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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 Automotive North America and Hankook Tires USA.

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, the largest average F4 grid size in the world. In 2019, the F4 U.S. Championship smashed another world FIA F4 entry record with 38 drivers entering the Formula One United States Grand Prix.

The championship supported series like Trans Am, NASCAR and Formula 1, generating more than 350,000 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 also uses 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. SCCA Pro anticipates similar grid sizes for 2020 as new drivers commit and teams' purchase orders are being processed each week.

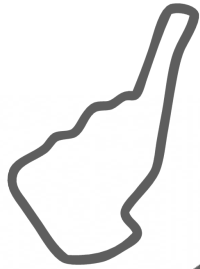
The F4 series is the fastest way for an aspiring driver to gain experience to an international racing platform. With driving

training, unmatched affordability and strong manufacturer support, competitors can grow and succeed into the higher levels of motorsports.

F4 SCHEDULE

APRIL 9-11

Road Atlanta
F3 Americas, Formula Race Promotions
Braselton, Georgia
2.54 miles • 14 Turns
Clockwise Road Course



JUNE 5-7

Circuit of the Americas
F3 Americas, Radical Cup
Austin, Texas
3.427 miles • 20 Turns
Counterclockwise Road Course



JULY 17-19

Virginia International Raceway
F3 Americas, Formula Race Promotions
Alton, Virginia
3.27 miles • 17 Turns
Clockwise Road Course



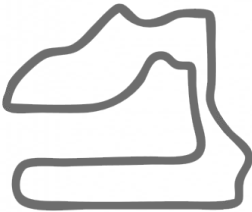
JULY 31-AUGUST 2

Barber Motorsports Park
F3 Americas
Alabama Leeds, Alabama
16 Turns • 2.38 miles
Clockwise Road Course



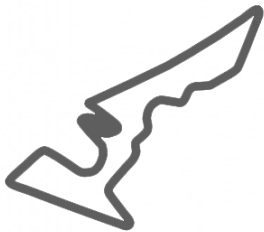
SEPTEMBER 25-27

Sebring International Raceway
F3 Americas Championship
Sebring, Florida
3.7 miles • 17 Turns
Clockwise Road Course

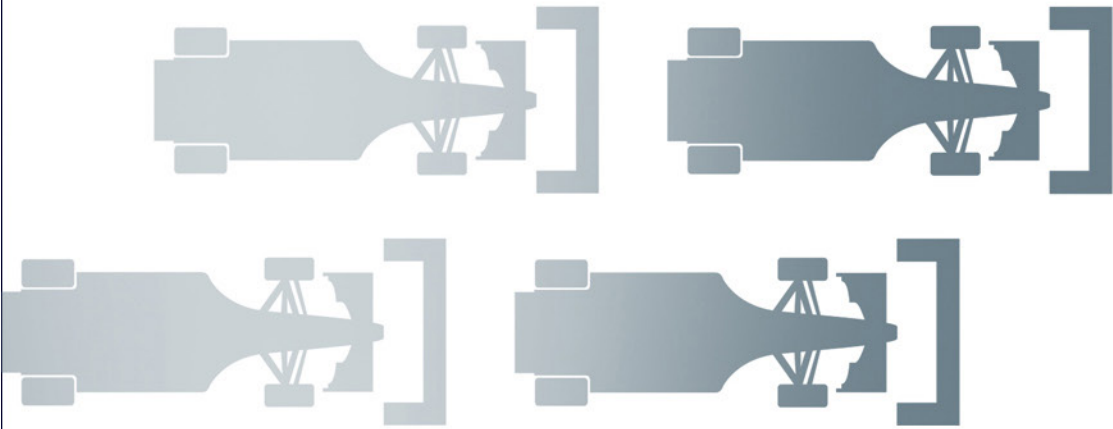


OCTOBER 23-25

Circuit of the Americas
Formula 1 United States Grand Prix
Austin, Texas
3.427 miles • 20 Turns
Counterclockwise Road Course



