

### Honda 2010 Motorsports Overview

In its motorsports activities, the symbol of Honda's challenging spirit, the company has aimed for the world's top level from the days of its founding and taken on challenges in a variety of racing categories. Last year marked Honda's 50th anniversary of first racing at the Isle of Man TT, in the Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix (WGP). With the know-how and challenging spirit cultivated in its motorsports activities, Honda will develop activities to meet more customers' expectations. The company will bring joy to customers in each racing category and share with them the dreams and excitement generated by these activities.

#### 1. Motorsports Strategy

##### ○Motorcycle activities

In the MotoGP, the premier class of the Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix (WGP), the Repsol Honda factory team will compete with two riders: Dani Pedrosa and Andrea Dovizioso, while the satellite team will enter three teams with four riders. Their machine, the RC212V has been matured to develop a more highly competitive model. Through improvement of both team structure and machines, Honda will take on the challenge of winning all three championship titles, capturing the rider's title as well as the team and constructor's.

The Moto2 class has been established as a new WGP racing category this season. Honda will participate in this category as the sole official engine supplier. Honda will supply all teams with engines developed exclusively for the Moto2 class but derived from the in-line 4-cylinder engine of Honda's commercially sold, supersports model CBR600RR.

Repsol Montesa Honda will compete in the World Trial Championship Series (WCT), entering two Honda riders in this class: Toni Bou, who puts up an impressive set of skills, and Takahisa Fujinami, a veteran Japanese rider. Honda aims to capture both the rider's and manufacturer's titles as it did last season.

Honda will carry out a wide range of racing activities that include Suzuka 8hours Endurance Road Race, all categories of the All-Japan Championship Series, and international championships, and compete in each race aiming for the highest height.

##### ○Automobile activities

In North America, Honda began its participation in open wheel racing in 2003 and has been the sole engine supplier to the IRL<sup>®</sup> IndyCar<sup>®</sup> Series since 2006. Once again this year, Honda will provide all teams with a V8 HI10R engine running on 100% ethanol fuel. Japanese drivers show full participation in the IRL<sup>®</sup>, including Hideki Mutoh racing for Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing and Takuma Sato, who was active in Formula One, racing for the KV Racing Technology team this season.

For racing activities within Japan, Honda will compete in the Super GT Series with a newly developed HSV-010 GT, entering five teams and five race cars. As part of the Honda GT Project, this new machine was developed under the leadership of Honda R&D Co., Ltd. with the collaboration of M-TEC Co., Ltd. and Dome Co., Ltd. With this machine in hand, Honda is shooting for a title win in this machine's debut.

In Formula Nippon, where Honda won the dual titles of driver and team championship last season, Honda will enter three teams and equip five cars with the 3.4-liter V-8 HR10E engine.

With the objective of developing drivers who can claim the podium at top-level races both inside and outside of Japan, Honda will actively strive to develop young racers through the Honda Formula Dream Project (HFDP). Honda will promote the cultivation of new talent through the Suzuka Circuit Racing School Kart (SRS-K) and Suzuka Circuit Racing School Formula (SRS-F) racing schools in addition to Formula Challenge Japan (FCJ), the Japanese Formula 3 Championship and Formula Nippon.

## 2. Expanding the Popularity of Motorsports

Mobilityland Corporation will continue to host racing events and actively create venues and opportunities for people to watch, participate in, and enjoy racing, contributing to the further growth of motorsports culture in Japan.

Mobilityland will be hosting the Grand Prix of Japan, Round 2 of the Road Racing World Championship; the Grand Prix of Japan, Round 3 of the World Trial Championship Series at Twin Ring Motegi; and the Japanese Grand Prix, Round 16 of the 2010 Formula One World Championship at Suzuka International Racing Course. Through these races, the company provides fans with opportunities to watch and feel a variety of Japanese and international motorsports events including these premier two- and four-wheel races.

