

PRESS INFORMATION

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Japan Race Promotion Inc.

Saturday August 23 – Sunday August 24

2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA

Round 4 : TWIN RING MOTEGI

Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Hiroshi Shirai, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) today announced details of the “2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA, Round 4 Twin Ring Motegi” scheduled to take place on August 23–24 at the Twin Ring Motegi Road Course (length= 4.801km) in Tochigi Prefecture, Japan.

Qualifying, which will be held on August 23, 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.

The Championship race, to be held on August 24, will be run over 52 laps of the 4.801km circuit for a total distance of 249.652km. The layout of the road course at Twin Ring Motegi puts significant stress on brakes. Due to safety considerations, teams will be allowed to use large front brake duct systems to reduce stress on brakes and fuel flow limits have been reduced. Pit stops for refueling and tire changes are not compulsory in this race, but with road surface temperatures likely to be high due to the hot summer weather, tire management will play a key role in what is likely to be a strategic race.

There have been four Championship races so far in the first three rounds of the 2014 series. In the season opener, Loic Duval (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans) overhauled Andre Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S) to win the race. Round 2 was a two-race format, with Joao Paulo Lima de Oliveira (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL) securing pole position in qualifying and winning the first race. Loic Duval, winner of Round 1, secured victory in the second race of Round 2, with Joao Paulo Lima de Oliveira coming in runner up. Round 3, which was hit by a sudden downpour of heavy rain in the closing stages, was won by Kazuki Nakajima (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S), who came from behind due to clever tire selection. Although Kazuki Nakajima is currently at the top of the driver standings, each of the four races in the first three rounds has been won by a different driver and the top eight drivers in the standings are still in the running.

In addition to the four race winners so far, contenders for the title include Ryo Hirakawa (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans), who secured a second-place podium finish in Round 3, Yuji Kunimoto (P.MU/CERUMO-INGING), third in Round 3, James Rossiter (KONDO RACING), second in Round 1, and the rapidly improving defending champion Naoki Yamamoto (TEAM MUGEN).

2014 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 | Naoki Yamamoto | 11 July 1988 Tochigi, Japan | TEAM MUGEN Nagataka Tezuka | TEAM MUGEN SF14 | Honda HR-414E |
| 2 | Yuhki Nakayama | 29 July 1987 Ishikawa, Japan | | | |
| 3 | James Rossiter | 25 August 1983 United Kingdom | KONDO RACING Masahiko Kondo | FUJI CORPORATION KONDO SF14 | TOYOTA R14A |
| 7 | Ryo Hirakawa | 7 March 1994 Hiroshima, Japan | KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans Hiroyoshi Donuma | ACHIEVEMENT Team KYGNUS SUNOCOSF14 | TOYOTA R14A |
| 8 | Loic Duval | 12 June 1982 France | | Team KYGNUS SUNOCO SF14 | |
| 10 | Koudai Tsukakoshi | 20 November 1986 Tochigi, Japan | HP REAL RACING Katsutomo Kaneishi | HP SF14 | Honda HR-414E |
| 11 | Vitantonio Liuzzi | 6 August 1981 Italy | | | |
| 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 | Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan | 14 January 1977 India | | | |
| 31 | Daisuke Nakajima | 29 January 1989 Aichi, Japan | NAKAJIMA RACING Satoru Nakajima | NAKAJIMA RACING SF14 | Honda HR-414E |
| 32 | Takashi Kogure | 1 August 1980 Gunma, Japan | | | |
| 36 | Andre Lotterer | 19 November 1981 Germany | PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S Nobuhide Tachi | PETRONAS TOM'S SF14 | TOYOTA R14A |
| 37 | Kazuki Nakajima | 11 January 1985 Aichi, Japan | | | |
| 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 M40T SF14 | Honda HR-414E |
| 41 | Hideki Mutho | 6 October 1982 Tokyo, Japan | | DOCOMO DANDELION M41Y SF14 | |

