# 2019 F3 AMERICAS MEDIA GUIDE



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REDEFINING GLOBAL RACING

With innovations in safety and affordability, the F3 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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# MEDIA USAGE STYLE GUIDE

• First reference to the series: F3 Americas Championship Powered by Honda

# • Subsequent approved references:

F3 Americas Championship, F3 Americas

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## THE F3 AMERICAS SHORT STORY

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, F3 Americas Championship Powered by Honda was ready for launch. The ground-breaking, single-engine, single-chassis regional FIA series includes six different venues with 17 races in its inaugural season, supporting series like Trans Am, NASCAR Xfinity and Formula 1. The Formula 1 USGP weekend attracted an estimated 300,000 attendees. The top-eight drivers were presented with FIA Super License points to aid in their racing career advancement to Formula 1.

F3 Americas is the fastest way for an aspiring driver to gain 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 F3 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 F3 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 F3 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.

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# 2019 F3 AMERICAS SCHEDULE

#### APRIL 5-7

Barber Motorsports Park Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama Leeds, Alabama 16 Turns • 2.38 miles Clockwise Road Course



# **APRIL 18-20**

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

## JUNE 21-23

Pittsburgh International Race Complex F4 U.S. Championship Wampum, PA 2.8 miles • 19-Turns Clockwise Road Course



#### JULY 26-28

Virginia International Raceway F4 U.S. Championship Alton, Virginia 3.27 miles • 17-turn Clockwise Road Course

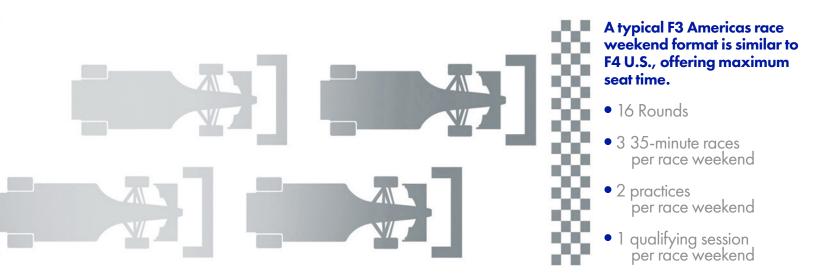
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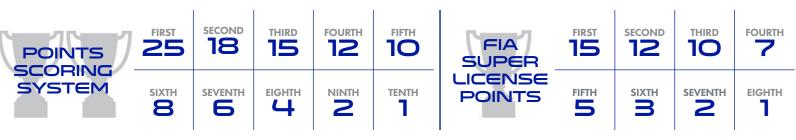
Road America NASCAR Xfinity Series, The Trans Am Series and the Super Trucks Series Plymouth, WI 14 Turns • 4 miles Clockwise Road Course

