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### MEDIA USAGE STYLE GUIDE

- First reference to the series: Formula 4 United States Championship Powered by Honda
- Subsequent approved references: F4 U.S., F4 U.S Championship

## THE #F4US CHAMPIONSHIP SHORT STORY

Auschampionship.com

Launched in 2014, FIA Formula 4 was created to offer young race car drivers around the world the opportunity to take the first step from karting into the world of open-wheel racing.

Designed to be globally recognized yet an affordable step between karting and F3, the F4 car was designed to keep costs down while providing an ideal learning tool for young drivers who have never raced cars before. The series offers more value and benefits than any other form of entry-level open-wheel racing at a low cost.

In 2015, SCCA Pro Racing and the FIA combined forces to create the Formula 4 United States Championship. F4 teams and drivers are aligned with the FIA and series partners: Honda, Honda Performance Development, Pirelli and Onroak Automotive. Stepping into the F4 series builds upon the progression offered from karting both on and off the track. The series offers developmental educational programs that cover everything from driving preparation to marketing and public relations.

The inaugural season included five event weekends with 15 races. A total of 19 drivers and nine teams competed over the course of the season. The field for season two doubled in size with 33 cars participating in the 2017 season opener at Homestead-Miami Speedway. The growth in the F4 U.S. Championship is exceeding the expectations of its

partners and participants, and is considering series expansion both on the West Coast and for the next level of competition.

The F4 series is the fastest way for an aspiring driver to gain experience to an international racing platform. With driving training, unmatched affordability and strong manufacturer support, competitors can grow and succeed into the higher levels of motorsports.

## **#F4US CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

### APRIL 8-9

Homestead-Miami Florida Homestead, Florida 2.27 miles • 14 Turns Counter Clockwise Road Course

### JULY 8-9

Canadian Tire Motorsport Park Bowmansville, Ontario 2.459 miles • 10 Turns Clockwise Grand Prix Road Course

### AUGUST 25-27

Virginia International Raceway Alton, Virginia 3.27 miles • 17 Turns Clockwise Road Course



#### **OCTOBER 20-22**

Circuit of the Americas Elroy, Texas 3.427 miles • 20 Turns Counterclockwise Road Course



#### AUGUST 10-12 Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course Lexington, Ohio

Lexington, Ohio 2.25 miles • 13 Turns Clockwise Road Course

### SEPTEMBER 13-16

Circuit of the Americas Elroy, Texas 3.427 miles • 20 Turns Counterclockwise Road Course



#### F-1 STYLE STANDING START STARTING GRIDS RACE 1 Fastest qualifying times set in Q1. RACE 2 Fastest race time achieved by each driver in the first race. RACE 3 Fastest race time achieved by each driver in the second race. 2nd 5th 2nd 3rd 1st lst 3rd 4th 25 18 15 17 10 \$1500 \$650 \$350 POINTS PRIZE SCORING PAYOUT SYSTEM 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 2nd 2nd 1st )8 )6 $\mathbf{O}\mathbf{I}$ \$10K \$5K

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



From making its public debut at the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 to awarding more than \$77,000 in cash prizes, the F4 U.S. Championship experienced several milestones during its inaugural season.

In 2016, the series grew from 14 competitors during its global racing inauguration at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in July to entering a total of 19 different drivers over the course of the season. Cameron Das of Baltimore was crowned the first F4 U.S. season champion with Konrad Czaczyk and Kyle Kirkwood both of Jupiter, Florida, also earning spots on the championship podium. The trio would combine for 28 podium visits, 18 fast times and 14 of the 15 pole position starts. JDX Racing claimed the first F4 U.S. team championship.

Czaczyk and Kirkwood were finalists for the Team USA Scholarship. Kirkwood received the prestigious award and represented the United States in the Formula Ford Festival in Brands Hatch, England, and had the opportunity to race for the Walter Hayes Trophy at Silverstone.

Inaugural F4 U.S. champion Das was honored on the same stage as Formula One World Championship champion Nico Rosberg during the FIA Prize Giving Ceremony at the Hofburg Imperial Palace in Vienna, Austria. Das signed with BRDC British F3 to team Carlin for 2017.

The F4 U.S. Championship requires a driver to be a minimum of 15-years-old to compete for the championship; there is no maximum age. Drivers can compete the entire season for the championship, however, single event entries are allowed.



Creating building blocks for these young, up-and-coming athletes, on and off the track, is paramount to the F4 U.S. Championship. Drivers will attend required educational seminars during each event to hone their race craft by analyzing data and race trends, develop their personal brands and many other topics, fostering well rounded athletes.



The F4 U.S. Championship powered by Honda was developed to help young drivers transition from karting into open-wheel racing. F4 U.S. is the only United States-based series approved by the FIA where its top seven competitors have the opportunity to earn FIA Super License points.