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| 62 | Koki Saga | 25 April 1983 Aichi, Japan | TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports Tadao Tsubomatsu | DENSO Le Beausset SF14D | TOYOTA R14A |
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2014 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS (updated after Round 3 Fuji)

DRIVERS Standings

| Pos | No. | Driver | Pts | 4/12 | 5/17 | | 7/12 | 8/23 | 9/13 | 9/27 | 11/8 | |
|-----|-----|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| | | | | SUZUKA Rd.1 | Rd.2-1 | Rd.2-2 | FUJI Rd.3 | MOTEGI Rd.4 | AUTOPOL Rd.5 | SUGO Rd.6 | Rd.7-1 | Rd.7-2 |
| 1 | 37 | Kazuki Nakajima | 20 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 10 | | | | | |
| 2 | 36 | Andre Lotterer | 16.5 | 5 | 2.5 | 6 | 3 | | | | | |
| 3 | 8 | Loic Duval | 15.5 | 10 | 3 | 2.5 | - | | | | | |
| 4 | 7 | Ryo Hirakawa | 13.5 | 5 | - | 0.5 | 8 | | | | | |
| 5 | 19 | Joao Paulo de Oliveira | 12 | 2 | 6 | 4 | - | | | | | |
| 6 | 38 | Hiroaki Ishiura | 11 | 6 | - | - | 5 | | | | | |
| 7 | 3 | James Rossiter | 10.5 | 8 | 1.5 | - | 1 | | | | | |
| 8 | 39 | Yuji Kunimoto | 9 | - | 2 | 1 | 6 | | | | | |
| 9 | 1 | Naoki Yamamoto | 6 | - | - | 2 | 4 | | | | | |
| 10 | 20 | Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan | 4.5 | - | 1 | 1.5 | 2 | | | | | |
| 11 | 11 | Vitantonio Liuzzi | 1.5 | 1 | 0.5 | - | - | | | | | |
| 12 | 8 | Andrea Caldarelli | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | | | | | |
| | 31 | Daisuke Nakajima | | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| | 18 | Yuichi Nakayama | | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| | 41 | Hideki Mutoh | | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| | 40 | Tomoki Nojiri | | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| | 2 | Yuhki Nakayama | | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| | 62 | Koki Saga | | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| | 32 | Takashi Kogure | | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| | 10 | Koudai Tsukakoshi | | - | - | - | - | | | | | |

* Winners are in ***Bold italics*** and polesitters are in ***bold***.

TEAMS Standings

| Pos | No. | TEAM | Pts | 4/12 | 5/17 | | 7/12 | 8/23 | 9/13 | 9/27 | 11/8 | |
|-----|-------|--|-------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| | | | | SUZUKA Rd.1 | Rd.2-1 | Rd.2-2 | FUJI Rd.3 | MOTEGI Rd.4 | AUTOPOL Rd.5 | SUGO Rd.6 | Rd.7-1 | Rd.7-2 |
| 1 | 36/37 | PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S | 34.5 | 7 | 6.5 | 8 | 13 | | | | | |
| 2 | 7/8 | KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans | 29 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 8 | | | | | |
| 3 | 38/39 | P.MU/CERUMO-INGING P.MU/CERUMO-INGING | 20 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 11 | | | | | |
| 4 | 19/20 | Lenovo TEAM IMPUL | 15.5 | 2 | 6 | 5.5 | 2 | | | | | |
| 5 | 3 | KONDO RACING | 10.5 | 8 | 1.5 | - | 1 | | | | | |
| 6 | 1/2 | TEAM MUGEN | 6 | - | - | 2 | 4 | | | | | |
| 7 | 10/11 | HP REAL RACING | 1.5 | 1 | 0.5 | - | - | | | | | |
| | 31/32 | NAKAJIMA RACING | | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| | 18 | KCMG | | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| | 40/41 | DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING | | - | - | - | - | | | | | |

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| 62 | TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
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* Winners are in ***Bold italics***. PP points are not awarded to the teams.

