



Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025

Round 8-9 Report: Sportsland SUGO

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Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025 - Round 8-9 Preview



This season's Porsche Carrera Cup Japan (PCCJ) Series, which kicked off as the support races for the F1 Japanese Grand Prix held at the Suzuka Circuit from 4th to 6th April, has already completed three of its five events and seven of its eleven races, with two races at the Suzuka event, three races at the Okayama event from 24th to 25th May, and two races at the Fuji event from 19th to 20th July. And the upcoming fourth event with the 8th and 9th races will take place from 9th to 10th August at the Sportsland SUGO, located near Sendai City in the Tohoku region. The PCCJ 2025, now entering the latter half of the season, will once again be held as a joint race with the Japanese Championship Super Formula series, as the previous Fuji event. The PCCJ event at the Sportsland SUGO is the first time since the final race of last season in November, but while last year's event was held in early winter, this year's conditions will be completely different as it takes place in the middle of summer. Moreover, with record-breaking heat being recorded across the country this year, even though it is a north regional Tohoku event, teams and drivers will not only be competing against their rivals but also against the heat. The Sportsland SUGO, the stage for the upcoming races, consists of 3.621 kilometers in overall length, and it has a 69.83m difference in elevation, the largest difference in elevation among the circuits in Japan and widely known for the racetrack featuring a layout that makes the most of its ups and downs. The course is also known as a relatively

narrow track with many consecutive tight corners so that overtaking opportunities are limited and the 10% upslope from the last corner to the home straight is said to be an exciting highlight spot to watch. Note that the PCCJ course record at the Sportsland SUGO is 1' 20.599, set by #60 R. ITOU in 2024.

The PCCJ series is a mixed-class race with three classes with "Pro Class" (white number plate), "ProAm Class" (yellow number plate), and "Am Class" (orange number plate). There are no class-specific awards in the Pro Class; only overall ranking points are given. Contrary, the ProAm Class and Am Class will receive both overall ranking points and class-specific awards. There are five drivers competing in the Pro Class this year, and after the 7th race, #7 K. URABE leads the overall standings with 149 points and three wins. Chasing him is #78 I. KIMURA, who has secured two wins and 141 points, in second place. #60 ITOU, who won 10 out of 11 races last year to claim the PCCJ Championship and won the 5th race this year, is in third place with 122 points. #99 T. WATARAI, who secured his first PCCJ victory in the 4th race, is in fourth place with 100 points. This year's Porsche Japan Junior Programme driver, #91 I. SATO, is steadily improving despite the challenges of driving the 911 GT3 Cup machine, his first GT racing car, and currently ranks sixth overall with 73 points. With four out of five drivers of this year's Pro Class have won a race or more so far, all eyes are on #91 SATO for his first PCCJ victory at



















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the upcoming SUGO event. In addition, it is important for the top-ranked drivers to secure points at this event in order to compete for the championship title.

In the ProAm Class, #66 BANKCY, who stepped up from the Am Class this season, dominated with six consecutive wins from the 2nd to 7th races, securing 170 points and taking the top spot in the class. Currently, #77 M. HAMASAKI, ranked 2nd in the class with 116 points, is trailing by 54 points, but unfortunately, he will be absent from this event. As a result, the rivals of #66 BANKCY will be #10 MOTOKI, the 2023 class champion with 109 points, #98 IKARI, the 2022 class champion with 91 points, and #88 T. Wu, the 2023 and 2024 Am Class champion with 74 points. #66 BANKCY will secure the title if he finishes with a margin of 50 points or more over the 2nd place driver in the class rankings at the conclusion of this SUGO tournament. Therefore, all eyes are on whether he can extend his winning streak in this event and clinch the ProAm Class title here.

In the Am Class, #16 Hiro, competing in his second year with the PCCJ series, leads the class with 145 points, having won 5 of 7 races. He is followed by #36 Sky CHEN, the 2020 champion of the same class, who secured his first victory in approximately four years in the 3rd race, with 130 points. With a 15-point gap between the two, the results of the upcoming SUGO event are likely to have a significant impact on their final rankings. Meanwhile, #17 IKEDA, aiming for his first-ever class victory, sits in third place with 74 points, while 2021 class champion #84 M. TAGA makes a spot entry in the lineup.

The 8th and 9th races of the PCCJ 2025 at the SUGO event are scheduled as follows. The three 40-minute exclusive driving sessions are scheduled to be held on Friday, August 8th, from 8:30 to 09:10 AM, from 10:30 to 11:10 AM and from 13:00 to 13:40. The 30-minute official qualifying session is scheduled to be held from 11:00 to 11:30 AM on Saturday, August 9th. The 8th race is scheduled to start at 15:35 on Saturday, August 9th, with 18 laps or within 30 minutes, while the 9th race is scheduled to start at 10:50 AM on Sunday, August 10th, also with 18 laps or within 30 minutes. For your information, the 8th and 9th races are scheduled to be broadcast live on the following Porsche Japan's official YouTube channel.