As part of an emphasis on assisting in the development of the next generation of racers, F4 U.S. Championship partners SCCA Pro Racing, Onroak Automotive and Honda Performance Development present the SuperKarts! USA S1 class champion an award package valued at nearly \$18,000. The F4 U.S. Championship award package was designed to aid young competitors transitioning from karts to cars.



The F4 U.S. Championship is open to competitors around the world. The 2017 field represents 10 states, eight countries on five continents.



Special event and end-of-season awards are presented to F4 U.S. competitors. The JRi Shocks Hard Charger Award is a \$500 cash prize presented to the driver who had the most forward position changes during each event. The Cameron Das Fast Qualifier Award Presented by Pro-Sim is a \$500 cash prize awarded at each event to the driver with the fastest qualifying time. An additional \$2000 will be presented to the driver with the most fast laps at the end of the season. Onroak Automotive recognizes the most improved driver at the end of the season with the Catherine Crawford Award.



## 2017 SPOTTER'S GUIDE



## **TEAM INFORMATION**

#### ABEL MOTORSPORTS



Abel Motorsports was built from a combination of a second-generation friendship and IndyCar Rookie of the Year Scott Harrington's Indy Racing League team. Harrington is the childhood friend of Abel Motorsports' team principal Bill Abel. The Big Three American Motorsport competitor will serve as the team's driving coach. Parts of Harrington's former IndyCar crew also made the jump to the formula franchise. Mark Gibbs functions as the team manager and Larry Nash serves as chief engineer. Single-car team HellHound Motorsports will also compete for points under Abel Motorsports.

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### AUSTIN KASZUBA MOTORSPORTS



The Texas-based single car team is comprised of father-son duo Gill Kaszuba and F4 U.S sophomore pilot Austin Kaszuba with AJ Foyt Racing mechanic Danny Hunter assisting AK Racing with car set-up and mechanical maintenance.

#### AKRacing.com

#### C.G. RACING

The New York-based single-car team was created to campaign for the 2017 F4 U.S. Championship. Team owner and driver Chris Gumprecht will kick-off his season at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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#### CAPE MOTORSPORTS



The winningest team in American junior open-wheel racing Cape Motorsports added a four-car F4 U.S. to its 2017 racing arsenal. Series vets Kyle Kirkwood and Steve Bamford will compete under Cape Motorsports this season along with rookies Jet Noland and Mathias Soler-Obel.

### CapeMotorsports.com

#### **CROSSLINK RACING**

Making its open-wheel racing debut, Crosslink Racing made the move from karting to F4 U.S. this season with South African driver Jordan Sherratt. The Texas-based team entered one car in the 2017 championship.

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## **TEAM INFORMATION**

#### GLOBAL RACING GROUP



Aiming to prepare young and talented racers for a professional career in motorsports, Global Racing Group returns F4 U.S. to contend in the 2017 championship with a new, unique approach to its driver development program. The development of the team's open-wheel drivers will be overseen by a 12-strong management, business and sporting advisory board that features Haas Formula One Team driver Romain Grosjean. GRG placed second in team points with former F4 U.S. driver Konrad Czaczyk placing second in the 2016 points race.

### GlobalRacingGroup.com

#### **GROUP A RACING**



Group-A is a New York-based racing team with two decades of racing knowledge in F2000, Trans-Am, AGT, Pirelli World Challenge GT and Formula Lites. Last season, both Group-A drivers received the Crawford Composites' Driver Award, an award presented each weekend to the driver who exemplified a professional approach to the event, demonstrated on-track skills and performance, showed determination and had a competitive spirit no matter what the driver experienced throughout the event. Group-A Racing was the only team to have multiple drivers recognized for this award.

### GroupARacingTeam.com

#### INDY MOTORSPORT GROUP



Indianapolis 500 winning team-owner Steve Newey and Dean Durrett of Durrett Racing Group merged to form the multi-car race team Indy Motorsport Group to contest in the second season of F4 U.S.. The group will provide a driver-development focused platform for competitors making their first foray into junior open-wheel racing.

### IndyMotorsportGroup.com

#### JAY HOWARD'S MOTORSPORTS DRIVER DEVELOPMENT



IndyCar driver Jay Howard expanded his karting program to open-wheel this season by adding three cars to the 2017 F4 U.S. Championship lineup. The MDD mission is to mentor young drivers to prepare them for the top levels of the motorsport ladder. The core of Howard's program is taking the expertise he has gained along with his success he experienced throughout his career and translate it back into coaching each driver's particular skill set.

### JayHoward.com

## **TEAM INFORMATION**

#### JDX RACING



JDX Racing is a Colorado-based race team owned by former professional driver and television color commentator Jeremy Dale. Last season, JDX Racing became the first F4 U.S. team champion. JDX Racing driver Cameron Das won the inaugural F4 U.S. Championship, moving up to the BRDC British F3 Championship.

