



News Release

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Honda 2026 Motorsports Program Overview

Honda announced its motorsports participation plans for the 2026 season.

Since first entering the Isle of Man TT races in 1959, with company founder Soichiro Honda's passion to become the world's number one in technology, Honda has continued to participate in various motorcycle and automobile races around the world. Many riders and drivers from yesteryear have competed on the world stage, and no matter how many times they have faced challenges, have overcome and accumulated victories by pushing on, undaunted. Motorsports is the perfect stage to hone technologies and nurture engineers. In 2026, Honda will continue to strengthen this challenging spirit and develop motorsports activities with the riders, drivers, and people who fight alongside Honda.

【Motorcycle motorsports activities】

In 2025, Honda HRC achieved a fourth consecutive victory at the Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Road Race, with Takumi Takahashi extending his own record to a total of seven wins—the most in the event's history. In addition, Toni Bou claimed championship titles in both the FIM^{*1} Trial World Championship and the FIM X-Trial World Championship, accomplishing the extraordinary feat of 38 consecutive titles across the two series. Furthermore, in the SuperMotocross World Championship held in the United States, Jo Shimoda became the first Japanese rider to win the championship in the 250cc class.

In 2026, in the FIM Road Racing World Championship MotoGP class, the factory team Honda HRC Castrol will continue with a two-rider lineup consisting of Joan Mir and Luca Marini. For the satellite team, Honda LCR will again field two riders, retaining Johann Zarco, who claimed victory at his home round, the French Grand Prix, last season, alongside Diogo Moreira, the reigning Moto2 World Champion, who joins the team as a new entrant.

In the FIM Superbike World Championship (WSBK), the factory team Honda HRC will refresh its rider lineup, while welcoming six-time WSBK champion Jonathan Rea as a development rider. Together, they will further enhance the competitiveness of the CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE SP. In the FIM Motocross World Championship, Honda will strengthen its team structure in the premier MXGP class, expanding from a two-rider to a three-rider lineup. Alongside continued performance development of the CRF450R, Honda aims to reclaim the MXGP championship title for the first time in four years.

In both the FIM Trial World Championship TrialGP class and the FIM X-Trial World Championship, Toni Bou will challenge himself to extend his record to a combined total of 40 consecutive titles. He is also currently competing in the Dakar Rally 2026 in Saudi Arabia, striving to reclaim the overall title.

Honda aims to achieve carbon neutrality across all motorcycle products in the 2040s. While continuing to advance ICE (internal combustion engine) technologies, Honda is positioning motorcycle electrification as a central pillar of its future environmental strategy. Electrification efforts will also continue in motorsports. Following its participation in the FIM Trial World Championship Trial2 class last year, where it secured second place in the championship standings, RTL ELECTRIC will move up to the premier TrialGP class and compete at the highest level of the series.

*1 FIM: Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme

【Automobile motorsports activities】

In 2026, Honda will newly enter the FIA^{*2} Formula One World Championship (F1) as a factory power unit supplier to the Aston Martin Aramco Formula One Team (AMAF1). Honda's motorsports operations arm, Honda Racing Corporation (HRC), will be responsible for the core activities of F1 participation, including the development, manufacturing, and trackside operation of the power unit (PU).

The 2025 season marked the final year in which Honda provided technical support and marketing collaboration as a team partner to Oracle Red Bull Racing and the Visa Cash App Racing Bulls. At the final round of the season, the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Max Verstappen achieved a pole-to-win result, providing a fitting conclusion to the eight-year partnership. From 2026 onward, Honda will take on a new challenge together with AMAF1, aiming once again for the pinnacle of the sport.

In Japan-domestic racing, during the 2025 All-Japan Super Formula Championship^{*3}, TEAM MUGEN driver Ayumu Iwasa claimed the Drivers' Championship. Meanwhile, DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING, represented by Tadasuke Makino and Kakunoshin Ohta, secured the Teams' Championship. The team will once again target a double title in the 2026 season.

In the SUPER GT Series^{*4}, STANLEY TEAM KUNIMITSU, with Naoki Yamamoto and Tadasuke Makino, finished second overall in the 2025 season. For 2026, Honda will introduce the all-new Honda HRC PRELUDE-GT, based on the Prelude.

From an operational standpoint, Honda will appoint a new Technical Director to provide cross-team support for the five teams campaigning the Honda HRC PLRELUDE-GT. This structure will strengthen collaboration among teams and drivers while improving the quality of technical feedback to HRC Sakura development division. In addition, Car No. 8 will compete under the newly named Team HRC ARTA MUGEN, with multiple dedicated HRC engineers assigned, further deepening HRC's direct involvement. Through these initiatives, Honda aims to reclaim the championship title.

