

FR FORMULA REGIONAL AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIP

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With innovations in safety and affordability, the FR Americas Championship is designed to attract the very best young talent from around the world. SCCA Pro Racing sanctions the Championship, recognizing the importance of developing the racing stars of tomorrow.

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With the F4 U.S. Championship exceeding the expectations of its partners and participants, its drivers and teams were seeking the next step in their championship development. After years of discussion, development, testing and manufacturing, the ground-breaking, single-engine, single-chassis regional FIA series Formula Regional Americas Championship Powered by Honda was ready for launch.

FR Americas is the fastest way for an aspiring driver to experience to an international racing platform at an affordable price. The Championship offers young talent the opportunity to demonstrate their skills on an international platform while keeping affordability and safety as key elements of the program.

Having the Ligier JS F3 chassis manufactured in the United States by Ligier, the Honda Civic Type R motor built in Anna, Ohio, and the Hankook Tires marketed from Nashville, Tennessee, and distributed from its Hankook Motorsports facility in Austin, Texas, aids in affordability and availability. Stepping into the FR Americas series builds upon the progression offered from the F4 U.S. Championship both on and off the track. With driver training, unmatched affordability and strong manufacturer support, competitors can grow and succeed into the higher levels of motorsport.

The FR Americas series offers plenty of track time for drivers. Typical race meetings will offer three 35-minute races with qualifying and two practices built into the race weekend. Altogether, the drivers have around three hours of track time available per race meeting, allowing them to increase their experience in open wheel racing. One of FR America's greatest strengths is the analytical work that must be carried out by the drivers in cooperation with their engineers. The series is a spec series, allowing multicar or single cars teams the same opportunity of success with capped costs; however, the cars allow for significant setup adjustments, which increases the driver's technical knowledge and gains experience required for moving up the open wheel ladder, whether with a large or small team.



APRIL 9-11

Road Atlanta
F4 U.S., Formula Race Promotions
Braselton, Georgia
2.54 miles • 14 Turns
Clockwise Road Course

JUNE 5-7

Circuit of the Americas
F4 U.S., Radical Cup
Austin, Texas
3.427 miles • 20 Turns
Counterclockwise Road Course

JULY 17-19

Virginia International Raceway
F4 U.S., Formula Race Promotions
Alton, Virginia
3.27 miles • 17 Turns
Clockwise Road Course

JULY 31-AUGUST 2

Barber Motorsports Park
F4 U.S.
Leeds, Alabama
16 Turns • 2.38 miles
Clockwise Road Course

AUGUST 7-9

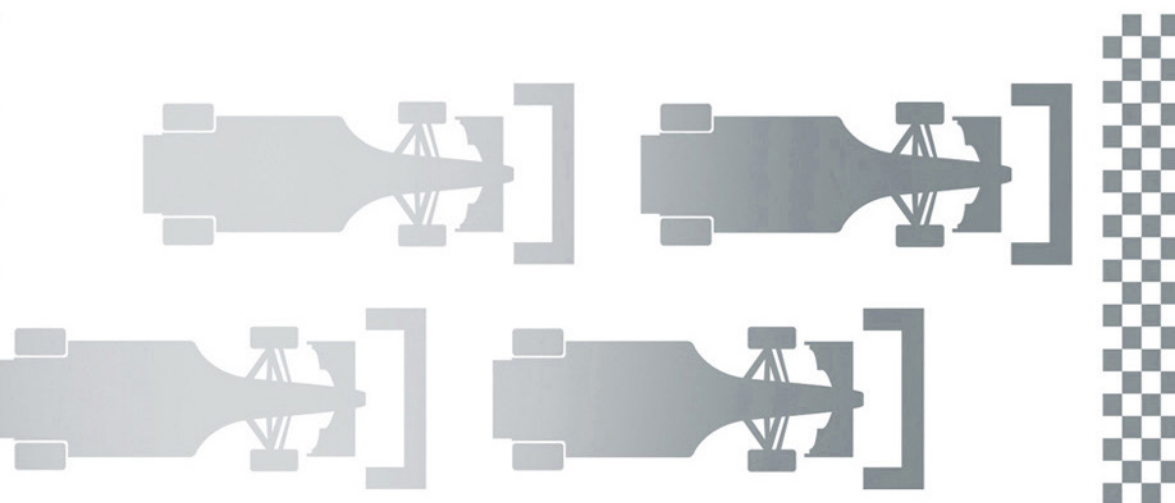
Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières
1.53 miles • 11 Turns
NASCAR Pinty's Series,
Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada,
Nissan Micra Cup, CTTC,
Super Production Challenge
and F1600 Canada Championship
Trois-Rivières, Quebec
Counter Clockwise Street Course

