



Driver Academy

Honda Racing
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Enrollment Guide



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Message from the Principal



Believe in your potential.
Challenge the world stage!

Takuma Sato
Principal



1997 Graduated from Suzuka Circuit Racing School
2002-2008 Formula1, Achieved a podium finish in 3rd
2010- IndyCar series,
Indy500 winner (2017.2020)

The most attractive aspect of this school is that students have the opportunity to drive alongside Honda Racing's top drivers.

They also receive continuous support from instructors with world-class experience. This program provides an environment in which students can identify challenges and continuously improve their performance.

For drivers who demonstrate continuous improvement, we provide pathways to the next stage.

Even if they do not achieve the results they hoped for, some students continue to train while applying what they have learned at HRS.

Let us aim to compete on the world stage together.
Believe in your potential!

INTRODUCTION

History of HRS



Launched SRS-Kart Class
Principal : Mr. Satoru Nakajima



Launched SRS-Formula Class
Principal : Mr. Satoru Nakajima



The first F1 driver emerged
from SRS* graduates *currently HRS



Appointed Takuma Sato
as Principal of the Formula Class



Formed a partnership with
FFSA Academy (France)

FFSA
ACADEMY

HONDA
HRS
SUZUKA

Renamed to
Honda Racing School
Suzuka

Launch of
Honda Racing
Driver Academy
and new curriculum



1992



Established Suzuka Circuit Racing School
as a motorcycle school
Principal : Mr. Isohiro Sugimoto



Launched SRS-Moto Class
Principal : Mr. Tadayuki Okada



Moto Class
Introduced an exchange program
with AP Honda academy (Thailand)

