



### **MEDIA INFORMATION**

September 2, 2016 Japan Race Promotion Inc.

Round 5: September 10 (Saturday) – September 11 (Sunday)

## **2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship: OKAYAMA**

Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Akira Kurashita, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) today announced details of Round 5 of the 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series, scheduled to take place on September 10-11 at the OKAYAMA International Circuit (length = 3.703km) in Okayama Prefecture, Japan.

The 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series is the only internationally accredited driver championship in Asia, run over seven rounds and five circuits across Japan. A total of 11 teams (entrants) and 19 drivers (cars) from Japan and overseas\* are competing to win this year's series.

\* 12 drivers from Japan and seven from five other countries: UK (2), India (1), Germany (1), Brazil (1) and Belgium (2)

Due to the Kumamoto Earthquake, Round 5 of the 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series was switched from the AUTOPOLIS International Racing Course to the Okayama International Circuit (length = 3.703km). Scheduled for September 10-11, Round 5 is a two-race format with a qualifying session and Championship race on each day. Race 1 on September 10 (Sat) will involve a 20-minute timed qualifying session followed by a Championship race run over 30 laps of the circuit (111.09km). Race 2 on September 11 (Sun) will involve two knockout qualifying sessions (Q1: 11-19 grid positions, Q2: 1-10 grid positions) followed by a Championship race run over 51 laps (188.85km). For each race, drivers are awarded half the number of normal race points. An additional point is available in each race for drivers that secure pole position.

Round 4 at Twin Ring Motegi was won by No. 20 Yuhi Sekiguchi (ITOCHU ENEX TEAM IMPUL) in only his fourth SUPER FORMULA race. It was Sekiguchi's first victory in the Championship and the nature of his pole-to-win drive thrilled the crowd and catapulted him to the top of the driver standings. No. 36 Andre Lotterer (VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S), currently third in the standings, placed second in the race, while No. 1 Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING), second in the standings, came in third. The battle at the top of the standings is extremely tight, with just three points separating the leading five drivers, setting up the Championship for an exciting contest in the remaining three rounds. Round 5 is a two-race format, so drivers that finish at the back of the field in Race 1 still have a chance to recover in Race 2 on the following day. The two-race format introduces an added edge to the competition between the drivers and teams.



A pole-to-win drive for No. 20 Yuhi Sekiguchi (ITOCHU ENEX TEAM IMPUL) in Round 4, securing his first Championship victory in only his fourth SUPER FORMULA race

















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## 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Round 5: ENTRY LIST (Chassis: SF14, Tires: Yokohama)

NO.	DRIVER	DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH	ENTRANT	MANAGER	ENGINE	
1	Hiroaki Ishiura	23 April 1981 Tokyo, Japan	P.MU/CERUMO · INGING	Yuji Tachikawa	TOYOTA	
2	Yuji Kunimoto	12 September 1990 Kanagawa, Japan	F.IVIU/CERCIVIO * INGING	tuji tau iikawa	RI4A	
3	James Rossiter	25 August 1983 United Kingdom	KONDO RACING	Masahiko Kondo	TOYOTA	
4	William Buller	17 September 1992 United Kingdom	NOINDO NACING	iviasai iiro noi ido	RI4A	
7	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	14 January 1977 India	SUNOCO TEAM LeMans	Hiroyoshi Donuma	TOYOTA	
8	Kamui Kobayashi	13 September 1986 Hyogo, Japan	SUNOCU I LAWI LEWIA IS	i ilioyosi ii Doriuma	RI4A	
10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	20 November 1986 Tochigi, Japan	REAL RACING	Katsutomo Kaneishi	Honda	
11	Takuya Izawa	1 June 1984 Tokyo, Japan	REAL RACING	Naisulottio Nai leisi II	HR-414E	
16	Naoki Yamamoto	11 July 1988 Tochigi, Japan	TEAM MUGEN	Nagataka Tezuka	Honda HR-414E	
18	Yuichi Nakayama	25 July 1991 Tokyo, Japan	KCMG	Ryuji Doi	TOYOTA RI4A	
19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	13 July 1981 Brazil	ITOCHU ENEX TEAM IMPUL	Kazuyoshi Hoshino	TOYOTA	
20	Yuhi Sekiguchi	29 December 1987 Tokyo, Japan	TIOCHU ENEX TEAWIWIFUL	razuyosi ii i losi iii lo	RI4A	
34	Takashi Kogure	1 August 1980 Gunma, Japan	DRAGO CORSE	Ryo Michigami	Honda HR-414E	
36	Andre Lotterer	19 November 1981 Germany	VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S	Nobuhide Tachi	TOYOTA	
37	Kazuki Nakajima	11 January 1985 Aichi, Japan	VANTELIN TEAVITORIS	Nobullide Tacill	RI4A	
40	Tomoki Nojiri	15 September 1989 Ibaraki, Japan	DOCOMO TEAM	Ki yaki Muzaka	Honda	
41	Stoffel Vandoome	26 March 1992 Belgium	DANDELION RACING	Kiyoshi Muraoka	HR-414E	
64	Daisuke Nakajima	29 January 1989 Aichi, Japan	NAIZA IINAA DAOINIO	Codem. No. 1	Honda	
65	Bertrand Baguette	23 February 1986 Belgium	NAKAJIMA RACING	Satoru Nakajima	HR-414E	

