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## **Suzuki Announces the Team Structure of Suzuka 8 Hour Endurance Race**



#0 Etienne Masson



Takuya Tsuda

Suzuki Motor Corporation has announced the team structure of "Team SUZUKI CN CHALLENGE" participating in the 2025 FIM World Endurance Championship "Coca-Cola" Suzuka 8 hours 46<sup>th</sup> Event which will be held at the Suzuka Circuit from 1 to 3 August.

Suzuki will participate in the "Experimental Class" of the race like the last year, adopting 100% sustainable fuel\* and other sustainable items aimed at further reducing environmental load with a team mainly composed of members selected from within the company.

The riders composing the team are Etienne Masson, a current rider for Yoshimura SERT Motul and worked for Suzuki CN Challenge at last year's Suzuka 8 Hour Endurance Race; Takuya Tsuda, who has experience of Suzuki MotoGP test rider and current Suzuki CN Challenge development rider. We will participate in the race with 3 riders and will announce the remaining one on the Suzuki website as soon as the details are decided.

With the same objective as the last year, Suzuki aims to achieve both environmental load reduction and performance at a higher level to accelerate the development of environmental performance technologies through actual riding under severe conditions in endurance races. By verifying valuable data obtained through race activities, Suzuki will promote technical feedback for future products.

\*Certified 100% sustainable product according to the mass balanced system applied by a voluntary certification organization approved by the European Union.

●Structure of “Team Suzuki CN CHALLENGE”

Participating machine: 2025 Team Suzuki CN Challenge GSX-R1000R

Team No.: #0

Participating class: Experimental Class

Riders: Profiles

- Etienne Masson (France)

Champion in 2020 and 2024 FIM World Endurance Championship

8th place in the Suzuka 8 Hour Endurance Race (2024 Team Suzuki CN Challenge)

- Takuya Tsuda (Japan)

2nd place in 2013 and 2014, 3rd place in 2016 Suzuka 8 Hour Endurance Race

2nd place in the annual ranking of 2016 All Japan Road Race JSB1000

- Team Director : Shinichi Sahara
- Technical Manager : Koji Tamura
- Crew Chief : Takeshi Konno

<Team SUZUKI CN CHALLENGE Special Website>

<https://www.globalsuzuki.com/motorcycle/race/teamsuzukicnchallenge/2025/>



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