

PRESS INFORMATION

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Japan Race Promotion Inc.

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2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA

JAF Grand Prix

Round 7 : SUZUKA CIRCUIT

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 7 Suzuka Circuit,” which is scheduled to take place on November 8(Sat) - 9(Sun) at the Suzuka Circuit in Mie Prefecture, Japan.

Two races will be held for this final round of the 2014 Championship Series. As with previous races, a knock-out style qualifying competition will be used. The Q1 session will determine the grid for Race 1, which will be run over 20 laps of the 5.807km Suzuka Circuit, for a total racing distance of 116.140km. The Q2 and Q3 sessions will determine the grid for Race 2, which will be run over 28 laps of the same course, for a total racing distance of 162.596km. All teams will also be required to make one pit stop for a tire change (all four tires). Each team's ability to respond flexibly to fast-changing conditions on the track, as well as the skill of the drivers, will therefore play a key role in the final result.

Interest in the outcome of the Championship is high as the final round approaches. After Round 6, Kazuki Nakajima (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S) stands at the top of the rankings with 33 points thanks to one victory and points finishes in all the other races this season. Second on 29 points is Joao Paulo Lima de Oliveira (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL), who has two victories so far, followed by two drivers tied for third on 26.5 points, André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S) and Loic Duval (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans), each with one victory this season. Heading into the last round, only 6.5 points separate these top four drivers, who have all won the Championship before. This leading pack is followed by Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING) in fifth with 23 points, and James Rossiter (KONDO RACING) in sixth with 20.5 points. In two-race formats, the drivers receive half the number of points per race as normal one-race rounds, but in the final Suzuka Round, three bonus points will also be awarded to the winner of each race. That means a total of 18 points are still up for grabs if a driver achieves a pole-to-win victory in both races. The large number of points still available means that seven drivers right down to seventh-placed Yuji Kunimoto (P.MU/CERUMO•INGING), who is 16 points off the lead, could still win the Championship.

The Suzuka Circuit course record was broken in the first round of the season, but there is a good chance it will be beaten again in the final round. We anticipate an exciting race befitting the JAF Grand Prix, which could see a driver become a first-time winner of the Championship, if they can take control of what is likely to be a very fast race.



Kazuki Nakajima (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S) won Round 3 at the Fuji Speedway circuit

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2014 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	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 6)

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	FUJI	MOTEGI	AUTOPOL	SUGO
1	37	Kazuki Nakajima	33	3	4	3	10	2	3	8		
2	19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	29	2	6	4	0	11	6	0		
3	36	Andre Lotterer	26.5	5	2.5	6	3	-	10	0		
4	8	Loic Duval	26.5	10	3	2.5	-	5	0	6		
5	38	Hiroaki Ishiura	23	6	0	0	5	8	1	3		
6	3	James Rossiter	20.5	8	1.5	0	1	1	4	5		
7	39	Yuji Kunimoto	17	0	2	1	6	0	8	0		
8	7	Ryo Hirakawa	14.5	5	0	0.5	8	0	0	1		
9	1	Naoki Yamamoto	12	0	0	2	4	0	3	3		
10	40	Tomoki Nojiri	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10		
11	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	8	0	0	0	0	3	5	0		
12	8/36	Andrea Caldarelli	7	-	-	-	1(8)	6(36)	-	-		
13	20	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	4.5	0	1	1.5	2	0	0	0		
14	31	Daisuke Nakajima	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4		
15	41	Hideki Mutoh	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0		
16	11	Vitantonio Liuzzi	1.5	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0		
	32	Takashi Kogure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	18	Yuichi Nakayama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	2	Yuhki Nakayama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	62	Koki Saga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	34	Takuya Izawa	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	FUJI		FUJI	MOTEGI	AUTOPOL	SUGO	SUZUKA	
				Rd.1	Rd.2-1	Rd.2-2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	36/37	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S	63.5	7	6.5	8	13	8	13	8		
2	7/8	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans	41	15	3	3	8	5	0	7		
3	38/39	P.MU/CERUMO-INGING	40	6	2	1	11	8	9	3		
4	19/20	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL	31.5	2	6	5.5	2	10	6	0		
5	3	KONDO RACING	20.5	8	1.5	0	1	1	4	5		
6	40/41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	14	0	0	0	0	4	0	10		
7	1/2	TEAM MUGEN	10	0	0	2	4	0	2	2		
8	10/11	HP REAL RACING	9.5	1	0.5	0	0	3	5	0		
9	31/32	NAKAJIMA RACING	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4		
	18	KCMG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	62	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	32	DRAGO CORSE	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.

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.

■ Qualifying KNOCK-OUT STYLE

Qualifying 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.

ABOUT THE SUZUKA ROUND

- **Official name :** 2014 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Round 7 :Suzuka Circuit
13th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA
- **Held Jointly with :** GAZOO Racing 86 / BRZ Race 2014 Round 10
N-ONE OWNER'S CUP Round 7
- **Dates :** 2014 November 8 (Saturday) – November 9 (Sunday)
Qualifying November 8 (Sat) 13:00~
Race 1 November 9 (Sun) 10:10~
Race 2 November 9 (Sun) 15:00~
- **Location :** Suzuka Circuit International Racing Course, Mie Prefecture (Circuit length: 5.807km)
- **Hosted by :** Nagoya Racing Club (NRC), Suzuka Motor Sports Club (SMSC) and Mobilityland Corporation
- **Official Recognition by :** Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)
Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)
- **Authorized by :** Japan Race Promotion Inc,(JRP)
- **Sponsored by :** Japan Tourism Agency /
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

Ticket Information & Enquiries

- **Ticket** : (valid for 2days)
 - Adult ¥4,000 (with a one-day passport to the amusement park Motopia)
 - Junior 13 to18 ¥1,700 (circuit admission only)
- * The tickets allow you to enter the circuit also on Friday)
 * Ticket details: Please visit the Suzuka Circuit official website for more details.
 < <http://www.suzukacircuit.jp/> >

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 :
 - November 8 (Sat) at 13:00 -15:00 [Live coverage of the qualifying sessions on J SPRTS 3]
 - November 9 (Sun) at 10:00-12:00 [Live coverage of the race 1 on J SPRTS 3]
 - November 9 (Sun) at 14:30-18:00 [Live coverage of the race 2 on J SPRTS 3]
 - * For more info on the programs, visit SUPER FORMULA official website<<http://www.superformula.net/>> or J SPORTS website <http://www.isports.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 :
 - November 16 (Sun) at 17:00 -17:55 [First air]
 - November 22 (Sat) at 16:00 -16:55 [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**
 - “SUPER FORMULA TV” features race highlights plus talk show with invited guest drivers
 - On-air dates :
 - November 14 (Fri) at 22:30 -23:00 [Round 7 : 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/> >

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