



CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW

RACING TOWARD THE PINNACLE OF MOTORSPORT



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1-2026 SCHEDULE

2026 Championship Schedule

Integrated into Racing America events, FR Americas, F4 U.S. and Ligier JFC help power a dynamic, fan-first “festival of speed” atmosphere. Open paddocks, car shows, autograph sessions and fan walks combine with diverse racing action to deliver an immersive experience for every motorsport enthusiast.



23-24 March: Pre-Season Test at NOLA Motorsports Park



9-12 April: NOLA Motorsports Park



31 Jul-2 Aug: New Jersey Motorsports Park



14-17 May: Road America



3-6 Sept: Canadian Tire Motorsport Park



11-14 June: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course



17-20 Sept: VIRginia International Raceway



18-21 June: Indianapolis Motor Speedway



16-18 Oct: Barber Motorsports Park



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Racing America Formula Ladder

Combining Ligier Junior Formula Championship (Ligier JFC), Formula 4 United States Championship (F4 U.S.) and Formula Regional Americas Championship (FR Americas), Racing America has formed one of the strongest development ladders in the world.

With the lowest cost per mile in North America, the Racing America Formula Ladder delivers a smarter, more efficient path for aspiring drivers to rise through the open-wheel ranks. A proven launchpad for success, its alumni compete at the highest levels of motorsport, including INDYCAR, INDY NXT, the Indianapolis 500, Formula 2, F1 Academy, NASCAR, IMSA, and more.



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The First Step:

Ligier Junior Formula Championship

Ligier Junior Formula Championship (Ligier JFC) provides racers ages 14 and up their first opportunity to learn the basics of single-seater racing. New this year, the championship expands to include two classes: Ligier JFC Gen. 1 Class, using the original first generation F4 chassis, and Ligier JFC Gen. 2 Class, which uses the second generation Ligier JS F422 chassis.

In a setting that's focused on education and development as much as it is competition, drivers learn from industry leaders, who have celebrated on the podium everywhere from the Indianapolis 500 to the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The cost-efficient model allows budgets to stretch further while racers learn the basics and prepare to climb the ranks through F4 U.S. and FR Americas.



Ligier JFC - By the Numbers:

Sanctioned by **Racing America**
Minimum age **14 years old**
16 Rounds across **6 race weekends**

Gen. 1 Class:

Ligier JS F4 Gen. 1 chassis.
Mountune Engine. 160 hp.
Hankook Tires (2 sets/weekend)
Car Weight (no driver): 1,235 lbs

Gen. 2 Class:

Ligier JS F422 chassis with halo.
Ligier Storm V4 Engine. 160 hp.
Hankook Tires (2 sets/weekend)
Car Weight (no driver): 1,195 lbs



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The Next Step:

Formula 4 United States Championship

FIA Formula 4 was created to provide aspiring racers a path from karting into the world of single-seater racing. Launched in 2014, it was designed to be a globally-recognized and affordable entry point, allowing drivers to compare themselves to the best young talent across FIA F4 Championships around the world.

In the United States, the FIA and SCCA Pro Racing joined forces to launch F4 U.S. in 2016. In more recent years, the championship has continued to grow under the leadership of Racing America. With driver training, unmatched affordability and strong manufacturer support as foundational pillars, competitors continue to grow their skills and prepare for a higher level of motorsport, while following in the footsteps of alumni who have reached the pinnacle of the sport.



F4 U.S. - By the Numbers:

FIA Certified Championship

Minimum age **15 years old**

18 Rounds across **7 race weekends**

Ligier JS F422 Chassis with halo.

Ligier Storm V4 Engine. 180 hp.

Hankook Tires (2 sets of tires allowed per weekend).

Car Weight (no driver): 1,195 lbs.

Requires an SCCA Pro Competition or FIA Class D License.

2 - RACING AMERICA FORMULA LADDER

The Precipice: Formula Regional Americas Championship

In 2017, FIA launched several Formula Regional Championships (then Formula 3) around the globe. Available in various regions and countries, the championships offer racers another developmental step to further their careers after FIA F4.

