

AUTOPOLIS SUPER 2&4 RACE (Saturday June 1 - Sunday June 2)**2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series
Round 2 Overview : AUTOPOLIS**

Tokyo, May 28, 2013—Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Hiroshi Shirai, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) announced today details of the AUTOPOLIS SUPER 2&4 RACE “2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series, Round 2 AUTOPOLIS” scheduled to take place on June 1-2 on the international race course (length= 4.674km) of the AUTOPOLIS Circuit in Oita Prefecture, Japan.

The AUTOPOLIS international race course, which hosts this particular round of the Championship, is widely recognized as requiring advanced technical skills with a home straight of 902m and substantial undulations of up to 52m. The Championship race to be held on Sunday June 2 will extend over 54 laps of the 4.674km official international course for a total racing distance of 252.396km. This is a medium-distance race in which the timing of pit stops to change tires, refuel and the like will play an important role in formulating a race strategy. As a result, the teamwork between drivers and their pit crews is expected to draw considerable attention.

Qualifying will take place on Saturday June 1 in three knock out-style sessions from Q1 to Q3 to decide the places on the starting grid. With 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 break, the 7-minute long Q2 will determine the 9th to 14th positions on the grid in the same way. Another 10-minute break will precede the last 7-minute long Q3 session which will decide the top 8 positions on the starting grid for Sunday's race. As the name suggests, slow race times will lead to a driver being knocked-out from advancing to the next qualifying round.

A total of 19 drivers from 11 teams are entered in this AUTOPOLIS Championship. They include five world-class drivers with annual championship title holder experience in the persons of 2007 and 2008 champion Tsugio Matsuda (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL), 2009 champion Loic Duval (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans), 2010 champion J.P. de Oliveira (Lenovo TEAM IMPUL), 2011 champion André Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S), and 2012 champion Kazuki Nakajima (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S). Other participating drivers who are sure to put themselves in contention are Takuya Izawa (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING), the winner of the season-opening race and third overall, Takashi Kogure (NAKAJIMA RACING), who got off to a flying start placing third in the season opener, and Naoki Yamamoto (TEAM MUGEN), who placed fourth in the season opener. Expectations of a fierce battle are high befitting the premier formula car race in Asia.

The race will also feature Ryo Hikawa (KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans), who placed eighth in his first SUPER FORMULA series race. He and other drivers are also anticipated to attract interest. The finals race starts at 14:45pm on Sunday June 2.



The start of the season opener at the Suzuka Circuit

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2013 Championship Series: Point Allocation System

Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th~	PP
One Race per Rd.	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	1
2 Races per Rd.	5+3	4	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	1

Note: In case of 2 races in one round, the winner of race 1 and race 2 each earns a 3-point bonus in addition to the regular number of points

[General Information]

1. SUPER FORMULA

Organized by Japan Race Promotion Inc. and fully sanctioned by the Japan Automobile Federation (JAF), the Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series traces back its origins to the Japanese Championship Formula NIPPON first launched in 1996. 2013 signals a new beginning under the new SUPER FORMULA name. The series fields fully fledged single seater racing machines befitting its status as Japan's top formula racing category. The series will be fought on five circuits in Japan and one circuit in the Republic of Korea over a total of seven rounds followed by an additional post series round.

2. Series Awards

Awards presented to the annual overall series champion driver include prize money and a championship series cup from Japan Race Promotion Inc. as well as trophies from the Liberal Democratic Party Parliamentarians League for the Promotion of Motorsports and the Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency. In addition, the annual champion team receives prize money from Japan Race Promotion Inc. and the Minister's Cup from Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

3. Race Machine

This year's SF13 chassis is officially supplied by Swift Engineering of the United States. Honda and Toyota are once again the official engine suppliers with their respective HONDA HR12E and TOYOTA RV8K 3.4-liter V8 engines while Bridgestone officiates as the sole official tire supplier.

4. Overtake System (OTS)

The Overtake System (OTS) increases maximum engine speed from 10,300rpm to 10,700rpm for 20 seconds at a time. It is activated by the driver pushing the OTB (=OverTake Button) located on the steering wheel. The driver can activate the OTS a maximum of 5 times over the length of the race to facilitate overtaking. When activated, lights fitted onto the rollover bar start blinking for all to see. The car of the leader in the championship standings at the time of the race is fitted with Leader Red-type red lights instead of the regular white lights. This Overtake System is unique to SUPER FORMULA.