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

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



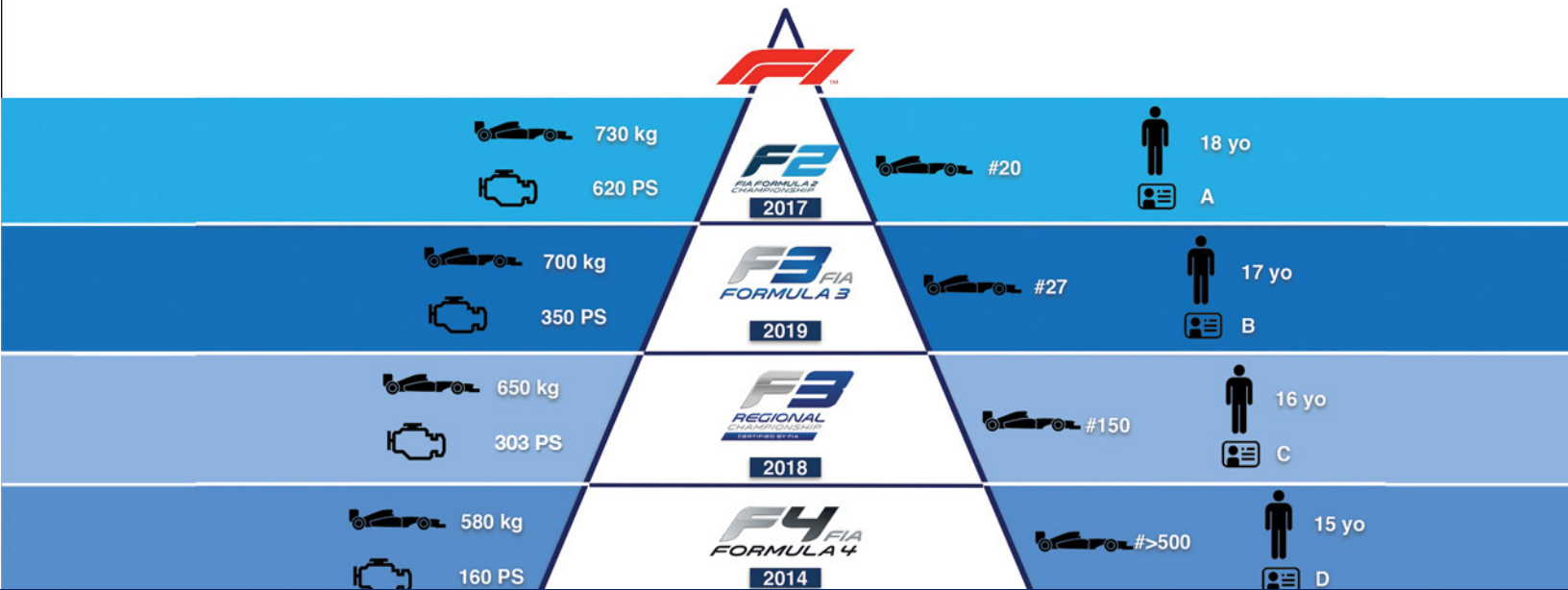
FIA SUPER LICENSE POINTS

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

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

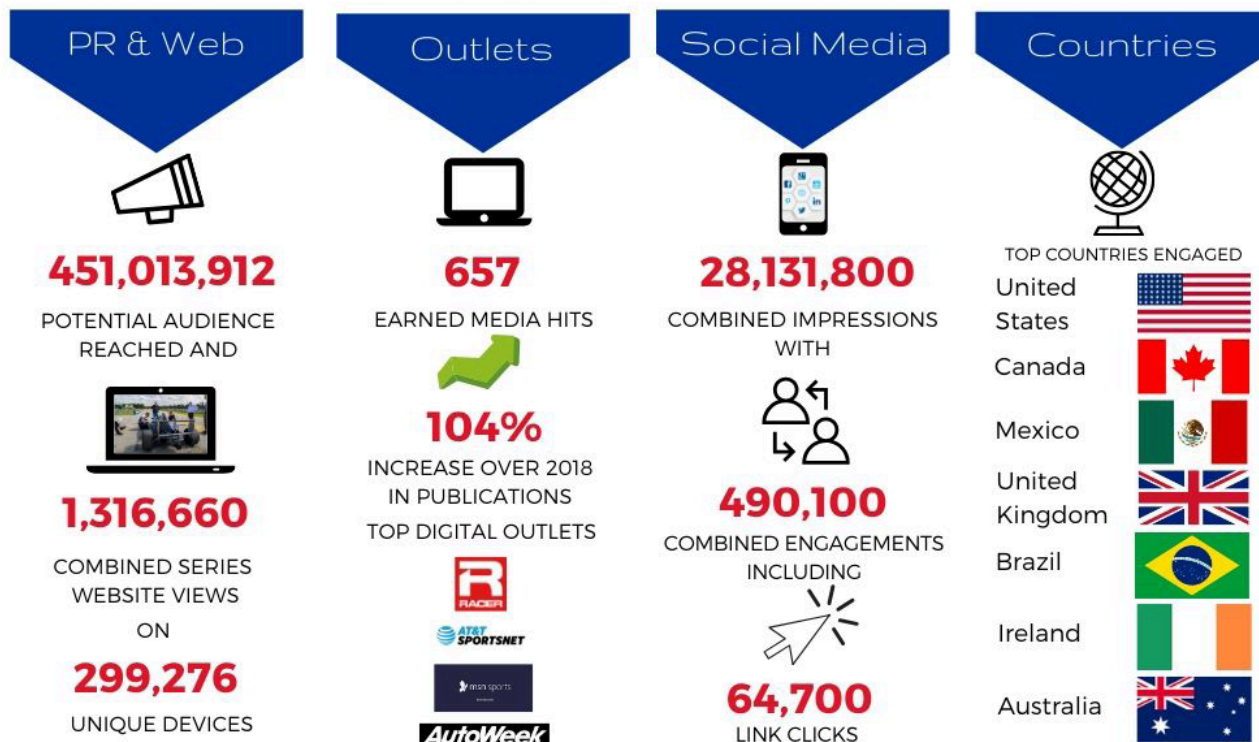
F4 SPORTING FORMAT