The 8th race live stream URL: https://youtu.be/r6XyGoDX4nE Scheduled broadcast from 15:30 on Saturday, August 9th

The 9th race live stream URL: https://youtu.be/o-r3UC34y3g Scheduled broadcast from 10:45 AM on Sunday, August 10th





























	Class	Car No.	Driver Name	Country	Program Name	Entrant Name
1		7	Kazuhisa URABE	JPN	HYPER WATER RACING	HYPER WATER RACING
2		60	Reimei ITOU	JPN	SHOWA AUTO with BINGO RACING	BINGO RACING
3	Pro	78	lori KIMURA	JPN	SKY GROUP 40	SKY RACING
4		91	Itsuki SATO	JPN	Porsche Japan Junior Programme	PORSCHE JAPAN
5		99	Taichi WATARAI	JPN	seven x seven Racing	seven x seven Racing
6		10	мотокі	JPN	HIGHLIT with Rn-sports	Rn-sports
7	ProAm	66	BANKCY	JPN	seven x seven Racing	seven x seven Racing
8	FIUAIII	88	Tiger Wu	TWN	BINGO RACING	BINGO RACING
9		98	IKARI	JPN	BJRacing PORSCHE	Bionic Jack Racing
10		16	Hiro	JPN	NGR	NGR
11	Am	17	IKEDA	JPN	HYPER WATER RACING	HYPER WATER RACING
12	AIII	36	Sky CHEN	HKG	SKY MOTORSPORTS	SKY MOTORSPORTS
13		84	Masa TAGA	JPN	CREF GIRODISC TAGA CUP	CREF Motor Sport















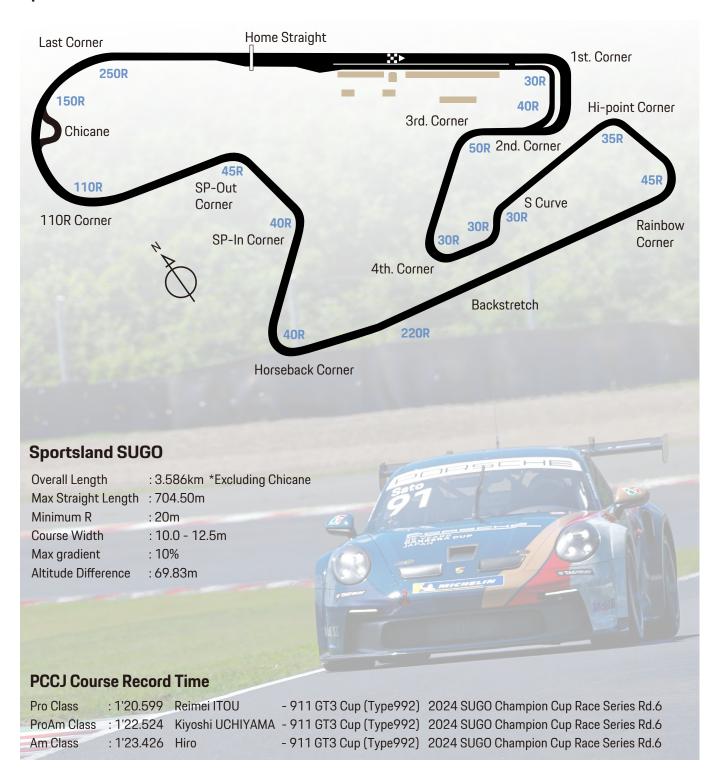








Sportsland SUGO Course





















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Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025 - Round 8-9 Qualify



Weather: Sunny, Track: Dry, Air temp. 33°C, Track temp. 48°C

The Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025, now entering the final stages of the season with the 8th and 9th races, will be held at the Sportsland SUGO in the Tohoku region as a joint event with the Japanese Championship Super Formula series. In this event, it will be important to secure points for the final ranking battles at the final event in September. Under such conditions, three 40-minute exclusive driving sessions were held on Friday, August 7th. The first session was affected by rain, and lap times were slow, but from the middle of the second session, the track surface began to dry out, and #60 R. ITOU, last year's PCCJ champion and winner of the fifth race this year, set the fastest overall lap time. The drivers other than #60 ITOU set their best times in the third session, with #66 BANKCY, who has won six consecutive races in the ProAm Class, and #84 M. TAGA, who is making a spot entry in the Am Class, both recording the fastest lap times in their respective classes.

