



TEAM MUGEN AUTOBACS

2026 Super Formula Round 3 Race Report

#1 Iwasa secured his 6th career pole position!

#16 Nojiri's adjustments paid off, securing 3rd place in qualifying!

The race was cancelled due to rain

Series Name: 2026 All Japan Super Formula Championship, Round 3

Event Name: 2026 All Japan Super Formula Championship, Round 3, Kyushu Round, AUTOPOLIS

Distance: 4,674m x 41 Laps (191.634km) *41 Laps or 75 mins.

Qualifying: April 25, 2026 (Sat) Weather: Cloudy / Track: Dry

Final Race: April 26, 2026 (Sun) Weather: Rain / Track: Wet

■ Weekend Overview (Qualifying)

The Kyushu tournament, a single race held over the weekend, features a qualifying format that includes three Q3 sessions. It is branded "SUPER POLE QUALIFYING Supported by YOKOHAMA TIRE," and the pole position driver receives a 1-million-yen prize (the Tohoku tournament at SUGO in August will follow a similar format).

In Q1, #16 Nojiri finished second in Group A, and #1 Iwasa finished first in Group B, both advancing to Q2.

In Q2, #1 Iwasa started his time attack first, taking first place, while #16 Nojiri came in second, just 0.1 seconds behind. Five out of twelve cars advanced to Q3.





At this point, the track surface was gradually improving, but the temperature was slowly dropping, making the fine-tuning of the setup for Q3, which was being held for the first time in five years, a challenge even before qualifying began.

For #1 Iwasa, Q3 was a first-time challenge. Similar to Q2, he was the first to attempt a time attack. Despite leading the pack, which put him at a grip disadvantage, he recorded the only fastest time of the day in the 1 minute 25 second range, securing a well-deserved pole position. #16 Nojiri also recorded a time that placed him third.

#1 Iwasa secured his sixth pole position overall, and his second at Autopolis.

■ Weekend Overview (Race)

Free practice was held in the morning, but the weather began to look ominous, and it gradually started to rain. The cars lined up on the race grid and the race was about to start, but the rain gradually intensified. The race started under the safety car but was red-flagged and stopped on the first lap. With no prospect of the weather improving, round 3 Kyushu was cancelled.

April 25th (Sat)

■ Qualifying

#1 Ayumu Iwasa Q1: 1st place / Q2: 1st place / Q3: PP

#16 Tomoki Nojiri Q1: 2nd place / Q2: 2nd place / Q3: 3rd place

April 26th (Sun)

■ Race

Race cancelled due to rain





[Driver: Iwasa]

Round 3, the Autopolis round, has finished. Saturday's qualifying went very well, and we were able to build the car solidly from the morning's free practice. In particular, Q3 was a result of everything in which the car and my driving came together perfectly, leading to pole position. It was a very good day.

On Sunday, the race day, it rained on and off in the morning, and eventually it rained continuously, and the race was cancelled. We had a good feeling during the morning's free practice, and we were confident even in the rain. We had already shown a solid performance and were feeling positive. We really wanted to race even in the rain.

However, since there is nothing we can do about the weather, we will prepare thoroughly for the future and push with all our might to aim for the top in every race, striving for lights-to-flag win!

Thank you for your support!

As for how I will use the 1 million yen (prize money for pole position) (laughs). It has not been officially decided yet, but I would like to share it with everyone among team members

[Driver: Nojiri]

This time, qualifying went up to Q3, and although the morning free practice was not very good, we were able to improve significantly for qualifying. Ultimately, we secured third place, which I thought was a very promising position for the race.

Unfortunately, the race was canceled due to rain. Based on the morning free practice and the one lap under the safety car, I felt confident even in the rain, then I really wanted to race. It was a pity.





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I will aim for the championship in the upcoming races. I would greatly appreciate your continued strong support.

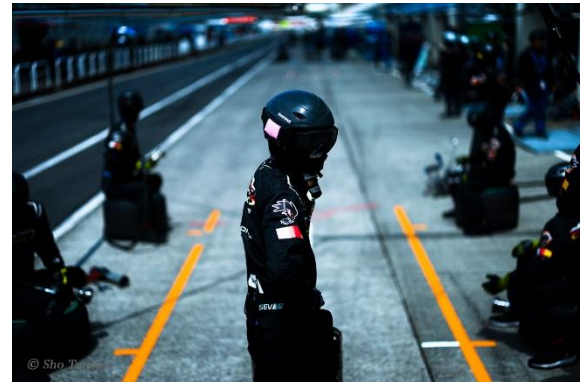
Thank you very much.

[Team Director: Tanaka]

In qualifying, both Nojiri and Iwasa showed consistent speed, and both cars advanced to Q3. Furthermore, in Q3, Iwasa achieved an astonishing speed to secure pole position. Nojiri also had a fantastic run, finishing third. As a team, we achieved a satisfying result, and both the drivers and staff did a great job.

Unfortunately, the race was canceled due to bad weather. While the cancellation due to bad weather was the right decision considering the safety of the drivers, we are disappointed that we could not race in front of the many fans who came to the circuit.

We will do our best to deliver an exciting and thrilling race at the next race in Suzuka, so please continue to support us.



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