### ■ Main international races to be hosted by Mobilityland

Category	Schedule	Title	Circuit
WGP	April 23~25	2010 FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix Round 2 Grand Prix of Japan	Twin Ring Motegi, Tochigi
WCT	June 5~6	2010 FIM Trial World Championship Round 3 Grand Prix of Japan	Twin Ring Motegi, Tochigi
EWC	July 22~25	FIM Endurance World Championship Round 3 Suzuka 8hours Endurance Road Race	Suzuka Circuit, Mie
IRL	September 17~19	2010 IRL IndyCar Series Round 16 INDY JAPAN 300 mile	Twin Ring Motegi, Tochigi
F1	October 8~10	2010 F1 World Championship Round 16 Japanese Grand Prix	Suzuka Circuit, Mie

To provide Honda vehicle owners with opportunities to watch, participate, and enjoy, the Enjoy Honda program will be held again this year and is scheduled for Suzuka Circuit on April 17–18 (Sat.–Sun.) at the same time as the Suzuka 2&4 Race and for Twin Ring Motegi on August 7–8 (Sat.–Sun.) during Formula Nippon Round 4.

The Honda Exciting Cup One-Make Race - Civic Series will also continue this year, with events held in a variety of areas where customers can participate and enjoy.

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## 《Overview of Motorcycle Racing Strategy》

### [Road Races]

#### ◆FIM<sup>\*1</sup> Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix

##### <MotoGP class>

Once again this year, Honda will compete in the MotoGP class, the premier class of the Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix (WGP)—the world's top-level race—and take on challenges with the aim of winning all three championship titles, recapturing the rider's title as well as the team and constructor's.

The Repsol Honda factory team will compete with two riders: the veteran Dani Pedrosa and Andrea Dovizioso, who is in his second year as a factory rider. The team has made some personnel changes to augment its total power for winning these championship titles. Kazuhiko Yamano (HRC<sup>\*2</sup>), who has served as Team Manager, will take over as HRC Team Director and oversee all operations including the factory teams and satellite teams. For the factory team, Toshiyuki Yamaji (HRC) will become the new Team Manager and will direct the entire Repsol Honda Team. To enhance the riders' potential, Alberto Puig (Spain), who formerly served as crew chief, has been appointed as the Pedrosa Team Manager for this season. For the Dovizioso team, Gianni Berti (Italy), another former crew chief, has been appointed as the Dovizioso Team Manager. In this way, Honda will strengthen its organization as it seeks to regain the championship titles this season.

Three teams and four riders will compete for the satellite teams. Hiroshi Aoyama of the Interwetten Honda MotoGP team, who won the championship brilliantly in last year's 250cc Grand Prix, has stepped up to the premier class and will be the only Japanese rider to compete in this class this season. Also competing will be the Italian rider Marco Simoncelli of Team San Carlo Honda Gresini, who rode in the 250cc class last year and fought for the championship with Hiroshi Aoyama up to the final race. These two riders will be competing in the MotoGP class as rookies from Honda. Simoncelli will be joined by teammate Marco Melandri, who is returning to Honda this season. The veteran rider Randy De Puniet will participate again from LCR Honda MotoGP, aiming for a top position.

HRC plans to race six RC212V machines in this class under the guidance of Grand Prix Technical Director Shinichi Kokubu (Honda R&D<sup>\*3</sup>). With the 2010 RC212V, Honda has developed a highly competitive racing machine by adding numerous improvements to the engine while redesigning the chassis to match the engine characteristics.

Expectations are high for success of the six Honda riders in MotoGP World Championship Round 2, the Grand Prix of Japan (finals), which will be held at Twin Ring Motegi in Tochigi Prefecture this coming April 25.

\*1 FIM stands for Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme.

\*2 HRC stands for Honda Racing Corporation.

\*3 Motorcycle R&D Center, Honda R&D Co., Ltd.

Team	Number	Rider	Age	Nationality	2009 Result
Repsol Honda Team	26	Dani Pedrosa	24	Spain	MotoGP 3rd
	4	Andrea Dovizioso	23	Italy	MotoGP 6th
Team San Carlo Honda Gresini	58	Marco Simoncelli	23	Italy	WGP 250cc 3rd
	33	Marco Melandri	27	Italy	MotoGP 10th
Interwetten Honda MotoGP	7	Hiroshi Aoyama	28	Chiba, Japan	WGP 250cc Champion
LCR Honda MotoGP	14	Randy De Puniet	29	France	MotoGP 11th

< **Moto2 class** >

As the sole engine supplier, Honda will participate in the Moto2 class in a new era of the WGP.

