



News Release

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Honda 2024 Motorsports Program Overview

Honda announced its motorsports participation plans for the 2024 season.

[Motorcycle activities]

Despite winning the third round of the 2023 FIM*1 MotoGP World Championship MotoGP class at the Americas GP, the overall season was very disappointing for Honda. 2024 will see Luca Marini join the Repsol Honda Team, and Johann Zarco join the CASTROL Honda LCR team. Honda aims to enhance competitiveness of its racing bikes and regain the MotoGP title.

In the FIM Trial World Championship TrialGP class, Toni Bou won the 2023 championship achieving his 17th consecutive title, and combined with his 17th title victory in the X-Trial World Championship has won 34 consecutive titles. Bou will take on the challenge to break his own unprecedented record in 2024.

Honda aims to achieve carbon neutrality in all of its motorcycle products in the 2040s, and is working on the electrification of motorcycles as the mainstay of its future environmental strategy, while continuing to work on the evolution of internal combustion engines (ICEs). Carbon-neutral fuel is being incorporated in motorsports, as well. In 2023, Honda supported the introduction of carbon-neutral fuel in the JSB1000 class of the MFJ*2 All Japan Road Race Championship (JRR) and will do so in MotoGP and FIM Superbike World Championship (WSBK) in 2024. Last year, Honda made a spot entry in the All Japan Motocross Championship (JMX) with CR ELECTRIC PROTO, and is continuing consideration of entering new electric motorcycle categories.

*1 FIM: Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme

*2 MFJ: Motorcycle Federation of Japan

(Automobile Motorsports Activities)

In the 2023 FIA*3 Formula One World Championship (F1) season, Honda provided technical and marketing support to Oracle Red Bull Racing and Scuderia AlphaTauri as a team partner. As technical support, Honda Racing Corporation (HRC) manufactured components apart from the power unit (PU) ESS*4 which it supplied to Red Bull Powertrains*5 and supported PU operations throughout the season. This partnership helped Oracle Red Bull Racing win the Constructors' and Drivers' titles with an overwhelming 21 wins out of 22 races. Honda will continue the same partnership with both teams in 2024, its 60th anniversary*6 of F1 activities, aiming for even greater heights. Honda will also continue to support the activities of Yuki Tsunoda, who is entering his fourth year in F1.

In Japan, Honda aims to regain the SUPER GT series*7 GT500 class for the first time since 2020 by introducing the new CIVIC TYPE R-GT based on the CIVIC TYPE R, and recruiting talented young drivers.

In addition, Ayumu Iwasa, a Honda-trained driver who achieved good results in the FIA Formula Two Championship (F2) last year, will move up to the All-Japan Super Formula Championship (SF) with a view to F1 participation in the future. Honda will support this move and position the Japanese SF as a category that leads to world-class formula races such as F1, and like the SUPER GT series, will actively promote young drivers and encourage their participation in the series.

In North America, Honda Performance Development (HPD), which has been responsible for Honda's racing activities in the region, has been renamed to Honda Racing Corporation USA (HRC-US) in January 2024, and will aim to enhance Honda's automobile motorsports development on a global scale. In 2024, HPD will supply five teams competing in the IndyCar Series with engines through HRC-US. In addition, two Acura-branded ARX-06 cars supplied by HRC-US will compete in the IMSA*8 WeatherTech SportsCar Championship with the new HRC logo. HRC in Japan and HRC-US will work together to further enhance Honda's racing activities on a global scale.

^{*3} FIA: Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile

^{*4} ESS: Energy Storage System, a battery system that stores recovered electrical energy

^{*5} Red Bull Powertrains, a Red Bull Group company manufactures F1 PUs, and manufactures and operates ESS' for current model PUs.

^{*6} Counting from Honda's first participation in F1 at the German Grand Prix in August 1964

^{*7} SUPER GT series is organized and operated by GTA Co., Ltd.

^{*8} IMSA: International Motor Sports Association

■ Participation Overview as of January 19, 2024

< < Honda Participation in Motorcycle Racing>>

<<World Championship Series>>

♦FIM MotoGP World Championship (MotoGP)

<MotoGP>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
		10	Luca Marini	26	Italy	MotoGP 8th
Repsol Honda Team		36	Joan Mir	26	Spain	MotoGP 22nd
CASTROL Honda LCR	RC213V	5	Johann Zarco	33	France	MotoGP 5th
IDEMITSU Honda LCR		30	Takaaki Nakagami	31	Japan	MotoGP 18th

♦FIM Superbike World Championship (WSBK)