Furthermore, Yuto Nomura, champion of the All-Japan Super Formula Lights Championship, will step up to Super Formula with San-Ei Gen with B-Max, and will also compete in the SUPER GT GT500 class with Astemo REAL RACING.

In North America, Honda will continue supplying power units to five teams competing in the IndyCar Series through Honda Racing Corporation USA (HRC US). In the IMSA^{*5} WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, two Acura ARX-06 entries supplied by HRC US will compete in the top-tier GTP class. Continuing its partnership with Meyer Shank Racing, Car No. 93 will again see HRC US engineers responsible for key aspects of team operations, further accelerating both human resource development and technical advancement.

In addition, Kakunoshin Ohta, who began competing in IMSA last year, will once again contest two events with the team this season, including the 24 Hours of Daytona.

*2 FIA: Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile

*3 Supervised and operated by JAPAN RACE PROMOTION INC.

*4 Supervised and operated by GTA Co., Ltd.

*5 IMSA: International Motor Sports Association

■ Participation Overview (as of January 9, 2026)

<<Honda Participation in Motorcycle Racing>>

<<World Championship Series>>

◆ FIM MotoGP World Championship (MotoGP)

<MotoGP>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Honda HRC Castrol	RC213V	10	Luca Marini	28	Italy	MotoGP 13th
		36	Joan Mir	28	Spain	MotoGP 15th
		5	Johann Zarco	35	France	MotoGP 12th
		11	Diogo Moreira	21	Brazil	Moto2 Champion

◆ FIM Superbike World Championship (WSBK)

<WSBK>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Honda HRC	CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE SP	35	Somkiat Chantra	27	Thailand	MotoGP 26th
		96	Jake Dixon	29	Great Britain	Moto2 5th

<WSSP>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Honda RACING World Supersport	CBR600RR	6	Corentin Perolari	27	France	WSSP 13th
		22	Ana Carrasco	28	Spain	WSSP Participated

◆FIM Endurance World Championship (EWC)

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
TATI TEAM AVA6 RACING	CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE	4	Hugo Clere	30	France	EWC 11th
			Mike Di Meglio	37	France	
			TBA			
F.C.C. TSR Honda France	CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE SP	5	Alan Techer	31	France	EWC 6th
			Corentin Perolari	27	France	
			John McPhee	31	Great Britain	
MANA-AU COMPETITION	CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE	53	Max Schmidt	22	Germany	EWC 8th
			Kilian Aebi	21	Switzerland	
			TBA			

◆FIM Motocross World Championship (MXGP)

<MXGP>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Honda HRC	CRF450R	16	Tom Vialle	25	France	AMA 250SX East Champion
		70	Ruben Fernandez	26	Spain	MXGP 4th
		84	Jeffrey Herlings	31	Netherland	MXGP 5th
TEAM HONDA SR MOTOBOLOUZ		9	Thibault Benistant	23	France	MX2 7th
		24	Kevin Horgmo	25	Belgium	MXGP 18th

<MX2>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Honda HRC	CRF250R	18	Valerio Lata	20	Italy	MX2 9th
		28	Marc-Antoine Rossi	19	France	MX2 46th

◆FIM Trial World Championship (TrialGP)

<TrialGP>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Repsol Honda Team	Montesa COTA 4RT	1	Toni Bou	39	Spain	TrialGP Champion
		38	Gabriel Marcelli	25	Spain	TrialGP 3rd
Honda Montesa	RTL ELECTRIC	56	Miquel Gelabert	27	Spain	Trial2 2nd

◆FIM X-Trial World Championship (X-Trial)

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Repsol Honda Team	Montesa COTA 4RT	1	Toni Bou	39	Spain	X-Trial Champion
		38	Gabriel Marcelli	25	Spain	X-Trial 3rd

◆FIM World Rally-Raid Championship (Dakar Rally 2026)

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Monster Energy Honda HRC	CRF450 RALLY	9	Ricky Brabec	34	U.S.A.	Dakar Rally Overall 5th
		10	Skyler Howes	33	U.S.A.	Dakar Rally Overall 6th
		42	Adrien Van Beveren	35	France	Dakar Rally Overall 3rd
		68	Tosha Schareina	30	Spain	Dakar Rally Overall 2nd

<Rally2>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Monster Energy Honda HRC	CRF450RX Rally	84	Martim Ventura	25	Portugal	Rally Raid Rally2 11th
		85	Preston Campbell	26	U.S.A.	Rally Raid Rally2 9th