SEPTEMBER 25-27

Sebring International Raceway
F4 U.S.
Sebring, Florida
3.7 miles • 17 Turns
Clockwise Road Course

OCTOBER 23-25

Circuit of the Americas
Formula 1 U.S. Grand Prix
Austin, Texas
3.427 miles • 20 Turns
Counterclockwise Road Course



A typical FR Americas race weekend format is similar to F4 U.S., offering maximum seat time.

- 19 Rounds
- 3 35-minute races per race weekend
- 2 practices per race weekend
- 1 qualifying session per race weekend

**POINTS SCORING SYSTEM**

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH
25	18	15	12	10
SIXTH	SEVENTH	EIGHTH	NINTH	TENTH
8	6	4	2	1

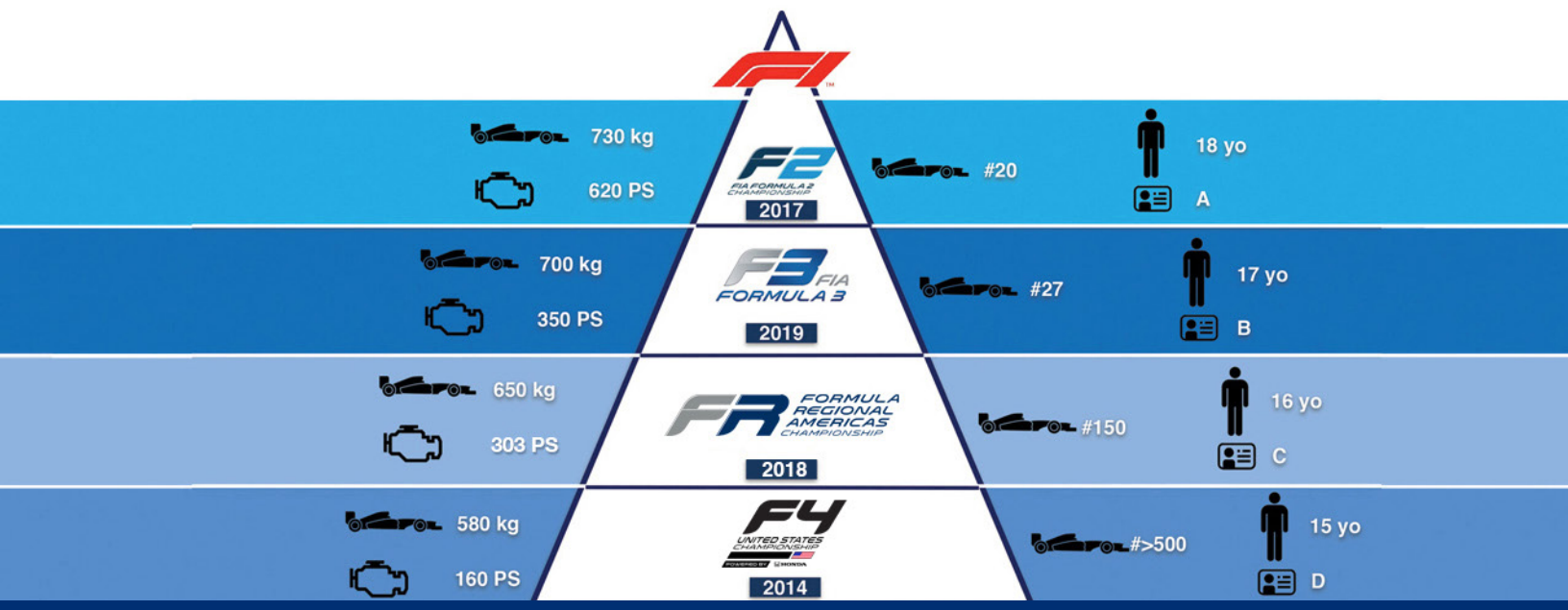
**FIA SUPER LICENSE POINTS**

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
18	14	12
FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH
10	6	4
SEVENTH	EIGHTH	NINTH
3	2	1

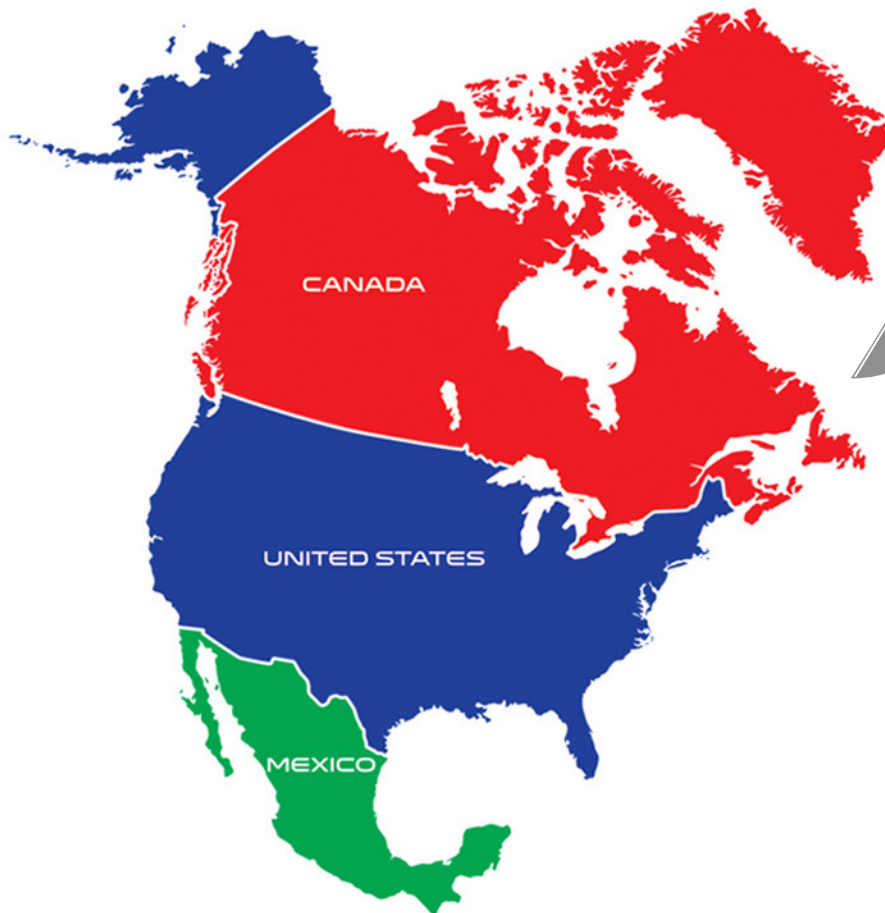
Team Championship points are based on the team's top 2 cars for each individual race.

Based on a 16-car grid, the top-nine drivers in the championship are presented FIA Super License Points to aid in their racing career advancement to Formula 1.

The FR Americas Championship aligns with the global FIA development ladder philosophy of using common components to provide a cost-efficient, reliable and powerful racing structure as drivers ascend through the levels on their way to U.S. or global racing success. There is no maximum age to participate in FR Americas, but drivers need to be a minimum of 16 years old to compete.



