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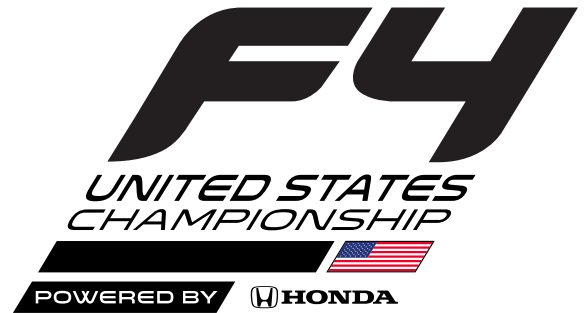
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A MODERN APPROACH TO MOTORSPORTS



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 constructed 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, Ligier, Hankook Tire America. 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 an average of 33 cars participating in the 20-race season. Even with record-breaking grid sizes in its second season and the launch of the new F3 Americas, the car count for season three maintained an average of 31 entries per event and broke an entry record for its season opener with 38 drivers registered. The championship supported series like Trans Am and Formula 1, generating more than 300,000 race-day attendees.

Formula Pro USA Western Championship (FP4) is affiliated with the SCCA Pro Racing F4 program, competing on the same weekend as SCCA club and non-club events on the west coast. The series uses and the same Ligier JS F4 chassis and Honda Civic Type R engine as the F4 U.S. Championship. FP4 will also use similar rules and regulations as the F4 U.S. Championship.

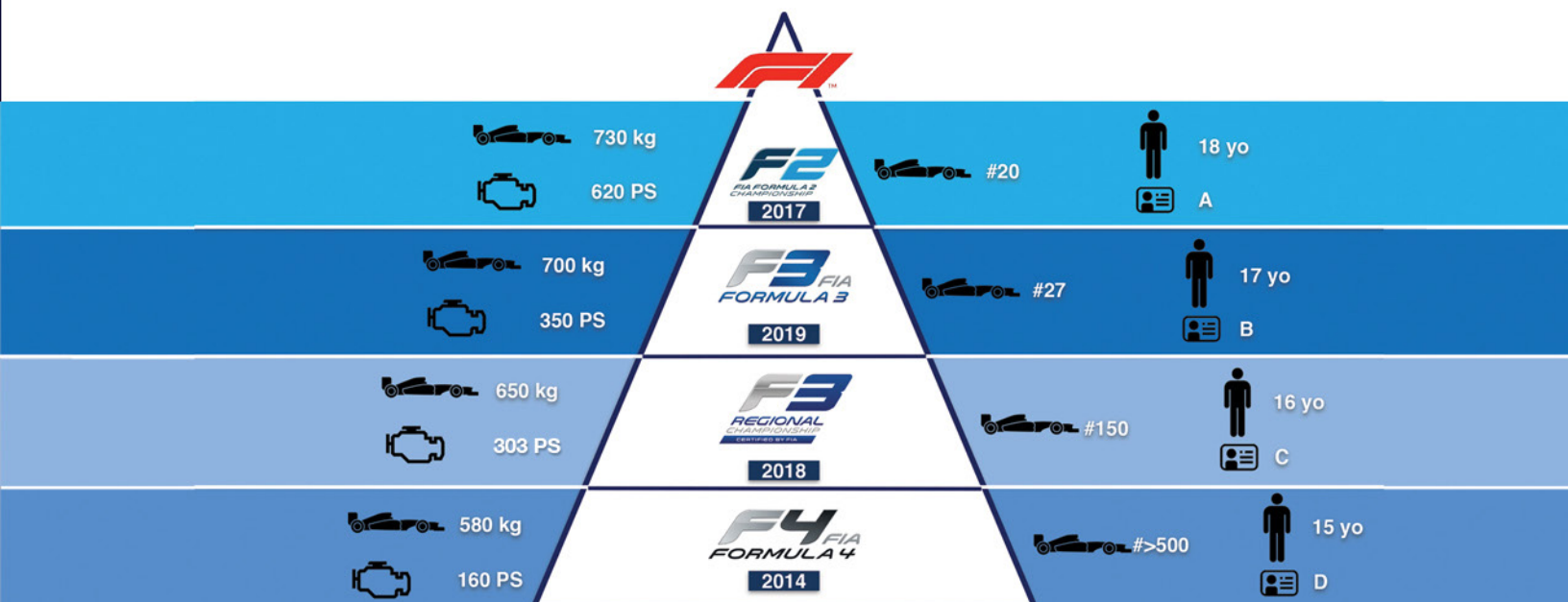
The popularity of the F4 U.S. Championship is exceeding the expectations of its partners and participants. Even with the introduction of F3 Americas, SCCA Pro anticipates similar grid sizes for 2019 as new teams commit and new purchase orders are being processed each week.

