



MEDIA INFORMATION

October 16, 2017 Japan Race Promotion Inc.

Round 7 : October 21 (Saturday) – October 22 (Sunday)

The 2017 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series Final Round and 16th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA

Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Akira Kurashita, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) today announced details of "The 2017 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series Final Round and 16th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA" scheduled to take place on October 21-22 at the SUZUKA Circuit International Racing Course (length = 5.807km) in Mie Prefecture, Japan.

Round 7 is a two-race format. Qualifying sessions will be held on Saturday, followed by two championship races of different distances on Sunday. Race 1 will be run over 19 laps of the Suzuka Circuit and Race 2 will be run over 36 laps of the same course. With the two-race format, drivers usually receive half the normal number of points in each race, but in the final round, three bonus points are also awarded to the winner of each race, setting the stage for an exciting competition that could see some shocking moves in the driver standings depending on the results.

As we approach the final round, the battle for the championship remains very tight. Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO · INGING) still holds the top position in the driver's standings, but rookie Pierre Gasly (TEAM MUGEN), who has won two races this season and has been on the podium for the last three races, currently sits second in the standings just 0.5 points behind Ishiura. Chasing the top two are Felix Rosenqvist (SUNOCO TEAM LEMANS) and Yuhi Sekiquchi (ITOCHU ENEX TEAM IMPUL), with all four drivers still with a real chance of being crowned the 2017 series champion. In addition, a maximum of 18 points are available in the final round, putting a number of strong drivers within reach of current leader Ishiura, including Kazuki Nakajima (VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S), Andre Lotterer (VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S) and Kamui Kobayashi (KCMG Elyse). Those drivers are likely to attack aggressively from the first qualifying session to close the 18-point gap.

We could see the first ever Super Formula driver to win the championship in their debut year if either Pierre Gasly or Felix Rosenqvist end the season at the top of the standings. Round 7 is also likely to attract considerable attention because of Pierre Gasly, who made his F1 debut in the Malaysian Grand Prix with the Scuderia Toro Rosso team and will miss out of the United States Grand Prix do to his participation in the Super Formula Round 7 series finale.



No. 2 Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO · INGING) is top of the driver standings heading into the final round



No. 15 Pierre Gasly (TEAM MUGEN) could win the Super Formula 2017 series in his debut year



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OFFICIAL QUALIFYING KNOCK-OUT FORMAT

Q1 (20 minutes) : Top 14 cars progress to Q2, starting grid positions for Race 1 will be decided.

Q2 (7 minutes) : Top 8 cars progress to Q3.

Q3 (7 minutes) : Positions 1-8 fixed, starting grid for Race 2 will be decided.

- Results of the Q1 official qualifying session will determine the starting grid for Race 1, while the combined results of the Q1-3 sessions will decide the starting grid for Race 2.
- There will be a 10 minute interval between each qualifying
- As the name suggests, drivers are "knocked out" of the session if they do not post good enough times during the first two qualifying rounds.

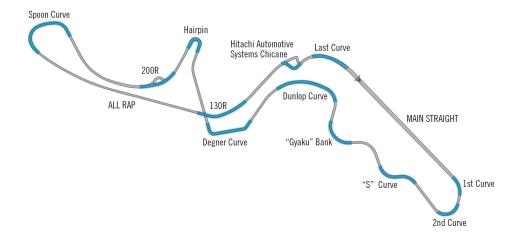
CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

Race 1: 19 laps (1 lap: 5.807 km x 19 = 110.33 km) Race 2: 36 laps (1 lap: 5.807 km x 36 = 209.05 km)

SUZUKA International Racing Course

Suzuka is one of the few racing circuits worldwide with a figure-eight 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 5.807 km. The track is between 10 m and 16 m wide, has 18 comers and a maximum elevation change of 52 m. Suzuka's asphalt has a higher coefficient of friction than many circuits worldwide. Suzuka circuit is widely liked in the racing community because it is a technical, but rewarding course for drivers due to its elevation change and balanced layout of high and low-speed corners.