<WSBK>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result	
		7	lker Lecuona	24	Spain	WSBK 13th	
realli FINC	Team HRC CBR1000RR-R	CBR1000RR-R	97	Xavi Vierge	26	Spain	WSBK 10th
PETRONAS MIE Racing Honda	FIREBLADE SP	27	Adam Norrodin	25	Malaysia	WSSP 25th	
		95	Tarran Mackenzie	28	U.K.	WSSP 18th	

<WSSP>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
PETRONAS MIE Racing Honda	CDDCOODD	27	Kaito Toba	23	Japan	Moto3 11th
	CBR600RR	89	Khairul Idham Bin Pawi	25	Malaysia	ARRC SS600 2nd

♦FIM Endurance World Championship (EWC)

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
			Randy Krummenacher	33	Switzer land	
TATI TEAM BERINGER RACING		4	Hugo Clere	29	France	EWC 7th
			Corentin Perolari	25	France	
			Josh Hook	31	Australia	
F.C.C. TSR Honda France		5	Mike Di Meglio	36	France	EWC 4th
			Alan Techer	29	France	
	CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE SP		Marc Miralles	26	Spain	
MANA-AU COMPETITION		53	Samuel Trueb	32	Switzerland	
			TBA			
			Kamil Krzemień	24	Poland	
Wójcik Racing Team		77	Jurand Kuśmierczyk	19	Poland	EWC 19th
			Artur Wielebski	30	Poland	
Honda VILTAÏS Racing		333	Florian Alt	27	Germany	
			Steven Odendaal	30	South Africa	EWC 5th
			Léandro Mercado	31	Argentine	

♦FIM Motocross World Championship (MXGP)

<MXGP class>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
Team HRC		70	Ruben Fernandez	24	Spain	MXGP 5th
		243	Tim Gajser	27	Slovenia	MXGP 11th
Standing Construct		41	Pauls Jonass	27	Latvia	MXGP 19th
Honda MXGP	CDE450D	303	Alberto Forato	23	Italy	MXGP 7th
JM Honda Racing	CRF450R	32	Brent Van Doninck	28	Belgium	MXGP 22nd
Team Ship to Cycle		92	Valentin Guillod	31	Switzerland	MXGP 9th
Honda Motoblouz SR		24	Kevin Horgmo	23	Norway	MX2 7th
JWR Honda Racing		161	Alvin Ostlund	26	Sweden	MXGP 17th

<MX2 class>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
Team HRC		73	Ferruccio Zanchi	17	Italy	EMX250 4th
JM Honda Racing		312	Haaken Osterhagen	19	Norway	EMX250 18th
Honda Astra	CRF250R	325	Muhammad Delvintor Alfarizi	22	Indonesia	MX2 33rd
Team Ship to Cycle Honda Motoblouz SR			TBA			
			TBA			

♦FIM Trial World Championship (TrialGP)

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
	Montesa	1	Toni Bou	37	Spain	TrialGP/X-Trial Champion
Repsol Honda Team	COTA 4RT	38	Gabriel Marcelli	23	Spain	TrialGP 3rd

♦FIM World Rally-Raid Championship (Dakar Rally 2024)

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result	
	CRF450 RALLY		7	Pablo Quintanilla	37	Chile	Dakar Rally Overall 4th
		9	Ricky Brabec	32	U.S.A.	Dakar Rally DNF	
		CRF450	10	Skyler Howes	31	U.S.A.	Dakar Rally Overall 3rd
Monster Energy Honda Team		11	José Ignacio Cornejo	29	Chile	Dakar Rally Overall 8th	
		42	Adrien Van Beveren	33	France	Dakar Rally Overall 5th	
		68	Tosha Schareina	28	Spain	Dakar Rally Overall 13th	

<<Japan>>

♦ MFJ All Japan Road Race Championship (JRR)

<JSB1000 class>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
SDG Honda Racing		4	Teppei Nagoe	26	Japan	JSB1000 4th
TOHO Racing		7	Ryuichi Kiyonari	41	Japan	JSB1000 7th
Honda Dream RT Sakurai Honda		9	Kazuki Ito	23	Japan	JSB1000 9th
Team ATJ	CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE	10	Satoru Iwata	37	Japan	JSB1000 10th
MurayamaUnso Team AKIYOSHI		11	Kosuke Akiyoshi	49	Japan	JSB1000 11th
Japan Post Honda Dream TP		ТВА	Takumi Takahashi	34	Japan	ST1000 5th
Astemo Honda Dream SI Racing		ТВА	Kota Nozane	28	Japan	Moto2