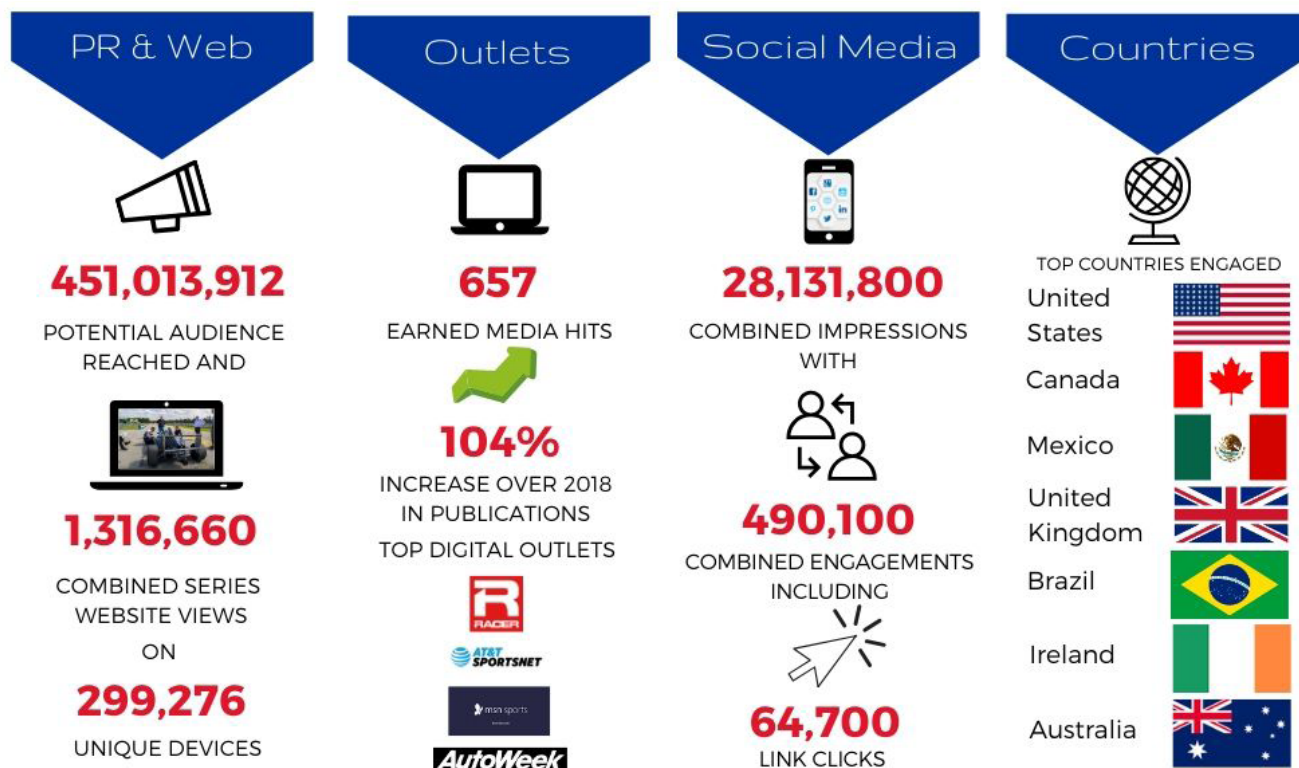
The FR Americas Championship is a regional FIA F3 series, meaning that it encompasses Canada, the United States and Mexico. Ideally, competitors from the F4 U.S. Championship, F4 NACAM Championship (Mexican F4 Championship) and other junior wheel racing championships will come together to form the regional FR Americas grid.