FIA and SCCA Pro Racing once again joined forces to support the U.S. market, launching FR Americas in 2018. Like its F4 counterpart, the championship continues to focus on driver training, while offering unmatched affordability and strong manufacturer support, allowing competitors to continue growing their skills. FR Americas and F4 U.S. have proven to be one of the best ways for aspiring drivers to begin their professional careers and gain experience on an international platform, as proven by the alumni racing today in INDYCAR, IMSA, NASCAR and in various series on the F1 Ladder.



FR Americas - By the Numbers:

FIA Certified Championship

Minimum age **16 years old**

21 Rounds across **8 race weekends**

Ligier JS F3 Chassis with halo.

Honda Civic Type R 2.0L turbo engine, serviced by Mountune. 306 hp.

Hankook Tires (3 sets of tires allowed per weekend).

Car Weight (no driver): 1,485 lbs.

Requires an SCCA Pro Competition License or FIA Class C License.

Driver must have one year competing in a single-seater racecar or equivalent.

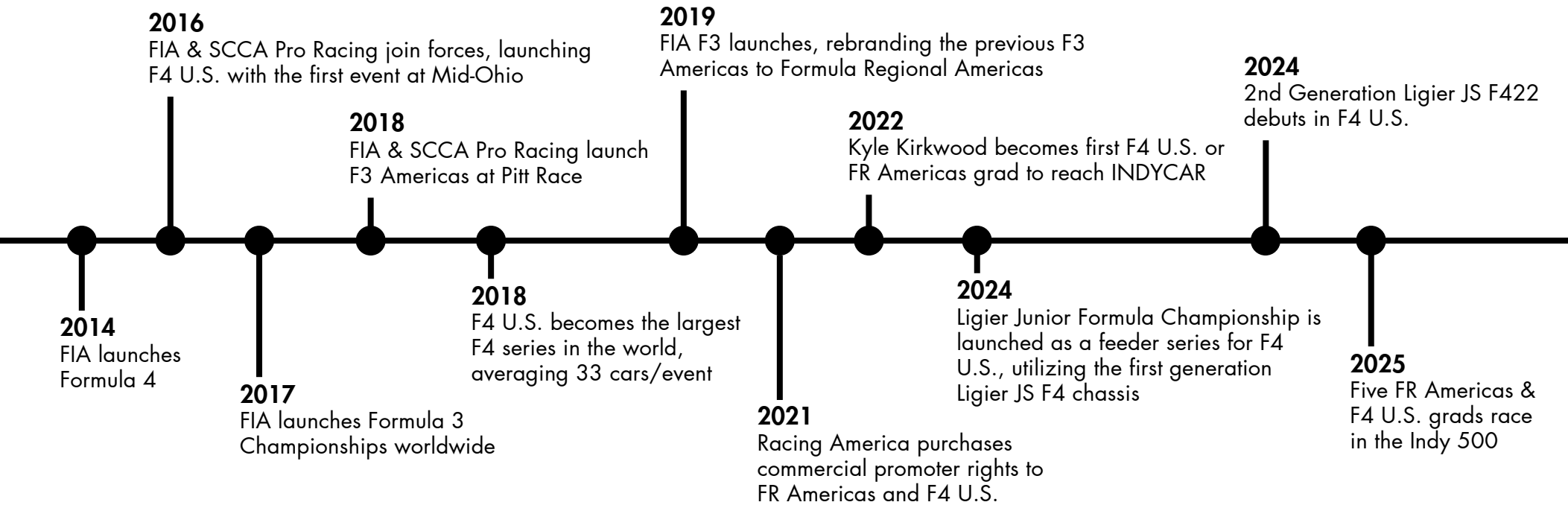


Why Join Racing America's Formula Ladder?

From its cost effectiveness to having the opportunity to learn from the best in the business, there are countless reasons to join one of the series on Racing America's Formula Ladder.