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.

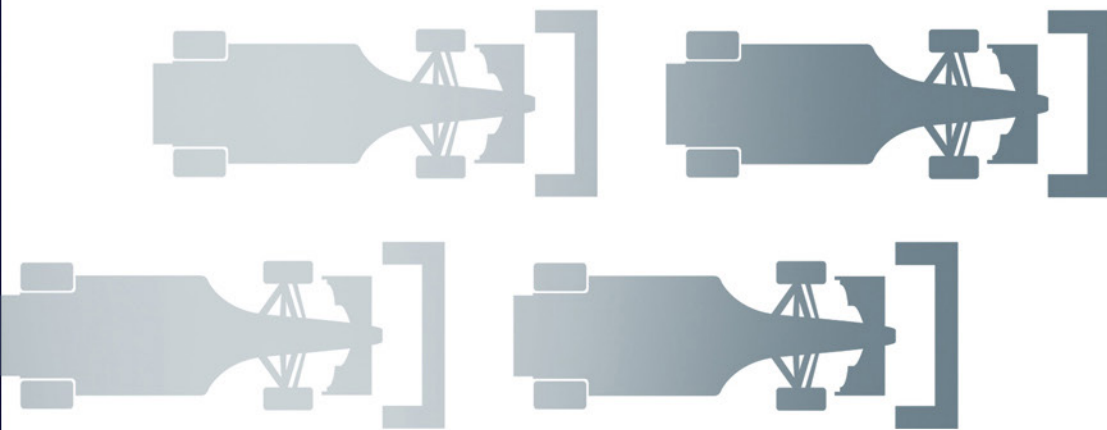
The 2019 schedule is still under development, [click here](#) after December 7 to view final schedule.

F4 SPORTING FORMAT

Unique among this ladder category, drivers get three hours of track time most race weekends (excluding USGP), including two free practice sessions, one qualifying session and three races. Starting grids and point scoring are in accordance with global F4 series. Points earned count toward an FIA Super License. F4 is the foundation to the FIA championship ladder. Drivers have to be at least 15 to compete and hold either a C or D grade license.



F-1 STYLE STANDING STARTS



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.

POINTS SCORING SYSTEM	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH
	25	18	15	12	10
	SIXTH	SEVENTH	EIGHTH	NINTH	TENTH
	8	6	4	2	1