On Saturday, August 8th, the sky was clear from morning, and the temperature rose steadily. At 11:00, when the PCCJ official qualifying session started, the air temperature was 33 degrees, and the track temperature rose to 48 degrees. 13 machines that entered the course began their full-time attacks while checking

the conditions of their machines and the course. First, #78 I. KIMURA, who has won two races so far this season, recorded a top lap time of 1' 22.864 in the second lap. Aiming for that time, #7 K. URABE recorded 1' 22.903 and #99 T. WATARAI recorded 1' 22.923 in the third lap. Then, #78 KIMURA completed his four-lap time attack and pitted, followed by the other drivers who returned to the pits one after another from the fifth lap to change tyres and adjust their machine settings in preparation for the second time attack. With 15 minutes remaining in the qualifying session, #7 URABE entered the course and was struck by mechanical trouble, causing a red flag to be displayed. As a result, all machines returned to the pits to prepare for their final time attack, but #7 URABE's lap time recorded up to that point was cancelled due to the red flag he caused. At 11:21 AM, the red flag was lifted and the session resumed, with approximately 10 minutes remaining for the final time attack battle. Under these circumstances, #78 KIMURA at the top extended his lap time to 1' 22.481, #60 ITOU marked 1' 22.632 to move up to second place, and #99 WATARAI was third with 1' 22.657. With four minutes remaining and pole position seemingly decided, #60 ITOU recorded a lap time of 1' 22.438 to overtake the leader and secure his second pole position of the season, the first since the season opening race. #60 ITOU said, "Today was after the driving session of the



















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Super Formula, so the track conditions were completely different from yesterday. As a result, we changed the machine setup for the second time attack and managed to set a good time in the end. For the upcoming race, I want to get a good start and pull away." Qualifying in second place, #78 KIMURA said, "I focused on delivering the results of the work we have done as a team leading up to this event and approached the qualifying session with that in mind. Since things are heading in the right direction, I will aim for the win in the upcoming race." Qualifying third was #99 WATARAI, fourth was #7 URABE, who set his lap time after the red flag, and #91 I. SATO, this year's Porsche Japan Junior Programme driver, secured fifth place.

The ProAm Class saw #66 BANKCY, currently ranked top, continued his strong form, recording a lap time of 1' 23.528 to secure pole position in the class. "Today, I was able to successfully complete my second time attack. MOTOKI is skilled at starts, so in the upcoming race, I will aim to maintain the lead from the start and go for the top finish," said #66 BANKCY, expressing his determination. Coming in second in the class, 2023 ProAm Class champion #10 MOTOKI stated, "I ended up in second place again this time, but I will aim for an upset victory with a rocket start."

In the Am Class, #84 TAGA, the 2021 class champion making a spot appearance this time, secured his first pole position in the class in a long time. Second place went to #16 Hiro, currently at the top of the class rankings, followed by #17 IKEDA in third and #36 Sky CHEN in fourth.

The starting grid for the 9th race, determined by the second-best lap times during the qualifying session, is as follows: Overall #78 KIMURA, ProAm Class #66 BANKCY, and Am Class #84 TAGA secured pole position.

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Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025 - Round 8 Qualify Result

Weather: Sunny

Track : Dry

SUGO INTERNATIONAL RACING COURSE(3.5865km)

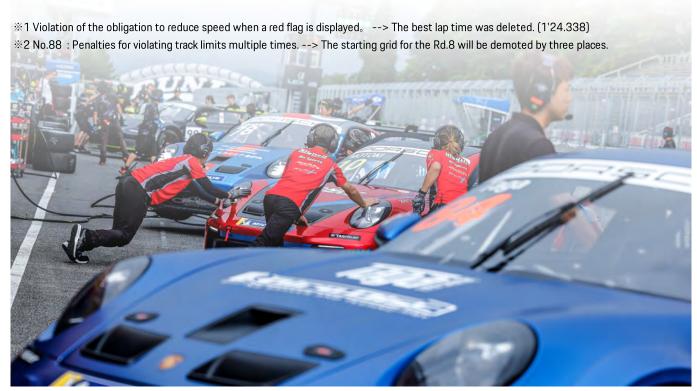
Pos	No.	Class		Name	Car	BestTime	Ave.Km/h	Lap	Behind
1	60	Pro	1	Reimei ITOU	SHOWA AUTO with BINGO RACING	1'22.438	156.620	10/14	
2	78	Pro	2	lori KIMURA	SKY GROUP 40	1'22.481	156.538	7/10	0.043
3	99	Pro	3	Taichi WATARAI	seven x seven Racing	1'22.549	156.409	10/12	0.111
4	7	Pro	4	Kazuhisa URABE	HYPER WATER RACING	1'22.881	155.782	11/12	0.443
5	91	Pro	5	Itsuki SATO	Porsche Japan Junior Programme	1'23.463	154.696	11/13	1.025
6	66	ProAm	1	BANKCY	seven x seven Racing	1'23.528	154.576	10/11	1.090
7	10	ProAm	2	MOTOKI	HIGHLIT with Rn-sports	1'23.851	153.980	11/14	1.413
8	88 %	ProAm	3	Tiger Wu	BINGO RACING	1'23.991	153.724	10/13	1.553
9	98	ProAm	4	IKARI	BJRacing PORSCHE	1'24.441	152.904	14/14	2.003
10	※ 84	Am	1	Masa TAGA	CREF GIRODISC TAGA CUP	1'24.489	152.818	16/17	2.051
11	16	Am	2	Hiro	NGR	1'24.889	152.097	12/13	2.451
12	17	Am	3	IKEDA	HYPER WATER RACING	1'25.300	151.365	15/17	2.862
13	36	Am	4	Sky CHEN	SKY MOTORSPORTS	1'25.462	151.078	16/17	3.024