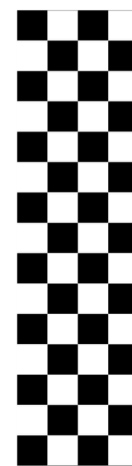


3 - CHAMPIONSHIP FAQ



Highlights

- FR Americas was the first North American series to feature a halo on its racecar.
- The Ligier JS F422 debuted as the second-generation chassis for use in F4 U.S. in 2024. The car features several safety and performance improvements.
- All three championships have supported events for Formula 1, INDYCAR, NASCAR, IMSA, Trans Am and SVRA.



Race Weekend Format

- Up to Three 30-minute Races per weekend
- One Qualifying Session per race weekend
- Multiple Test & Practice Sessions per weekend
- Track Walk

Off-Track Activities (when available)

- Driver Development & Training Seminars
- Fan Walks, Autograph Sessions & Fan Q&As
- Interview & Media Opportunities

3 - CHAMPIONSHIP FAQ

FR Americas & F4 U.S. Scoring System & 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.



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

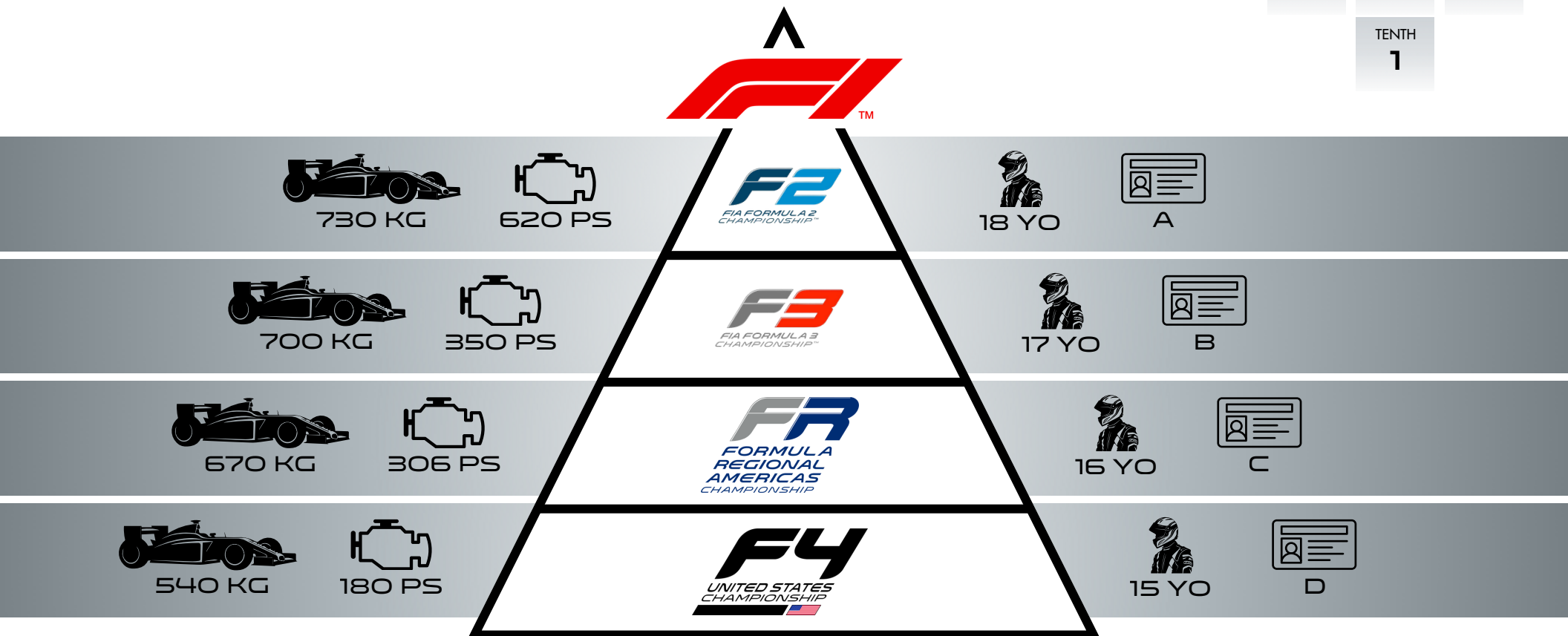


FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH	SEVENTH
12	10	7	5	3	2	1



FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
25	18	15
FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH
12	10	8
SEVENTH	EIGHTH	NINTH
6	4	2
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**Based on a 16-car grid & in accordance to Appendix L of the FIA International Sporting Code.*



