

## MEDIA INFORMATION

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Japan Race Promotion Inc.

**Round 2** : May 28 (Saturday) –May 29 (Sunday)

### 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series : OKAYAMA

Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President : Akira Kurashita, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) today announced details of Round 2 of the 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series, scheduled to take place on May 28–29 at the Okayama International Circuit (length = 3.703km) in Okayama Prefecture, Japan.

The 2016 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.

*\*12 drivers from Japan and seven from five other countries : UK (2), India (1), Germany (1), Brazil (1) and Belgium (2)*

Round 2 of the series will be run over 68 laps of the Okayama International Circuit (length = 3.703km) for a total distance of 251.804km.

The first round of the series was won by Naoki Yamamoto (TEAM MUGEN) in an imperious pole-to-win victory, while rising star and GP2 2015 champion Stoffel Vandoorne (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING) secured an impressive third place finish in his series debut. The opening round threw up plenty of talking points, including Yokohama Rubber's first race as official tire supplier. Fans will be watching closely to see how Yamamoto and Vandoorne perform in Round 2 of the 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series at the Okayama International Circuit. The spotlight will also be on defending champion Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING), who finished down the rankings in Round 1, and big-name competitors Kazuki Nakajima (VANTELIN KOWA TOM'S) and Kamui Kobayashi (SUNOCO TEAM LE MANS), as well as the overseas drivers. Round 2 promises to be bruising battle as the drivers go all out to secure top-place finishes.



**Pole to win No. 16 Naoki Yamamoto (TEAM MUGEN) in the opening round.**

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## 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series Round 2 : ENTRY LIST (Chassis: SF14, Tires: Yokohama)

NO.	DRIVER	DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH	ENTRANT	MANAGER	ENGINE
1	Hiroaki Ishiura	23 April 1981 Tokyo, Japan	P.MU / CERUMO · INGING	Yuji Tachikawa	TOYOTA R14A
2	Yuji Kunimoto	12 September 1990 Kanagawa, Japan			
3	James Rossiter	25 August 1983 United Kingdom	KONDO RACING	Masahiko Kondo	TOYOTA R14A
4	William Buller	17 September 1992 United Kingdom			
7	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	14 January 1977 India	SUNOCOTEAM LeMans	Hiroyoshi Donuma	TOYOTA R14A
8	Kamui Kobayashi	13 September 1986 Hyogo, Japan			
10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	20 November 1986 Tochigi, Japan	REAL RACING	Katsutomo Kaneishi	Honda HR-414E
11	Takuya Izawa	1 June 1984 Tokyo, Japan			
16	Naoki Yamamoto	11 July 1988 Tochigi, Japan	TEAM MUGEN	Nagataka Tezuka	Honda HR-414E
18	Yuichi Nakayama	25 July 1991 Tokyo, Japan	KCMG	Ryuji Doi	TOYOTA R14A
19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	13 July 1981 Brazil	ITOCHU ENEX TEAM IMPUL	Kazuyoshi Hoshino	TOYOTA R14A
20	Yuhi Sekiguchi	29 December 19987 Tokyo, Japan			
34	Takashi Kogure	1 August 1980 Gunma, Japan	DRAGO CORSE	Ryo Michigami	Honda HR-414E
36	Andre Lotterer	19 November 1981 Germany	VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S	Nobuhide Tachi	TOYOTA R14A
37	Kazuki Nakajima	11 January 1985 Aichi, Japan			
40	Tomoki Nojiri	15 September 1989 Ibaraki, Japan	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	Kiyoshi Muraoka	Honda HR-414E
41	Stoffel Vandoorne	26 March 1992 Belgium			
64	Daisuke Nakajima	29 January 1989 Aichi, Japan	NAKAJIMA RACING	Satoru Nakajima	Honda HR-414E
65	Bertrand Baguette	23 February 1986 Belgium			

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## 2016 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

DRIVERS Standings				2016/4/24 SUZUKA	2016/5/29 OKAYAMA	2016/7/17 FUJI	2016/8/21 MOTEGI	2016/9/11 AUTOPLIS	2016/9/25 SUGO	2016/10/30 SUZUKA	
Pos.	No.	Driver	Pts.	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	16	Naoki Yamamoto	<b>11</b>	<b><i>11</i></b>							
2	2	Yuji Kunimoto	<b>8</b>	8							
3	41	Stoffel Vandorne	<b>6</b>	6							
4	34	Takashi Kogure	<b>5</b>	5							
5	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	<b>4</b>	4							
6	3	James Rossiter	<b>3</b>	3							
7	36	Andre Lotterer	<b>2</b>	2							
8	65	Bertrand Baguette	<b>1</b>	1							
	40	Tomoki Nojiri	<b>0</b>	0							
	19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	<b>0</b>	0							
	1	Hiroaki Ishiura	<b>0</b>	0							
	37	Kazuki Nakajima	<b>0</b>	0							
	18	Yuichi Nakayama	<b>0</b>	0							
	20	Yuhi Sekiguchi	<b>0</b>	0							
	4	William Buller	<b>0</b>	0							
	8	Kamui Kobayashi	<b>0</b>	0							
	11	Takuya Izawa	<b>0</b>	0							
	64	Daisuke Nakajima	<b>0</b>	0							
	7	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	<b>0</b>	0							

\* Winners are in ***Bold italics*** / Polesitters are in **Bold**.