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2019 PR METRICS

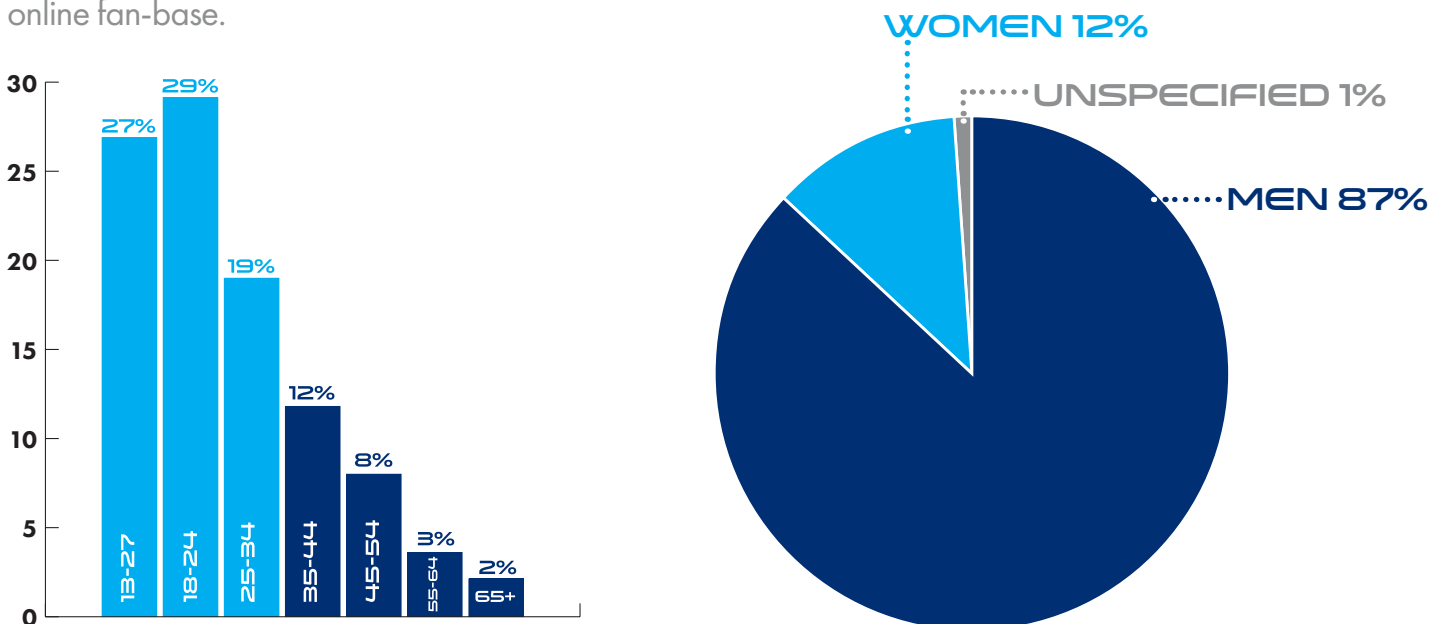
Since its inaugural season, FR Americas has quickly gained the attention of national and international publications as well as growing its online fan base. Press releases are sent to a variety of publications. In 2019, SCCA Pro Racing partnered with GreenLight.TV to produce a complete overhaul of the video services for the F4 U.S. and FR Americas championships.



*Based on F4 U.S./F3 Americas report provided by GreenLight.TV (April-Dec 2019)

DEMOGRAPHICS

FR America's core audience (Generation Z and Millennials) represents 75% of FR Americas online fan-base.



*Based on 2018 Sprout Social Analytic Report

The FR Americas Championship recognizes the top-five drivers with cash-prizes with the FR Americas title winner receiving the ultimate prize, a full season scholarship in the 2021 Indy Lights Series provided by Honda Performance Development.

In addition, the 2020 champion will receive:

- A 2021 Ligier Automotive North America Development Driver contract
- 2021 Bell Athlete contract which includes a new Bell Helmet
- A full co-branded Sabelt Suit and 50% discount on gear for 2021
- A merchandise line and driver branding package from Druck
- A custom Omologato champions watch

The FR Americas champion is also honored on the same stage as their F1 heroes at the annual FIA Prize-Giving Ceremony.

More than \$700,000 in cash and contingency prizes will be awarded throughout the season.