The Moto2 class is a new category that has been created to replace the 2-stroke 250cc class. Making its debut in the 2010 season, this class covers engines with intermediate displacement and was formed as a step-up to the MotoGP class. All machines will be equipped with Honda-made 4-stroke 600cc engines. This engine is derived from the in-line 4-cylinder engine of Honda's commercially sold, supersports model CBR600RR and was developed exclusively for the Moto2 class. Honda will supply these engines to all teams for each round of the series, and HRC has signed a maintenance agreement with Geo Technology of Switzerland to support the engine supply for all rounds. The engines will undergo strict inspection and maintenance before arriving at each team, so that every engine can put out the same performance. Tires will also be supplied by a single manufacturer, Dunlop, while manufacturer prototypes will be permitted for the chassis.

Having the engines supplied by a single manufacturer will make the competition among riders and teams even fiercer. The class is expected to attract a lot of attention as a new category that serves as the stepping stone to the premier class. This is the first time for the one-make engine rule to be adopted in the 60-year history of WGP, and by supplying engines to the Moto2 class and strongly supporting WGP as a result, Honda will contribute to the development of two-wheel motorsports.

Two Japanese riders will be racing in this new category: Yuki Takahashi from Tech 3 Racing, who has competed in the MotoGP class before, and Shoya Tomizawa from Technomag-CIP, in his second year of World Grand Prix racing.

Team	Number	Rider	Nationality	Constructor
SPEED UP APRILIA	2	GABOR TALMACSI	Hungary	SPEED UP
	29	ANDREA IANNONE	Italy	SPEED UP
VIESSMANN KIEFER RACING	4	STEFAN BRADL	Germany	SUTER
JACK&JONES BY A.BANDERAS	5	JOAN OLIVE	Spain	PROMOHARRIS
	9	KENNY NOYES	USA	PROMOHARRIS
RED BULL AJO MOTORSPORT	6	ALEX DEBON	Spain	FTR
PONS RACING	7	AXEL PONS	Spain	PONS KALEX
	40	SERGIO GADEA	Spain	PONS KALEX
G22 HOLIDAYGYM	10	FONSI NIETO	Spain	MORIWAKI
	88	YANNICK GUERRA	Spain	MORIWAKI
INTERWETTEN MORIWAKI RACING	12	THOMAS LUTHI	Switzerland	MORIWAKI
HONDA-SAG	14	RATTHAPARK WILAIROT	Thailand	SUTER
	55	HECTOR FAUBEL	Spain	SUTER
SCOT RACING TEAM	15	ALEX DE ANGELIS	San Marino	SCOT
	59	NICOLA CANEPA	Italy	SCOT
FORWARD RACING	16	JULES CLUZEL	France	SUTER
	71	CLAUDIO CORTI	Italy	SUTER
CARDION AB MOTORACING	17	KAREL ABRAHAM	Czech	RSV
GRESINI RACING MOTO2	24	TONI ELIAS	Spain	MORIWAKI
	61	VLADIMIR IVANOV	Russia	MORIWAKI
CARETTA TECHNOLOGY RACE DEPT	25	ALEX BALDOLINI	Italy	I.C.P.
TECH 3 RACING	35	RAFFAELE DE ROSA	Italy	TECH 3
	72	YUKI TAKAHASHI	Saitama, Japan	TECH 3
KINO RACING	37	FABRICIO PERREN	Argentina	KINO
ITALTRANS S.T.R.	39	ROBERTINO PIETRI	Venezuela	SUTER
	44	ROBERTO ROLFO	Italy	SUTER
MARC VDS RACING TEAM	45	SCOTT REDDING	Britain	SUTER
TECHNOMAG-CIP	48	SHOYA TOMIZAWA	Chiba, Japan	SUTER
	77	DOMINIQUE AEGERTER	Switzerland	SUTER
MATTEONI C.P. RACING	52	LUKAS PESEK	Czech	MORIWAKI
WTR SAN MARINO TEAM	53	VALENTIN DEBISE	France	ADV

Team	Number	Rider	Nationality	Constructor
VECTOR KIEFER RACING	56	VLADIMIR LEONOV	Russia	SUTER
MAPFRE ASPAR TEAM	60	JULIAN SIMON	Spain	RSV
	63	MIKE DI MEGLIO	France	RSV
JIR MOTO2	75	MATTIA PASINI	Italy	TSR
	TBA	TBA	TBA	TSR
BLUSENS BQR	76	BERNAT MARTINEZ	Spain	BQR-MOTO2
	95	MASHEL AL NAIMI	Qatar	BQR-MOTO2
(Reserve) MARC VDS RACING TEAM	27	VINCENT LONBOIS	Belgium	SUTER
(Reserve) MZ RACING TEAM	TBA	ANTHONY WEST	Australia	MZ

● Source: FIM announcement of 2010 Moto2 class provisional entry list as of January 27.