Start Time :11:00:00 Finish Time :11:32:29 Entry : 13 Start : 13

Red Flag: 11:18:31~11:21:00

 $No.7\ 2025\ SUGO-SpR\ 28.4.: Penalty\ for\ the\ car\ that\ caused\ the\ red\ flag\ -->\ Deletion\ of\ lap\ times\ recorded\ before\ the\ red\ flag\ was\ shown.$

No.88 2025 SUGO-SpR 24.3.1): Lap times that violate the track limits will not be accepted. (1'23.892)























Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025 - Round 8 Starting Grid

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3 5	91	Porsche Japan Junior Programme		6 66	seven x seven Racing	
	7 10	MOTOKI	ProAm		IKARI	ProAm
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Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025 - Round 8 Race



Weather: Sunny, Track: Dry, Air temp. 32°C, track temp. 42°C

The starting grid for the 8th race of the PCCJ 2025 was decided based on the best lap times recorded in the qualifying session held in the morning on Saturday, August 9th. The overall pole position was secured by #60 R. ITOU of the Pro Class, who was the PCCJ champion last year and won the 5th race this year. The pole position for the ProAm Class is #66 BANKCY, who is at the top of the current class ranking, while the Am Class saw #84 M. TAGA, participating as a spot entrant, securing pole position.

Although the temperature rose further in the afternoon at the Sportsland SUGO, the formation lap for the 8th race started at 3:50 p.m., 15 minutes later than scheduled due to the Super Formula qualifying session progress status, so the temperature had cooled down slightly. Each machine left the starting grid, warmed up their tyres while completing one lap of the course. Then, all the machines lined up again on the starting grid and the red signal went out, the race officially started. Pole position holder #60 ITOU got off to a good start, followed by #78 I. KIMURA and #99 T. WATARAI. At the top, #60 ITOU picked up the pace to pull away from the rest of the pack but continued to lap with a time difference of around one second. Meanwhile, the

battle for second place intensified between #78 KIMURA and #99 WATARAI, with #99 WATARAI repeatedly closing in from behind. However, overtaking was proved difficult, and the two machines continued to lap in the same positions. As a result, #60 ITOU maintained his lead throughout the race, securing a pole-to-finish win and marking his second win of the season. "I got off to a bad start, but I somehow managed to maintain my position, which was crucial. Considering the championship battle, I had to win today, so I am glad I came out on top. However, I will be starting from third place tomorrow, so I will be focusing on the start again," said #60 ITOU, the race winner, expressing his determination. Second-place finisher #78 KIMURA commented, "SUGO is a difficult course to overtake, so the race went as expected. However, my pace was a little off in the early stages of today's race, so I will thoroughly review that and give it my all in tomorrow's race. The upcoming 9th race will be my first pole position start of the season, so I will do my best to win" expressing his determination for tomorrow's race. #99 WATARAI, who finished third, said, "SUGO is still a tough track... Tomorrow, I will be starting from second place, so I will aim for the win by getting a good start." He vowed to take revenge tomorrow. As the top drivers have expressed, SUGO is a difficult racetrack to overtake, so tomorrow's 9th race is also expected



















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to be a battle for the start. Also, this year's Porsche Japan Junior Programme driver #91 I. SATO, said, "Today, I was a step behind in terms of pace, but tomorrow's forecast is for rain, so I will do my best to keep up with the top group and seize any opportunities that come my way," aiming for his first victory of the season. In the points standings, #7 URABE maintained his top position with 163 points, followed by #78 KIMURA in second place with 161 points and #60 ITOU in third place with 145 points. The gap between first and second place is merely 2 points, while the gap between first and third place is 18 points.

In the ProAm Class, #66 BANKCY showed consistent speed once again to take the top checker flag and extended his winning streak to seven races since the 2nd race. "I had a slight collision with another machine on the first lap, which was a bit dangerous, but after that I was able to drive at my own pace and win, which was great," said #66 BANKCY, celebrating his birthday win. #10 MOTOKI came in second and #98 IKARI came in third. As a result, #66 BANKCY, ranked first in the class, scored 195 points, while #10 MOTOKI, ranked second, scored 129 points, a difference of 66 points. If the difference remains at 50 points or more after tomorrow's race, #66 BANKCY will be crowned class champion.