<ST1000 class>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
Astemo Honda Dream SI Racing	CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE	1	Kazuma Watanabe	33	Japan	ST1000 Champion
		TBA	Kosuke Sakumoto	27	Japan	JSB1000 8th
		2	Kota Arakawa	21	Japan	ST1000 2nd
MOTO BUM HONDA		21	Yasuhiro Matsukawa	48	Japan	ST1000 21th
		TBA	Motoharu Ito	24	Japan	ST600 11th
TOHO Racing		3	Takuma Kunimine	25	Japan	ST1000 3rd
SDG Team HARC-PRO.		10	Yuki Kunii	20	Japan	ST1000 10th

<ST600 class>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
Japan Post Honda Dream TP		5	Tomoyoshi Koyama	40	Japan	ST600 5th
	CBR600RR	ТВА	Shu Yamato	20	Japan	J-GP3 9th
		7	Koki Suzuki	23	Japan	ST600 7th
MOTO BUM HONDA		21	Kai Aota	18	Japan	ST600 21th
		ТВА	Kenichi Sakurai	52	Japan	ST600
TN45 with MotoUP Racing Team		13	Tetsuya Fujita	20	Japan	ST600 13th
SDG Team HARC-PRO.		ТВА	Kanta Hamada	19	Japan	Junior GP

♦ MFJ All Japan Motocross Championship (JMX)

<IA1 class>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result	
Honda Dream Racing Bells		2	Yuki Okura	25	Japan	IA1 2nd	
Honda Dream Racing LG	CRF450R		ТВА	Haruki Yokoyama	25	Japan	Australia MX2 10th
T.E.SPORT		6	Gota Otsuka	27	Japan	IA1 6th	
		9	Makoto Ogata	38	Japan	IA1 9th	
TEAM HAMMER		13	Yuta Ikegaya	34	Japan	IA1 13th	
TEAM KOHSAKA		11	Ukyo Michiwaki	29	Japan	IA1 11th	
		25	Hakuryu Michiwaki	25	Japan	IA1 25th	

<IA2 class>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
		2	Takumu Yokosawa	25	Japan	IA2 2nd
TIM sector or orto hunts		6	Taiga Yanase	18	Japan	IA2 6th
TKM motor sports Iwate		27	Takato Otsuka	20	Japan	IA2 27th
		46	Riki Sato	20	Japan	IA2
		8	Eiki Suzumura	24	Japan	IA2 8th
TEAM HAMMER	CRF250R	ТВА	Oshi Takahashi	20	Japan	IA2
TEAM HAMMER		ТВА	Kazuki Fujii	19	Japan	IA2
		02	Takeru Fujii	17	Japan	IB-OPEN 2nd
		30	Takuya Yamazaki	16	Japan	IA2 30th
T.E.SPORT		37	Mizuki Negishi	25	Japan	IA2
		ТВА	Hazuki Chiba	20	Japan	IA2
Bells Racing		43	Rukumo Yoshida	15	Japan	Kinki NA Champion

<Ladies class (LMX)>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
	T.E.SPORT CRF150R II Team ITOMO TEAM HAMMER	1	Manaka Kawai	21	Japan	LMX Champion
T.E.SPORT		6	Ibuki Hamamura	17	Japan	LMX 6th
		12	Kotono Yamazaki	15	Japan	LMX 12th
Team ITOMO		3	Myu Minoura	17	Japan	LMX 3rd
TEAM HAMMER		5	Yuzuki Seo	16	Japan	LMX 5th

♦ MFJ All Japan Trial Championship (JTR)

<IA Super class (IAS)>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 results
TEAM MITANI Honda	RTL301RR	1	Tomoyuki Ogawa	47	Japan	IAS Champion
HRC Club MITANI & Shonai	RTL301RR	20	Mizuki Urayama	16	Japan	IA 3rd

<Ladies class(LTR)>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 results
_	COTA4RT 250R	1	Ayuna Yamamori	18	Japan	LTR Champion

<<Asia>>

♦FIM Asia Road Racing Championship (ARRC)

<ASB1000 class>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
		21	Md Zaqhwan Bin Zaidi	28	Malaysia	ASB1000 2nd
Honda Asia-Dream Racing with Astemo	CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE	23	Andi Farid Izdihar	26	Indonesia	ASB1000 3rd
		41	Nakarin Atiratphuvapat	28	Thailand	ARRC SS600 2nd
SDG Team HARC-PRO Honda Ph.		92	Yuki Kunii	20	Japan	JRR ST1000 10th

<<North America>>

♦AMA Supercross Championship

<450SX>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
Team Honda HRC	ODE450D	18	Jett Lawrence	20	Australia	250SX West Champion
	CRF450R	96	Hunter Lawrence	24	Australia	250SX East Champion