SUZUKA CIRCUIT INTERNATIONAL RACING COURSE













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2017 JAPANESE SUPER FORMULA Championship Final Round : ENTRY LIST (Chassis: SF14, Tires: Yokohama)

NO.	DRIVER	DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH	ENTRANT	MANAGER	ENGINE	
1	Yuji Kunimoto	12 September 1990 Kanagawa, Japan	P.MU/CERUMO · INGING	Vuii Toobikawa	TOYOTA	
2	Hiroaki Ishiura	23 April 1981 Tokyo, Japan	P.IVIO/CEROIVIO PINGING	Yuji Tachikawa	RI4A	
3	Nick Cassidy	19 August 1994 New Zealand	KONDO RACING	Masahiko Kondo	TOYOTA	
4	Kenta Yamashita	3 August 1995 Chiba, Japan	NOINDO NACING	iviasai iiko Korido	RI4A	
7	Felix Rosenqvist	7 November 1991 Sweden	SUNOCO TEAM LEMANS	Tatsuya Kataoka	TOYOTA	
8	Kazuya Oshima	30 April 1987 Gunma, Japan	SUNOCO ILAWILLIVIANS	raisuya Naiauka	RI4A	
10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	20 November 1986 Tochigi, Japan	REAL RACING Katsutomo Kaneishi		HONDA HR-417E	
15	Pierre Gasly	7 February 1996 France	TEAMANIOEN	Nagotako Tozuko	HONDA	
16	Naoki Yamamoto	11 July 1988 Tochigi, Japan	I EAW MOGEN	Nagataka Tezuka	HR-417E	
18	Kamui Kobayashi	13 September 1986 Hyogo, Japan	KCMG	Ryuji Doi	TOYOTA RI4A	
19	Yuhi Sekiguchi	29 December 1987 Tokyo, Japan	ITOCHI LENEV TEANAINDI II	Mary a polici Hooking	TOYOTA	
20	Jann Mardenborough	9 September 1991 United Kingdom	TOCHU ENEX TEAWHIVIPUL	Kazuyoshi Hoshino	RI4A	
36	Andre Lotterer	19 November 1981 Germany	VANITELINITEANATONA'S	Nobuhide Tachi	TOYOTA	
37	Kazuki Nakajima	11 January 1985 Aichi, Japan	TEAM MUGEN	Nobulide Facili	RI4A	
40	Tomoki Nojiri	15 September 1989 Ibaraki, Japan	DOCOMO TEAM	I Granhi Maranta	HONDA	
41	Takuya Izawa	1 June 1984 Tokyo, Japan	DANDELION RACING	Kiyoshi Muraoka	HR-417E	
50	Takashi Kogure	1 August 1980 Gunma, Japan	B-MAX RACING TEAM	Ryuji Kumita	HONDA HR-417E	
64	Daisuke Nakajima	29 January 1989 Aichi, Japan		Coton i Nalvaiima	HONDA	
65	Narain Karthikeyan	14 January 1977 India	TCS NAKAJIMA RACING	Satoru Nakajima	HR-417E	

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2017 STANDINGS

	DRIVERS Standings	2017/4/23 SUZUKA	2017/5/28 OKAYAMA		2017/7/9 FUJI	2017/8/20 MOTEGI	2017/9/10 AUTOPOLIS	2017/9/24 SUGO			
Pos.	No. Driver	Pts.	Rd.1	Rd.2-1	Rd.2-2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	2 Hiroaki Ishiura	33.5	5	0.5	<u>5</u>	10	5	5	3		
2	15 Pierre Gasly	33	0	0	1	4	10	10	8		
3	7 Felix Rosenqvist	28.5	0	0	2.5	8	6	8	4		
4	19 Yuhi Sekiguchi	25	0	<u>5</u>	5	5	0	0	10		
5	37 Kazuki Nakajima	22	<u>11</u>	0	0	2	0	3	6		
6	36 Andre Lotterer	20	4	5	3	6	2	0	0		
7	18 Kamui Kobayashi	16.5	0	2.5	2	0	8	2	2		
8	1 Yuji Kunimoto	16	6	0	0	1	0	4	5		
9	16 Naoki Yamamoto	10.5	8	2	0.5	0	0	0	0		
10	3 Nick Cassidy	8	0	3	0	0	4	0	1		
11	4 Kenta Yamashita	6.5	0	1	1.5	0	<u>4</u>	0	0		
12	8 Kazuya Oshima	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0		
13	41 Takuya Izawa	5	1	0	0	3	0	0	1		
14	20 Jann Mardenborough	3.5	0	1.5	0	1	0	1	0		
15	10 Koudai Tsukakoshi	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
16	64 Daisuke Nakajima	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
17	40 Tomoki Nojiri	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0		
	50 Takashi Kogure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	65 Narain Karthikeyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

^{*}Winners are in **Bold Italics** / Polesitters are in **Bold**.