Meanwhile, in the Am Class, #16 Hiro, who finished first in the class, was penalised with a 10-second time penalty for a false start, allowing #84 TAGA, who was participating as a spot entrant, to claim his first victory since the 10th race at Suzuka in 2021. "Today's victory was not based on ability... I want to win properly tomorrow," said #84 TAGA. Second place went to #16 Hiro, and third place to #36 Sky CHEN. In the class rankings, #16 Hiro kept the top spot with 170 points, followed by #36 Sky CHEN in second place with 156 points, a difference of 14 points.

The starting grid for the 9th race, to be held on Sunday, August 10th, has been determined based on the second-best lap times from the qualifying session held on the day before. The pole position are #78 KIMURA in the Overall Class, #66 BANKCY in the ProAm Class, and #84 TAGA in the Am Class.

The 9th race is scheduled to start at 10:45 AM on Sunday, August 10th (18 laps or in 30 minutes), and the race will be broadcast live on the Porsche Japan official YouTube channel below.

The 9th race live stream
Scheduled broadcast from 10:45 AM on Sunday, August 10th https://youtu.be/o-r3UC34y3g





























Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025 - Round 8 Result

Weather : Sunny Track : Dry

SUGO INTERNATIONAL RACING COURSE(3.5865km)

Pos	No.	Class		Name	Car	Laps	Time	Behind	Ave.km/h	Fastest	t Lap
1	60	Pro	1	Reimei ITOU	SHOWA AUTO with BINGO RACING	18	25'12.451		153.661	1'23.466	10
2	78	Pro	2	lori KIMURA	SKY GROUP 40	18	25'13.349	0.898	153.570	1'23.529	4
3	99	Pro	3	Taichi WATARAI	seven x seven Racing	18	25'13.890	1.439	153.515	1'23.461	4
4	7	Pro	4	Kazuhisa URABE	HYPER WATER RACING	18	25'17.888	5.437	153.111	1'23.623	6
5	91	Pro	5	Itsuki SATO	Porsche Japan Junior Programme	18	25'26.140	13.689	152.283	1'24.033	8
6	66	ProAm	1	BANKCY	seven x seven Racing	18	25'33.909	21.458	151.512	1'24.306	4
7	10	ProAm	2	MOTOKI	HIGHLIT with Rn-sports	18	25'35.935	23.484	151.312	1'24.571	14
8	98	ProAm	3	IKARI	BJRacing PORSCHE	18	25'51.542	39.091	149.790	1'25.152	11
9	88	ProAm	4	Tiger Wu	BINGO RACING	18	25'51.756	39.305	149.769	1'25.247	11
10	84	Am	1	Masa TAGA	CREF GIRODISC TAGA CUP	18	25'53.001	40.550	149.649	1'25.216	11
11 >	16	Am	2	Hiro	NGR	18	25'58.196	45.745	149.150	1'25.083	11
12	36	Am	3	Sky CHEN	SKY MOTORSPORTS	18	26'07.909	55.458	148.226	1'25.968	6
13	17	Am	4	IKEDA	HYPER WATER RACING	18	26'09.066	56.615	148.117	1'25.797	9

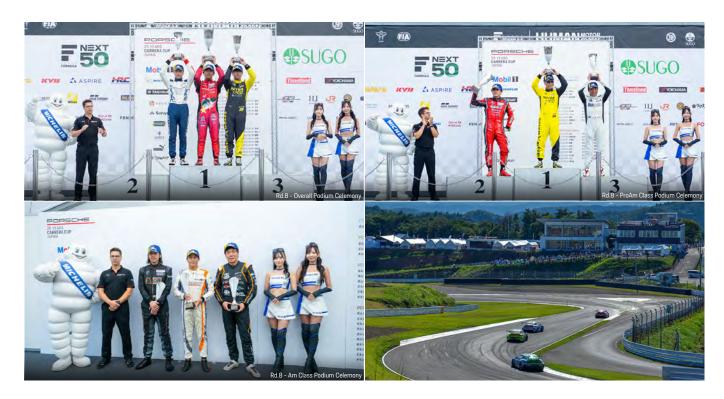
Fastest Lap

1'23.461 (4/18) 154.700km/h No.99 Taichi WATARAI /seven x seven Racing

Start Time :15:53:06 Finish Time :16:18:18 Entry : 13 Start : 13 Finish : 13

No.7 Black & White flag: Multiple Track Limits (after checkered flag)

 $\%\,\text{No.}16\,$: Jump start --> 10 seconds were added to the final result. (25'48.196+10sec.)























Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025 - Round 9 Qualify Result

Weather : Sunny Track : Dry

SUGO INTERNATIONAL RACING COURSE(3.5865km)

Pos	No.	Class		Name	Car	2ndTime	Ave.Km/h	Lap	Behind
1	78	Pro	1	lori KIMURA	SKY GROUP 40	1'22.487	156.526	8/10	
2	99	Pro	2	Taichi WATARAI	seven x seven Racing	1'22.657	156.205	9/12	0.170
3	60	Pro	3	Reimei ITOU	SHOWA AUTO with BINGO RACING	1'23.066	155.435	9/14	0.579
4	91	Pro	4	Itsuki SATO	Porsche Japan Junior Programme	1'23.531	154.570	4/13	1.044
5	66	ProAm	1	BANKCY	seven x seven Racing	1'23.810	154.056	4/11	1.323
6	7	Pro	5	Kazuhisa URABE	HYPER WATER RACING	1'23.873	153.940	3/12	1.386
7	10	ProAm	2	мотокі	HIGHLIT with Rn-sports	1'23.965	153.771	4/14	1.478
8	98	ProAm	3	IKARI	BJRacing PORSCHE	1'24.479	152.836	5/14	1.992
9	88	ProAm	4	Tiger Wu	BINGO RACING	1'24.497	152.803	10/13	2.010
10	84	Am	1	Masa TAGA	CREF GIRODISC TAGA CUP	1'24.553	152.702	16/17	2.066
11	16	Am	2	Hiro	NGR	1'25.420	151.152	13/13	2.933
12	36	Am	3	Sky CHEN	SKY MOTORSPORTS	1'25.648	150.750	17/17	3.161
13	17	Am	4	IKEDA	HYPER WATER RACING	1'25.735	150.597	13/17	3.248

Start Time :11:00:00 Finish Time :11:32:29 Entry : 13 Start : 13

Red Flag: 11:18:31~11:21:00

No.7 2025 SUGO-SpR 28.4.: Penalty for the car that caused the red flag --> Deletion of lap times recorded before the red flag was shown.

No.88 2025 SUGO-SpR 24.3.1): Lap times that violate the track limits will not be accepted.(1'24.278) No.60 2025 SUGO-SpR 24.3.1): Lap times that violate the track limits will not be accepted. (1'22.632)























Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025 - Round 9 Starting Grid

1	1 78	lori KIMURA SKY GROUP 40	Pro	2 9	Taichi WATARAI 9 seven x seven Racing	Pro
2	3 60	Reimei ITOU	Pro	4 9	Itsuki SATO	Pro
3	5 66	BANKCY seven x seven Racing	ProAm	6 7	Kazuhisa URABE ' HYPER WATER RACING	Pro
4	7 10	MOTOKI HIGHLIT with Rn-sports	ProAm	8 9	IKARI 8 BJRacing PORSCHE	ProAm
5	9 88	Tiger Wu BINGO RACING	ProAm	10 8	Masa TAGA 4 CREF GIRODISC TAGA CUP	Am
6	11 16	Hiro NGR	Am	12 3	Sky CHEN 6 SKY MOTORSPORTS	Am
7	13 17	IKEDA HYPER WATER RACING	Am	······		





















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Weather: Rainy, Track: Wet, Air temp. 25°C, Track temp. 27°C

The starting grid for the 9th race of the PCCJ 2025 was decided based on the second-best lap times recorded in the qualifying session held in the morning on the day before, Saturday, August 9th. The overall pole position was secured by #78 I. KIMURA of the Pro Class, who won the 2nd and 3rd races and is currently ranked second in the overall ranking, earning his first pole position of the season. The pole position in the ProAm Class was secured by #66 BANKCY, who is at the top of the class rankings, while the pole position in the Am Class was secured by #84 M. TAGA, who is participating as a spot entrant this time.

On Sunday, August 10th, the 9th race was held under completely wet conditions due to rain that began falling early in the morning, resulting in a Safety Car start. At 10:50 AM, the safety car led the field as each machine checked the track conditions while circling the track. The Safety Car lights went off midway through the second lap. As the Safety Car returned to the pit lane, the race started on the following third lap, with #78 KIMURA, #99 T. WATARAI, and #60 R. ITOU forming a line and charging through the first corner. In the final corner of that third lap, #99 WATARAI challenged the race leading #78 KIMURA, and the two machines raced side by side and went through the home straight. Then, between the first and second corners of the fourth lap, #99 WATARAI successfully overtook #78 KIMURA and took the

lead. Then, #60 ITOU in third place closed in on #78 KIMURA, who was unable to pick up the pace, and a nose-to-tail battle ensued. Both drivers are highly experienced, so their exciting battle unfolded over several laps, but behind them, #7 K. URABE, who started in sixth place, was closing in. On the last corner of the 10th lap, #60 ITOU drew level with #78 KIMURA, and on the first corner of the 11th lap, #60 ITOU finally took the lead to move into second place. Starting from pole position, #78 KIMURA dropped back to third place and now faced pressure from #7 URABE behind him but somehow managed to hold on to his position and finish in third place. Meanwhile, #99 WATARAI, who took the lead in the fourth lap, maintained his pace until the end and finished first with a 16.673-second lead over the second-place finisher. #99 WATARAI secured his second victory of the season since the 4th race, while #60 ITOU, who won the eighth race, finished in second place. As a result, the series points are as follows: #78 KIMURA is in first place with 178 points, #7 URABE is in second place with 177 points, #60 ITOU is in third place with 167 points, and #99 WATARAI is in fourth place with 142 points. The winner, #99 WATARAI, said passionately, "The car was stable today, and I was able to maintain a good pace until the end. The championship race is tough in terms of points, but I will do my best to win the remaining two races." #60 ITOU, who finished second, said, "It took me a while to overtake Kimura, and during that time, the gap between me and Watarai widened. However, considering the point rankings, I still think I have a



