● This entry list is provisional and subject to change.

## 【Trials】

### ◆ FIM World Trials Championship Series

Repsol Montesa Honda will compete again this year in the FIM World Trial Championship Series (WCT\*<sup>4</sup>). Two riders will compete from Honda in this class: Toni Bou, who put up impressive performances in outdoor trials as well as indoors to win the championships for the third straight year, and Takahisa Fujinami, an experienced and highly skilled rider who is currently the only Japanese rider in the World Trial Championship.

For machines, Honda will run two Montesa COTA 4RTs equipped with matured and more competitive 4-stroke engines. Honda aims to capture both the rider's and manufacturer's titles as it did last season.

Round 3 of the World Trial Championship Series will be held in Japan on June 5–6 of this year at Twin Ring Motegi in Tochigi Prefecture. We can expect to see some powerful performances displayed by the leading riders participating from around the world alongside Takahisa Fujinami.

\*4 WCT stands for World Championship Trial.

Team	Number	Rider	Age	Nationality	2009 Result
REPSOL MONTESA HONDA	1	Toni Bou	23	Spain	Champion
	3	Takahisa Fujinami	30	Mie, Japan	3rd

## 【FIM Endurance World Championship Series】

### ◆ Suzuka 8hours Endurance Road Race

To heighten the attraction of the 33rd Suzuka 8hours Endurance Road Race, Honda plans to enter riders who are active in overseas championship races such as the WGP, WSB, and BSB. These riders are expected to come from such teams as F. C. C. TSR Honda and MuSASHi RT HARC-PRO., which have competed in the Suzuka 8hours on many occasions.

HRC will provide technical support to these teams such as loaning the highly competitive CBR1000RR.

Team	Machine	Rider	Rider
F.C.C. TSR Honda	CBR1000RRW	Kosuke Akiyoshi	TBA
MuSASHi RT HARC-PRO.	CBR1000RRK	Takumi Takahashi	TBA

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## 《Reference information》

### ◆ Main Honda teams and riders participating in the All-Japan Championship Series races

In collaboration with the Honda Racing Corporation and the technical staff of the Motorcycle R&D Center of Honda R&D Co., Ltd., Honda Motorcycle Japan will sponsor the “Honda Racing Family Racing Service” for all Honda riders participating in each road race or motocross event of the MFJ All-Japan Championship Series. Through this service, they will support the racing activities of Honda riders by providing machine-setting and advice on riding techniques. For the All-Japan Trial Championship, Honda Racing Corporation will provide support to teams and riders, especially those belonging to HRC Clubs under HRC service shops.

Specifically, individual training programs will be created for riders in the Weider Training Lab with Morinaga & Co., Ltd.’s cooperation. Each program will be set up based on the rider’s racing results and includes basic fitness training and condition adjustment. HRC will strive actively to cultivate new talent in the Suzuka Circuit Racing School Junior (SRS-J) and motocross augmented training, contributing to the further improvement of riding skills.

## 【Road racing】

### ◆MFJ\*<sup>5</sup> All-Japan Road Racing Championship Series

\*5 MFJ stands for Motorcycle Federation of Japan.