2019 F3 Americas Champion Dakota Dickerson pictured with F1 Honda-powered driver Max Verstappen.

RACE WEEKEND CONTINGENCY PRIZES



**Omologato Perfectly Timed Move of the Race
Event Award–Omologato Watch**



**Sabelt Hard Charger
Event Award–Sabelt Merchandise and Product Certificate**



Masters Cup Contingency Award \$500

SEASON CONTINGENCY PRIZES



**Cathern Crawford Most Improved Driver
Award \$5,000**



Rookie of the Year Award \$2,500

MASTERS CUP CONTINGENCY

In an effort to attract drivers who are looking to maximize their racing opportunities with a cost-effective competition package that doesn't sacrifice safety, speed or style, the FR Americas program developed the Masters Cup contingency targeted to drivers age 35 and over.

Eligible FR Americas Masters Cup drivers will automatically be entered into the program when applying for a FR Americas license. Being a Masters Cup driver does not exclude competitors from FR Americas Championship event podiums and payouts as long as they comply with all the 2020 FR Americas Sporting Regulations. The top Master driver will be awarded the \$500 Masters Cup contingency award during the final victory podium celebration,

The SCCA National Championship Runoffs will offer Masters Cup drivers another opportunity to compete in their Ligier JS F3 race cars. Drivers can use two of their FR Americas starts to count toward qualification for the National Championship event at Road America. A top-three finish at the Runoffs qualifies drivers for additional contingency awards from SCCA Pro Racing and its FR Americas partners.

SCCA NATIONAL COMPETITION RUNOFFS PRIZES:

First Place

SCCA Pro Racing- \$700
HPD- \$1500
Hankook- Set of tires

Second Place

SCCA Pro Racing- \$500
HPD- \$1,000
Hankook- 2 tires

Third Place

SCCA Pro Racing- \$300
HPD- \$500
Hankook- 1 tire

At the conclusion of the season, the Masters Cup driver who accumulated the most points and competed in at least eight races will be awarded a year-end prize at the Champions Banquet in Austin, Texas, on October 25.

From its unveiling at the 2017 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix, to debuting as the first car in North America equipped with the halo, the FR Americas Powered by Honda experienced several milestones since its inaugural season.

Several Honda-Powered IndyCar Series drivers were influential in the development of the FR Americas package. Andretti Autosport 2018 IndyCar Rookie Zach Vech turned the first laps on American soil in the FR Americas car at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and Indianapolis 500 Champion Alexander Rossi shook down the Ligier JS F3 chassis before its global racing inauguration at Pittsburgh International Race Complex. Rafa Matos, the 2009 IndyCar Series Rookie of the Year, also participated in several factory tire and engine tests.

In its second season, the FR Americas grid expanded with an average of 13 cars per event, visiting six prestigious tracks, competing in 16 races, supporting series like NTT IndyCar Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series and the Trans Am Series. Dakota Dickerson was crowned champion with Global Racing Group claiming both the team and driver championship.

At the beginning of 2020, FR Americas went through a rebranding process, switching from the F3 Americas moniker to the new FIA single-seater development structure naming Formula Regional Americas Championship. The name update will allow the championship to support FIA events in North America, like the Formula One Grand Prix in Austin.



Creating innovation in safety and technology while being cost-consciousness is core to the FR program. The FR Americas Championship continues the evolution of affordable, competitive and technologically advanced open wheel racing that was established by the successful F4 U.S. Championship. As the next step up from F4 competition, the all-new FR Americas car will demand more of drivers. Just as they do with the current F4 U.S. Championship, each manufacturer provides on-site engineers for parts and technical support for all teams and drivers.

ENGINE

The FR Americas car is powered by a 303-horsepower Honda Performance Development version of the new Honda Civic® Type R® turbocharged K20C1 motor (a non-turbocharged version is used in the F4 U.S. Championship). This reliable and powerful engine is manufactured in the United States at Honda's Anna Engine Plant, and the engines are shipped to HPD in Santa Clarita, California, for racing modifications (including installation of a dry sump and other race-specific components). The engine is available for purchase at \$33,000.00.

TIRES

Hankook Tire America Corp. is a growing leader in the U.S. tire market, leveraging investments in technology, manufacturing and marketing to deliver high-quality, reliable products that are safer for consumers and the environment. Hankook Tire America is the exclusive tire supplier of FR Americas and the new official Hankook FR tires were developed for the series. Per FIA guidelines, a maximum of two sets will be available for purchase at each event for \$1,300 per set with no limitations on tires at official series tests. Hankook Tire will provide trackside mounting service and tire engineering support at each race and test for an additional fee.