<250SX>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
	ODESE DE	30	Jo Shimoda	21	Japan	250SX East 13th
Team Honda HRC	CRF250R	48	Chance Hymas	18	U.S.A.	250SX East 16th

♦AMA Pro Motocross Championship

<450MX>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
Team Honda HRC CI	CDE450D	18	Jett Lawrence	20	Australia	450MX Champion
	CRF450R	96	Hunter Lawrence	24	Australia	250MX Champion

<250MX>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
Team Honda HRC	ODEOGOD	30	Jo Shimoda	21	Japan	250MX 3rd
	CRF250R	48	Chance Hymas	18	U.S.A.	250MX 18th

<<Overview of Honda Participation in Automobile Racing>>

<Japan>

◆ Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship (SF)

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
TEAM MUGEN	16	Tomoki Nojiri	34	Japan	SF 3rd
	15	Ayumu Iwasa	22	Japan	FIA-F2 4th
DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	5	Tadasuke Makino	26	Japan	SF 6th
	6	Kakunoshin Ohta	24	Japan	SF 7th
	64	Naoki Yamamoto	35	Japan	SF 13th
PONOS NAKAJIMA RACING	65	Ren Sato	22	Japan	SF 10th
TCM Crond Driv	53	Juju	17	Japan	Zinox F2000 Formula Trophy Champion
TGM Grand Prix	55	TBA			
ThreeBond Racing	12	Atsushi Miyake	24	Japan	SUPER GT GT300 19th
B-Max Racing Team	50	lori Kimura	24	Japan	SFL Champion

♦SUPER GT <GT500 class>

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
	8	Tomoki Nojiri	34	Japan	GT500 8th
	8	Nobuharu Matsushita	30	Japan	GT500 6th
ARTA	16	Hiroki Otsu	29	Japan	GT500 4th
	16	Ren Sato	22	Japan	SF 10th
	17	Koudai Tsukakoshi	37	Japan	GT500 6th
Astemo REAL RACING		Kakunoshin Ohta	24	Japan	GT500 14th
STANLEY TEAM KUNIMITSU	100	Naoki Yamamoto	35	Japan	GT500 11th
STANLET TEAM KUNIMITSU	100	Tadasuke Makino	26	Japan	GT500 10th
Modulo Nakajima Racing	64	Takuya Izawa	39	Japan	GT500 14th
		Riki Okusa	24	Japan	GT300 17th

♦SUPER GT <GT300 class>

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
TEAM UPGARAGE	18 -	Takashi Kobayashi	36	Japan	GT300 5th
		Syun Koide	24	Japan	GT300 5th SFL 3rd

♦ Super Taikyu Series < ST-Q class>

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
		Hiroki Otsu	29	Japan	SUPER GT GT500 4th
Team HRC	271	TBA			
		ТВА			

<<North America>>

♦IndyCar Series

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
	66	Tom Blomqvist	30	U.K.	IndyCar Series 34th
Meyer Shank Racing	60	Felix Rosenqvist	32	Sweden	IndyCar Series 12th
	06	Hélio Castroneves	48	Brazil	IndyCar Series 18th
	9	Scott Dixon	43	New Zealand	IndyCar Series 2nd
	10	Alex Palou	26	Spain	IndyCar Series Champion
Chip Ganassi Racing	8	Linus Lundqvist	24	Sweden	IndyCar Series 31st
	4	Kyffin Simpson	19	Barbados	ELMS (LMP2) Champion
	11	Marcus Armstrong	23	New Zealand	IndyCar Series 20th
	15	Graham Rahal	35	U.S.A.	IndyCar Series 15th
Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing	30	Pietro Fittipaldi	27	Brazil	WEC (LMP2) 6th
	45	Christian Lundgaard	22	Denmark	IndyCar Series 8th
Dale Coyne Racing	TBA	TBA	_	_	_
Date Coyne Racing	TBA	TBA	_	_	_
	28	Marcus Ericsson	33	Sweden	IndyCar Series 6th
Andretti Global	27	Kyle Kirkwood	25	U.S.A.	IndyCar Series 11th
	26	Colton Herta	23	U.S.A.	IndyCar Series 10th
TBA	TBA	Takuma Sato	46	Japan	IndyCar Series 29th

♦IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
	10	Ricky Taylor	34	U.S.A.	IMSA GTP 2nd
Moves Toylor Posing with Andretti	10	Filipe Albuquerque	38	Portugal	IMSA GTP 2nd
Wayne Taylor Racing with Andretti	40	Louis Delétraz	26	Switzerland	WEC (LMP2) Champion
		40	Jordan Taylor	32	U.S.A.