<<Japan>>

◆MFJ All Japan Road Race Championship (JRR)

<JSB1000>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result	
Astemo Pro Honda SI Racing	CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE	TBA	Kota Nozane	30	Japan	JSB1000 4th	
Team SAKURAI HONDA		TBA	Kazuki Ito	25	Japan	JSB1000 5th	
Team ATJ		TBA	Satoru Iwata	39	Japan	JSB1000 6th	
		TBA	Koki Suzuki	25	Japan	JSB1000 10th	
DUNLOP Racing Team with YAHAGI		TBA	Tetsuta Nagashima	33	Japan	JSB1000 8th	
SDG Team HARC-PRO. Honda		TBA	Yuki Kunii	22	Japan	FIM Moto2* 30th	

* FIM Grand Prix World Championship Moto2

<ST1000>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result	
Astemo Pro Honda SI Racing	CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE	TBA	Taiga Hada	27	Japan	ST1000 Champion	
RT:JAPAN-M-AUTO		TBA	Kota Arakawa	23	Japan	ST1000 5th	
TOHO Racing		TBA	Yudai Kamei	29	Japan	ST1000 2nd	
		TBA	Takuma Kunimine	27	Japan	ST1000 3rd	
MOTO BUM HONDA		TBA	Kosuke Sakumoto	29	Japan	ST1000 15th	
SDG Team HARC-PRO. Honda		TBA	Rei Toshima	26	Japan	ST1000 7th	
		TBA	Teppei Nagoe	28	Japan	JSB1000 19th	

<ST600>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Japan Post docomo business Honda	CBR600RR	TBA	Tomoyoshi Koyama	42	Japan	ST600 4th
TN45 Racing Team		TBA	Tetsuya Fujita	22	Japan	ST600 6th
SDG Team HARC-PRO. Honda		TBA	Amon Odaki	18	Japan	ST600 10th
Astemo Pro Honda SI Racing		TBA	Kai Aota	20	Japan	ST600 13th
		TBA	Kanta Hamada	21	Japan	ST600 15th
		TBA	Kenshin Nakatani	18	Japan	J-GP3 2nd
MOTO BUM HONDA		TBA	Sho Tokuda	16	Japan	ST600 21st
		TBA	Kouga Matsumoto	21	Japan	ST600 22nd
		TBA	Rui Kusu	20	Japan	ST600 -
		TBA	Riku Matsushima	19	Japan	J-GP3 7th

◆MFJ All Japan Motocross Championship (JMX)

<IA1>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result	
Honda Dream Racing Bells	CRF450R	1	Yuki Okura	27	Japan	IA1 Champion	
T.E.SPORT		4	Gota Otsuka	29	Japan	IA1 4th	
		70	Mizuki Negishi	27	Japan	IA2 29th	
TEAM HAMMER		9	Makoto Ogata	40	Japan	IA1 9th	
TEAM KOHSAKA		14	Hakuryu Michiwaki	27	Japan	IA1 14th	
Bells Racing		47	Ryo Ikeda	26	Japan	IA2 6th	

<IA2>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result	
Bells Racing	CRF250R	45	Takeru Fujii	18	Japan	IA2 24th	
		46	Rukumo Yoshida	17	Japan	IA2 5th	
Honda Dream Racing		51	Taiga Yanase	20	Japan	IA2 10th	
Team ITOMO		56	Yusuke Mori	27	Japan	IA2 15th	
		81	Raiki Minoura	17	Japan	IA2 40th	
T.E.SPORT		61	Takuya Yamazaki	18	Japan	IA2 20th	
		05	Taishi Hokama	17	Japan	IB-OPEN 5th	

<Ladies (LMX)>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
T.E.SPORT	CRF150R II	1	Manaka Kawai	23	Japan	LMX Champion
Team ITOMO		2	Myu Minoura	19	Japan	LMX 2nd
TEAM HAMMER		5	Natsuki Kusumoto	22	Japan	LMX 5th

◆MFJ All Japan Trial Championship (JTR)

<IA Super (IAS)>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
TEAM MITANI Honda	RTL301RR	7	Yohito Takeda	24	Japan	IAS 7th
		8	Tomoyuki Ogawa	49	Japan	IAS 8th

<<Asia>>

◆FIM Asia Road Racing Championship (ARRC)