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## **2016 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS**

DRIVERS Standings				2016/4/24 SUZUKA	2016/5/29 OKAYAMA	2016/7/17 FUJI	2016/8/21 MOTEGI	2016/9/11 OKAYAMA		2016/9/25 SUGO	2016/10/30 SUZUKA	
Pos. No. Driver Pts.			Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5-1	Rd.5-2	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2	
1	20	Yuhi Sekiguchi	17	0	0	6	<u>11</u>					
2	36	Andre Lotterer	15.5	2	0.5	5	8					
3	1	Hiroaki Ishiura	15	0	<u>6</u>	3	6					
4	2	Yuji Kunimoto	14.5	8	1.5	0	5					
5	16	Naoki Yamamoto	14	<u>11</u>	2	0	1					
6	3	James Rossiter	11	3	0	4	4					
7	19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	10	0	0	10	0					
8	37	Kazuki Nakajima	10	0	0	8	2					
9	41	Stoffel Vandoorne	10	6	0	1	3					
10	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	9	4	4	1	0					
11	34	Takashi Kogure	5	5	0	0	0					
12	11	Takuya Izawa	3	0	3	0	0					
13	40	Tomoki Nojiri	2.5	0	2.5	0	0					
14	7	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	2	0	0	2	0					
15	64	Daisuke Nakajima	1	0	1	0	0					
16	65	Bertrand Baguette	1	1	0	0	0					
	8	Kamui Kobayashi	0	0	0	0	0					
	18	Yuichi Nakayama	0	0	0	0	0					
	4	William Buller	0	0	0	0	0					

<sup>\*</sup> Winners are in **Bold italics** / Polesitters are in **Bold**.

		TEAMS Standings	2016/4/24 SUZUKA	2016/5/29 OKAYAMA	2016/7/17 FUJI	2016/8/21 MOTEGI	2016/9/11 OKAYAMA		2016/9/25 SUGO		2016/10/30 SUZUKA	
Pos.	No.	Team	Pts.	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5-1	Rd.5-2	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	1 2	P.MU/CERUMO INGING	28.5	8	6.5	3	11					
2	19 20	ITOCHU ENEX TEAM IMPUL	26	0	0	16	10					
3	36 37	VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S	25.5	2	0.5	13	10					
4	16	TEAM MUGEN	13	10	2	0	1					
5	10 11	REAL RACING	12	4	7	1	0					
6	40 41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	11.5	6	2.5	0	3					
7	3 4	KONDO RACING	11	3	0	4	4					
8	34	DRAGO CORSE	5	5	0	0	0					
9	7 8	SUNOCO TEAM LeMans	2	0	0	2	0					
10	64 65	NAKAJIMA RACING	2	1	1	0	0					
	18	KCMG	0	0	0	0	0					















<sup>\*</sup> Team points: Team Points are the total number of points won by the driver or drivers attached to that team (entrant). Should a team (entrant) enter more than two cars at any race event, only the best two results shall be taken into account. Pole position points shall not be included in Team Points.