Unique among this ladder category, drivers get three hours of track time most race weekends, 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.



2019 PR METRICS

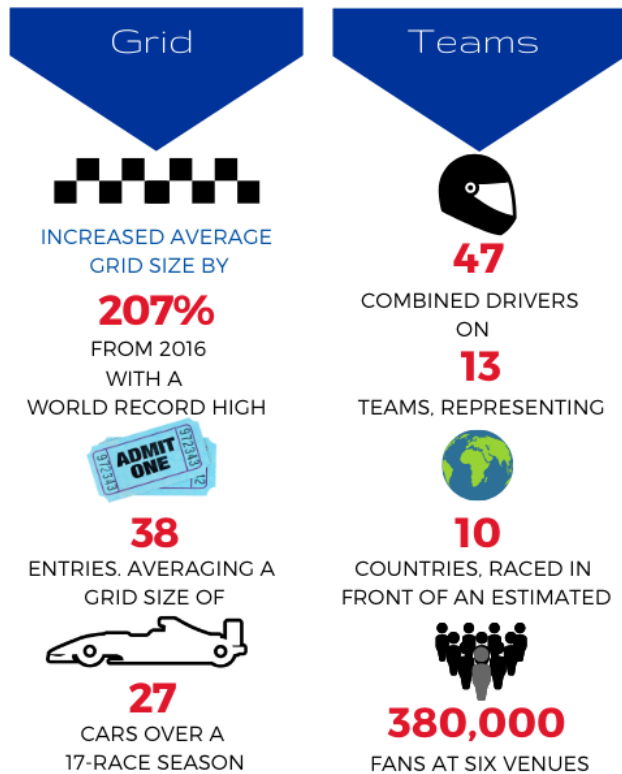
Since its inaugural season, F4 U.S. has quickly gained the attention of national and international publications as well as growing its online fan base. Press releases are sent to a variety of publications.



