

# CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW

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#### 1-2023 SCHEDULE

## 2023 Championship Schedule

All F4 U.S. & FR Americas Championship events will be held on SpeedTour weekends, a festival of speed featuring an open paddock for spectators, car shows, and a variety of competitors on track including the Trans Am Series, Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA), Prototype Sprint Series Association (PSSA), OPTIMA Search for the Ultimate Street Car, Formula Race Promotions (FRP), and International GT Series.



9-12 March: NOLA Motorsports Park



18-21 May: Road America^



22-25 June: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course^



28-30 July: New Jersey Motorsports Park^



**5–8 October:** VIRginia International Raceway^



**2–5 November:** Circuit of the Americas

^SpeedTour Formula Development Events





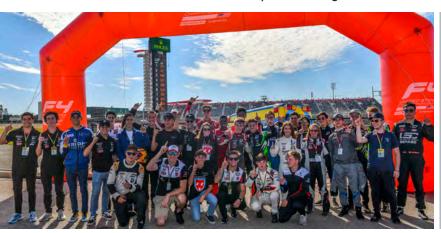


#### 2-CHAMPIONSHIP FAQ

## History

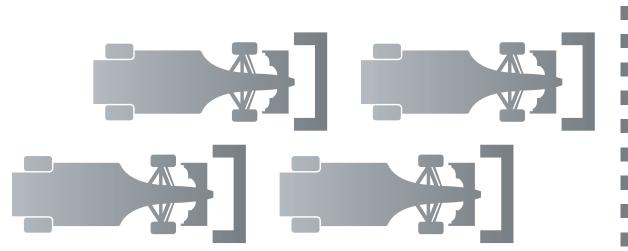
Launched in 2014, FIA Formula 4 was created to offer young racing drivers around the world the opportunity to take the first step from karting into the world of single-seater racing. Designed to be a globally recognized yet affordable step between karting and the 2017-established FIA Formula Regional Championship, F4 allows drivers to compare themselves to the best young talent, not only in their own country, but across other championships around the world. The F4 U.S. Championship was launched in 2017 by SCCA Pro Racing and FR Americas soon followed in 2018.

The Championships have continued to grow thanks to support from Parella Motorsports Holdings and series partners Honda, Ligier Automotive North America, and Hankook Tires, and are some of the fastest ways for an aspiring driver to gain experience to an international racing platform. With driver training, unmatched affordability and strong manufacturer support, competitors can grow and succeed into the higher levels of motorsports.



## **Highlights**

- 2018 averaged 33 F4 cars per race, the largest in the world
- FR was the first car to feature the halo in North America
- 2019 set the record for the largest FIA F4 entry with 38 cars for the USGP
- Continued increase in FR grids since launch
- 2021 Parella Motorsports Holdings took over the commercial promoter rights
- Both Championships have supported Formula 1, IndyCar, NASCAR, IMSA, Trans Am, and SVRA