TEAMS Standings				2016/4/24 SUZUKA	2016/5/29 OKAYAMA	2016/7/17 FUJI	2016/8/21 MOTEGI	2016/9/11 AUTOPLIS	2016/9/25 SUGO	2016/10/30 SUZUKA	
Pos.	No.	Team	Pts.	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	16	TEAM MUGEN	<b>10</b>	10							
2	1 2	P.MU/CERUMO-INGING	<b>8</b>	<b><i>8</i></b>							
3	40 41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	<b>6</b>	6							
4	34	DRAGO CORSE	<b>5</b>	5							
5	10 11	REAL RACING	<b>4</b>	4							
6	3 4	KONDO RACING	<b>3</b>	3							
7	36 37	VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S	<b>2</b>	2							
8	64 65	NAKAJIMA RACING	<b>1</b>	1							
	19 20	ITOCHU ENEX TEAM IMPUL	<b>0</b>	0							
	18	KCMG	<b>0</b>	0							
	7 8	SUNOCO TEAM LeMans	<b>0</b>	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.

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## GET TO KNOW THE BASICS

### ■ WHAT IS SUPER FORMULA?

Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series 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

The 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series has a total of 11 teams (entrants) and 19 drivers (cars) from Japan and overseas (the seven overseas drivers are from five countries: UK(2), Belgium(2), Germany(1), Brazil(1) and India(1)). Teams and drivers are awarded points for each race, with accumulated points determining the final standings.

### 2016 CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORING SYSTEM

POSITION	1st	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 <b>Race 1</b>	5(+3)	4	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	1
2 races round <b>Race 2</b>	5(+3)	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.
- \* 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 poleposition 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.

### ■ 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). YOKOHAMA serves as the sole tyre supplier. SUPER FORMULA offers the chance to enjoy highly competitive racing featuring top drivers from Japan and overseas in the SF14 race car, which has the same cornering speeds as the top Formula 1 race cars.

### ■ 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 ten (or five)<sup>\*1</sup> 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.

\*1: Suzuka & Fuji Speedway Circuit : 5%. Other Circuit : 10% engine performance improvement.

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## ■ OFFICIAL QUALIFYING KNOCK-OUT STYLE

Qualifying will be based on a knockout format, with each team(driver) given one lap in a set time segment to secure their fastest lap of the Okayama International Circuit (length = 3.703km).

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.

## ■ RACE

OKAYAMA International Circuit (Circuit length 3.703km) : 68 laps / total distance 251.804km.

## 2016 CHAMPIOSHIP RACE CALENDAR

	DATES	CIRCUIT	QUALIFYING FORMAT	RACE FORMAT
Round 1	April 23 – 24	Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	250km
Round 2	May 28 – 29	OKAYAMA International Circuit	Knockout	250km
Round 3	July 16 – 17	Fuji Speedway	Knockout	250km
Round 4	August 18 – 21	Twin Ring Motegi	Knockout	250km
Round 5	September 10 – 11	AUTOPOLIS International Circuit	Knockout	250km
Round 6	September 24 – 25	Sportsland SUGO	Knockout	250km
Round 7*	October 29 – 30	Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	2-heat

\* “The 15th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA”

## ■ OKAYAMA International Circuit

Okayama is a technical course with two long straights and a mix of 13 small and large comers. Circuit length is 3.703km. Course layout encourages plenty of opportunities to attack and spectator areas are also close to the circuit, giving fans a real feel for the racing action.

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## ABOUT THE OKAYAMA ROUND

- **Official name :** 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series Round 2 : OKAYAMA
  
- **Held jointly with :** 2016 Japanese Formula 3 Championship Round 5 & 6  
2016 N-ONE OWNER'S CUP Round 5  
GAZOO Racing Netz Cup Vitz Racr 2016 Kansai series Round 2  
Roadster Party Race III Wast Japan series Round 1
  
- **Dates :** 2016 May 28 (Saturday) : QUALIFYING  
2016 May 29 (Sunday) : RACE
  
- **Location :** OKAYAMA International Circuit, Okayama Prefecture (Circuit length: 3.703km)
  
- **Hosted by :** Okayama International Circuit Co.,Ltd.  
Aida Club (AC)
  
- **Official recognition by :** Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)  
Japan Automobile Fereration (JAF)
  
- **Authorized by :** Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP)  
Japanese Formula 3 Association (JF3A)
  
- **Sponsored by :** Okayama Prefecture ; Mimasaka City ; Okayama Prefectural Government Tourism Division ;  
Mimasakanokuni Sightseeing Union ; Okayama Business Federation ;  
The Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Okayama Prefecture ;  
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## 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 : May 28 (Sat) at 14:00 -16:00 [Live coverage of the qualifying sessions on J SPRTS 4]

May 29 (Sun) at 14:30 -17:30 [Live coverage of the race on J SPRTS 4]

\*For more info on the programs, visit J SPORTS website < [http://www.jsports.co.jp/motor/super\\_formula/](http://www.jsports.co.jp/motor/super_formula/) >

### • BS FUJI :

“SUPER FORMULA Go On!” features all race highlights. First show broadcast on Friday in the week after the race.