#### ■ Main Honda teams and riders for All-Japan Road Racing Championship

Team	Class	Machine	Rider	2009 Result
Honda DREAM RT Sakurai Honda	JSB1000	CBR1000RRK	Chojun Kameya	JRR JSB1000 6th
Keihin Kohara Racing Team & TSR	JSB1000	CBR1000RRK	Shinichi Ito	JRR JSB1000 7th
MuSASHi RT HARC-PRO.	JSB1000	CBR1000RRK	Takumi Takahashi	JRR JSB1000 8th
F.C.C. TSR Honda	JSB1000	CBR1000RRK	Kosuke Akiyoshi	JRR JSB1000 10th
TSR	ST600	CBR600RR	Yusuke Teshima	JRR ST600 Champion
MuSASHi RT HARC-PRO.	ST600	CBR600RR	Ryuta Kobayashi	JRR ST600 4th
TSR	ST600	CBR600RR	Satoru Iwata	JRR ST600 6th
Teluru Honeybee Racing	ST600	CBR600RR	Hiroki Noda	JRR ST600 10th
Moriwaki Club	ST600	CBR600RR	Tatsuya Yamaguchi	JRR JSB1000 3rd
MuSASHi RT HARC-PRO.	ST600	CBR600RR	Takaaki Nakagami	WGP 125cc 16th
Burning Blood RT	ST600	CBR600RR	Kazuki Tokudome	--
MuSASHi RT HARC-PRO.	J-GP2	CBR600RR	Yoshiteru Konishi	JRR ST600 5th
Burning Blood RT	J-GP2	CBR600RR	Koki Takahashi	JRR ST600 12th
Team name to be arranged	J-GP3	RS125R	Hiroyuki Kikuchi	JRR GP125 Champion
Team Alliance	J-GP3	RS125R	Masaki Tokudome	JRR GP125 4th
18 GARAGE RACING TEAM	J-GP3	RS125R	Hikaru Okubo	JRR GP125 6th
Okegawa Zyuku & ENDURANCE	J-GP3	RS125R	Yuma Yahagi	JRR GP125 7th
Team NOBBY	J-GP3	RS125R	Daijiro Hiura	JRR GP125 9th
Team NOBBY	J-GP3	RS125R	Takehiro Yamamoto	JRR GP125 10th
Team KOMURO With HARC-PRO.	GP-MONO	HP250F	Akira Komuro	JRR GP-MONO 2nd
TSR	GP-MONO	CRF250	Kenta Fujii	JRR GP-MONO 3rd

- J-GP2 is a newly created class. Participating machines will be equipped with ST600 class engines (4-stroke: 401cc-600cc) which have been officially approved by MFJ. For the frame, modification based on the frame approved for the ST600 class (minimum machine weight: 148 kg) or use of a newly designed frame (minimum machine weight: 153 kg) is permitted.
- J-GP3 is a new name for the GP125 class, in which machines equipped with 2-stroke single cylinder 85cc-125cc engines and 4-stroke single cylinder 175cc-250cc engines compete in the same race.
- GP-MONO is a class for machines with 4-stroke single cylinder 250cc engines.
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## **[Motocross racing]**

### **◆MFJ All-Japan Motocross Championship Series**

#### **■Main Honda teams and riders for All-Japan Motocross Racing Championship**

Team	Class	Machine	Rider	2009 Result
DREAM Honda RT Masuda	IA1	CRF450R	Kazumasa Masuda	JMX IA1 2nd
SEKI Racing MotoRoman & KBF-RS	IA1	CRF450R	Yoshiki Kitai	JMX IA1 5th
DREAM Honda RT Fukudome	IA1	CRF450R	Yoshihide Fukudome	JMX IA1 7th
Honda Dream RT Takahama	IA1	CRF450R	Kenjiro Tsuji	JMX IA1 9th
DREAM Honda RT Ogata	IA1	CRF450R	Makoto Ogata	JMX IA1 12th
TEAM HAMMER	IA1	CRF450R	Ryuichiro Takahama	JMX IA1 20th
DREAM Honda RT Hirata	IA1	CRF450R	Yu Hirata	JMX IA2 2nd
SEKI Racing MotoRoman & KBF-RS	IA2	CRF250R	Koichi Fukaya	JMX IA2 4th
T.E. SPORT	IA2	CRF250R	Ryota Kurosawa	JMX IA2 17th
T.E. SPORT	IA2	CRF250R	Toshiki Tomita	JMX IA2 22nd
SEKI Racing MotoRoman & KBF-RS	IA2	CRF250R	Yuui Hoshino	JMX IA2 28th
T.E. SPORT	IA2	CRF250R	Yusuke Kondo	JMX IB2 4th
SEKI Racing MotoRoman & KBF-RS	Ladies	CRF150R	Haruna Masu	JMX Ladies Champion
TEAM HAMMER	Ladies	CRF150R	Izumi Yamamoto	JMX Ladies 4th

- IA1 (Engine displacement: 2-stroke/175cc–250cc, 4-stroke/290cc–450cc)
- IA2 (Engine displacement: 2-stroke/100cc–125cc, 4-stroke/175cc–250cc)
- Ladies (Engine displacement: 2-stroke/51cc-85cc, 4-stroke/85cc-150cc)
- This entry list is provisional and subject to change.