4 - DRIVER DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Driver Development

Drivers travel from around the globe to race in the world-class FR Americas, F4 U.S., and Ligier JFC.

With accomplished racers serving as championship leaders—such as five-time INDYCAR winner, Scott Goodyear, serving as Race Director—there's no shortage of knowledge to be shared. Participants can lean on series officials to accelerate their learning curve and professional development both on and off the track.

All three championships incorporate additional development and learning opportunities, covering topics like social media and public relations, sponsorship acquisition, FIA rules and regulations, and more. Our goal is to draw from the decades of experience in the Racing America paddock to help drivers grow and progress in their careers.



Discovering & Developing the Next Generation

Radford Racing School's F4 "Karts to Cars" Scholarship School

Through a partnership with Radford Racing School, up to six talented karters have the opportunity to get behind the wheel of a spec Ligier JFC racecar for a multi-day intensive training program to assist them in the transition from karts to single-seater cars. With a variety of training drills and on-track sessions, the program is uniquely designed to account for the fact that participants are some of the top karters in the world.

The "Karts to Cars" school has already proven successful with Patrick Woods-Toth, a member of the inaugural class in 2022, winning the championship in F4 U.S. in 2023, and FR Americas in 2024.

F4 U.S. & Ligier JFC Champion's Scholarship

Strengthening the Racing America Formula Ladder system and promoting the advancement from one championship to the next, the F4 U.S. and Ligier JFC Champion's Scholarship provides assistance to driver champions to move to the next step of the Racing America Formula Ladder. With the award including the lease of a chassis and engine, race tires and entry fees, it provides a driver with nearly everything they need to compete the following season, with the Ligier JFC Driver Champion receiving assistance to move to F4 U.S., and the F4 U.S. Driver Champion receiving assistance to move to FR Americas.



The Masters Cup—Because Passion Has No Age Limit



FR Americas Masters Cup Championship

Available to drivers ages 35 and up, the Masters Cup Championship class provides another opportunity for competitors looking to race state-of-the-art formula cars in a safe, competitive environment.

Masters Cup competitors are recognized with their own podium celebrations following each race, but they remain eligible to compete for overall victories, podiums and prize payouts alongside the full field.

In addition to earning points toward the overall FR Americas championship, Masters Cup drivers accumulate points in a separate Masters Cup standings. At season's end, the driver with the highest point total is crowned the Masters Cup Champion and honored with a championship trophy during the Year-End Awards Celebration.



Making Connections That Matter

As Racing America's Formula Ladder continues to attract the attention of organizations competing at the highest levels of motorsport, drivers benefit from more than just elite competition. They also gain exposure to relationships and connections that can play a pivotal role in advancing their racing careers.

In recent years, top INDYCAR organizations have turned to Racing America's championships as a proven source of emerging talent. Chip Ganassi Racing established a partnership with Kiwi Motorsport to identify and develop drivers for its INDYCAR program, while AJ Foyt Racing formed a similar relationship with Crosslink Motorsports to create a pathway for promising young racers.

These partnerships offer far more than added visibility. Drivers gain access to experienced engineers, driver development programs, technical resources, and mentorship from some of the most successful organizations in North American open-wheel racing, providing invaluable support as they advance their careers.



5-SUCCESS STORIES



Notable Graduates

Participants in FR Americas and F4 U.S. have consistently advanced in their motorsport careers, with graduates among the starting grids of INDYCAR, FIA Formula 2, FIA Formula 3, F1 ACADEMY, IMSA, INDY NXT, NASCAR and more.