2022

Launch of
Honda Racing
School & scholarship

2016

2017

2019

2027

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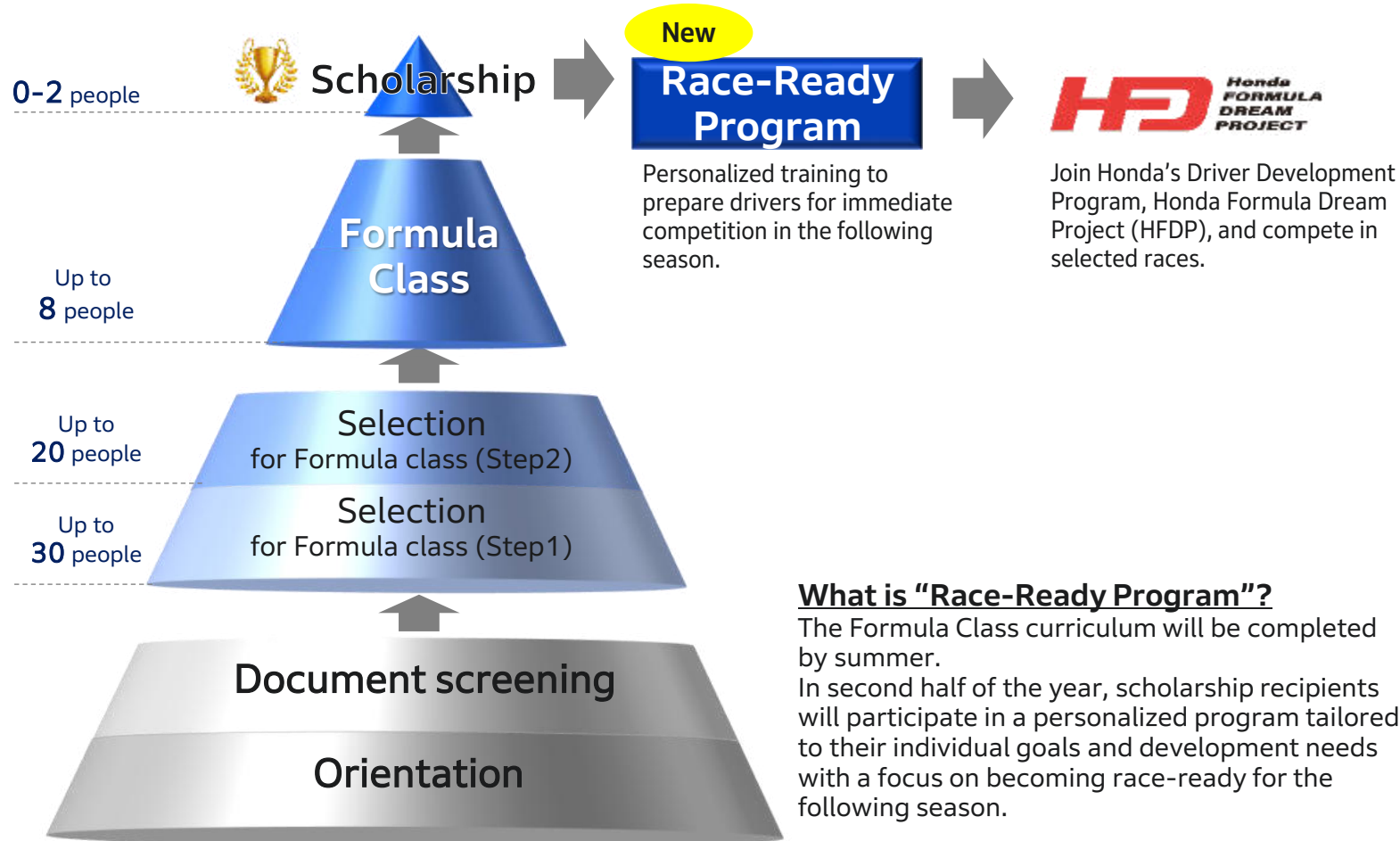
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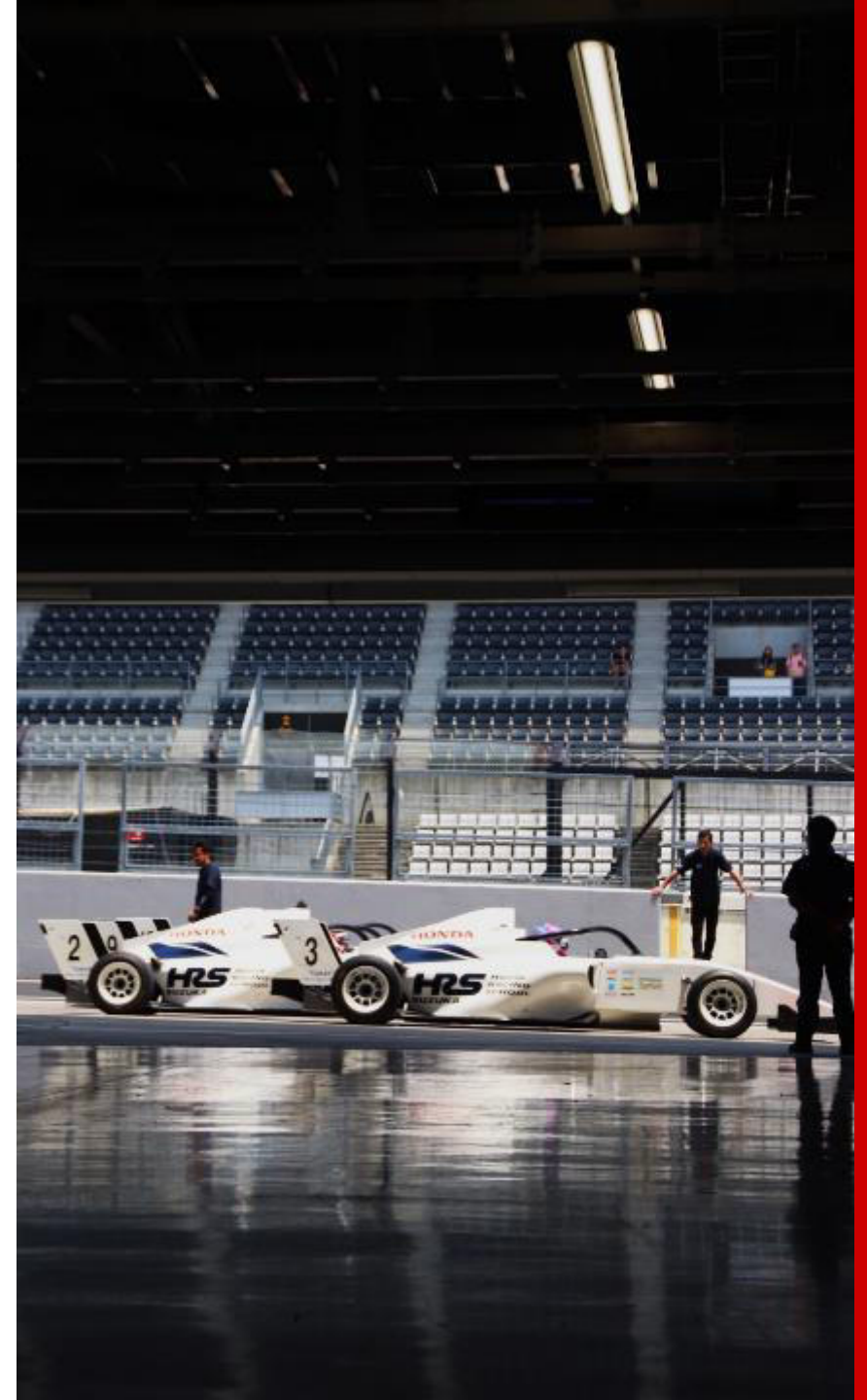
DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

From Enrolment to Graduation



What is "Race-Ready Program"?