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chance in the final event, so I will aim for the title." He spoke passionately about his goal of winning the championship for the second consecutive year. Third-place finisher #78 KIMURA said, "I do not know if it was because the machine settings were not right, but I could not pick up the pace and ended up in third place. I will reflect on this with the team and make sure not to repeat the same mistakes in the final event so that I can win and become the champion." #7 URABE, who came in 4th, was fired up, saying, "This time it was all about the qualifying session. I am only one point behind Kimura, so I will aim to make a comeback and become champion in the final event."

In the ProAm Class, the pole sitter #66 BANKCY spun out on the first lap and fell to the end of the pack. #10 MOTOKI took the lead, but on the final lap, he collided with another car and fell to fourth place. As a result, #88 T. Wu took the checkered flag and claimed his first victory of the season. "In racing, you never know what is going to happen until the very last moment. I am really happy to have won my first victory in the ProAm Class," said #88 Wu, expressing his joy. Meanwhile, #66 BANKCY made a furious comeback from the end of the pack, ultimately defeating #98 IKARI in a thrilling battle to finish 6th overall and 2nd in class. As a result, #66 BANKCY's Amateur Class Series points total reached 215 points, giving them a 72-point lead over #10 MOTOKI in 2nd place with 143 points, thereby securing the ProAm Class championship title ahead of the final event. "I really wanted to win and become the champion, but I am satisfied with how I raced. I will do my best to battle with the Pro Class drivers in the final event," he said, aiming for even greater heights.

In the Am Class, #16 Hiro, who finished first in his class, was penalised with an additional 10 seconds after crossing the finish line, allowing #84 TAGA, who participated as a spot entrant, to secure his second consecutive victory. Second place went to #16 Hiro, third to #17 IKEDA, and fourth to #36 Sky CHEN. In the class standings, #16 Hiro leads with 195 points, followed by #36 Sky CHEN with 173 points, a 22-point gap.

The next PCCJ event with the 10th and 11th races will be the final event of the season, taking place on Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th at the Fuji International Speedway (Shizuoka Prefecture) as the support races for the World Endurance Championship (WEC) Fuji 6-Hour Endurance Race. Thus, this year's PCCJ series kicked off as the support races for the F1 Japanese Grand Prix and concludes with the WEC support races. Additionally, the PCCJ Champion and the Am Class Champion for this season will be decided in front of a large crowd at the World Championship event.





























Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025 - Round 9 Race Result

Weather : Rain Track : Wet

Entry: 13 Start: 13 Finish: 13

SUGO INTERNATIONAL RACING COURSE(3.5865km)

Pos	No.	Class		Name	Car	Laps	Time	Behind	Ave.km/h	Fastest	Lap
1	99	Pro	1	Taichi WATARAI	seven x seven Racing	18	28'19.588		136.742	1'29.745	5
2	60	Pro	2	Reimei ITOU	SHOWA AUTO with BINGO RACING	18	28'36.261	16.673	135.414	1'30.721	3
3	78	Pro	3	lori KIMURA	SKY GROUP 40	18	28'44.192	24.604	134.791	1'31.124	5
4	7	Pro	4	Kazuhisa URABE	HYPER WATER RACING	18	28'44.504	24.916	134.766	1'30.628	5
5	88	ProAm	1	Tiger Wu	BINGO RACING	18	29'13.885	54.297	132.509	1'32.604	6
6	66	ProAm	2	BANKCY	seven x seven Racing	18	29'17.381	57.793	132.245	1'31.118	5
7	98	ProAm	3	IKARI	BJRacing PORSCHE	18	29'25.125	1'05.537	131.665	1'32.518	8
8	91	Pro	5	Itsuki SATO	Porsche Japan Junior Programme	18	29'27.265	1'07.677	131.506	1'33.022	3
9	84	Am	1	Masa TAGA	CREF GIRODISC TAGA CUP	18	29'29.082	1'09.494	131.371	1'33.633	7
10	※ 16	Am	2	Hiro		18	29'30.476	1'10.888	131.267	1'32.206	12
11	10	ProAm	4	MOTOKI	HIGHLIT with Rn-sports	18	29'31.495	1'11.907	131.192	1'32.789	10
12	17	Am	3	IKEDA	HYPER WATER RACING	18	29'48.581	1'28.993	129.938	1'33.480	16
13	36	Am	4	Sky CHEN	SKY MOTORSPORTS	18	30'05.705	1'46.117	128.706	1'34.361	11