Fans who want the stories behind all the action can tune in to the highlights show to get the inside track on race incidents.

The show also features interviews with drivers and secrets from the pit lane about the race cars, giving viewers a unique insight into the exciting world of SUPER FORMULA.

On-air dates : Round 2 Jun. 03 (Fri) at 24:00 -24:55

Round 3 Jul. 22 (Fri) at 24:00 -24:55

Round 4 Aug. 26 (Fri) at 23:30 -24:25

Round 5 Sep. 16 (Fri) at 24:00 -24:55

Round 6 Sep. 30 (Fri) at 23:30 -24:25

Round 7 Oct. 04 (Fri) at 24:00 -24:55

Omnibus undetermined

\*For more info on the programs, visit BS Fuji website < <http://www.bsfuji.tv/top/pub/superformura2015.html> >

### • FUJI TELEVISION CS :

“SUPER FORMULA TV” features all race highlights plus talk show with invited guest drivers.

#### NEXT Live Premium

A 30-minute show with race highlights and studio guests, giving an insight into the world of SUPER FORMULA.

This year studio guests will include drivers involved in the 2016 championship and famous racing legends who have competed at the top level. Two guests will talk about their passion for formula racing, revisiting famous incidents from the past and through to the present day. The show will be hosted by Fuji TV's Formula 1 race announcer.

On-air dates : Jun. 03 (Fri) at 22:00 – 22:30 [NEXT]

Gest driver : Hiroaki Ishiura / Jyuichi Wakisaka

\*For more info on the programs, visit CS Fuji website < [http://otn.fujitv.co.jp/b\\_hp/914200066.html](http://otn.fujitv.co.jp/b_hp/914200066.html) >

### • FUJI TELEVISION :

“Chousoku Go-On” each program will feature drivers or team directors currently in the spotlight, giving behind-the-scenes insights into the excitement of races, driver skills and pit lane news. Racing personalities Kamui Kobayashi and Daisuke Nakajima, who are competing in this year's series, will also be on hand to lead the talk show from the viewpoint of drivers. Video streaming service Fuji TV On Demand (FOD) will start streaming the show for free from May 23.

On-air dates : May. 15 (Mon) at 26:35 – 27:05

Facilitator : Pierre Kitagawa

Narrator : Hina Higuchi (Nogizaka 46)

Gest driver : Kazuki Nakajima

- **GYAO ! :** Race footage of each SUPER FORMULA round will be available on-demand 10 days after each round.  
< <http://gyao.yahoo.co.jp/sports/> >
- **You Tube :** Review show of qualifying and competition round the evening after the race.  
< <https://www.youtube.com/user/superformulavideo> >
- **FOD :** (Fuji TV On Demand) Fuji TV's program Chousoku Go-On will be streamed for free 8 days after the broadcast date.  
< <http://fod.fujitv.co.jp/s/genre/sports> >

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

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

#### ■ **Super Formula to be seen on TV in 182 countries worldwide**

From this season, a new 52-minute English language TV highlights package will be broadcast in 121 countries.

At the moment, the confirmed potential viewing audience is roughly 35 million households.

Adding on TV news reports about the races, the number of countries that will be able to see Super Formula action rises to 182.

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## Ticket Information & Enquiries

- **Advance purchase**
  - Admission ticket : ¥ 5,400 (valid for both days)  
: ¥ 3,240 (sat)  
: ¥ 5,400 (sun)
  - Paddock pass (+ Pit-walk) : ¥ 9,720 (valid for both days)  
(Over Junior high school students)
  - Pit-Loung pass : ¥ 30,780 Adults (junior high school age and over)  
: ¥ 16,200 (elementary school children)

- **At the door**
  - Admission ticket : ¥ 4,300 (sat)  
: ¥ 7,600 (sun)
  - Paddock pass (+ Pit-walk) : ¥ 5,000 (sat)  
(Over Junior high school students) : ¥ 12,000 (sun)
  - Pit-walk pass : ¥ 3,000 (sat)  
(Over Junior high school students) : ¥ 3,000 (sun)

\*Ticket details: Please visit the Fuji Speedway Circuit official website for more details.

< <http://okayama-international-circuit.jp/special/sf-2016/ticket.html> >

**Please visit the :**  
 SUPER FORMULA Official **website** : < <http://www.suzukacircuit.jp/superformula/ticket> >  
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