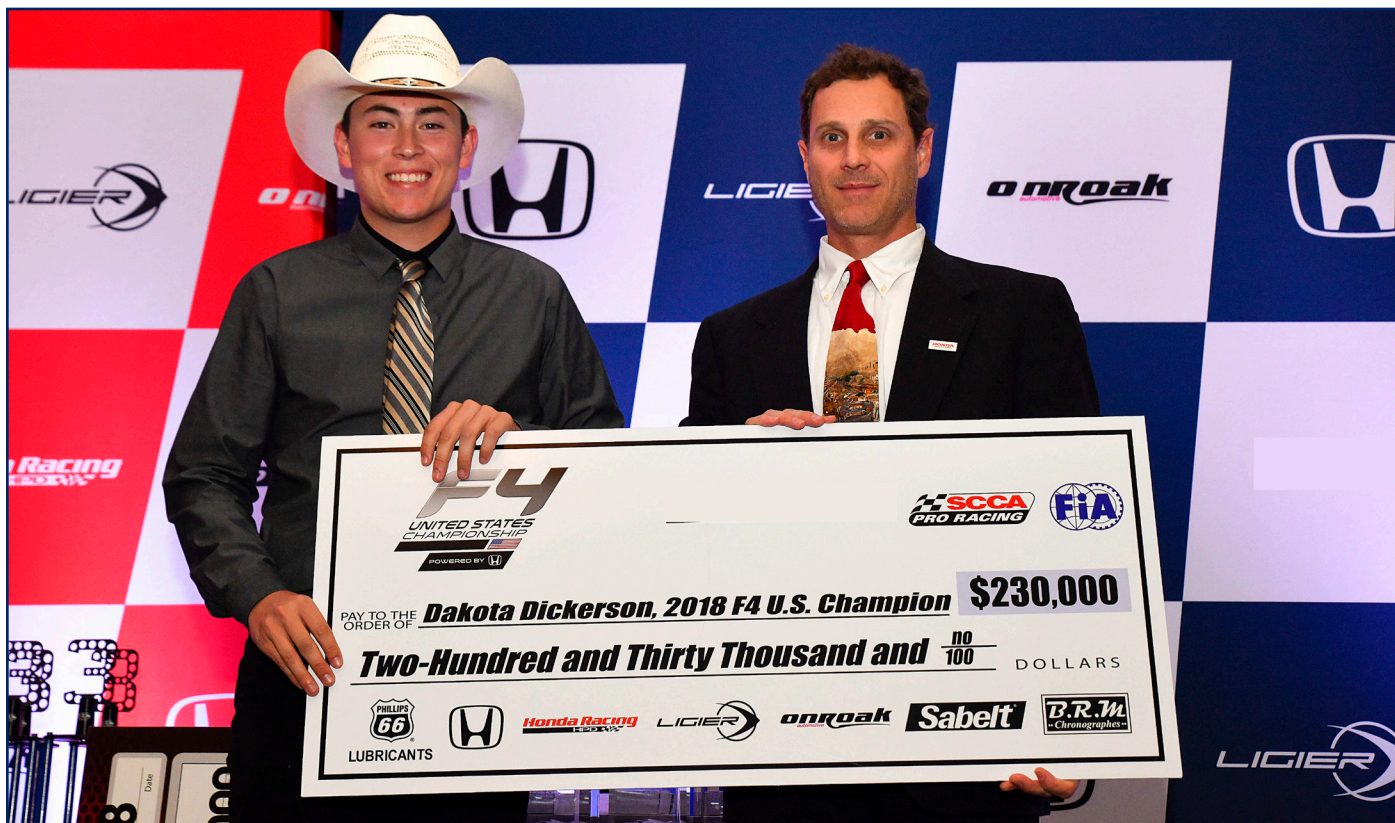
Team Championship points are based on the team's top 2 cars for each individual race.

FIA SUPER LICENSE POINTS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
	12	10	7	5
	FIFTH	SIXTH	SEVENTH	
	3	2	1	

The top-seven drivers the championship are presented FIA Super License Points to aid in their racing career advancement to Formula 1.

CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE STRUCTURE

Redesigned in 2018, the F4 U.S. Championship recognizes the top-10 drivers with cash-prizes with the F4 U.S champion scoring a huge scholarship to advance into the new F3 Americas Championship. Phillips 66 Lubricants, Honda, HPD, Ligier, Hankook, SCCA Pro Racing, and BRM Chronographs will award the championship winner with a scholarship prize package valued at more than \$230,000. The package includes a one-year lease on an F3 Ligier JS F3 chassis from Ligier, a Honda Civic Type R engine lease from HPD, a full season of tires from Hankook Tire America, test and event entries from SCCA Pro Racing, a marketing package from SCCA Pro Racing and a custom champions BRM Chronographs watch. In addition, the winner will receive a cash award from Phillips 66 to be used toward F3 operational and seasonal costs.



The F4 U.S. champion is also honored on the same stage as their F1 heroes at the annual FIA Prize-Giving Ceremony. Contingency prizes are still being decided for 2019.


