#### SEPTEMBER 13-15

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





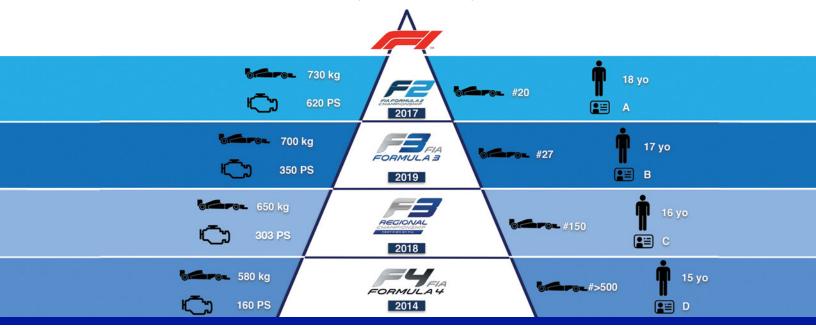


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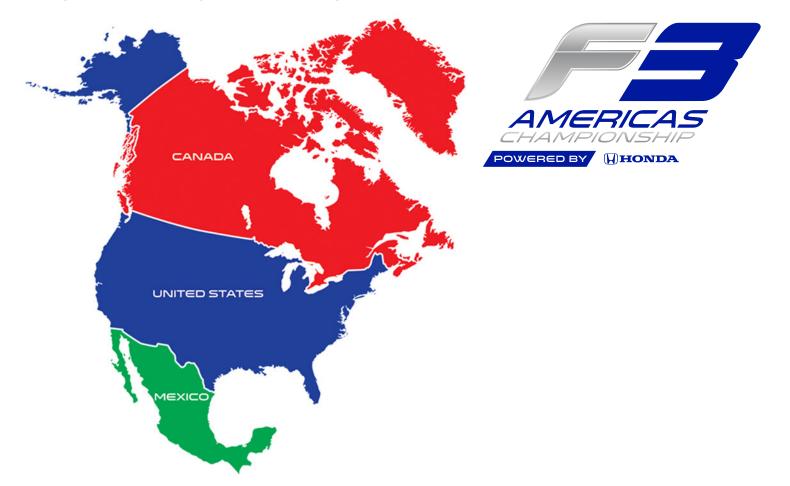
Team Championship points are based on the team's top 2 cars for each individual race.

# FIA LADDER

The F3 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 F3, but drivers need to be a minimum of 16 years old to compete.



The F3 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 F3 Americas grid.



# THE NEXT STEP

Creating innovation in safety and technology while being cost-consciousness is core to the F3 program. The F3 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 F3 Americas car demands more of drivers. From the Honda engines to the Ligier JS F3 chassis and Hankook tires, all F3 Americas Championship cars are manufactured in the United States.

## **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

#### TIRES

 Hankook Tire specially designed tires for the new F3 car

#### **SIZES**

Front 230/560R13 • Rear 280/580R13

## **CHASSIS LIGIER JS F3**

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

#### **GEARBOX**

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



## **SAFETY FEATURES**

- 2018 FIA Front crash structure
- 2018 Cockpit Halo bar
- 6 kj Wheel tethers, 2 per corner
- 2018 FIA headrest compatible with HANS®

## DIMENSIONS

- Wheelbase: 2920 mm
- Front Width: 1850 mm

- 2018 FIA Rear crash structure
- 2018 Side and front intrusion panels
- On-board fire control system
  - - Weight: 650 kg
    - Fuel Capacity: 62 Liters
- Length: Rear width: 1850 mm
- 4895.5 mm
- - 2018 FIA Side impact structures
  - 2018 FIA-specification 6-point harness
  - 2018 FIA-specification extractable seat



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 F3 Americas program developed the Masters Cup contingency targeted to drivers age 35 and over.

Eligible F3 Americas Masters Cup drivers will automatically be entered in to the program when applying for an F3 Americas license. Being a Masters Cup driver does not exclude competitors from F3 Americas Championship event podiums and payouts as long as they comply with all the 2019 F3 Americas Sporting Regulations.

The top-five finishing Masters of each race will be awarded contingency points. After the final race of the weekend, the top driver will be awarded Masters Cup contingency award during the final victory podium celebration, receiving a \$500 cash prize.

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 F3 Americas starts to count toward qualification for the National Championship event at Virginia International Raceway. A top-three finish at the Runoffs qualifies drivers for additional contingency awards from SCCA Pro Racing and its F3 Americas partners.

# SCCA NATIONAL COMPETITION RUNOFFS PRIZES:

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

Most Podium Visits

by a team in a season

Second Place SCCA Pro Racing- \$500 HPD- \$1,000 Hankook- 2 tires Third Place SCCA Pro Racing- \$300 HPD- \$500 Hankook- 1 tire

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At the conclusion of the season, the top-three F3 Americas Masters Cup drivers who have accumulated the most points will be awarded trophies and a contingency package at the Champions Banquet in Austin, Texas, on Nov. 3. While the full end-of-season prize packages are still being developed, the SCCA Pro Racing has determined the following cash contingency amounts.