## **[Trials]**

### **◆MFJ All-Japan Trials Championship Series**

#### **■Main Honda teams and riders for All-Japan Trials Championship**

Team	Class	Machine	Rider	2009 Result
HRC CLUB TEAM MITANI	IAS	RTL260F	Tomoyuki Ogawa	JTR IAS 2nd
HRC CLUB Power Craft	IAS	RTL260F	Isao Shibuya	JTR IAS 5th
HRC CLUB Power Craft	IAS	RTL260F	Kazuhiro Onishi *6	JTR IAS 7th
HRC CLUB TEAM MITANI	IAS	RTL260F	Akira Shibata	JTR IAS 8th
HRC CLUB TEAM MITANI	IAS	RTL260F	Akio Saito	JTR IAS 9th
HRC CLUB Cruise	IA	RTL260F	Takashi Ono	JTR IA 3rd
HRC CLUB TEAM MITANI	IA	RTL260F	Hideaki Mitani	JTR IAS 11th
HRC CLUB Kanto SW Maruyama	IA	RTL260F	Masatoshi Okamura	JTR IA 7th

\*6 Spot participation

- IAS (International Super A class) · IA (International A class)
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## ◆ Main Honda teams and riders participating in other overseas championship races

### < WSB\*7 >

Four teams and five riders will compete in the World Superbike Championship (WSB), riding on Honda CBR1000RRs. Jonathan Rea will again participate from the private team HANNspree Ten Kate Honda.\* As his teammate, we welcome Max Neukirchner with his wealth of experience in WSB. Makoto Tamada, who has been active as a Honda rider in the All Japan Road Race Championship as well as Suzuka 8hours and MotoGP, will also be back with Honda team this season after four years. As a veteran rider who can draw on his cultivated experience, hopes are high for Tamada to rank in a top position at WSB again this season.

\*7 WSB stands for World Superbike Championship.

### ■ Main Honda teams and riders for the World Superbike Championship (WSB)

Team	Number	Machine	Rider	2009 Result
ECHO CRS Grand Prix*	23	CBR1000RR	Broc Parkes	WSB 18th
Squadra Corse Italia*	31	CBR1000RR	Vittorio Iannuzzo	WSB 40th
Pro-Ride World Superbike Racing Team	49	CBR1000RR	Makoto Tamada	WSB 27th
HANNspree Ten Kate Honda*	65	CBR1000RR	Jonathan Rea	WSB 5th
	76	CBR1000RR	Max Neukirchner	WSB 16th

\* Team supported by Honda Motor Europe (HME)

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### < WSS\*8 >

In the World Supersport Championship (WSS), seven Honda teams and 12 riders will participate, competing on the Honda CBR600RR. Eugene Laverty and Kenan Sofuoglu, who turned in excellent results last season, as well as numerous other Honda riders with WSS racing experience will take part. Paola Cazzola of Kuja Racing is the first woman rider to show full participation in WSS. Honda will challenge itself not only to recapture the rider's championship but also to gain its 8th consecutive manufacturer's title.

\*8 WSS stands for World Supersport Championship.

### ■ Main Honda teams and riders for the World Supersport Championship (WSS)

Team	Number	Machine	Rider	2009 Result
Intermoto Czech	4	CBR600RR	Gino Rea	European Superstock 600cc Champion
	55	CBR600RR	Massimo Roccoli	WSS 11th
Cresto Guide Racing Team	5	CBR600RR	Alexander Lundh	Superstock 1000cc 23rd
Kuja Racing	9	CBR600RR	Daniilo Dell'Omo	WSS 19th
	33	CBR600RR	Paola Cazzola	—
Piasecki Team	12	CBR600RR	Daniel Bukowski	—
Parkalgar Honda*	50	CBR600RR	Eugene Laverty	WSS 2nd
	117	CBR600RR	Miguel Praia	WSS 15th
HANNspree Ten Kate Honda*	51	CBR600RR	Michele Pirro	WSS 12th
	54	CBR600RR	Kenan Sofuoglu	WSS 3rd
Harms Benjan Racing	127	CBR600RR	Robbin Harms	WSS 17th
	TBA	CBR600RR	TBA	—

\* Team supported by Honda Motor Europe (HME)

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< **BSB**<sup>\*9</sup> >

Two riders, Ryuichi Kiyonari and Josh Brookes, will compete in the British Superbike Championship (BSB), as members of HM Plant Honda team of the local subsidiary, Honda U.K. Kiyonari raced in the WSB until last year, but is returning to compete in the BSB starting this season. He took the BSB championships for two consecutive years (2006 and 2007), while his teammate Brookes has been competing as an HM Plant Honda rider since last season. Drawing on his abundant racing experience, Brookes is aiming at the top position in the BSB.