2017 F4 U.S. champion Kyle Kirkwood pictured with F1 champion Lewis Hamilton.










SEASON PRIZE STRUCTURE

FIRST PLACE	SCHOLARSHIP	  
SECOND PLACE	\$12,000	    
THIRD PLACE	\$8,000	    
FOURTH PLACE	\$6,000	    
FIFTH PLACE	\$4,000	    
SIXTH PLACE	\$3,000	    
SEVENTH PLACE	\$2,400	    
EIGHTH PLACE	\$2,000	    
NINTH PLACE	\$1,600	    
TENTH PLACE	\$1,000	    

RACE PRIZE STRUCTURE

FIRST PLACE	\$1,500	    
SECOND PLACE	\$650	    
THIRD PLACE	\$350	    

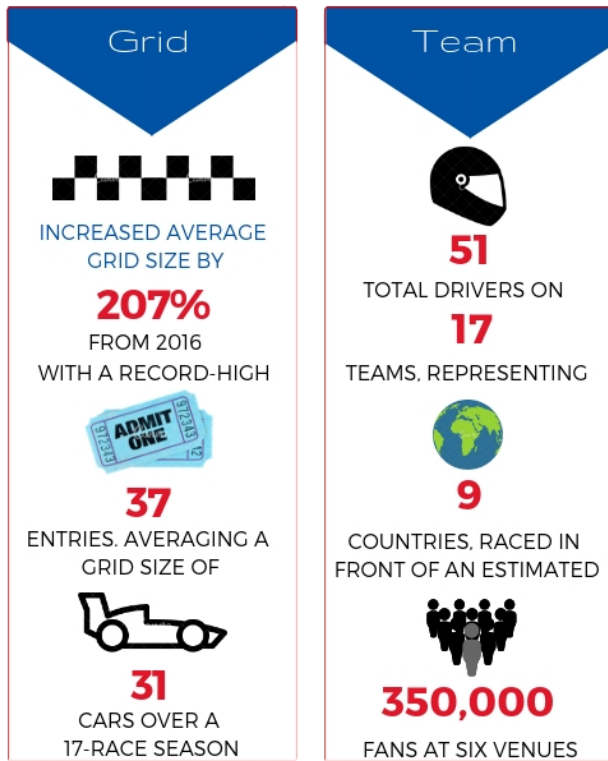
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COMPETITORS

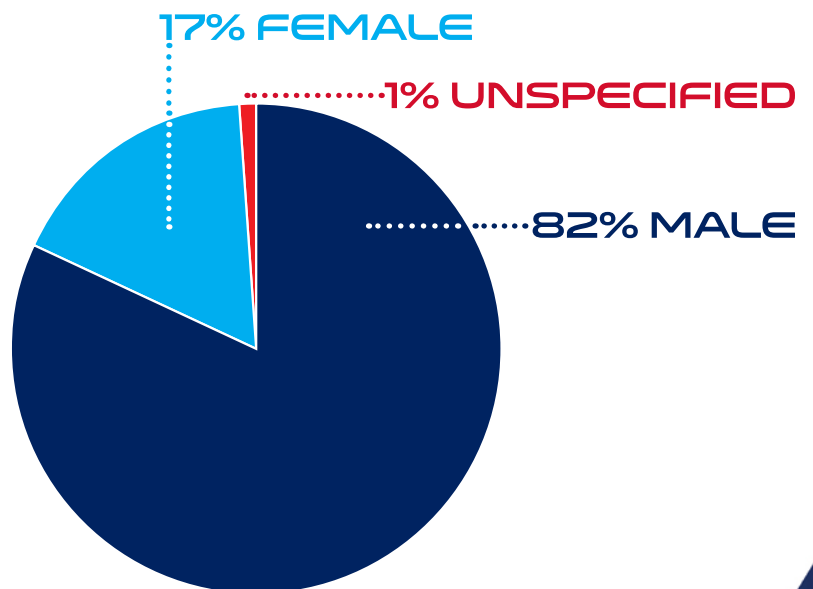
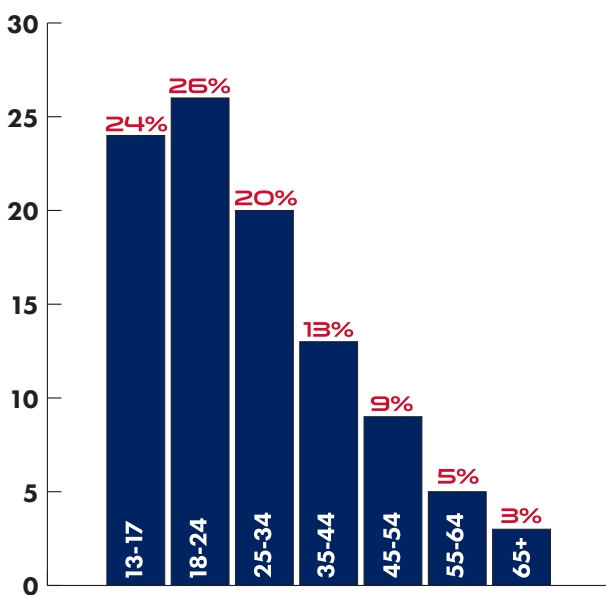
Over the last three seasons, 118 drivers from 16 countries on six continents have represented the F4 U.S. field.