TEAMS Standings				2017/4/23 SUZUKA	2017/5/28 OKAYAMA		2017/7/9 FUJI	2017/8/20 MOTEGI	2017/9/10 AUTOPOLIS	2017/9/24 SUGO	2017/10/22 SUZUKA	
Pos.	No.	Team	Pts.	Rd.1	Rd2-1	Rd.2-2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	1 2	P.MU/CERUMO·INGING	47.5	11	0.5	4	10	5	9	8		
2	15 16	TEAM MUGEN	43.5	8	2	1.5	4	10	10	8		
3	36 37	VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S	41	14	5	3	8	2	3	6		
4	7 8	SUNOCO TEAM LEMANS	34.5	0	0	2.5	8	6	14	4		
5	19 20	ITOCHU ENEX TEAM IMPUL	27.5	0	5.5	5	6	0	1	10		
6	18	KCMG	16.5	0	2.5	2	0	8	2	2		
7	3 4	KONDO RACING	12.5	0	4	1.5	0	7	0	0		
8	40 41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	6	1	0	0	3	1	0	1		
9	10	REAL RACING	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
10	64 65	TCS NAKAJIMA RACING	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	·	
	50	B-MAX RACING TEAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

^{*} Winners are in **Bold Italics**

^{*} 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.























Final Round at SUZUKA

2017 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Final Round: SUZUKA Official name:

The 16th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA / JAF GRAND PRIX

Dates: 2017 October 21 (Saturday): Qualifying

2017 October 22 (Sunday): Race 1 & Race 2

Location: Suzuka Circuit International Racing Course, Mie Prefecture (Circuit length: 5.807 km)

Nagoya Racing Club (NRC) Hosted by:

Suzuka Motor Sports Club (SMSC)

Mobilityland Corporation

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

Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)

Authorized by: Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP)

Sponsored by: Mie Prefecture / Suzuka City

The Suzuka F1 Japan Grand Prix Regional Revitalization Council /

Tourist Information Office Suzuka / Suzuka Chamber of Commerce and Industry /

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Held jointly with: TOYOTA GAZOO Racing 86 / BRZ Race 2017 Round 9

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Netz Cup Vitz Race 2017 Kansai series Round 4















TV Coverage & Race Footage Delivery

[TV Broadcasts]

• BS Fuji: Live Race Broadcast "2017 SUPER FORMULA Round 7 SUZUKA"

This program will be broadcast "live" and hosted by Super Formula's official commentator Pierre Kitagawa, with additional commentary by Super Formula ambassador Satoshi Motoyama. Tsugio Matsuda, a highly respected technical commentator, and Miki Higashi, will give reports from the pit as well as after-race interviews. as well as after-race interviews.

Trackside: Pierre Kitagawa

Commentary: Satoshi Motoyama

Pit reporters: Tsugio Matsuda and Miki Higashi

Broadcast time: October 22 (Sun) 14:00 -15:55

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

• BS Fuji: "Super Formula Go On!"

This talk-show program hosted by Super Formula drivers Kamui Kobayashi and Daisuke Nakajima will showcase the appeal of Super Formula by introducing key people from the sport today. High-profile guests from within and outside the industry will be featured each program. Pierre Kitagawa will assist the hosts, and Hina Higuchi, a member of top-idol girl band Nogizaka 46, will narrate the show. In the race digest segment, Tsugio Matsuda, the pit reporter in the "live" broadcast will deliver in-depth commentary, complemented by reports from the race track by Miki Higashi.

Broadcast

Show #7 October 15 (Sun) 25:00 -25:55 time/date:

Show #8 December 23 (Sat) 23:00 -23:55

 $* For more info on the show, visit the BS Fuji website < \underline{http://www.bsfuji.tv/superfomura/pub/index.html} > \underline{http://www.bsfuji.tv/sup$

• J SPORTS: Live broadcasts of all rounds (both qualifying and races). Re-broadcasts and digest programs will be aired.

Round 7 SUZUKA

Broadcast time:

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

















[Online Video Distribution]

• GYAO!: All SUPER FORMULA championship races will be available to view for free on-demand 15 days after the race.

*Distribution times may change. < http://gyao.yahoo.co.jp/sports/>

• motorsport.tv: All Super Formula races will be streamed "live" via motorsport.tv outside of Japan.

 $See < \underline{motorsport.tv} > for more details.$

• YouTube: A digest featuring the qualifying sessions and championship races will be uploaded the evening of the races.