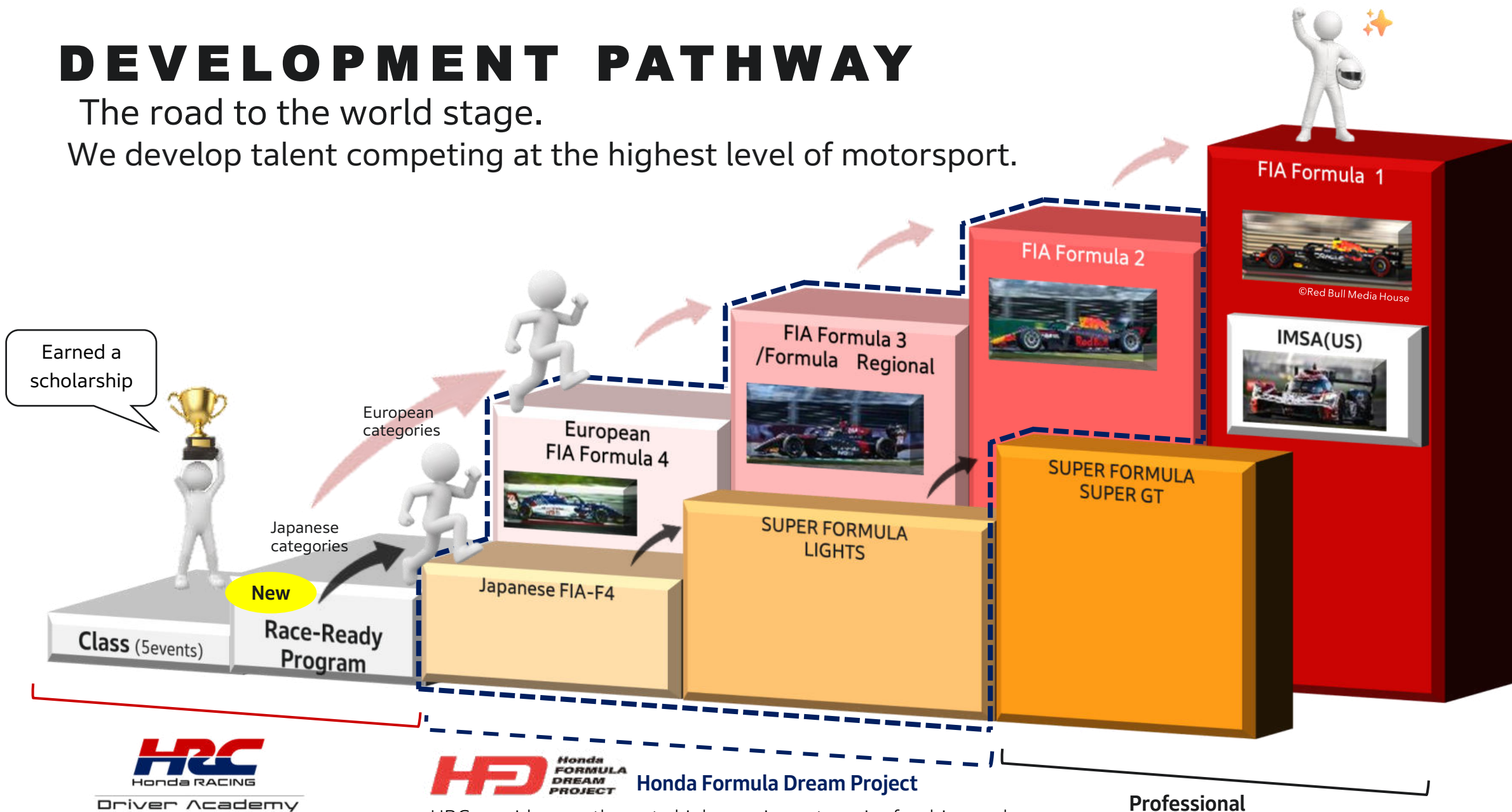
The Formula Class curriculum will be completed by summer. In second half of the year, scholarship recipients will participate in a personalized program tailored to their individual goals and development needs with a focus on becoming race-ready for the following season.



DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

The road to the world stage.