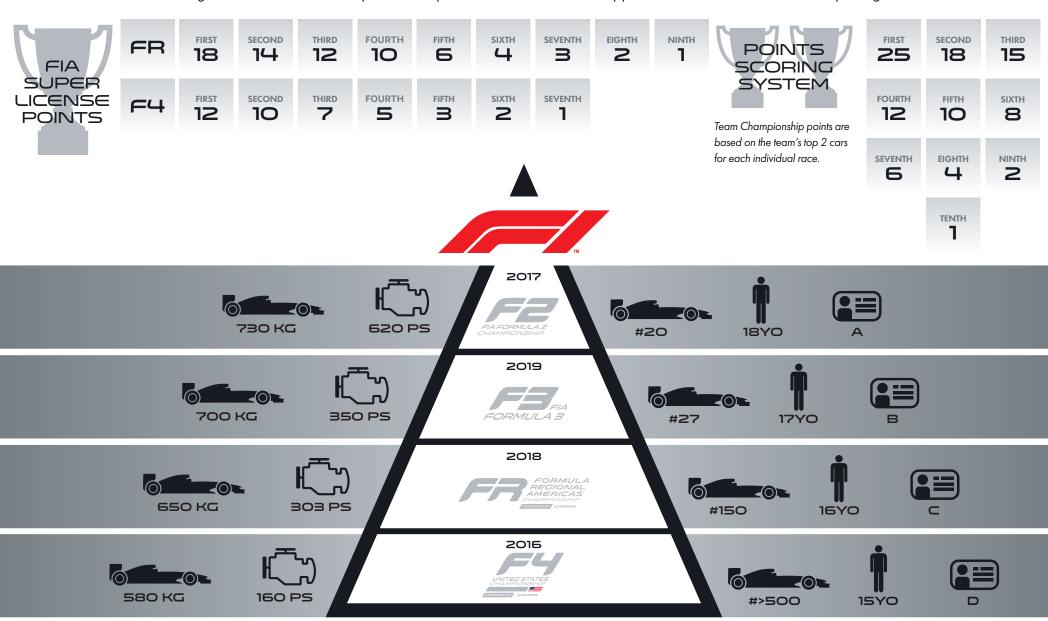


## Race Weekend Format

- 16 Rounds
- Up to three 30-minute races per weekend
- One qualifying session per race weekend
- Multiple test and practice sessions per weekend
- Track walk
- Driver development training sessions
- Fan walks and/or autograph sessions, when possible

## **Scoring System and Sporting Format**

Of all the single-seater developmental series in North America, FR Americas is the highest-paying series for FIA Super License points. The top drivers in the championship are presented FIA Super License points by the FIA to aid in advancing their racing career to Formula 1. Based on a 16-car grid, the following table outlines the FIA Super License points awarded based on Appendix L of the FIA International Sporting Code.



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#### **Notables**

Graduates of Formula Regional Americas Championship Powered by Honda and Formula 4 United States Championship Powered by Honda have consistently advanced in their motorsport careers, with former drivers among the starting fields of INDYCAR, Super Formula, FIA Formula 3, IMSA, Indy NXT (Indy Lights), and more. In fact, in the last two seasons, 85% of all Indy Lights pole positions and races were won by a graduate of either FR Americas or F4 U.S.—including every pole and race during the 2021 season. The dominance also translates to championships, with both the 2022 and 2021 Indy Lights Driver Champions hailing from the FR/F4 ladder.

> **Kyle Kirkwood**-Driver with Andretti Autosport in IndyCar 2017 F4 U.S. Champion; 2018 F3 Americas Champion

David Malukus-Driver with Dale Coyne/HMD Motorsports in IndyCar **2020 FR Americas Vice Champion** 

Benjamin Pedersen-Driver with A.J. Foyt Racing in IndyCar 2019 FR Americas Vice Champion

> Linus Lundqvist-2022 Indy Lights Champion **2020 FR Americas Champion**

**Kyffin Simpson**-Driver in INDY NXT & winner of IMSA Petit Le Mans **2021 FR Americas Champion** 

> Ernie Francis Jr.-Driver in INDY NXT **2021 FR Americas Third Place Champion**

> Jacob Abel-Driver in INDY NXT Multi-year F4 U.S. & FR Americas Driver

Chloe Chambers - Driver in W-Series and FR Oceania Race Winner 2021 F4 U.S. Driver

> Raoul Hyman-Driver in Super Formula **2022 FR Americas Champion**

Dakota Dickerson-Driver in IMSA & SRO World Challenge 2018 F4 U.S. Champion; 2019 FR Americas Champion

> **Hunter Yeany**-Driver in FIA Formula 3 2020 F4 U.S. Champion













#### 3-CHAMPIONSHIP PARTNER OVERVIEW

## **Organizer Overview**

The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) has partnered with the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) for the F4 U.S. & FR Americas Championships.

The FIA is a global organization that aims to safeguard the rights and promote the interests of motorists and motorsports across the world.

Parella Motorsports Holdings (PMH) is a premier motorsport holding company that includes wholly owned Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) and Trans Am Racing Company. PMH also holds commercial and operating rights to the F4 U.S. & FR Americas Championships.

Together the series run under the SpeedTour banner.

SpeedTour hosts motorsports festivals across the United States that encompass the nation's top road racing series at some of the most prestigious race tracks in America. Hosting everything from single-seater formula cars like FR Americas and F4 U.S. Championship, to the vintage classics of Sportscar Vintage Racing Association, to the thunderous muscle cars of the Trans Am Series, SpeedTour has something for everyone. The festival atmosphere includes everything from family-friendly activities, car shows, open paddocks with unmatched access to cars and drivers, a variety of vendors and even concerts.