CHASSIS

Featuring an all-new FR-FIA spec Ligier JS F3 chassis that is made and developed in North Carolina, the FR Americas teams race chassis that meet the most current global FIA safety specification, including the first North American application of a race car Halo. Compared to the F4 U.S. Championship car, the FR Americas chassis features more configurable aero components, increased impact safety structures and more sophisticated data acquisition. The complete carbon fiber chassis is \$99,750.00.

STEERING

- Alcon 4 Piston monobloc calipers
- Rack and pinion
- Alcon Vented steel rotors
- FIA collapsible steering column
- TILTON adjustable pedal mounting assembly
- Quick Release steering wheel

ELECTRONICS

- LED Backlit Color Display
- CAN controlled Power Management
- 3-axis plus yaw accelerometer
- Damper potentiometers
- High Speed 4GB Logger

DATA SYSTEM

- Dash display with log-in
- GPS lap time and track mapping Internal 3-axis accelerometer
- Gear indicator and shift lights
- 8 MB logging memory with USB download

ENGINE

- Honda 2.0-Liter, 4-cylinder, 16-valve, Turbocharged 303 hp

GEARBOX

- 6-speed sequential shift
- Pneumatic shift system-paddle shift

CHASSIS LIGIER JS F3

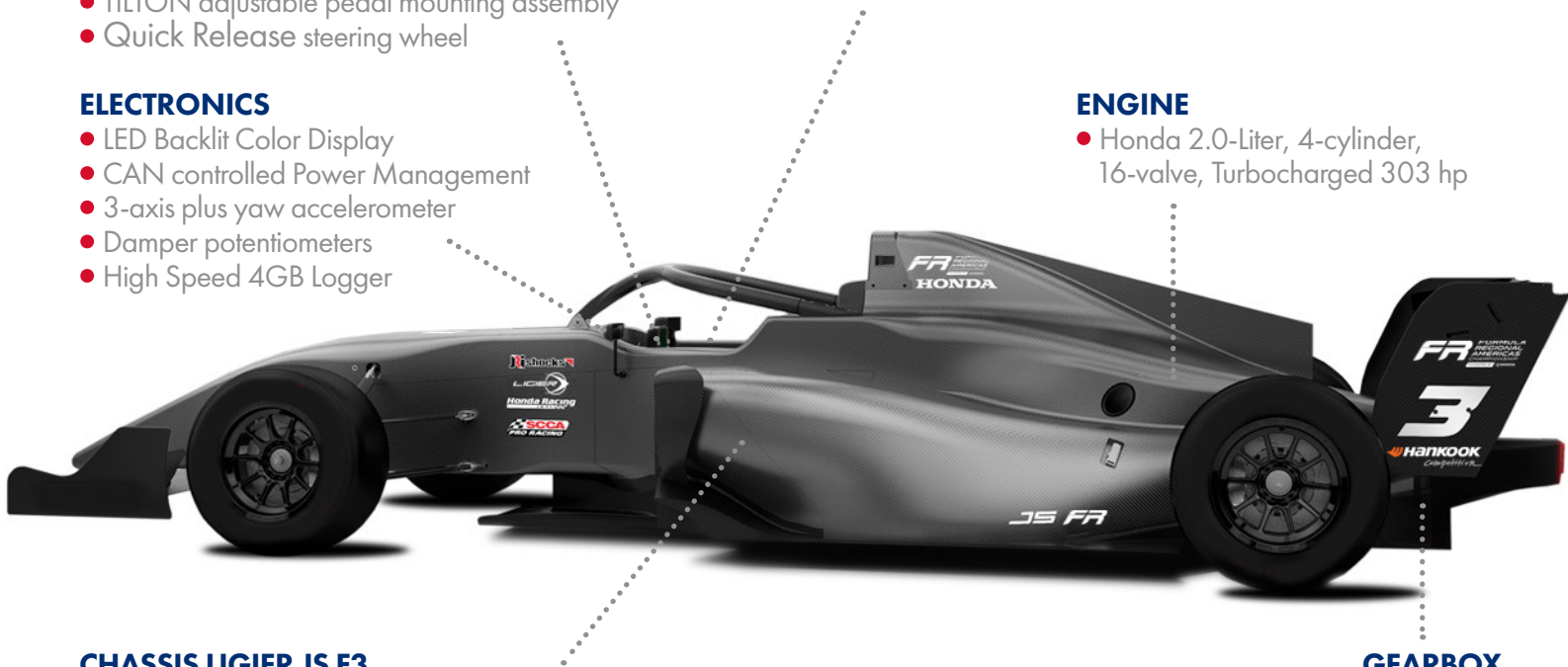
- Carbon composite monocoque built to 2018 FIA F3 technical regulations
- Composite bodywork
- Full 2020 FIA safety compliant
- The FR Americas car is the only chassis to feature the Halo in United States for junior-open wheel racing, adding an extra element of safety.