In 2018, the field for F4 U.S. was the most competitive season yet, with 30 of the 51 entries scoring points. In just its third season, F4 U.S. had the most entries of all the Formula 4 championships around the world.



DEMOGRAPHICS

The core age demographic for F4 U.S. are millennials and Generation Z.



"F4 U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP TODAY"



"F4 U.S. Championship Today" returned for a third season as an online eight-part web video series following the F4 U.S. Championship. Season 3 included one preseason episode, six race weekend summaries and a post-season feature. Decisions for the 2019 video outreach are still being determined.

Watch on these websites:



Racer.com



F4USChampionship.com



hpd.honda.com



Motorsport.tv/channel



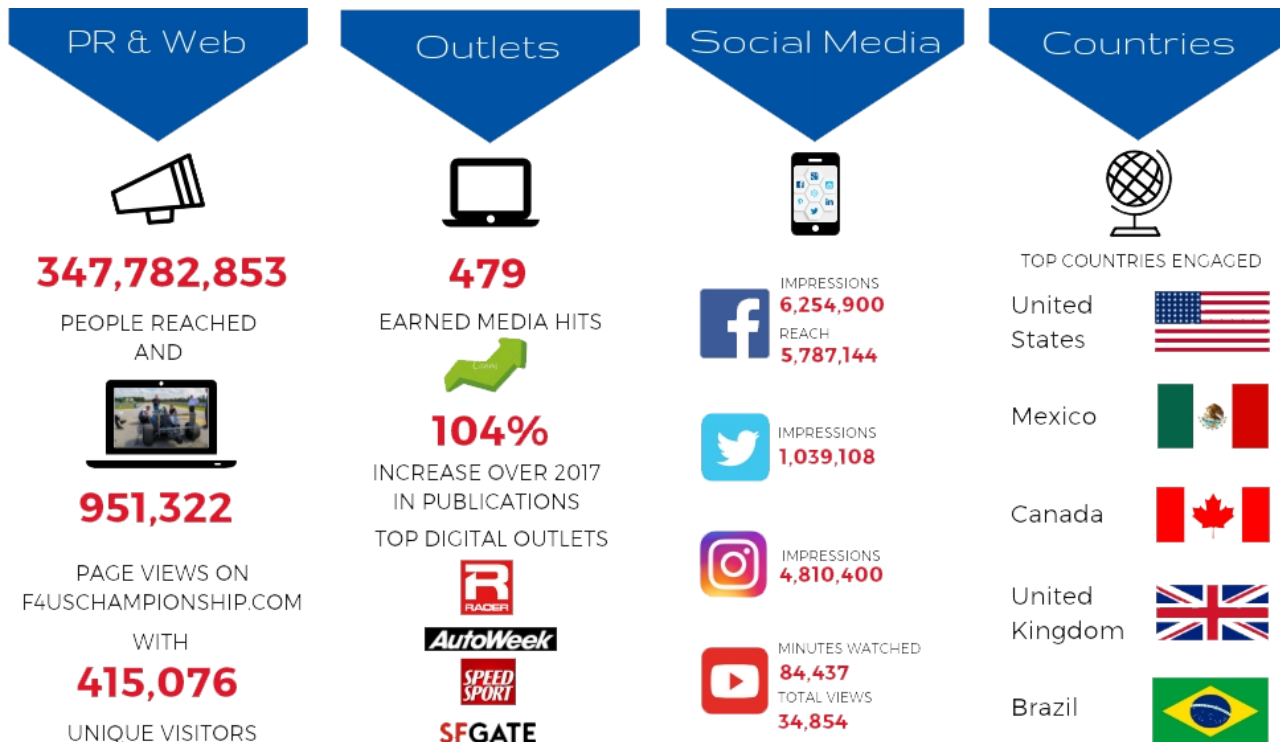
CarolinasProductionGroup.com



ligiersportscars.com

2018 PR METRICS

Since its inaugural season, F4 U.S. has quickly gained the attention of national and international publications as well as growing its online fan base. Press releases are sent to a variety of publications.