Kyle Kirkwood and David Malukas were the first graduates to reach the INDYCAR grid, with Kirkwood the first to win a race and earn a pole. In total, graduates of Racing America's Formula Ladder have accounted for 326 INDYCAR starts, seven wins, five poles, 37 top-five finishes, 91 top 10s, and 846 laps led. In addition, former FR Americas Champion Linus Lunqvist was named the 2024 INDYCAR Rookie of the Year, while Benjamin Pedersen won the 2023 Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year.



5-SUCCESS STORIES



Kyle Kirkwood – INDYCAR Winner & Driver with Andretti Autosport
2017 F4 U.S. Champion; 2018 F3 Americas Champion

David Malukas – INDYCAR Driver with Team Penske
2020 FR Americas Vice Champion



Kyffin Simpson – INDYCAR Driver with Chip Ganassi Racing
2021 FR Americas Champion



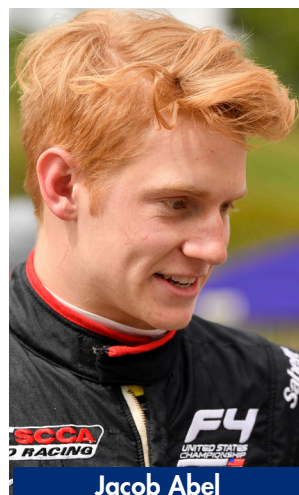
Christian Rasmussen – INDYCAR Winner & Driver with Ed Carpenter Racing
2018 F4 U.S. Third-Place Champion



Nolan Siegel – INDYCAR Driver with Arrow McLaren
2020 F4 U.S. Driver



Jacob Abel – Indianapolis 500 Starter & IMSA Driver for Era Motorsport
Multi-year F4 U.S. and FR Americas Driver



5-SUCCESS STORIES



Noel León

Noel León – FIA F2 Winner & Driver with Campos Racing
2021 F4 U.S. Champion

Ava Dobson – F1 ACADEMY Driver with American Express and Hitech TGR
2023 F4 U.S. Driver



Ava Dobson



Lochie Hughes

Lochie Hughes – INDY NXT Winner & Driver with Andretti Global
2022 F4 U.S. Champion

Titus Sherlock – 2026 Lamborghini Young Driver Program & Super Trofeo Asia Driver
2025 FR Americas Champion



Titus Sherlock

Chloe Chambers – F1 ACADEMY Alum & Lamborghini Super Trofeo Driver
2021 F4 U.S. Driver



Chloe Chambers

Callum Hedge – Porsche Carrera Cup North America with JDX Racing
2023 FR Americas Champion



Callum Hedge

6-CHAMPIONSHIP PARTNER OVERVIEW

Organizer Overview

To officially bring the Road to F1 to the United States, Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) aligned launching F4 U.S. in 2016 and FR Americas in 2018. With certification from the FIA—the international governing body for FORMULA 1—the championships were designed to be a globally recognized, yet affordable step, allowing drivers to compare themselves to the best young talent around the world.

In 2021, Racing America acquired the commercial rights of both F4 U.S. and FR Americas, and has continued to grow the championships with their support and partnership. The organization paired F4 U.S. and FR Americas with Ligier JFC to create a true ladder system and provide an entryway for drivers as young as age 14 to begin their climb toward a career in F1.



6-CHAMPIONSHIP PARTNER OVERVIEW

Key Partner Overview



Ligier Automotive is a racecar manufacturer with roots dating back to 1969, including a rich history with 20 years as an F1 constructor, and highlighted by nine Grand Prix victories. Headquartered in France with a significant presence in North America, Ligier Automotive specializes in the development and support of racing cars for use in series around the world, with their chassis developed to reach the highest levels of performance, safety and reliability standards put forth by the FIA.

Hankook Motorsports 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.

Mountune USA serves as the official engine partner for FR Americas and Ligier JFC with the MK20J and MK20R power plants, respectively. Developed and engineered by Mountune—a company known for high performance—the engines are based on the original Honda K20C1, with Mountune providing teams the required replacement parts and engine service items, enhancing engine reliability and providing world-class customer service.