SAFETY FEATURES




- 2018 FIA Front crash structure
- 2018 Cockpit Halo bar
- 6 kJ Wheel tethers, 2 per corner
- 2018 FIA Rear crash structure
- 2018 Side and front intrusion panels
- On-board fire control system
- 2018 FIA Side impact structures
- 2018 FIA-specification 6-point harness
- 2018 FIA-specification extractable seat

DIMENSIONS




- Wheelbase: **2920 mm**
- Front Width: **1850 mm**
- Length: **4895.5 mm**
- Rear width: **1850 mm**
- Weight: **650 kg**
- Fuel Capacity: **62 Liters**



The investment to enter is affordable for the competitors, from the Honda engines to the Ligier Crawford JS F3 chassis and Hankook tires. All FR Americas Championship cars are made and assembled in North America. FR Americas offers a complete racing system ready to put on the track and energize a racing career.

Engine Purchase	\$33,000 50% Deposit/50% Delivery	
Chassis Purchase	\$99,750 50% Deposit/50% Delivery	
Tire Purchase	\$1,300/set Maximum 2 sets per weekend Additional fee for mounting and balancing	

SCCA Pro Racing developed a cost-effective competition package to work with budget-conscious teams and drivers:

Season Entry Fee	\$2,500 per event* Opportunity to pay on a per event basis or in one lump sum at a discount	
SCCA Annual Membership	\$45-\$105 Required to compete.	
Chassis Registration	\$600 per chassis Includes number registration	
Credential Fee	\$200 per person for the season Single event credentials available for \$50	
SCCA Pro License	\$500 per season Required to compete. Includes driver credential for the season.	

* Minor increases for select event entry fees.

The FR Americas Championship provided participants with the next step in their formula racing career. With high-quality cost-effective equipment, our drivers gained the valuable experience they need in a series, providing a gateway to international potential. With low fixed costs, points counting to an FIA Super License, participation in a modern racing ladder series, SCCA Participant Accident Coverage with competitor benefits and peace of mind, the FR Americas Championship offers unparalleled opportunities.

START YOUR OWN TEAM

- Contact SCCA Pro
- Arrange for equipment acquisition from vendors

Everyone appreciates options. Participants in FR Americas have two options. Our participants may acquire their own equipment and operate their own team. Those drivers interested in pursuing this option should contact **Dan Helman of SCCA Pro at FRAmericas@sccapro.com**

You'll be introduced to contacts at Honda Performance Development and Ligier to help you begin your path to participation in SCCA Pro's starting line for formula racing.

HIRE AN EXISTING TEAM

- Research our team list
- Contact teams to determine availability and costs

Alternatively, participants may hire an existing FR Americas team to run their season. Team budgets vary depending on testing and race packages.

SCCA Pro maintains a list of active teams and contact information. After reviewing profiles of each team, the choice is yours in how you would like to start your FR Americas journey. **[Click here for active FR Americas team list.](#)**