*Numbers reflect December 2017-October 2018.

THE CAR— MADE IN THE USA

Cost-consciousness is core to the F4 car. Domestic-based chassis, engine, and tire manufacturers were carefully selected to keep operational cost as low as possible by eliminating import duties, freight costs and time delays that are typically associated with participating in formula racing. Each manufacturer provides on-site engineers for parts and technical support for all teams and drivers.



CHASSIS

Built in the USA, the Ligier JS F4 chassis meets FIA homologation requirements and has passed the FIA crash test. The F4 chassis is a modern, safe, robust and highly capable carbon-fiber chassis that is conducive to exceptional performance at various engine power levels. The chassis is \$54,625 including paddle-shift, data acquisition and camera.

ENGINE

The selected Honda F4 powerplant is based on the Honda Civic Type R engine produced at Honda's Ohio engine plant. It is detuned to meet FIA-mandated output of approximately 160 Hp. The engine and the ECU are sealed to help with parity and compliance. The engine is leased from HPD at \$7,100/year and after 3 years is owned by the lessee. HPD also offers a lease buyout after year one.

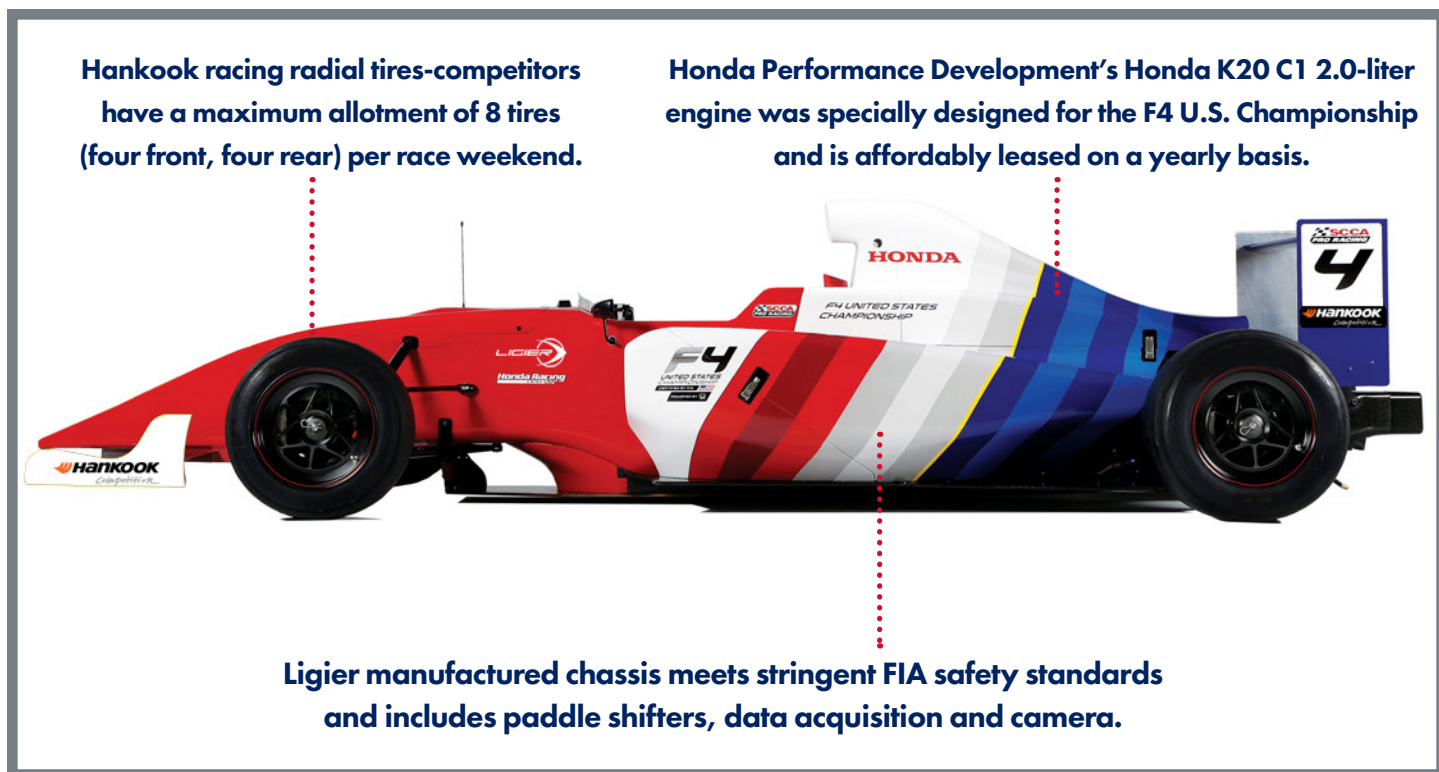
TIRES

New Formula 4 tires have been developed specifically for junior single-seater racing by Hankook engineers and their products exhibit the durability and performance demanded of a highly competitive series. Hankook has a strong foundation in other F4 championships around the world. The cost for tires are \$2,200/event plus mounting and balancing.



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. Ligier assembles the chassis at their facility in North Carolina and the Honda Civic Type R engines are produced at Honda's factory in Ohio. The F4 Hankook tires are the same Hankook tires used in other F4 series around the globe and are distributed and marketed out of Tennessee. 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.



INVESTMENT

Cost-Consciousness

The F4 equipment represents one of the most cost-effective ways to begin a career in formula racing. F4 offers a complete racing system ready to put on the track and energize a racing career:

Engine Lease	\$7,100 per year Lessee takes ownership after three years/or buy-out option of \$8,600 at the end of year 1. Engine rebuilds will be \$1,600	