<ASB1000>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Idemitsu Honda Racing Malaysia	CBR1000RR-R FIREBLADE	20	Azroy Hakeem Anuar	25	Malaysia	ASB1000 5th
		21	Md Zaqhwan Bin Zaidi	30	Malaysia	ASB1000 4th
SDG HARC-PRO. Honda Philippines		39	Keito Abe	22	Japan	ASB1000 3rd
Honda Racing Thailand		41	Nakarin Atiratphuvapat	29	Thailand	ASB1000 2nd
Astra Honda Racing Team		TBA	TBA			

<<North America>>

◆ AMA Supercross Championship

<450SX>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Honda HRC Progressive	CRF450RWE	18	Jett Lawrence	22	Australia	450SX 18th
		96	Hunter Lawrence	26	Australia	450SX 21st

<250SX>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Honda HRC Progressive	CRF250RWE	29	Chance Hymas	20	U.S.A.	250SX East 6th
		30	Jo Shimoda	23	Japan	250SX West 4th

◆ AMA Pro Motocross Championship

<450MX>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Honda HRC Progressive	CRF450RWE	18	Jett Lawrence	22	Australia	450class Champion
		96	Hunter Lawrence	26	Australia	450class 2nd

<250MX>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Honda HRC Progressive	CRF250RWE	29	Chance Hymas	20	U.S.A.	250class 19th
		30	Jo Shimoda	23	Japan	250class 2nd

<<Overview of Honda Participation in Automobile Racing>>

《World Championships》

<FIA Formula One World Championship (F1) >

Team	Machine	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Aston Martin Aramco Formula One Team	AMR26	14	Fernando Alonso	44	Spain	F1 10th
		18	Lance Stroll	27	Canada	F1 16th

<<Japan>>

◆Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship (SF)

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
TEAM MUGEN	1	Ayumu Iwasa	24	Japan	SF Champion
	16	Tomoki Nojiri	36	Japan	SF 5th
DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	5	Tadasuke Makino	28	Japan	SF 4th
	6	Kakunoshin Ohta	26	Japan	SF 3rd
HAZAMA ANDO Triple Tree Racing	10	Juju	19	Japan	SF Competed
ThreeBond Racing	12	Syun Koide	26	Japan	SF 16th
DELiGHTWORKS RACING	22	Nobuharu Matsushita	32	Japan	GT500 9th
San-Ei Gen with B-Max	50	Yuto Nomura	20	Japan	SFL Champion
PONOS NAKAJIMA RACING	64	Ren Sato	24	Japan	SF 7th
	65	Igor Omura Fraga	27	Brazil	SF 6th

◆SUPER GT <GT500 class>

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Team HRC ARTA MUGEN	8	Kakunoshin Ohta	26	Japan	SF 3rd
		Hiroki Otsu	31	Japan	GT500 8th
ARTA MUGEN	16	Tomoki Nojiri	36	Japan	GT500 9th
		Ren Sato	24	Japan	GT500 8th
Astemo REAL RACING	17	Koudai Tsukakoshi	39	Japan	GT500 11th
		Yuto Nomura	20	Japan	GT300 11th
Modulo Nakajima Racing	64	Riki Okusa	25	Japan	GT500 13th
		Igor Omura Fraga	27	Brazil	GT300 18th
STANLEY TEAM KUNIMITSU	100	Naoki Yamamoto	37	Japan	GT500 2nd
		Tadasuke Makino	28	Japan	GT500 2nd

◆Super Taikyu Series <ST-Q class>

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Team HRC	TBA	TBA			

<<North America>>

◆IndyCar Series

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Chip Ganassi Racing	8	Kyffin Simpson	21	Barbados	IndyCar Series 17th
	9	Scott Dixon	45	New Zealand	IndyCar Series 3rd
	10	Alex Palou	28	Spain	IndyCar Series Champion
Andretti Global	26	Will Power	44	Australia	IndyCar Series 9th
	27	Kyle Kirkwood	27	U.S.A.	IndyCar Series 4th
	28	Marcus Ericsson	35	Sweden	IndyCar Series 20th
Meyer Shank Racing	60	Felix Rosenqvist	34	Sweden	IndyCar Series 6th
	66	Marcus Armstrong	25	New Zealand	IndyCar Series 8th
Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing	15	Graham Rahal	37	U.S.A.	IndyCar Series 19th
	45	Louis Foster	22	U.K.	IndyCar Series 23rd
	47	Mick Schumacher	26	Germany	WEC 16th
Dale Coyne Racing	18	Dennis Hauger	22	Norway	INDY NXT Champion
	51	TBA			
TBA	TBA	Takuma Sato	48	Japan	Indy500 9th