\* 9 BSB stands for British Superbike Championship.

■ Main Honda teams and riders for the British Superbike Championship (BSB)

Team	Number	Machine	Rider	2009 Result
HM Plant Honda	4	CBR1000RR	Josh Brookes	BSB 4th
	8	CBR1000RR	Ryuichi Kiyonari	WSB 11th

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< **WMX**<sup>\*10</sup> >

Three teams and five riders will compete in the MX1 class, the premier class of the World Motocross Championship (WMX). Jimmy Albertson, who participated in the AMA Motocross Championship until last year, will be joined by Tanel Leok, Gareth Swanepoel, and other Honda riders, riding on highly competitive CRF450R motocrossers. Alessandro Battig, switched racing categories from the European Motocross Championship (EMX2) to WMX, will compete in the MX2 class with a CRF250R.

\* 10 WMX stands for World Motocross Championship.

■ Main Honda teams and riders for the World Motocross Championship (WMX) MX1 class

Category	Team	Machine	Rider	2009 Result
MX1	Honda Racing Martin*	CRF450R	Jimmy Albertson	AMA Motocross 10th
	LS Motors Honda	CRF450R	Tanel Leok	MX1 7th
		CRF450R	Davide Guarneri	MX2 4th
	CAS Honda Team	CRF450R	Gareth Swanepoel	MX1 8th
		CRF450R	Evgueni Bobryshev	MX2 20th

\* Team supported by Honda Motor Europe (HME)

● MX1 (Engine displacement: 2-stroke/175cc–250cc, 4-stroke/290cc–450cc)

● This entry list is provisional and subject to change.

■ Main Honda teams and riders for the World Motocross Championship (WMX) MX2 class

Category	Team	Machine	Rider	2009 Result
MX2	Honda Racing Martin*	CRF250R	Alessandro Battig	European Motocross Championship EMX2

\* Team supported by Honda Motor Europe (HME)

● MX2 (Engine displacement: 2-stroke/100cc–125cc, 4-stroke/175cc–250cc)

● This entry list is provisional and subject to change.

<WEC\*11>

In the World Enduro Championship (WEC), Mika Ahola, who won the championship of the E1 class last year, will step up to the E2 class to join teammate Oscar Balletti in their quest for the championship. Fabio Mossini will compete in the E1 class and aim for a top position with his wealth of WEC racing experience.

\* 11 WEC stands for World Enduro Championship.

■ Main Honda teams and riders for the World Enduro Championship (WEC) E2 class

Category	Team	Machine	Rider	2009 Result
E2	Team Jolly Racing	CRF450X	Mika Ahola	E1 Champion
		CRF450X	Oscar Balletti	E2 12th

● E2 (Engine displacement: 2-stroke/175cc–250cc, 4-stroke/290cc–450cc)

● This entry list is provisional and subject to change.

■ Main Honda teams and riders for the World Enduro Championship (WEC) E1 class

Category	Team	Machine	Rider	2009 Result
E1	Team Jolly Racing	CRF250X	Fabio Mossini	E3 6th

● E1 (Engine displacement: 2-stroke/100cc–125cc, 4-stroke/175–250cc)

● This entry list is provisional and subject to change.

## 《Overview of Automobile Racing Strategy》

### ◆ IRL® IndyCar® Series

As the sole supplier for the IRL® IndyCar® Series, Honda Performance Development Inc. (HPD), a subsidiary of American Honda Motor Co., Inc., will supply the 3.5-liter V8 HI10R engine to all teams.

Japanese drivers show full participation in the IRL®, including Hideki Mutoh racing for Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing this season and starting his third year as a IndyCar® driver and Takuma Sato, who was active in the Formula One, taking on the first challenge in IRL® IndyCar® Series and racing for the KV Racing Technology team.