### JDXRacing.com

#### **KIWI MOTORSPORT**



Kiwi Motorsport is the newest team to enter F4 U.S. The team is formed completely of New Zealand natives including its rookie F4 U.S. driver Brendon Leitch.

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#### MILLER VINATIERI LEGUIZAMON MOTORSPORTS



Three-time Indy 500 starter Dr. Jack Miller and four-time Super Bowl champion and Colts' kicker Adam Vinatieri teamed-up to launch MVL Motorsports to compete in the F4 U.S. Championship.

#### MOMENTUM MOTORSPORTS

MOMENTUM

Best known for their karts to cars program, Phil Picard and his team has managed young drivers in F2000 cars to SCCA majors and helped several acquire racing contracts in European formula racing series.

### MomentumMotorsportsllc.com

#### PRIMUS RACING TEAM



Over a span of 30 years, Primus Racing has won dozens of titles in several racing series. This season, Jon Baytos and his team operate cars in four series, including the F4 U.S. Championship. Last season, Primus Racing placed third in the team championship. Its drivers also placed third and fourth in the inaugural points championship.

#### PrimusRacingTeam.com

## BRIDGING THE GAP

The F4 U.S. Championship is accessible at every level, from drivers graduating from karts, teams stepping up to Pro competition or fans attending a race weekend. This is possible by our series partners who are dedicated to the growth in open-wheel racing. This commitment has created an attainable, very affordable entry level into professional motorsports. With all F4 U.S. Championship cars designed and assembled in North America, parts availability and quality are assured. OnRoak Automotive assembles the chassis at their facility in North Carolina and the Honda engines are produced at Honda's factory in Ohio. The F4 Pirelli tires are the same Pirelli tires used in other F4 series around the globe. The F4 U.S. Championship has transformed the landscape of racing and will continue to increase accessibility to open-wheel racing.





The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) has partnered with the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) to create the Formula 4 United States Championship. The FIA is a global organization that aims to safeguard the rights and promote the interests of motorists and motorsports across the world. The FIA developed F4 in 2014 and has since flourished with 12 F4 FIA-approved series around the world.



SCCA Pro Racing is the sanctioning body behind F4 U.S. SCCA Pro Racing is a division of Sports Car Club of America, Inc. -- a 65,000-member organization dedicated to motorsports. SCCA Pro Racing provides full-service organization, operation and sanctioning for numerous professional racing series such as Trans-Am and Formula E.

## "F4 U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP TODAY"

For the second season, teams and drivers will be featured in a seven-episode 30-minute show called F4 U.S. Championship Today that follows the F4 U.S. series. The first season of "F4 U.S Championship" gained an estimated 1.7 million viewers per episode.



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Other ways to watch: F4USCHAMPIONSHIP.COM MOTORSPORT.TV/CHANNEL

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## ADDITIONAL STORY LINES

- 1. From its inaugural season debut, the F4 U.S. Championship field doubled in size from 15 to 33 competitors in 2017.
- 2. FIA Super License points are awarded to the top F4 drivers to advance to the pinnacle levels of FIA motorsports.
- 3. Each driver will receive at least three hours of track time and participate in three races per event weekend.
- 4. F4 U.S. increased its championship season from 15 to 18 races in 2017, visiting prestigious tracks like VIR, COTA and IMS.
- 5. The F4 U.S. car made its public debut during the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 and will return for the 101st running in the Honda Fan Zone.
- 6. The F4 U.S. car is the only FIA-approved car manufactured and assembled in North America.
- 7. Fourteen teams and 34 drivers make-up the 2017 F4 U.S. Championship field.

### Below are some fast facts about some of the teams and drivers

- MVL Motorsports is owned by three-time Indy 500 starter Dr. Jack Miller and four-time Super Bowl champion and Colts' kicker Adam Vinatieri.
- Group-A team owner Joe Scarallo was a former reality TV star, appearing on the first season of Circuit Battles.
- GRG hosts F4 U.S. drivers from three different countries and its sporting advisory board features Haas Formula One Team driver Romain Grosjean
- Former ESPN, Fox, SpeedVision and Speed Channel racing commentator Jeremy Dale owns JDX Racing
- IndyCar driver Jay Howard is the team principal of Jay Howard's MDD three-car team.
- Veteran Indianapolis 500 drivers Scott Harrington, Gabby Chaves and Rafa Matos serve as individual team driving coaches
- Indianapolis 500 winning team-owner Steve Newey and Dean Durrett of Durrett Racing Group merged to form the multi-car race team Indy Motorsport Group
- Before most of the F4 U.S. competitors received their driver's license, they were handling cars topping over 100 miles per hour.
- Furthering his motorsport career, F4 U.S. inaugural champion Cameron Das signed with team Carlin in the BRDC British F3 Championship.