◆IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship

Team	No.	Driver	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Acura Meyer Shank Racing with Curb Agajanian	60	Colin Braun	37	U.S.A.	IMSA GTP 7th
		Tom Blomqvist	32	U.K.	IMSA GTP 7th
		AJ Allmendinger*	44	U.S.A.	NASCAR Cup Series 26th
		Scott Dixon*	45	New Zealand	IndyCar Series 3rd
	93	Nick Yelloly	35	U.K.	IMSA GTP 5th
		Renger van der Zande	39	Netherlands	IMSA GTP 5th
		Alex Palou*	28	Spain	IndyCar Series Champion
		Kakunoshin Ohta*	26	Japan	SF 3rd

* Endurance drivers competing in races of 6 hours or more

<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 2026 season, and also utilize Idemitsu Moto4 Asia Cup 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 junior formula categories in Europe, FIA-F4 or SUPER FORMULA LIGHTS in Japan, and other races through the Honda Formula Dream Project (HFDP).

After competing strongly in the Formula Regional European Championship (FRECA) and the Formula Regional Middle East Championship (FRMEC) in 2025, Taito Kato will take on the challenge in the Formula Regional Middle East Trophy (FRME, formerly FRMEC) in 2026 while stepping up to the FIA Formula 3 Championship. Meanwhile, Kota Tsuchihashi, who has earned an HRS scholarship, will move on to the French F4 Championship. Kotaro Shimbara, who finished fourth in the Japanese FIA F4 Championship in 2025, will compete in the All-Japan Super Formula Lights Championship. For the Japanese FIA F4 Championship, Sho Momose will be entering his second year, while Kazuma Kurosawa, who graduated from HRS, will be joining the championship for the first time.

◆FIM MotoGP World Championship

<Moto2>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
IDEMITSU Honda Team Asia	KALEX	64	Mario Aji	21	Indonesia	Moto2 26th
		72	Taiyo Furusato	20	Japan	Moto3 8th

<Moto3>

Team	Machine	No.	Rider	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
Honda Team Asia	NSF250RW	9	Veda Ega Pratama	17*	Indonesia	Rookies Cup 2nd
		32	Zen Mitani	18	Japan	Rookies Cup 7th

* Special promotion for achieving 3rd place or higher in the Rookies Cup

◆FIA-F3

◆Formula Regional Middle East Trophy (FRME)

Team	Driver	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
ART Grand Prix	Taito Kato	18	Japan	FRMEC 12th FRECA 7th

◆French F4 Championship

Team	Driver	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
—	Kota Tsuchihashi	18	Japan	HRS scholarship (1st)

◆Japanese SUPER FORMULA LIGHTS (SFL)

Team	Driver	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
HFDP with B-Max Racing Team	Kotaro Shimbara	21	Japan	FIA-F4 4th

◆FIA-F4 Championship (Japan)

Team	Driver	Age	Nationality	2025 Result
HFDP with B-MAX RACING	Syo Momose	18	Japan	FIA-F4 6th
	Kazuma Kurosawa	18	Japan	Graduated from HRS

■ 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 motorcycle 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 feature 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 for riders who fulfill certain conditions and offering support for riders to step up through training classes. The HRC one-make race series enables participants to enjoy racing and/or strive to realize their dreams.

<Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2026>

Since 1981, Honda has hosted the Honda Eco Mileage Challenge, where participants combine their creativity, free thinking and technology and compete to see how far their handcrafted vehicles can travel on one liter of fuel. The 2026 event is scheduled to include regional competitions at three locations across Japan, followed by a national final.

This program is designed to foster technical skills and environmental awareness among the next generation, and continues to evolve as part of Honda's initiatives toward achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. From the 2026 event onward, the official fuel will be switched to carbon-neutral fuel. In addition, a new Electric Motorcycle Class will be introduced at the national final, providing a broader platform for diverse technological challenges.

■ Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2026: Schedule in Japan

Date	Event name	Venue
May 30 (Sat)	17th Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2026, Motegi	West Course, Mobility Resort Motegi (Tochigi) Suzuka Circuit (Mie)
June 20 (Sat)	39th Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2026, Suzuka	East Course, Suzuka Circuit (Mie)
August 1 (Sat): Practice August 2 (Sun): Race	41st Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2026, Kyushu	Circuit Course, HSR Kyushu (Kumamoto)
October 24 (Sat): Practice October 25 (Sun): Race	45th Soichiro Honda Cup Honda Eco Mileage Challenge 2026, National Competition	Oval Course, Mobility Resort Motegi (Tochigi)