Team	Number	Driver	Age	Nationality	2009 Result
Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing	—	Hideki Mutoh	27	Tokyo, Japan	IRL 11th
KV Racing Technology	—	Takuma Sato	33	Tokyo, Japan	—

### ◆ Super GT

Honda is switching from the NSX-GT after 13 years<sup>\*12</sup> of competition and bringing out the HSV-010 GT with five vehicles to be raced by five teams in the GT500 class. This new machine was developed by Honda R&D in cooperation with M-TEC Co., Ltd. and Dome Co., Ltd. in the Honda GT Project and fuels Honda's hopes for capturing the dual team and driver's titles.

\*12 Including the former All Japan GT Championship, the predecessor to Super GT

Team	Number	Driver	Age	Nationality	2009 Result
AUTOBACS RACING TEAM AGURI	8	Ralph Firman	34	Britain	GT500 2nd
		Yuji Ide	35	Saitama, Japan	GT500 13th
KEIHIN REAL RACING	17	Toshihiro Kaneishi	31	Osaka, Japan	GT500 5th
		Kodai Tsukakoshi	23	Tochigi, Japan	GT500 5th
weider Honda Racing	18	Takashi Kogure	29	Gunma, Japan	GT500 6th
		Loic Duval	27	France	GT500 16th
EPSON NAKAJIMA RACING	32	Ryo Michigami	36	Nara, Japan	GT500 6th
		Yuhki Nakayama	22	Ishikawa, Japan	GT500 16th
Team Kunimitsu	100	Takuya Izawa	25	Tokyo, Japan	GT500 2nd
		Naoki Yamamoto	21	Tochigi, Japan	F3 N Class Champion

### ◆ Formula Nippon

Honda will equip three teams and five cars through Japan Race Promotion Co., Ltd. with the 3.4-liter V-8 HR10E engine, which helped claim the driver and team titles last year.

Team	Number	Driver	Age	Nationality	2009 Result
DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	1	Loic Duval	27	France	FN Champion
	2	Takuya Izawa	25	Tokyo, Japan	FN 8th
HFDP RACING	10	Kodai Tsukakoshi	23	Tochigi, Japan	FN 7th
NAKAJIMA RACING	31	Naoki Yamamoto	21	Tochigi, Japan	F3 N Class Champion
	32	Takashi Kogure	29	Gunma, Japan	FN 4th

● Car numbers are tentative and subject to change.

## ◆ Japanese Formula 3 Championship

Toda Racing will participate in the C (Championship) class of the Japanese Formula 3 Championship on a machine equipped with the Honda-based MF204C engine.

## ◆ Developing Talent: Formula Dream Project

For developing future racing talent, Honda is expanding the Honda Formula Dream Project (HFDP), which is directed at discovering and cultivating skilled, young drivers to be active in Japanese and overseas racing. This season, HFDP will support one driver to compete in Formula Nippon, two drivers who will race in the Japanese Formula 3 Championship N (National) Class, and one driver to take part in the British F3 International.

Naoki Yamamoto, who won the championship in the N class of the Japanese Formula 3 Championship in 2009, will step up to Super GT and Formula Nippon, while Kazuki Miura, who won the championship in Formula Challenge Japan, moves up to the N class of the Japanese Formula 3 Championship.

Category	Team	Driver	Age	Nationality	2009 Result
Formula Nippon	HFDP RACING	Kodai Tsukakoshi	23	Tochigi, Japan	FN 7th
ALL Japan F3 N Class	HFDP RACING	Takashi Kobayashi	22	Hiroshima, Japan	F3 N Class 4th
		Kazuki Miura	21	Iwate, Japan	FCJ Champion
British F3	Raikkonen Robertson Racing	Daisuke Nakajima	21	Aichi, Japan	British F3 7th

Together with two other automakers,<sup>\*13</sup> Honda has established the Formula Challenge Japan (FCJ), a Junior Formula Race for the “discovery and cultivation of skilled young drivers to be active on the world stage.” As part of its ongoing participation in FCJ, Honda will support the participation of four drivers with scholarships.

\*13 Formula Challenge Japan (FCJ): New Junior Formula car race was created in 2006 through the cooperation of three automakers: Toyota, Nissan, and Honda. The concept places its focus on the discovery and training of young, skilled drivers to be active on the world stage and supporting the future by fostering talent to expand the foundation of Japanese motorsports.