*Ttimes may change. For more information, visit the Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship official website on

the evening after qualifying and the race: http://www.superformula.net/

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

[Internet / Social Media] SUPER FORMULA Official website: < http://superformula.net/apf/ap/nlist_h.dll/?lang=en >

SUPER FORMULA Official Facebook: < https://www.facebook.com/superformula.official >

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Ticket Information & Enquiries

Advance purchase · Admission ticket (valid for both days) : ¥4,000 + MOTOPIA 1day passport (adult)

: ¥1,700 (High school & junior high school students)

: ¥800 (Elementary school)

: ¥600 (Over 3 years old and under elementary school)

· Admission ticket (valid for both days) : ¥4,000 (adult)

+ MOTOPIA 1day passport : ¥4,000 (High school & junior high school students)

: ¥3,100 (Elementary school)

• 4 person: ¥13,600 (¥3,400 per person)

: ¥2,000 (Over 3 years old and under elementary school)

Group ticket • 3 person: ¥10,800 (¥3,600 per person)

+ MOTOPIA 1day passport • 5 person: ¥16,000 (¥3,200 per person)

At the door · Admission ticket : ¥1,700 (adult) * Saturday

· Admission ticket (valid for both days)

* Sunday : ¥4,300 + MOTOPIA 1day passport (adult)

* Sat / Sun : ¥1,700 (High school & junior high school students)

* Sat / Sun : ¥800 (Elementary school)

* Sat / Sun : ¥600 (Over 3 years old and under elementary school)

Ticket details: Please visit the SUZUKA CIRCUIT official website for more details.

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

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GET TO KNOW THE BASICS

■ WHAT IS SUPER FORMULA?

Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship is the top category of formula racing in Japan featuring purpose-built racing cars with a single-seat, open cockpit and open wheels. 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 re-launch of the series under the new name of SUPER FORMULA.

■ ABOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2017 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series is the only internationally accredited driver championship 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 series.

2017 CHAMPIOSHIP RACE CALENDAR

	DATES	CIRCUIT	QUALIFYING FORMAT	RACE FORMAT
Round 1	April 22 – 23	Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	200km
Round 2	May 27 – 28	OKAYAMA International Circuit	Timed/Knockout	2-Races
Round 3	July 8-9	Fuji Speedway	Knockout	250km
Round 4	August 19 – 20	Twin Ring Motegi	Knockout	250km
Round 5	September 9 – 10	AUTOPOLIS International Racing Course	Knockout	250km
Round 6	September 23–24	Sportsland SUGO	Knockout	250km
Round 7*	October 21 – 22	Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	2-Races

^{* &}quot;The 16th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA"

2017 CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORING SYSTEM

POSITION	Winner	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

Notes:

- 1) For 2-race formats, half the number of points shall be awarded in each of the two races except for pole position which brings one point for each race.
- 2) In Round 7 (Final Round) at Suzuka Circuit, the winner(s) in race 1 and race 2 shall be awarded an additional 3 points per race. Should the same driver take pole position and win in both race 1 and race 2, he would earn a maximum of 18 points for the Round.
- 3) In the event of any ties for position, the driver or team with superior race results—based on descending order from number of wins to number of second places and so forth—will gain precedence.

Rookie of the Year:

Should there be three or more rookie drivers participating for the first time in the SUPER FORMULA series, the rookie driver with the highest number of points at the end of the season shall be named Rookie of the Year.

Team Points:

- a) Team Points are calculated by adding the points eamed by the driver or drivers belonging to the team.
- b) Should a team enter more than two cars at any race event, only the best two results shall be taken into account.
- c) Pole position points shall not be included in the Team Points.









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[™] 13 drivers from Japan and six from six other countries: New Zealand, Sweden, France, UK, Germany, and India





■ CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

The Drivers' Championship title is awarded to the driver who scores the most points over the course of the season. The Champion is awarded the Series Driver's Champion Cup and prize money by Japan Race Promotion, Inc. In addition, the Champion receives the Confederation's Cup from the Parliamentary Association for Motorsport Promotion of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan, as well as the Commissioner's Cup from the Japan Tourism Agency. For the Team Champion, the Minister's Cup will be awarded by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, plus prize money from Japan Race Promotion, Inc.

■ THE SUPER FORMULA MACHINE

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. 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.

Engines

Honda and Toyota, two of Japan's leading automakers, have developed engines for SUPER FORMULA based on the NRE engine concept²², which is part of each automaker's efforts to develop next-generation engines. SUPER FORMULA cars are currently powered by the HONDA HR-417E or the TOYOTA R14A.

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 better 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 power⁵³. Drivers use a button on the steering wheel to activate the system for 20 seconds up to five times during a race or five times total for 2-race formats.

The 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" whereas the other cars' OTL lamps are white.

*3 Overtaking system specifications

 $\label{eq:Mechanism} \qquad \text{Activating the overtaking system boosts fuel flow by 10kg/h}$

Impact : 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, or five times total for 2-race formats.

Tires

Series Partner

Yokohama Rubber became the sole tire supplier from the 2016 season. 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.











^{*2} NRE engine specifications