Fastest Lap

1'29.745 (5/18) 143.868km/h No.99 Taichi WATARAI /seven x seven Racing

SCスタート: 10:50'00~10:54'10(2Laps)

Start Time :10:50:00 Finish Time :11:18:19

% No.16 : dangerous driving behavior. --> 10 second time penalty was imposed on the final result. (29'20.476+10 sec)























Porsche Carrera Cup Japan 2025 - Point Ranking (after Round 9)

Overall Ranking

					SUZ	UKA		OKAYAMA		Fl	الال	SU	GO	FL	JJI
Rank.	Car No.	Driver Name	Class.	Total	Rd.1 5, April	Rd.2 6, April	Rd.3 24, May	Rd.4 25, May	Rd.5 25, May	Rd.6 19, July	Rd.7 20, July	Rd.8 9, Aug.	Rd.9 10, Aug.	Rd.10 26, Sep.	Rd.11 27, Sep.
1	78	Iori KIMURA	Pro	178	14	25	25	20	20	17	20	20	17		
2	7	Kazuhisa URABE	Pro	177	25	20	20	17	17	25	25	14	14		
3	60	Reimei ITOU	Pro	167	20	17	17	12	25	14	17	25	20		
4	99	Taichi WATARAI	Pto	142	17	2	14	25	14	20	8	17	25		
5	66	BANKCY	ProAm	101	9	14	10	14	10	10	14	10	10		
6	91	Itsuki SATO	Pro	93	8	10	12	10	12	12	9	12	8		
7	10	MOTOKI	ProAm	67	DNF	9	8	5	9	9	12	9	6		
7	16	Hiro	Am	67	12	12	4	9	7	DNF	10	6	7		
9	98	IKARI	ProAm	56	5	4	6	6	5	8	5	8	9		
10	88	Tiger Wu	ProAm	52	6	6	7	8	DNF	DNF	6	7	12		
11	77	Masaru HAMASAKI	ProAm	51	7	7	9	7	8	6	7				
12	36	Sky ChHEN	Am	39	3	5	5	3	6	5	3	5	4		
13	17	IKEDA	Am	27	4	3	DNS			7	4	4	5		
14	23	HIROBON	ProAm	18	10	8									
15	23	KENSUKE	Am	7			3	4	DNF						
16	9	Shinji TAKEI	ProAm	0	DNF										

ProAm Class Ranking

				SUZ	UKA		OKAYAMA		Fl	الال	SU	GO	FL	الال
Rank.	Car No.	Driver Name	Total	Rd.1 5, April	Rd.2 6, April	Rd.3 24, May	Rd.4 25, May	Rd.5 25, May	Rd.6 19, July	Rd.7 20, July	Rd.8 9, Aug.	Rd.9 10, Aug.	Rd.10 26, Sep.	Rd.11 27, Sep.
1	66	BANKCY	215	20	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	20		
2	10	MOTOKI	143	DNF	20	17	12	20	20	20	20	14		
3	98	IKARI	125	12	10	12	14	14	17	12	17	17		
4	77	Masaru HAMASAKI	116	17	14	20	17	17	14	17				
5	88	Tiger Wu	113	14	12	14	20	DNF	DNF	14	14	25		
6	23	HIROBON	42	25	17									
7	9	Shinji TAKEI	0	DNF										

Am Class Ranking

				SUZ	UKA		OKAYAMA		Fl	الال	SU	GO	Fl	الال
Rank.	Car No.	Driver Name	Total	Rd.1 5, April	Rd.2 6, April	Rd.3 24, May	Rd.4 25, May	Rd.5 25, May	Rd.6 19, July	Rd.7 20, July	Rd.8 9, Aug.	Rd.9 10, Aug.	Rd.10 26, Sep.	Rd.11 27, Sep.
1	16	Hiro	195	25	25	20	25	25	DNF	25	25	25		
2	36	Sky Chen	173	17	20	25	17	20	20	17	20	17		
3	17	IKEDA	119	20	17				25	20	17	20		
4	23	KENSUKE	37			17	20	DNF						

Team Ranking

				SUZUKA		OKAYAMA			الال	SUGO		FUJI	
Rar	nk. Team Name	Total	Rd.1 5, April	Rd.2 6, April	Rd.3 24, May	Rd.4 25, May	Rd.5 25, May	Rd.6 19, July	Rd.7 20, July	Rd.8 9, Aug.	Rd.9 10, Aug.	Rd.10 26, Sep.	Rd.11 27, Sep.
1	seven x seven Racing	243	26	16	24	39	24	30	22	27	35		
2	2 BINGO RACING	219	26	23	24	20	25	14	23	32	32		
3	B HYPER WATER RACING	204	29	23	20	17	17	32	29	18	19		
4	Rn-sports	92	10	17	11	9	9	9	12	9	6		



















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