*Numbers reflect January-November 2019. Based on combined F4/F3 2019 Sprout Social Analytic Report

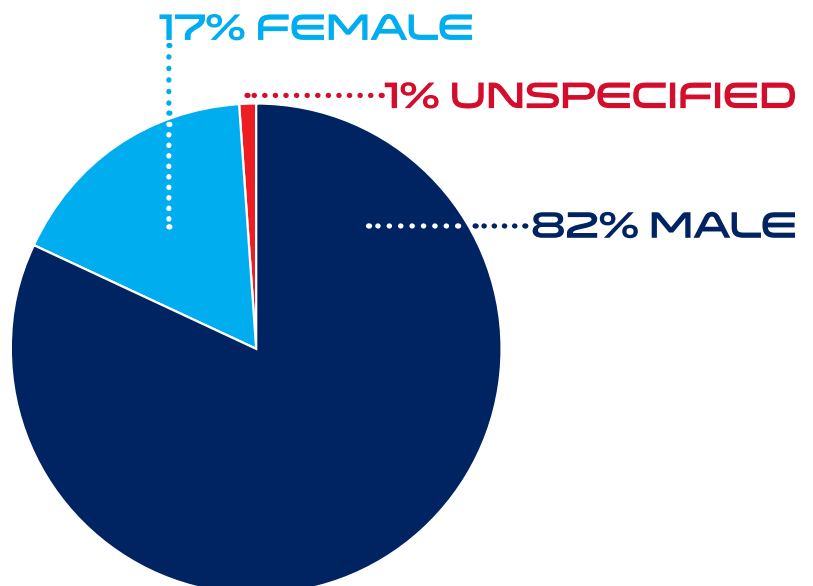
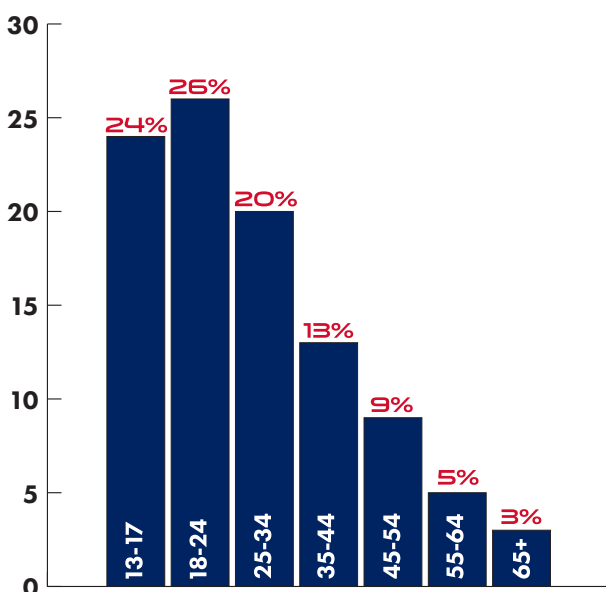
COMPETITORS

Over the last four seasons, 164 entries from 17 countries on six continents have represented the F4 U.S. field. In 2019, the field for F4 U.S. was the most competitive season to date, with 31 of the 47 entries scoring points and six different drivers capturing wins. In 2018, F4 U.S. had the highest average entries of all the Formula 4 championships around the world, and in 2019 broke the FIA F4 single event entry world record with 38 drivers entering the season finale at the F1 USGP.