<Development of motorcycle riders and automobile drivers>

For the purpose of developing riders and drivers who will become formidable contenders on the global motorsports stage, Honda has been involved in nurturing world-class riders and drivers at the Suzuka Circuit Racing School-Junior (SRS-Junior) for motorcycle riders since 1992, Suzuka Circuit Racing School-Kart (SRS-Kart) since 1993 and the Suzuka Circuit Racing School-Formula (SRS-Formula) since 1995. As a result, these programs have produced a number of outstanding riders and drivers who have been competing in their respective motorcycle and automobile racing categories inside and outside Japan. In 2022, with a goal to further increase the quality of development programs in each category, Suzuka Circuit School was renamed as the Honda Racing School Suzuka (HRS), where top-class riders and drivers provide guidance as instructors.

In the area of motorcycle racing, Honda will continue the activities of Honda Team Asia, which will continue to compete in the Moto2 and Moto3 classes of MotoGP in the 2024 season, and also continue to utilize IDEMITSU Asia Talent Cup (IATC) as a program designed to foster young riders. Through these initiatives, Honda will strive to discover and foster more riders who can compete in world-class races.

In the area of automobile racing, Honda will further strengthen the environment to foster young drivers by offering development opportunities in formula races in Europe, FIA-F4 or Super Formula Lights races in Japan, and other races through the Honda Formula Dream Project (HFDP).

♦FIM MotoGP World Championship

<Moto2 class>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
IDEMITOLI Harrida Tasur Asia		35	Somkiat Chantra	25	Thailand	Moto2 6th
IDEMITSU Honda Team Asia	KALEX	34	Mario Aji	19	Indonesia	Moto3 31st

MT Helmets -MSI Boscoscuro 79 Ai Ogura 22 Japan	Moto2 9th	
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<Moto3 class>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
Llanda Taam Asia	NCESCODIA	5	Tatchakorn Buasri	23	Thailand	Junior GP 11th
Honda Team Asia	NSF250RW	72	Taiyo Furusato	18	Japan	Moto3 16th

♦French F4 Championship

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2023 Result	
_	TBA	Taito Kato	16	Japan	HRS Formula scholarship (1st)	

♦All-Japan Super Formula Lights (SFL)

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
B-Max Racing Team	50	Syun Koide	24	Japan	SFL 3rd
TODA RACING	2	Souta Arao	18	Japan	GB3 17th

♦FIA-F4 Championship (Japan)

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2023 Result
	ТВА	Yuto Nomura	18	Japan	FIA-F4 4th
HFDP with B-Max Racing Team	ТВА	Ryota Horachi	17	Japan	HRS Formula Scholarship (2nd)

■ Honda initiatives to expand the popularity of motorsports

Honda has been making active efforts to expand the popularity of motorsports, through various events and activities that can be enjoyed more casually by people who are not yet so familiar with motorsports.

<One-make race series sponsored by Honda Racing Corporation (HRC)>

HRC is hosting one-make races at approximately 30 circuits throughout Japan under two categories of races with different purposes - to simply enjoy motorsports and to foster future MotoGP riders.

The one-make race series hosted by HRC include HRC GROM Cup, CBR250R Dream Cup and CBR250RR Dream Cup, which features production models, as well as the NSF100 HRC Trophy, which features the NSF100, an HRC production model racer and the HRC NSF250R Challenge which is designed to foster future MotoGP riders.

The one-make race series are being held at a number of circuits throughout Japan. In addition, HRC has been hosting some Japan-wide races (at Suzuka or Motegi) for riders who fulfill certain conditions and offering support for riders to step up through training classes. In other words, the HRC one-make race series have been a stage where participants can enjoy the races and/or strive to realize their dreams.

<Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2024>

Since 1981, Honda has hosted the Honda Eco Mileage Challenge, where participants combine their creativity, freewheeling thinking and technology and compete to see how far their handcrafted vehicles can travel on one liter of fuel. The cumulative number of teams participating in the Honda Eco Mileage Challenge since 1981 has reached approximately 15,000 teams.

Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2024: Schedule in Japan

Date	Event name	Venue
June 8 (Sat)	37th Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2024, Suzuka	East Course, Suzuka Circuit (Mie)
June 22 (Sat)	15th Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2024, Motegi	West Course, Mobility Resort Motegi (Tochigi)
August 4 (Sun)	39th Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2024, Kyushu	Circuit Course, HSR Kyushu (Kumamoto)
October 12 (Sat): Practice October 13 (Sun): Race	43rd Soichiro Honda Cup Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2024, National Competition	Super Speedway, Mobility Resort Motegi (Tochigi)