2014 CHAMPIONSHIP 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.

2014 CHAMPIONSHIP RACE CALENDAR

| DATES | ROUND / CIRCUIT | QUALIFYING FORMAT | RACE FORMAT |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| April 12 – 13 | Round 1 / Suzuka Circuit | Knockout | 250km |
| May 17 – 18 | Round 2 / Fuji Speedway | Knockout | 2-heat |
| July 12 – 13 | Round 3 / Fuji Speedway | Knockout | 250km |
| August 23 – 24 | Round 4 / Twin Ring Motegi | Knockout | 250km |
| September 13 – 14 | Round 5 / Autopolis | Knockout | 220km |
| September 27 – 28 | Round 6 / Sportsland SUGO | Knockout | 250km |
| November 8 – 9 | Round 7 / Suzuka Circuit | Knockout | 2-heat |

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 tyre 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 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.

ABOUT THE TWIN RING MOTEGI ROUND

- **Official name :** MOTEGI 2&4 RACE
2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Round 4 TWIN RING MOTEGI
- **Held Jointly with :** 2014 MFJ SUPERBIKE ALL JAPAN ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP Round 5 J_GP2
2014 Japanese Formula 3 Championship Round 10& Round 11
FIM Asia Cup National Challenge Road Race
N-ONE OWNER'S CUP Rd.4
Enjoy Honda MOTEGI 2014
- **Dates :** 2014 August 23 (Saturday) – August 24 (Sunday)
- **Location :** Twin Ring Motegi Racing Course, Tochigi Prefecture (Circuit length: 4,801km)
- **Hosted by :** Mobilityland Corporation
MO Sports Club (M.O.S.C) / Motorcycle Federation of Japan (MFJ)
- **Official Recognition by :** Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) / Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)
Fédération Internationale de Motorcyclisme(FIM)
- **Authorized by :** Japan Race Promotion Inc.(JRP)
- **Sponsored by :** Ministry of Education / Japan Tourism Agency / Motegi Town
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Ticket Information & Enquiries

- **Ticket :** Advance sale tickets for the full two days of the event from ¥4,000 (valid for both days, qualifying and race)
 - * Junior high school students and younger: Admission free (with guardian's)
 - * Ticket details: Please visit the TWIN RING MOTEGI official website for more details.< http://www.twining.jp/ticket_m/2014/2and4/ >

TV Coverage & Race Footage Delivery

- **J SPORTS :** Live broadcast of all rounds (both qualifying and race). Rebroadcastings and digest programs also available.
On-air dates :
Saturday, August 23 at 13:00 -15:00 [Live coverage of the qualifying sessions on J SPORTS 3]
Sunday, August 24 at 14:30 -18:30 [Live coverage of the race on J SPORTS 3]
* For more info on the rebroadcastings and digest programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website
<[SUPER FORMULA](#)> or JSPORTS website
<http://www.jsports.co.jp/program_guide/month/japanese/c_month14.html >
- **BS FUJI :** BS FUJI delivers a 55-minute SUPER FORMULA post-race program covering each round of the season
On-air dates :
Saturday, August 30 at 16:00 -16:55 (first air)
Friday, August 21 at 24:00 -24:55 (rebroadcasting)
*For more info on the programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website<[SUPER FORMULA](#) > or
BS Fuji website < <http://www.bsfuji.tv/top/list/sports.html> >
- **FUJI TELEVISION
ONE / TOW / NEXT :**
(FUJI TELEVISION CS)
A new program "SUPER FORMULA TV" is coming in. It features race highlights plus talk show with invited guest drivers.
On-air dates :
Friday, August 29 at 23:30 -24:00 (NEXT)
* For more info on the programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website<[SUPER FORMULA](#)>
or Fuji one/next website <http://www.fujitv.co.jp/otn/b_hp/914200066.html >
- **YAHOO! GYAO! :** Race footage of each SUPER FORMULA round will be available on-demand 10 days after each round at
< <http://gyao.yahoo.co.jp/> >

*On-air schedule is subject to change. Visit SUPER FORMULA official website < [SUPER FORMULA](#) > for updates.

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