

PRESS INFORMATION

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2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA **Round 6 : Sportsland SUGO**

Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Hiroshi Shirai, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) today announced details of the “2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series, Round 6 Sportsland SUGO” scheduled to take place on September 27–28 at the Sportsland SUGO International Road Racing Course (length = 3.704km) in Miyagi Prefecture, Japan.

The race will be run on the Sportsland SUGO International Road Racing Course (length = 3.704km). Qualifying, which will be held on September 27, will take place over three knock-out sessions to determine places on the starting grid for the Championship race. In the event of 20 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 20th 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 September 28, will be run over 68 laps of the 3.704km Sportsland SUGO International Road Racing Course for a total distance of 251.88km. Teams have full control this race, as refueling, tire changes and other pit stops are not compulsory. Team management strategy is therefore likely to hold the key to victory.

Only three races and two rounds are left in the 2014 SUPER FORMULA Series. All the rounds so far have seen new course records. Attention is now focused on this year’s potential champions as the season heads for the final stages. Who will emerge victorious from the bunch in what is likely to be a very fast race? Joao Paulo Lima de Oliveira (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL), who won the first race of Round 2 and Round 4, is currently at the top of the standings with 29 points, followed by André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S) in 2nd on 26.5 points after victories in race 2 of Round 2 and Round 5. Kazuki Nakajima (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S), winner of Round 3, is third on 25 points. The close standings mean Round 6 is likely to be a tight race.

Loic Duval (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans), winner of the first round and 8.5 points off the lead, and Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING), 9 points adrift, are also still within site of the championship.

Round 6 will see a new team called DRAGO CORSE. The team was formed by highly experienced Japanese racing driver Ryo Michigami and will put one car on the grid for Round 6 Sportsland SUGO and Round 7 Suzuka Circuit. The team’s driver is Takuya Izawa, currently competing in the GP2 Series.

*DRAGO means “dragon” and CORSE means “competition” or “race” in Italian.

2014 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	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			
34	Takuya Izawa	1 June 1984 Tokyo, Japan	DRAGO CORSE Ryo Michigami	DRAGO CORSE SF14	Honda HR-414E
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	
62	Koki Saga	25 April 1983 Aichi, Japan	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports Tadao Tsubomatsu	DENSO Le Beausset SF14D	TOYOTA R14A

2014 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS (updated after Round 5)

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	Rd.5
1	19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	29	2	6	4	0	11	6			
2	36	Andre Lotterer	26.5	5	2.5	6	3	-	10			
3	37	Kazuki Nakajima	25	3	4	3	10	2	3			
4	8	Loic Duval	20.5	10	3	2.5	-	5	0			
5	38	Hiroaki Ishiura	20	6	0	0	5	8	1			
6	39	Yuji Kunimoto	17	0	2	1	6	0	8			
7	3	James Rossiter	15.5	8	1.5	0	1	1	4			
8	7	Ryo Hirakawa	13.5	5	0	0.5	8	0	0			
9	1	Naoki Yamamoto	9	0	0	2	4	0	3			
10	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	8	0	0	0	0	3	5			
11	36	Andrea Caldarelli	7	-	-	-	1(8)	6(36)	-			
12	20	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	4.5	0	1	1.5	2	0	0			
13	41	Hideki Mutoh	4	0	0	0	0	4	0			
14	11	Vitantonio Liuzzi	1.5	1	0.5	0	0	0	0			
	40	Tomoki Nojiri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	62	Koki Saga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	31	Daisuke Nakajima	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	2	Yuichi Nakayama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	18	Yuhki Nakayama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	32	Takashi Kogure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

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

TEAMS 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	Rd.5
1	36/37	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S	55.5	7	6.5	8	13	8	13			
2	38/39	P.MU/CERUMO-INGING	37	6	2	1	11	8	9			
3	7/8	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans	34	15	3	3	8	5	0			
4	19/20	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL	31.5	2	6	5.5	2	10	6			
5	3	KONDO RACING	15.5	8	1.5	0	1	1	4			
6	10/11	HP REAL RACING	9.5	1	0.5	0	0	3	5			
7	1/2	TEAM MUGEN	8	0	0	2	4	0	2			
8	40/41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	4	0	0	0	0	4	0			
	62	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	31/32	NAKAJIMA RACING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	18	KCMG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

* 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 (R14A). 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 Sportsland SUGO ROUND

- **Official name :** 2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Round 6 :Sportsland SUGO
- **Held Jointly with :** 2014 JAPANESE FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP Round 12-13
JFA Touhoku Super FJ CHAMPIONSHIP Round 5
GAZOO Racing Netz Cap Vitz Race 2014 Touhoku Series Round 3
N-ONE OWNER'S CUP Round.5
SUGO Road Race Series Round 5 CBR250R Dream Cup & ST250
- **Dates :** 2014 September 27 (Saturday) – September 28 (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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Ticket Information & Enquiries

- **Ticket :** Advance sale tickets for the full two days of the event from ¥4,200 (valid for both days, qualifying and race)
 - * Junior high school students and younger: Admission free (with guardian's)
 - * Ticket details: Please visit the Sportsland SUGO official website for more details.
< http://www.sportsland-sugo.jp/watch/contents/2014/01/20140108_1166.html >

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, September 27 at 14:00 -16:00 [Live coverage of the qualifying sessions on J SPRTS 3]
 - Sunday, September 28 at 14:30-17:30 [Live coverage of the race on J SPRTS 3]
 * For more info on the rebroadcastings and digest programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website <<http://www.superformula.net/>> or J SPORTS website <http://www.jsports.co.jp/motor/super_formula/>
- **BS FUJI :** BS FUJI delivers a 55-minute SUPER FORMULA post-race program covering each round of the season
On-air dates :
 - Saturday, October 4 at 16:00 -16:55 [First air]
 - Friday, October 10 at 24:00 -24:55 [Rebroadcasting]
 *For more info on the programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website<<http://www.superformula.net/>> or BS Fuji website < <http://www.bsfuji.tv/top/pub/superformura2014.html>>
- **FUJI TELEVISION ONE/TWO/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, October 3 at 19:00 -19:30 [Round6 : Highlight] (NEXT)
 * For more info on the programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website <<http://www.superformula.net/>> or CS Fuji 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/sports/> >

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

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

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