and Under Elementary School)
 - Advance sale tickets (2-days) : ¥2,800 (adult)
 - JAF Member Only : ¥2,800 (High school & Junior high school students)
 - w / MOTOPIA 1day passport : ¥1.550 (Elementary School)
 - : ¥1.000 (Over 3 years old and Under Elementary School)
 - Paddock (w / Pit-walk) pass : ¥6,200 (Over Junior high school students)
 - : ¥1,600 (Over 3 years old and Under Elementary School)
 - Pit-walk pass : ¥2,100 (sat) : ¥2,100 (sun)
 - * Child under Elementary School age are free of admission when accompanied by an adult.

* Please visit the SUZUKA CIRCUIT official website for more details.

< <http://www.suzukacircuit.jp/superformula/ticket> >

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