**Hankook Tire America Named New Official Tire of F4 U.S. and F3 Americas Championships**

**SCCA Pro Racing partners with Hankook Tire for multi-year deal**

***November 27, 2018 (Seoul, Korea)*** – SCCA Pro Racing, the sanctioning body behind the successful Formula 4 United States Championship Powered by Honda and the new F3 Americas Championship Powered by Honda, announced today that Hankook Tire America will be its exclusive tire supplier for its formula championship ladder starting in 2019.

“We are extremely pleased to bring Hankook Tire on board for the F4 United States Championship and the F3 Americas Championship,” said SCCA Pro Racing Vice President Steve Oseth. “Their experience in other F4 Championships and the F3 European Championship around the world means their products exhibit the durability and performance demanded of a highly competitive series and this was shown during tire testing in some very extreme conditions. They will mesh very well with our other series technical partners, Honda, HPD and Onroak and Liger.”

In a multi-year agreement with an option to extend, Hankook Tire will not only deliver Hankook-branded slick and rain tires to F4 U.S. and F3 Americas competitors, but also provide marketing services to drivers and teams. Per FIA guidelines, a maximum of two sets will be available for purchase at each event with no limitations on tires at official series tests. Hankook Tire will provide trackside mounting service and tire engineering support at each race and test.

“Hankook is thrilled to support F3 and F4 as the primary tire supplier,” said Hankook Tire’s Sooman Choi, Vice President of Marketing. “We are excited and eager to provide our state-of-the-art racing tires to a series that is designed to develop young American racing talent.”

As part of the F4 U.S. Championship scholarship, Hankook will also present the F4 title winner with two full sets of tires per event for the season to progress into the F3 Americas Championship, starting with the 2018 F4 U.S. champion Dakota Dickerson.

“We put extra effort into securing this sponsorship because we believe in the future of Formula racing in the United States,” says Danny van Dongen, the founder of the motorsports division. “We have a full range of competition sizes from 13 to 19 inches, but we have previously only sponsored GT and prototype cars. Formula 3 and 4 really help us showcase everything our brand can do.”

Hankook Tire America Corp. is a growing leader in the U.S. tire market, leveraging investments in technology, manufacturing and marketing to deliver high-quality, reliable products that are safer for consumers and the environment. With all F4 U.S. and F3 Americas Championship cars designed and assembled in North America, parts availability and quality are assured. Headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, Hankook America aligns with SCCA Pro Racing’s commitment to deliver an attainable and very affordable entry level into professional motorsport.

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**About Hankook Tire Co., Ltd.**

Hankook Tire (President & CEO Hyun Bum Cho) is dedicated to leading the industry in innovation with its proven technological excellence. It offers award-winning products through five R&D centers and eight production facilities around the world. It is also committed to actively investing in the expansion of its core capabilities, allowing the company to deliver consumers the utmost in driving satisfaction. Hankook Tire produces superior quality, high performance radial tires for passenger cars, 4x4s, SUVs, light trucks, campers, trucks, buses and motorsport vehicles. It currently employs approximately 22,000 people around the world, and its products are available in over 180 countries. It has been included in the Dow Jones Sustainability World Indices (DJSI World) for two consecutive years since 2016.

For more information, visit Hankook Tire’s global website at [www.hankooktire.com/global](http://www.hankooktire.com/global).

**About SCCA Pro Racing:**

SCCA Pro Racing is a division of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. -- a 65,000-member organization dedicated to motorsports. SCCA Pro Racing provides full-service organization, operation and sanctioning for numerous professional racing series such as Trans Am® and Formula E.

**About the SCCA Pro Racing F4 U.S. Championship:**

FIA F4 is designed as entry-level open-wheel racing for participants, around a contemporary, modern, cost conscious formula. SCCA Pro Racing and its chosen partners that embrace these ideals and support this vision with appropriate technology and products. The selected F4 powerplant is a production-based engine powering the Honda Civic® Type R® recently launched in Europe, tuned to meet FIA-mandated output of approximately 160 Hp. The engine and the ECU are sealed to provide parity and compliance.

The JS F4-16 carbon fiber chassis is manufactured in the United States by Onroak Automotive North America. From the Pirelli Tires, the Honda engine to the Onroak Automotive chassis, the F4 U.S. car is assembled and made in the United States.

**F4 U.S. 2018 Schedule**

Jan. 13-14 MSR Houston Series Test

March 31-April 1 NOLA Motorsports Park Series Test

April 27-29 Virginia International Raceway with Pirelli World Challenge

May 10-12 Road Atlanta with Formula Drift

June 28-July 1 Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course with Formula Race Promotions

Aug. 3-5 Pittsburgh International Race Complex with Trans Am

Sept. 14-16 New Jersey Motorsports Park with Formula Race Promotions

Oct. 19-21 Circuit of the Americas with Formula 1

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