#### **GET TO KNOW THE BASICS**

#### ■ WHAT IS SUPER FORMULA?

Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series 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**

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#### 2016 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 pole sitter (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, , 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

### Chassis

Since 2014, SUPER FORMULA race cars have used the SF14 chassis, which is made by Italian company Dallara and is based on the "quick and light" design concept. Leveraging the characteristics of this "quick and light" chassis, SUPER FORMULA race cars are capable of comering speeds higher than those in Formula One. The adoption of the SF14 chassis has led to a dramatic improvement in the quality of races, leading to greater interest in SUPER FORMULA overseas.

#### Engine

Honda and Toyota, two of Japan's leading automakers, have developed engines for SUPER FORMULA based on the NRE engine concept\*1, which is part of automaker efforts to develop next-generation engines. SUPER FORMULA cars are currently powered by the Honda HR-414E or the Toyota R14A.















<sup>\* 12</sup> drivers from Japan and seven from five other countries: UK (2), India (1), Germany (1), Brazil (1) and Belgium (2)





All engines are fitted with fuel flow restrictors. By setting fuel flow limits, the key to winning races is how efficiently fuel can be converted into power. Competitive development between automakers has resulted in a highly efficient engine with higher brake specific fuel consumption (BSFC) and net thermal efficiency than hybrid vehicles currently on the market, helping to advance the development of next-generation engines.

Honda, Toyota and Nissan together agreed on a number of criteria for race engines that incorporate environmental technology while also preserving the excitement of motor sport.

Cylinder configuration : Inline-four Displacement : 2,000cc + turbo Fuel intake system : Direct injection

Fuel flow limits : 95kg/h for Suzuka and Fuji Speedway circuits, 90kg/h for other circuits

### Overtaking System

SUPER FORMULA introduced an overtaking system (OTS) in 2009 as part of initiatives to make races more exciting. SUPER FORMULA was the first competition in the world to adopt this system.

The OTS encourages drivers to make more overtaking maneuvers, one of the most exciting parts of motorsport.

The SF14 OTS system uses the fuel flow restrictor fitted to engines to temporarily increase fuel flow to the engine, boosting power\*2. Drivers use a button on the steering wheel to activate the system for 20 seconds up to five times each race. Overtaking lamps (OTL) on the roll hoop indicate when the system is in use, allowing spectators to see when drivers have activated their OTS.

The racing driver with the most Championship points has the distinction of an OTL with red lamps, called "leader's red."

\*2 Overtaking system specifications

Mechanism : Activating the overtaking system boosts fuel flow by 10kg/h

: Activating the overtaking system increases engine output by around 60PS, or 10% Rules : Drivers are allowed to use the system up to five times per race for 20 seconds each time.

### Tires

Yokohama Rubber became the sole tire supplier this season. The company has not been involved in top-flight motorsport in Japan since 1996, a hiatus of 20 years.

Yokohama Rubber's ADVAN racing tires perform well against SUPER FORMULA's rigorous criteria for grip, durability and safety, adding to the excitement of race events.

### OFFICIAL QUALIFYING

Grid positions will be decided by time attack qualifying sessions run during a set time window on the Okayama International Circuit (length = 3.703km). Different qualifying formats will be used for Race 1 and Race 2.

On September 10 (Sat), grid positions for Race 1 will be decided by the best lap times recorded by drivers during a 20-minute timed qualifying session involving all the cars.

On September 11 (Sun), grid positions for Race 2 will be decided by two knockout qualifying sessions separated by a 10-minute interval. Q1 lasts for 20 minutes, involves all the cars and determines positions 11-19. The remaining 10 cars progress to Q2, which lasts for 10 minutes and determines positions 1-10 on the grid.

As the name of the format suggests, drivers are knocked out if they do not post strong qualifying times during the two qualifying rounds.

#### **■** RACE

Race 1 on September 10 (Sat) will be run over 30 laps of the Okayama International Circuit (length = 3.703km) for a total of 111.09km, and Race 2 on September 11 (Sun) will be run over 51 laps for a total of 188.85km.

In Race 2, each team is required to change tires on their race cars at least once.