We develop talent competing at the highest level of motorsport.



HRC provides a pathway to higher racing categories for drivers who demonstrate exceptional performance and development.

DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

Support after receiving a scholarship



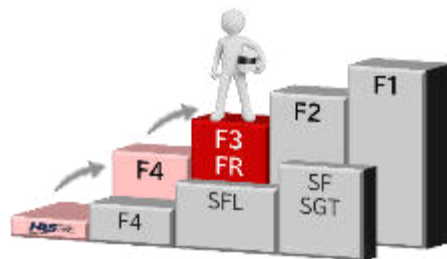
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Recent Scholarship Drivers

Taito Kato (18)



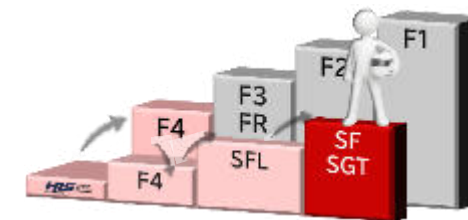
- 2023 Graduated from HRS (Achieved scholarship)
- 2024 French F4 **Champion**
- 2025 Formula Regional (Europe)
Formula Regionall (Middle East)
- 2026 Formula Regional (Middle East)
FIA-Formula 3 4th place



Yuto Nomura (20)



- 2021 Graduated from HRS (Achieved scholarship)
- 2022 French F4
- 2023 Japanese F4
- 2024 Japanese F4 **Champion**
- 2025 SUPER FORMULA LIGHTS **Champion**
- 2026 SUPER FORMULA
SUPER GT (GT500)



Honda/HRC selects the most appropriate categories and countries to optimise each driver's development.

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Selection for Formula Class

Screening sessions for admission to Formula Class

	Step 1	Step 2
Duration	2 days On-track session	2 days +1day for seat adjustment
Participants	Up to 30 participants	Up to 20 participants
Venue	Suzuka Circuit (South Course)	
Age	19 and Under	
Machine	 Formula Enjoy	 HRS Formula class school car
Fee	JPY 220,000 *tax included	JPY 330,000 *tax included

*A separate fee is required to join the mutual aid association.

*If the machine, course, or course equipment is damaged, we'll charge you the repair fee.



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Formula Class

Focused training program for skill development



Duration	5 Times (Total: 12 days) From April to August	
Participants	Up to 8 people	
Venue	Suzuka Circuit Racing Course	
Items to bring	● Racing equipment (helmet, underwear, balaclava, socks, gloves, shoes, HANS) ● License 1. SMSC/MCoM 4RJ License 2. Domestic A license issued by JAF or a license equivalent to it *It required by the end of 2027	
Machine		HRS-F24 (Specially designed for HRS-Formula)
Fee	JPY 5,800,000 *tax included	

* If the machine, course, or course equipment is damaged, we'll charge you the repair fee.

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Focused training program for skill development



< SCHEDULE for one day (example) >

6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00
Warm-up Physical training Meeting			Driving Practice Free Practice	Checking the data loggers	Driving Practice Free Practice	Washing tyres and wheels	Lunch	• Checking the data loggers • Rulebook test	Driving Practice Race and Qualify simulation	Washing tyres and wheels	Physical training Cool down	Dinner	

1 Driving Practice with Top Drivers

- The racing course is **reserved exclusively** to ensure ample driving time.
- Students have the opportunity to **drive alongside Honda Racing's top drivers**, who serve as instructors.



2 Basic Knowledge

- Master the **rules and etiquette** essential for becoming a racing driver.



3 Data logs and Onboard Footage Analysis

- Students learn how to **analyze data logs** and **onboard videos**, compare their performance with instructors and apply these insights to improve their driving.



4 Physical Training

- Under expert guidance, students develop the **physical strength and endurance** essential for a racing driver.



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SCHOOL CAR HRS-F24



- **Specially designed** for the HRS Formula class
- A **practical Formula car** serving as a steppingstone after graduation.
- Equipped with **the latest FIA-compliant safety features.**
- Features a **paddle-shift transmission system.**

SPEC

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|-----------------------|--|
| • Length/Width/Height | 4,795mm × 1,755mm × 953mm |
| • Chassis | Manufactured by TORAY Carbon Magic CO., Ltd. |
| • Engine | TR-FS01 Manufactured by Toda Racing
NA/2107cc/132kW |
| • Tyres | Bridgestone |