Chassis Purchase	\$54,625 Includes paddle-shift, data acquisition, and camera	
Tire Purchase	\$1,100 Maximum of two sets of tires allotted per weekend. Additional fee for mounting and balancing	

SCCA Pro Racing has developed a cost-effective competition package tailor-made to fit any budget:

Season Entry Fee	\$2,000 per event * Opportunity to pay on a per event basis or in one lump sum at a discount	
Chassis Registration	\$600 per chassis Includes number registration	
Credential Fee	\$285 per person for the season Includes SCCA annual membership Single event credentials available for \$50	
SCCA Pro License	\$385 per season Required to compete. Includes driver credential for the season and SCCA annual membership.	

*Event entry fee for COTA F1 USGP \$3000. Fees are subject to change before January 2019

NEXT STEPS

In 2016, the F4 United States Championship provided participants with an exciting start to their formula racing career. With high-quality cost-effective equipment, our drivers gained the valuable experience they need in a series, providing a gateway to international potential. With low fixed costs, points counting to an FIA Super License, potential participation in a modern racing ladder series, SCCA Participant Accident Coverage with competitor benefits and peace of mind, the F4 United States Championship offers unparalleled opportunities.

START YOUR OWN TEAM

- Contact SCCA Pro
- Arrange for equipment acquisition from vendors

Everyone appreciates options. Participants in the F4 United States Championship have two options. Our participants may acquire their own equipment and operate their own team. Those drivers interested in pursuing this option should contact **Dan Helman of SCCA Pro at dhelman@scca.com**.

You'll be introduced to contacts at Honda Performance Development and Ligier to help you begin your path to participation in SCCA Pro's starting line for formula racing.

HIRE AN EXISTING TEAM

- Research our team list
- Contact teams to determine availability and costs

Alternatively, participants may hire an existing F4 team to run their season. Team budgets vary depending on testing and race packages.

SCCA Pro maintains a list of active teams and contact information. After reviewing profiles of each team, the choice is yours in how you would like to start your F4 journey. **Click here for [active F4 U.S. team list](#)**

PARTNERS