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<sup>\*1</sup> NRE engine specifications





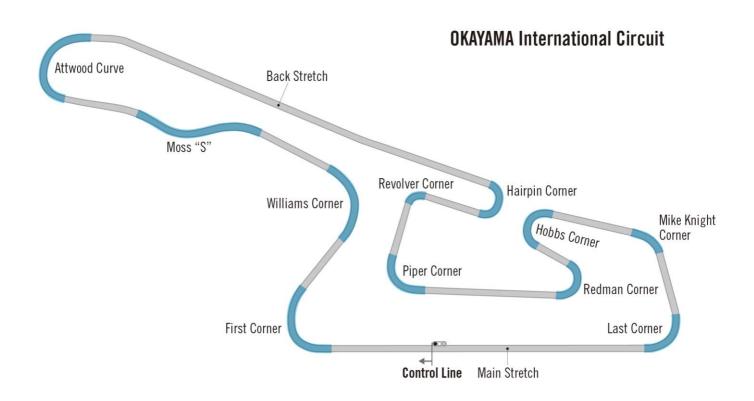
## 2016 CHAMPIOSHIP RACE CALENDAR

	DATES	CIRCUIT	QUALIFYING FORMAT	RACE FORMAT
Round 1	April 23 – 24	Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	250km
Round 2	May 28 – 29	OKAYAMA International Circuit	Knockout	250km
Round 3	July 16 – 17	Fuji Speedway	Knockout	250km
Round 4	August 20 – 21	Twin Ring Motegi	Knockout	250km
Round 5	September 10–11	OKAYAMA International Circuit*2	Time/knockout	2-heat
Round 6	September 24–25	Sportsland SUGO	Knockout	250km
Round 7*1	October 29 – 30	Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	2-heat

<sup>\*1</sup> The 15th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA"

#### OKAYAMA International Circuit

Okayama is a technical course with two long straights and a mix of 13 small and large corners. Circuit length is 3.703km. Some corners are named after famous racing drivers of the past. Key places to watch the action are First Corner after the Main Stretch, the descent from Hairpin Corner to Reovlver Corner, and the double hairpin combination (Redman Corner and Hobbs Corner). Course layout encourages plenty of opportunities to attack and spectator areas are also close to the circuit, giving fans a real feel for the racing action.





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<sup>\*2</sup> Round 5 at AUTOPOLIS has been canceled due to the Kumamoto earthquake. The Okayama International Circuit will host Round 5 as the alternative venue.





■ Official name: 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series Round 5: OKAYAMA

**Held jointly with:** 2016 Japanese Formula 3 Championship Round 13 & 14

2016 N-ONE OWNER'S CUP Round 10

■ Dates: Race 1: 2016 September 10 (Saturday): QUALIFYING and RACE [30 Laps]

Race 2: 2016 September 11 (Sunday) : QUALIFYING and RACE [51 Laps]

Location: OKAYAMA International Circuit, Okayama Prefecture (Circuit length: 3.703km)

Hosted by: Okayama International Circuit Co., Ltd.

Aida Club (AC)

■ Official recognition by : Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)

Japan Automobile Fereration (JAF)

**Authorized by:** Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP)

■ Sponsored by: Okayama Prefecture; Mimasaka City; Okayama Prefectural Government Tourism Division;

Mimasakanokuni Sightseeing Union; Okayama Business Federation;

The Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Okayama Prefecture
Okayama Employers' Association; Okayama Association of Corporate Executives;

Okayama Federation of Small Business Associations;

Okayama Federation of Societies of Commerce and Industry; and The Sanyo Shimbun



















# V Coverage & Race Footage Delivery

• J SPORTS: Live broadcast of all rounds (both qualifying and race). Rebroadcastings and digest programs also available.

> On-air dates: Race 1: Sep. 10 (Sat) 10:30 -11:30 [Live coverage of the qualifying sessions on J SPORTS 3]

> > Sep. 10 (Sat) 15:00 -17:30 [Live coverage of the race on J SPORTS 3]

Sep. 11 (Sun) 09:40 -11:00 [Live coverage of the qualifying sessions on J SPORTS3]

Sep. 11 (Sun) 14:30 -17:30 [Live coverage of the race on 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. First show broadcast on Friday in the week after the race.