## MASTERS CUP CONTINGENCY CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE

**First Place Second Place Third Place** \$3000 \$2000 \$1000 MILESTONES Kyle Kirkwood (2018) **Most Wins** 15 Most Poles Kyle Kirkwood (2018) 15 Most Fast Times Kyle Kirkwood (2018) 16 Kyle Kirkwood (2018) **Most Podiums** 16 Most Consecutive Races with Points Scored Kyle Kirkwood (2018) 17

Global Racing Group (2018)

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 F3 Americas Powered by Honda experienced several milestones during its inaugural season.

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

In 2018, the series visited six prestigious tracks, competed in 17 races, supported series like Trans Am and NASCAR Xfinity Series and finished its inaugural season with Formula 1 at Circuit of the Americas during the United States Grand Prix in front of an estimated 300,000 fans. Kyle Kirkwood was crowned the first F3 Americas champion with Abel Motorsports, claiming the first F3 Americas team championship.



## 2019 COMPETITORS

While F3 Americas is a regional FIA program focused on racing in North America, it is open to competitors from around the world. The 2019 grid represents seven states and five countries on three continents.





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The gird for the second F3 Americas season doubled from the inaugural season. F3 Americas was the second FIA-supported F3 regional championship in the world to debut in 2018.





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## ABEL MOTORSPORTS

Abel Motorsports has competed in multiple open-wheel developmental series since 2017, winning the inaugural F3Americas championship in 2018. Stay current with the latest Abel Motorsports news by visiting the official team website, www.abelmotorsports.com. Abel Motorsports is accepting inquiries about driving opportunities in several different categories of cars including F3, F4 and Indy Pro 2000.

#### GLOBAL RACING GROUP



Global Racing Group masterminds the best race, rally and rallycross driver development programs in motorsport and applies a unique cross-discipline approach to its driver training. Its racing and commercial activities in F3 and F4 are strongly supported by three distinct advisory boards that specialize in the fields of business, motorsport competition and sports management. The personalities on these boards have years of experience in motorsport and can call on motorsport executive and Fortune 2000 company contacts around the world when there is a commercial requirement. Global Racing Group offers high-level sponsor and brand development services to businesses and brands that are interested in launching dynamic and bold engagement programs in motorsport.



## **KIWI MOTORSPORT**

Creating a pathway for young racers to compete in the upper echelons of racing.



#### JENSON GLOBAL ADVISORS

Jensen Global Advisors is comprised of industry experts with a broad range of competencies including: Driver Development and Management, Race Car Industry Deal-Making, Branded Content Creation, Sponsorship Activation, Race Team Operations and Engineering

#### MOMENTUM MOTORSPORTS

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Momentum Motorsports is owned and operated by long time racing enthusiast Phil Picard. As a former driver turned business owner, Phil understands the motorsports industry and what is needed for success both on and off the track. Being involved in motorsports for more than 30 years, Momentum Motorsports has always been operated by passionate racers. With the goal to provide exceptional, personal service at the best price possible, Momentum Motorsports is a professional, yet cost effective trackside support program, prep shop and championship winning team. Located in Montgomery, New York but serving the entire United States, Momentum Motorsports' major focus is the F4 United States Championship Powered by Honda and the F3 Americas Championship Powered by Honda.

#### SOUTHERN MOTORSPORTS

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Southern Motorsports moves drivers through the racing ladder from karts, to F4 U.S. and the F3 Americas Championship.

#### VELOCITY RACING DEVELOPMENT

Based on site at the Atlanta Motorsports Park, Velocity Racing Development (VRD) is a premiere team in the F3 Americas Powered by Honda and the F4 United States Championship Powered by Honda Series'. Operating a five car program, VRD is managed and operated by long time motorsports industry member and a highly touted Engineer around the world, Dan Mitchell. Focused on driver development and advancement, VRD has created their own ladder program from the grassroots of karting, into F4 and onwards into F3. Similar to most race programs, VRD is committed to success, but differentiate themselves by building the fundamentals for competitors to advance to the top tiers of motorsports in North America.































