

To all parties involved in Student Formula Japan

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Competition Rules Article 10, Paragraph 4, Upper Limit on the Number of Registered Vehicles

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to inform you of an update to the competition rules.

We have decided to set an upper limit on the number of vehicles that can be registered for the next competition. First, here is some background on this decision. Since its first edition held in 2003, the Student Formula Japan competition has attracted more teams every year, reaching 106 entries, 95 of which passed the document screening phase in 2016. Conversely, there are limits imposed by the size of the venue, the duration of the event, and the number of staff. We have therefore decided to set an upper limit on the number of registered vehicles to ensure fair inspection of all entries.

The reasoning for setting that limit at 98 vehicles is as follows. This figure represents the maximum number of vehicles that can be inspected in two days without significantly increasing the number of judges. All vehicles must complete one inspection before the start of the dynamic events on the third day.

Lastly, we would like to describe the selection criteria. In the interest of maintaining fairness, we have decided to apply the first come, first served principle to the applications. However, team track records will also be considered, and teams that ranked in the top 20 in the two preceding competitions will be given the highest priority. Similarly, results from competitions outside Japan will also be taken into account, and the top 20 teams in the World Ranking List will be next in the order of priority.

Setting an upper limit on registrations is a new experiment, which could cause some anxiety among teams that are thinking about participating. We hope you will understand that this is an inevitable measure taken for the benefit of the teams that will actually join the competition. We will continue our efforts to run a better and better competition.

Yours sincerely,

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