Fans who want the stories behind all the action can tune in to the highlights show to get the inside track on race incidents.

The show also features interviews with drivers and secrets from the pit lane about the race cars, giving viewers a unique insight into the exciting world of SUPER FORMULA.

On-air dates: Round 4 Aug. 26 (Fri) 23:30 -24:25 (Rebroadcasting: Sep. 3 (Sat) 23:00 -23:55)

Round 5 Sep. 16 (Fri) 23:05-24:00 (Rebroadcasting: Sep. 23 (Fri) 23:30-24:25)

Round 6 Undetermined Round 7 Undetermined Omnibus Undetermined

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

• FUJI TELEVISION CS: "SUPER FORMULA TV" features all race highlights plus talk show with invited guest drivers.

A 30-minute show with race highlights and studio guests, giving an insight into the world of SUPER FORMULA.

This year studio guests will include drivers involved in the 2016 championship and famous racing legends who have competed at the top level. Two guests will talk about their passion for formula racing, revisiting famous incidents from the past and through to the present day. The show will be hosted by Fuji TV's Formula 1 race announcer.

On-air date: Sep. 16 (Fri) 24:10 - 24:40 Guest drivers: Yuhi Sekiguchi and Yuji Ide

\*For more info on the programs, visit CS Fuji website <a href="http://otn.fujitv.co.jp/b\_hp/914200066.html">http://otn.fujitv.co.jp/b\_hp/914200066.html</a>

• FUJI TELEVISION : "Chousoku Go-On" each program will feature drivers or team directors currently in the spotlight, giving behind-the-scenes

insights into the excitement of races, driver skills and pit lane news. Racing personalities Kamui Kobayashi and

Daisuke Nakajima, who are competing in this year's series, will also be on hand to lead the talk show from the viewpoint

of drivers. Video streaming service Fuji TV On Demand (FOD) available from Sep. 12 (Mon).

On-air date: Sep. 4 (Sun) 25:35 - 26:05 at FUJITV

Facilitator: Pierre Kitagawa

Narrator. Hina Higuchi (Nogizaka 46)

Guest: Hiroaki Ishiura



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• **niconico:** Live coverage of the qualifying sessions.

< http://www.nicovideo.jp/ >

• GYAO!: Race footage of each SUPER FORMULA round will be available on-demand 10 days after each round.

< http://gyao.yahoo.co.jp/sports/>

• You Tube: Review show of qualifying and competition round the evening after the race.

< https://www.youtube.com/user/superformulavideo >

• FOD: (Fuji TV On Demand) Fuji TV's program Chousoku Go-On will be streamed for free 8 days after the broadcast date.

< http://fod.fujitv.co.jp/s/genre/sports >

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

## ☐ Super Formula to be seen on TV in 182 countries worldwide

From this season, a new 52-minute English language TV highlights package will be broadcast in 121 countries. At the moment, the confirmed potential viewing audience is roughly 35 million households.

Adding on TV news reports about the races, the number of countries that will able to see Super Formula action rises to 182.















<sup>\*</sup>On-air schedule is subject to change.





## **Ticket Information & Enquiries**

Advance purchase Admission ticket : ¥5,400 (valid for both days)

: ¥3,240 (Sat)

: ¥5,400 (Sun)

· Paddock pass (+ Pit-walk) : ¥9,720 (valid for both days)

· Pit Lounge pass : ¥30,780 (Junior high school students and older)

: ¥ 16,200 (Elementary school students)

· Parking tickets (one day) : Passenger cars ¥1,650

At the door Admission ticket : ¥4,300 (Sat)

: ¥7,600 (Sun)

· Paddock pass (+ Pit-walk) : ¥5,000 (Sat)

: ¥ 12,000 (Sun)

· Pit-walk pass : ¥3,000 (Sat)

: ¥3,000 (Sun)

· Parking tickets (one day) : Passenger cars ¥2,000 / Motorcydes ¥1,100

Ticket details: Please visit the OKAYAMA International Circuit official website for more details.

< http://okayama-international-circuit.jp/special/sf-2016-rd5/ticket.html >

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