DEMOGRAPHICS

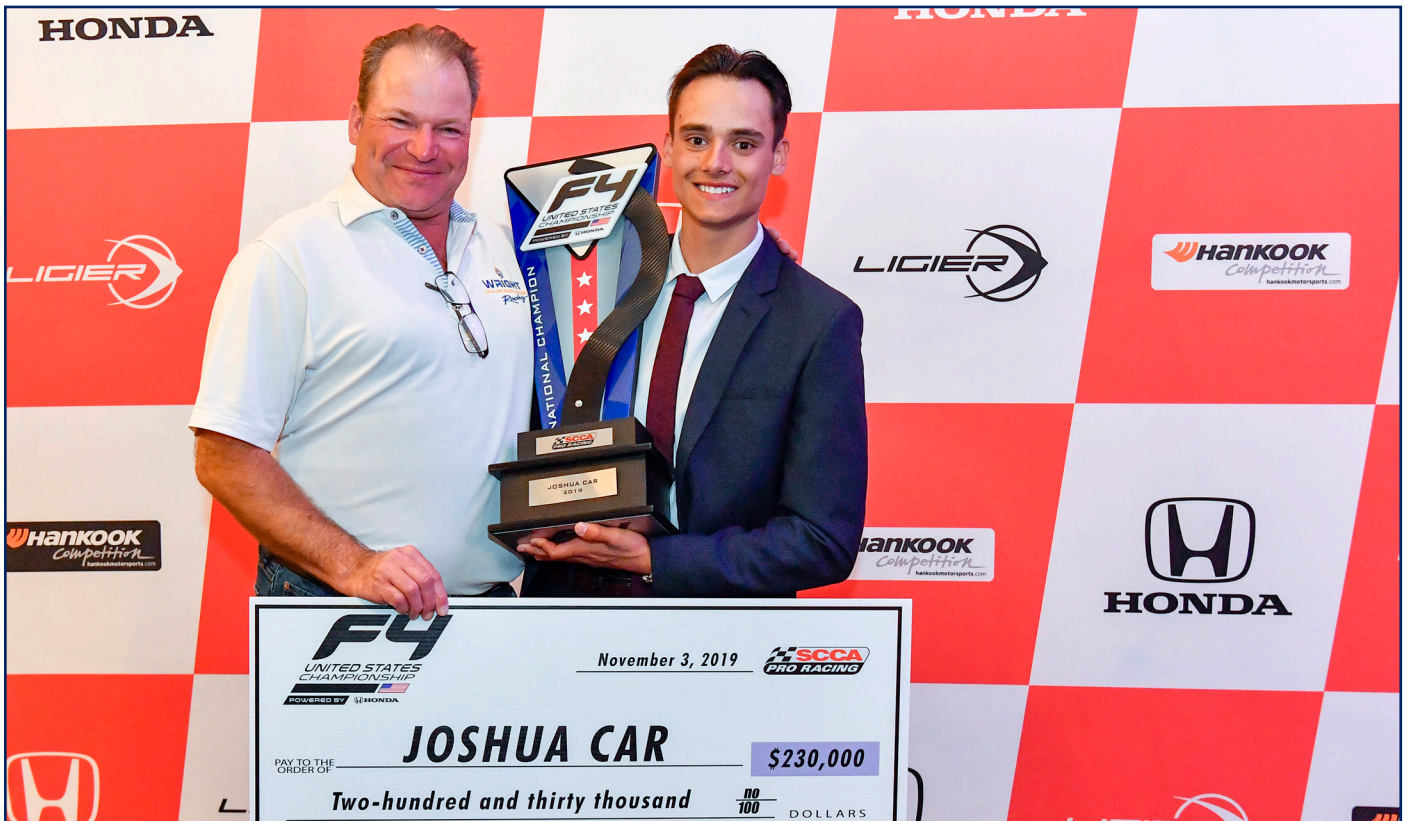
The core age demographic for F4 U.S. are millennials and Generation Z.