Television, Broadcast & Media Partners

With the acquisition of Racing America and its affiliated media team, FR Americas, F4 U.S. and Ligier JFC have benefitted from an increased media presence.

News articles and feature stories are published on **RacingAmerica.com**, while select race events are available for streaming worldwide on the **Racing America TV app**, **YouTube Channel**, online at **RacingAmerica.TV**, and on the **Racing America 24/7 Channel** (available on Amazon Prime Video, Roku Channel, My Free DirecTV, TCLtv+ and Plex).

In addition, all three championships are featured in a new episodic docuseries

titled **Road to Glory:**

Formula Edition, which

follows the drivers and teams that

race in FR Americas,

F4 U.S. and Ligier JFC. Balancing passion, pressure and the pursuit of a professional racing career, the show captures the moments that shape these young drivers on their climb through the motorsports ranks, while telling their stories both on and off the track.

In addition to distribution through Racing America's platforms, "Road to Glory: Formula Edition" can also be watched on **RACER Network**.



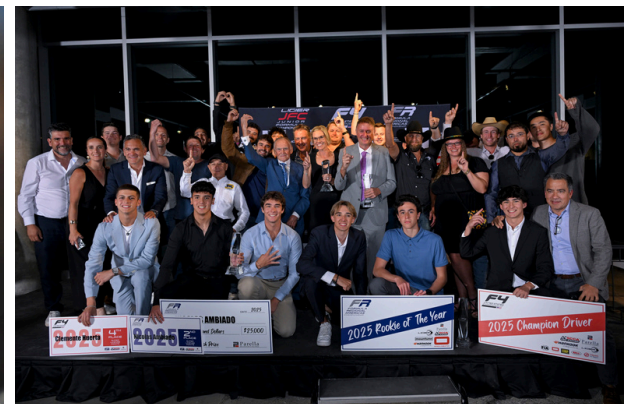
7 - AWARDS & PRIZE GIVING

Championship Event & Year-End Awards

Prize money is awarded to the top-three finishers in each individual round.

At the Year-End Awards Celebration, scholarships, prize money and contingency awards are distributed as the top drivers from each championship are recognized with special awards. The evening honors both teams and drivers with awards for the champions, vice champions and third-place champions, as well as the most-improved drivers and the Masters Cup Champion (top finishing FR Americas driver over the age of 35).

In total, drivers participating in FR Americas, F4 U.S. and Ligier JFC are eligible for over \$821,800 in awards, scholarships and prizes.



7 - AWARDS & PRIZE GIVING

FR Americas Championship Awards

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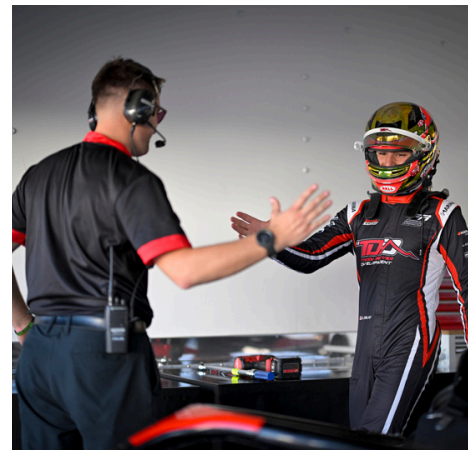
- \$100,000 Year-End Cash Prize
- Carbon Bell Helmet
- Custom OMP Racing Suit Kit
- Invitation to FIA Prize Giving Ceremony at the end of the year

