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## **2024 Japanese Super Formula Lights Championship**

## Season Opener Postponed

SFL Association would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your continued support for the Japanese Super Formula Lights Championship.

We regret to inform that due to vehicle-related issues the 2024 season opener scheduled for April 27-28 at Mobility Resort Motegi (Rd 1, 2 and 3) has been postponed.

The SFL championship has been successfully carrying out hardware developments and track tests including two pre-season joint tests to be ready for a new one-make engine to make a debut in the opening event. However, some components (bellhousing) supplied by Dallara Automobili as update parts were found with cracks last week that were caused through manufacturing process.

It is imperative that replacement components should be supplied for those affected as breakage of those components while running could result in accidents, but unfortunately, it is quite difficult to supply replacements to all the cars in such a short period of time. After discussing with the SFL entrants and the event organiser SFL Association has made an agonising decision to postpone the opening event to ensure safety.

A request for postponement of these races has been made to Japan Automobile Federation.

SFL Association will find alternative dates for the first event, aiming to have 18 races as originally scheduled, and make an announcement as soon as any decision is made.

We sincerely apologise to all those concerned for any inconveniences and concerns that may have been caused, and appreciate your understanding of our principle shared with the SFL entrants that ensuring safety is our top priority, and your continued support.