Partnering with SCCA Pro Racing to sanction the FIA-certified Championships, the two will build on decades of experience in the professional motorsports arena to deliver the best experience for all stakeholders, partners, participants, and fans.





#### 3-CHAMPIONSHIP PARTNER OVERVIEW

## **Key Partner Overviews**

Honda Performance Development, Inc., (HPD) is Honda's racing company in North America and is a wholly owned subsidiary of American Honda Motor Co., Inc. The Honda K20 C1 2.0-liter engine can be found in the Honda Civic Type R as well as both the F4 U.S. & FR Americas Championship cars.

Ligier Automotive, founded in 2012, is a race car manufacturer established in France, North Carolina, and Malaysia. The two chassis, JS F4 & JS F3, run in the Championships were developed to reach the highest level of performance, safety and reliability standards put forth by the FIA.

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.

The tires are specifically designed for these driver development Championships.











#### 4-DRIVER DEVELOPMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

## **Driver Development**

The F4 U.S. & FR Americas Championships provide drivers with the unique opportunity to develop their skills on and off the track as they pursue their goals on the #RoadtoF1.

Beginning with the SpeedTour Formula Development series, drivers as young as 14-years-old can begin racing wheel-to-wheel in a Championship Ligier JS F4 chassis with Hankook Tires and the Honda K20 motor. Gaining valuable track time in the cars raced by F4 U.S. at the venues where the Championship competes, young drivers ease the transition from karts to single seaters through this development step before entering the F4 U.S. Championship. The 2022 SpeedTour Formula Development Champion, Eric Wisniewski, has stepped up to compete in the F4 U.S. Championship for the 2023 season.

Through a partnership with Radford Racing School, six deserving karting graduates are given an opportunity to get behind the wheel of a Championship-spec F4 car for a multi-day intensive program. With ground school, skid control, lead-follow sessions, braking, shifting and handling drills, the program is uniquely designed to account for the fact that participants are some of the top karters in the world. Drivers have traveled from as far as Australia to participate in the scholarship program, in anticipation of joining either SpeedTour Formula Development or the F4 U.S. Championship.

Both Championships incorporate additional development before and during race weekends, including social media and public relations, sponsorship acquisition, FIA rules and regulations, and more. Our goal is to build on the years of experience in the SpeedTour paddock to help drivers grow and progress in their careers.











#### 5-SCHOLARSHIPS & PRIZE GIVING

#### **Championship Event & Year-End Awards**

The top three finishing drivers at each individual round will receive prize money. Additional contingency awards will also be given out including the Omologato Watch Perfectly Timed Move of the Weekend.

At the Champions Banquet, scholarships, prize money, and contingency awards, including Super License points, are handed out to drivers finishing high enough in the Championship points. Also, FR Americas drivers over the age of 35 are eligible for the Masters Cup event and year-end recognition.

In total, drivers participating in the F4 U.S Championship are eligible for over \$240,000 in awards and scholarships, and drivers participating in the FR Americas Championship are eligible for over \$675,000 in awards and scholarships.

## F4 U.S. Championship Awards

#### Champion

- 2024 FR Americas Scholarship from Ligier Automotive, Hankook Tires, and Parella Motorsports Holdings
  - \$25,000 from Honda Performance Development
    - Carbon Bell Helmet
    - Custom OMP Racing Suit Kit
  - Guest of Haas F1 Team during a US F1 event in 2024
  - Invitation to FIA Prize Giving Ceremony at the end of the year

#### **Vice Champion**

- \$500 for Bell Helmets
   \$500 for OMP Racing
  - **Third Place Champion**
- \$250 for Bell Helmets
   \$250 for OMP Racing
- Catherine Crawford Most Improved Driver Award \$5,000 for Ligier Automotive







## FR Americas Championship Awards

#### Champion

- 2024 \$600,000 Super Formula Scholarship from Honda Performance Development (HPD) & Honda Motor Co. Motorsports Division (HM-MS)
  - A Honda heritage experience from HM-MS in Japan, including a Motegi museum tour and participation in HM-MS driver activities
    - Guest of Haas F1 Team during a US F1 event in 2024
    - Invitation to FIA Prize Giving Ceremony at the end of the year
      - Carbon Bell Helmet
      - Custom OMP Racing Suit Kit

#### **Vice Champion**

- Ligier Test Driver for 2024
- \$500 for Bell Helmets
- \$500 for OMP Racing

#### **Third Place Champion**

- \$250 for Bell Helmets
- \$250 for OMP Racing

## **SpeedTour Formula Development**

• F4 U.S. Championship Scholarship from Parella Motorsports Holdings

## **PMH Powering Diversity**

Season entries for up to two F4 U.S. and/or FR Americas drivers.