2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series, Schedule

Dates	Round	Circuit
April 13-14	Round 1 Suzuka Circuit	Suzuka Circuit
June 1-2	Round 2 Autopolis	Autopolis
July 13-14	Round 3 Fuji Speedway	Fuji Speedway
August 3-4	Round 4 Twin Ring Motegi	Twin Ring Motegi
August 24-25	Round 5 Inje (Republic of Korea)	Inje International Circuit
September 28-29	Round 6 Sportsland SUGO	Sportsland SUGO
November 9-10	Round 7 Suzuka Circuit	Suzuka Circuit
November 15-17	FUJI SPRINT CUP 2013	Fuji Speedway

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2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series, Round 2 in AUTOPOLIS Entry List

(Chassis: SF13, Tires: Bridgestone)

No.	Driver	Birth date Birth place	Team Name Team Manager	Engine
1	Kazuki Nakajima	1985.1.11 Japan (Aichi Prefecture)	PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S Nobuhide Tachi	TOYOTA RV8K
2	Andre Lotterer	1981.11.9 Germany		
3	Hironobu Yasuda	1982.11.11 Japan (Shiga Prefecture)	KONDO RACING Masahiko Kondoh	TOYOTA RV8K
7	Ryo Hirakawa	1994.3.7 Japan (Hiroshima Prefecture)	KYGNUS SUNOCO Team LeMans Hiroyoshi Donuma	TOYOTA RV8K
8	Loic Duval	1982.6.12 France		
10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	1986.11.20 Japan (Tochigi Prefecture)	HP REAL RACING Katsutomo Kaneishi	HONDA HR12E
11	Yuhki Nakayama	1987.7.29 Japan (Ishikawa Prefecture)		
15	Takashi Kobayashi	1987.11.8 Japan (Hiroshima Prefecture)	TEAM 無限 Nagataka Tezuka	HONDA HR12E
16	Naoki Yamamoto	1988.7.11 Japan (Tochigi Prefecture)		
18	Richard Bradley	1991.8.17 England	KCMG Ryuji Doi	TOYOTA RV8K
19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	1981.7.13 Brazil	Lenovo TEAM IMPUL Kazuyoshi Hoshino	TOYOTA RV8K
20	Tsugio Matsuda	1979.6.18 Japan (Mie Prefecture)		
31	Daisuke Nakajima	1989.1.29 Japan (Aichi Prefecture)	NAKAJIMA RACING Satoru Nakajima	HONDA HR12E
32	Takashi Kogure	1980.8.1 Japan (Gunma Prefecture)		
38	Kohei Hirate	1986.3.24 Japan (Aichi Prefecture)	P.MU/CERUMO INGING Yuji Tachikawa	TOYOTA RV8K
39	Yuji Kunimoto	1990.9.12 Japan (Kanagawa Prefecture)		
40	Takuya Izawa	1984.6.1 Japan (Tokyo)	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELIONRACING Kiyoshi Muraoka	HONDA HR12E
41	Hideki Mutoh	1982.10.6 Japan (Tokyo)		
62	Koki Saga	1983.4.25 Japan (Aichi Prefecture)	TOCHIGI Le Beausset Motorsports Tadao Tsubomatsu	TOYOTA RV8K

Race Details

- Championship name: AUTOPOLIS SUPER 2&4 RACE 2013
2013 Japanese Championship SUPER FORMULA Series Round 2
2013 MFJ ALL JAPAN ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIP Series Round 3 JSB/ST600 Class
- Dates: June 1, 2013 (Saturday) to June 2, 2013 (Sunday)
- Location: AUTOPOLIS International Racing Course, Oita Prefecture (Circuit length: 4.674km)
- Event organizers: AUTOPOLIS Co., Ltd. / AUTOPOLIS CLUB / Motorcycle Federation of Japan (MFJ)
- With special collaboration from: Bright Co., Ltd.
- Certification: Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) / Motorcycle Federation of Japan (MFJ)
Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) / Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)
- Supervising body: Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP)
- Patronage: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology / Japan Tourism Agency / Kyushu District Transport Bureau/Oita Prefecture / Kumamoto Prefecture / Hita City / Aso City / Kikuchi City / Ozu-machi / Oguni-machi / Minamioguni-machi / Hita City School Board / Aso City School Board / Kikuchi City School Board / Ozu-machi School Board / Oguni-machi School Board / Minamioguni-machi School Board / Hita City Tourist Association / Aso City Tourist Association / Kikuchi City Tourist Association / Oguni Tourism Association / Minamioguni-machi Tourist Association / Tsuetate Onsen Tourist Hotel Cooperative / RKK Kumamoto Broadcasting / RKB MAINICHI BROADCASTING CORP/ TOS TV OITA

[Ticket Information]

- Tickets: Advance sale tickets for the full two days of the event from ¥4,200
* Junior high school students and younger: Admission free
* Inquiries: AUTOPOLIS SUPER 2&4 RACE
(TEL: 0973-55-1111 FAX: 0973-55-1113)
* Ticket details: Please refer to the AUTOPOLIS website
(<http://www.autopolis.jp>) for updates on event details.

[TV Broadcasting]

- JSports1: Live broadcast of all races. Re-runs of the finals race and race digest programs also broadcast
* Please refer to the SUPER FORMULA official website (<http://www.superformula.net/>) or the JSports website (http://www.jsports.co.jp/program_guide/month/japanese/c_month14.html) for details of re-runs and digest programs.
- BS Fuji: Broadcast of 55-minute long SUPER FORMULA feature program covering each championship
* Please refer to the SUPER FORMULA official website (<http://www.superformula.net/>) for details on broadcasting dates and times.
- YAHOO! GyaO!: Coverage of all SUPER FORMULA finals race available on demand starting at midnight 14 days after the completion of each championship.
Broadcasting dates and times are subject to change without prior notice. Kindly consult the SUPER FORMULA official website (<http://www.superformula.net/>) for details.

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