*Based on 2018 Sprout Social Analytic Report

CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE STRUCTURE

The F4 U.S. Championship recognizes the top drivers with nearly half a million dollars in cash and contingency prizes throughout the season and during the Champions' Banquet. The F4 U.S. champion scores a huge scholarship to advance into F3 Americas. Phillips 66 Lubricants, Honda, HPD, Ligier, Hankook Tires, SCCA Pro Racing, Sabelt and Druck award the 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 Tires USA, event entries from SCCA Pro Racing, a marketing package from SCCA Pro Racing, a full suit kit from Sabelt and a custom merchandise line from Druck. 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 2020.



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

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 \$54,675 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 \$7,200/year and after 3 years is owned by the lessee.

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 \$1,200 per set (maximum of two sets per three-race weekend) plus mounting and balancing.

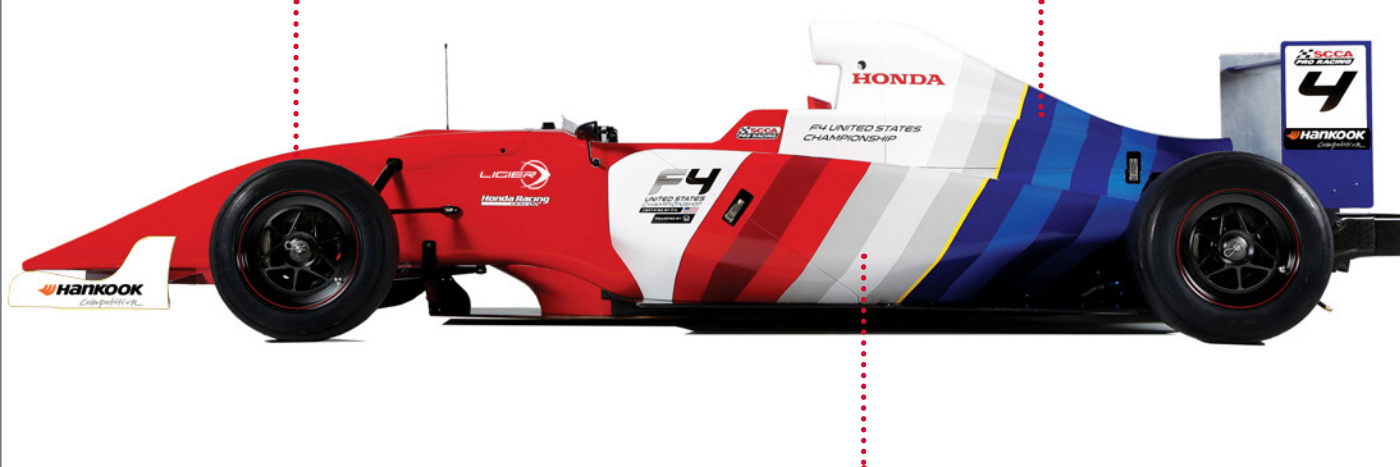


BRIDGING THE GAP

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.

Hankook racing radial tires-competitors have a maximum allotment of 8 tires (four front, four rear) per race weekend.

Honda Performance Development's Honda K20 C1 2.0-liter engine was specially designed for the F4 U.S. Championship and is affordably leased on a yearly basis.



Ligier manufactured chassis meets stringent FIA safety standards and includes paddle shifters, data acquisition and camera.



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	\$7,200 per year Engine rebuilds are \$1,600 after 100,000 miles	
Chassis Purchase	\$54,675 Includes paddle-shift, data acquisition, and camera	
Tire Purchase	\$1,200 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	
SCCA Annual Membership	\$45-\$105 Required to compete.	
Chassis Registration	\$600 per chassis Includes number registration	
Credential Fee	\$200 per person for the season Single event credentials available for \$50	
SCCA Pro License	\$300 per season Required to compete. Includes driver credential for the season.	

* Minor increases for select event entry fees.

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



LUBRICANTS