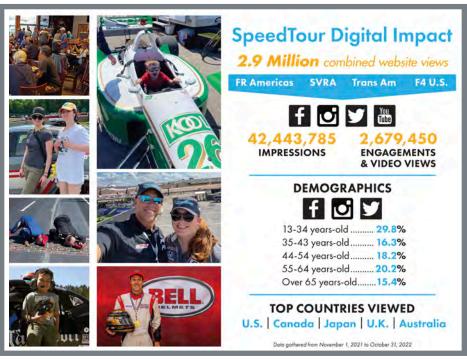


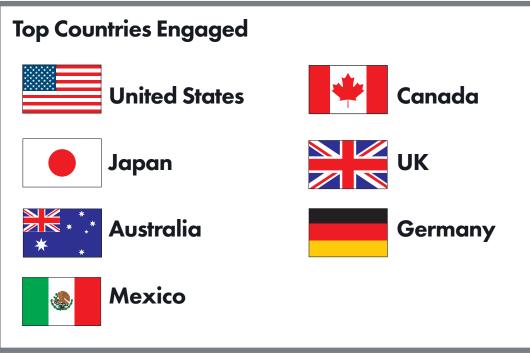


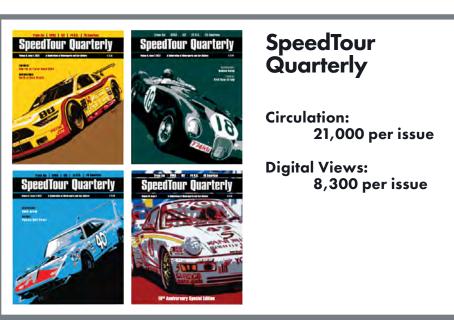


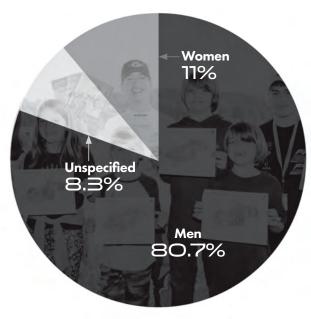


## **Combined Demographics**









## **Attracting Talent from Around the World**





















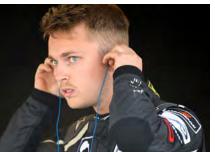


































#### Investments

FR Americas offers a complete and affordable racing system ready to put on the track and energize a racing career.



Engine Purchase-\$33,000

50% Deposit/50% Delivery



Chassis Purchase-\$129,000

50% Deposit/50% Delivery



Event Tires-\$1,400 per set

Maximum of three sets of tires allotted per weekend. Additional fee for mounting and balancing

Parella Motorsports Holdings has developed a cost-effective competition package to work with budget-conscious teams and drivers:



Event Entry Fee -\$3,300 per event\*

Pre-season and early-bird discounts are available \*Minor increase for some premier events.



Chassis Registration –\$1,000 per chassis

Includes number registration and decals, plus Yellow Light System and ADR rentals; additional materials may be needed for Yellow Light System to work



SCCA Annual Membership -\$60-\$100 per person

Required to compete



SCCA Pro License –\$500 per driver, per season

Required to compete; includes driver credential for the season



Credential Fee -\$225 per person for the season

Intended for crew and regular attendees, plus media; single event credentials are available for a fee.



FIA License -\$375 per driver

Not required for competition; must be 16 years or older and run a minimum number of events to qualify

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## **Next Steps**

The FR Americas Championship provides participants with the next step in their formula racing career.

#### Here are the next steps to join the Championship:

**Start Your Own Team:** To get started acquiring your own equipment and operating your own team, reach out to the Championship to make contact with our key partners and staff.

Send an email to: <a href="mailto:framericas@sccapro.com">framericas@sccapro.com</a>

Join an Existing Team: Research our list of active teams to determine their availability and season costs.

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