Vice Champion

- \$20,000 Year-End Cash Prize
- \$500 for Bell Helmets
- \$500 for OMP Racing

Third-Place Champion

- \$10,000 Year-End Cash Prize
- \$250 for Bell Helmets
- \$250 for OMP Racing



7 - AWARDS & PRIZE GIVING

F4 U.S. Championship Awards

Champion

- 2027 FR Americas Scholarship* for the championship-winning driver from Ligier Automotive, Mountune, Hankook Motorsports and Racing America, which includes:
 - lease of a Ligier JS F3 chassis from Ligier Automotive
 - lease of an F3 engine from Mountune, USA
 - three sets of tires per event from Hankook Motorsports
 - race entry fees from Racing America
- Carbon Bell Helmet
- Custom OMP Racing Suit Kit
- Invitation to FIA Prize Giving Ceremony at the end of the year

Vice Champion

- \$12,000 credit with Ligier Automotive for use in FR Americas by vice champion driver
 - \$500 for Bell Helmets
 - \$500 for OMP Racing

Third Place Champion

- \$6,000 credit with Ligier Automotive for use in FR Americas by third-place champion driver
 - \$250 for Bell Helmets
 - \$250 for OMP Racing

Additional Contingency Prizes

- Ligier Automotive Most Improved Driver Award - \$2,000 credit for Ligier Automotive

* Scholarship only available to championship-winning driver. Winner must have a signed contract to compete in the full 2027 season no later than December 31, 2026 to receive the scholarship.



Ligier Junior Formula Championship Awards

Ligier JFC Gen. 1 Champion

- 2027 F4 U.S. Scholarship* for the championship-winning driver from Ligier Automotive, Hankook Motorsports and Racing America, including:
 - two sets of tires per event from Hankook Motorsports
 - one-year lease of a Ligier JS F422 chassis & Ligier Storm engine from Ligier Automotive
 - race entry fees from Racing America

Ligier JFC Gen. 2 Champion

- 2027 F4 U.S. Scholarship* for the championship-winning driver from Ligier Automotive, Hankook Motorsports and Racing America, including:
 - two sets of tires per event from Hankook Motorsports
 - one-year lease of a Ligier JS F422 chassis & Ligier Storm engine from Ligier Automotive**
 - race entry fees from Racing America

Highest Overall Points Finisher

- Carbon Bell Helmet
- Custom OMP Racing Suit Kit

Second-Highest Points Finisher

- \$500 for Bell Helmets
- \$500 for OMP Racing

Third-Highest Points Finisher

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

Additional Contingency Prizes

- Ligier Automotive Most Improved Driver Award - \$1,000 credit for Ligier Automotive

* Scholarship only available to championship-winning driver. Winner must have a signed contract to compete in the full 2027 season no later than December 31, 2026 to receive the scholarship

** If the championship winning driver already owns an F422 car, they will receive the equivalent value of the lease in a Ligier parts credit for use in F4 U.S. the following season.



8-CHAMPIONSHIP AND EVENT METRICS



Attracting Talent from Around the World



9-INVESTMENTS

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



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Engine Purchase – \$36,000

50% Deposit/50% Delivery



Chassis Purchase – market price

last published price for a new 1st Generation Ligier JS F3 was \$151,392



Event Tires – \$1,620 per set

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

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



Chassis Registration – \$1,200 per chassis

Registration includes number registration and series decals, plus Yellow Light receiver and ADR unit. Yellow Light System requires purchase and installation, which is available from MSE.



Event Entry Fee – \$3,700 Advance / \$4,000 Event

Advance pricing discount available until three (3) weeks prior to the event.



SCCA Annual Membership – \$70-\$105 per person

Required to compete.



SCCA Pro Competition License – \$600 per driver, per season

Required to compete for any driver not holding an FIA license; includes driver credential for the season.



Credential Fee – \$250 per person for the season

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



FIA License – varies by home country

Required for international competitors; must be 16 years or older to compete.

8-CHAMPIONSHIP CONTACTS

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Next Steps

FR Americas Championship prepares drivers for success in their formula racing career.

Two Ways to Join Us:

Start Your Own Team: To get started with acquiring your own equipment and operating your own team, reach out to our key partners and staff to help guide you.

Join an Existing Team: Visit our Team Finder section on FRAmericas.com to view active teams, and reach out to them directly to determine their availability and pricing.

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