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Formula Class

Focused training program for skill development



Representative Instructors



Takuma Sato
-Principal-



Shinji Nakano
-Executive Director-



Koji Sato
-Director-



Tomoki Nojiri
-Chief Instructor-



Hiroki Otsu
-Chief Instructor-



Hiroki Kato
-Instructor-



Hideki Mutoh
-Instructor-



Ren Sato
-Instructor-



Syun Koide
-Instructor-



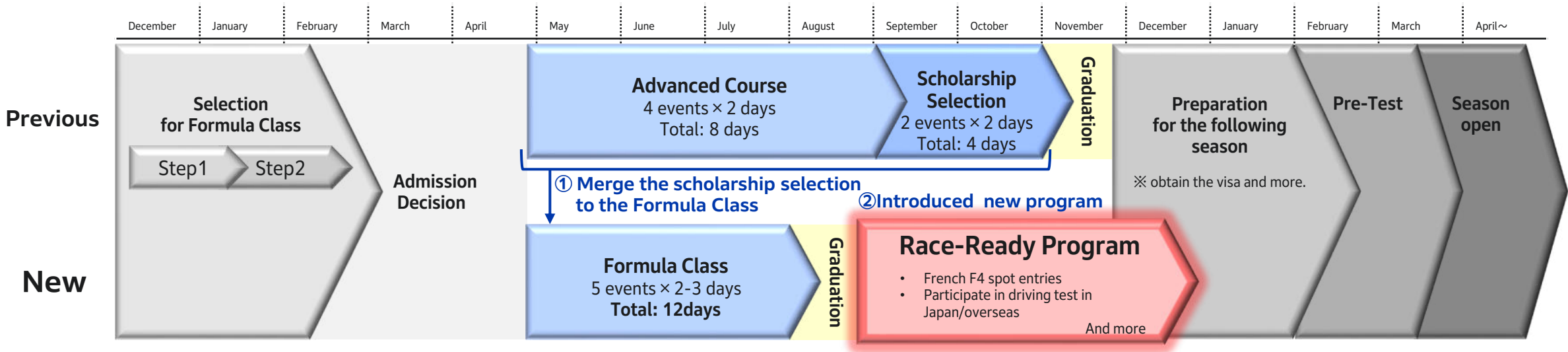
Yuto Nomura
-Instructor-

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Race-Ready programme

A personalised program for scholarship recipients to prepare for the following season

HRC personalises training program based on each driver's goals and development needs, with a focus on becoming race-ready for the following season



Streamlined Selection Process

- ✓ Expand driving opportunities for all students
- ✓ Maximize driver development

Enhanced Race-Readiness Development

- ✓ Gain practical racing experience before the season begins
- ✓ Be ready to compete from the opening round

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Race-Ready programme

A personalised program for scholarship recipients to prepare for the following season

< Example for this program >

Case1: The driver plans to compete overseas



The goal for the following season
Compete in French F4
and become champion in the first year

Current situation

- No Formula racing experience
- No international experience

Race-Ready Program

- Compete in selected French F4 rounds (Sep-Oct)
- Participate in off-season testing in France
- Gain experience working with engineers and mechanics

Case2: The driver will compete in Japanese category



The goal for the following season
Compete in Japanese F4
and become champion in first year

Current situation

- Formula racing experience through spot entries only
- No track experience outside Suzuka

Race-Ready Program

- Participate in test sessions at circuits across Japan alongside active Japanese F4 drivers in HFDP
- Attend Japanese F4 race weekends with the team

Prepare drivers to contend for top positions from the opening round



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REPRESENTATIVE GRADUATES

Formula 1

Takuma Sato Graduated
in 1997

Yuki Tsunoda Graduated
in 2016

Ayumu Iwasa Graduated
in 2019 (Reserve driver)

INDYCAR Series

Takuma Sato

Graduated
in 1997



SUPER FORMULA Champion

Ayumu Iwasa
Graduated in 2019

Tomoki Nojiri
Graduated in 2008

Naoki Yamamoto
Graduated in 2006

Tsugio Matsuda
Graduated in 1997



SUPER GT Champion

Tadasuke Makino
Graduated in 2015

Naoki Yamamoto
Graduated in 2006

Kazuki Hiramine
Graduated in 2009

Daisuke Ito
Graduated in 1995



Current SUPER FORMULA/SUPER GT drivers

Koudai Tsukakoshi

Tadasuke Makino

Syun Koide

Sena Sakaguchi

Naoki Yamamoto

Ren Sato

Riki Okusa

Toshiki Oyu

Nobuharu Matsushita

Kakunoshin Ohta

Yuto Nomura

Ukyo Sasahara

Hiroki Otsu

Ayumu Iwasa

Nirei Fukuzumi

Atsushi Miyake

And more...

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