



MEDIA INFO
2019

ASIA TALENT CUP



Version 10th February 2019

MALAYSIA - Test

Sepang International Circuit, 09-10 February



GENERAL INFORMATION



The Idemitsu Asia Talent Cup is back in 2019, with the sixth season giving another crop of young riders from the Asia-Pacific region the chance to race on the Road to MotoGP™. Seven familiar riders return to compete after an impressive 2018 and 14 rookie talents join the grid this season, creating a 21-strong talent pool from six different countries.

The competitors, aged 12 to 19, have been handpicked at an annual IATC Selection Event at Sepang International Circuit and represent Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Turkey. They compete on equal Honda NSF250R Moto3™ machinery to see who has what it takes to become the IATC Champion – as well as hone and improve their skills on the Road to MotoGP™. Once again, they'll benefit from the vast experience of Asia Talent Cup Director Alberto Puig and his team of experts as they aim to both win and learn.

After a test at Sepang in February, the 2019 Cup commences at Losail International Circuit in Qatar as the series kicks off racing alongside the MotoGP™ season opener in March. It's a quick turnaround for Round 2 as the IATC heads for Buriram in Thailand the following

weekend, this time alongside WorldSBK, with the season then hitting the mid-point at Sepang in June alongside the Malaysian Superbike Championship. Then it's back to the MotoGP™ paddock as the IATC complete their season alongside the Grands Prix in Thailand, Japan and Malaysia in October and November, with 10 of the 12 races once again taking place on the same stages as MotoGP™ and World Superbike. The season finale at Sepang is bound to be another showstopper, with the Cup often going down to the final round, the final lap – and even the final corner.

Who will win the Cup in 2019? Japanese riders initially dominated, with Kaito Toba's triumph in the inaugural series in 2014 followed up by Ayumu Sasaki's success in 2015. In 2016, the first Thai rider was crowned champion, Somkiat Chantra, before Deniz Öncü took the crown for Turkey in 2017 and there was a little more history made last season as Bill Van Eerde became the first ever Australian Champion. Familiar faces from the front in 2018 could well be in the mix again, but the rookies will be more than up to the challenge of creating more breathtaking competition in 2019.



THE SERIES



The Idemitsu Asia Talent Cup is run by Dorna, the organisers of the MotoGP™ World Championship and the MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship, as well as co-organiser of the Red Bull MotoGP Rookies Cup. The competition provides an opportunity for the most talented young riders in Asia and Oceania to make their first steps on the Road to MotoGP™. The organisation provides all-encompassing support to riders with a full, professional infrastructure meeting international racing standards, as well as managing the logistics involved in running a pan-Asian series.

Beyond nurturing their talents, the support provided to the riders also includes insurance coverage, flight tickets and travel arrangements for each round, so they can focus on the job at hand: developing their potential. Former premier class racer and renowned talent scout Alberto Puig is on board to help foster and develop the careers of the young riders from the region, and the IATC has already proven to be one of the best paths on the Road to MotoGP™: the entry list for the 2019 Moto3™ World Championship includes Japanese riders Ayumu Sasaki, Kaito Toba, Kazuki Masaki and Ai Ogura, as well as Red Bull Rookies Cup Champion, IATC runner up and youngest ever Grand Prix winner Can Öncü. In addition, Somkiat Chantra competes in the Moto2™ World Championship to become the first from the Cup to take on the intermediate class.

Reigning Champion Bill Van Eerde takes on the FIM CEV Repsol Moto3™ Junior World Championship, racing in the Junior Talent Team alongside two-time IATC runner up Haruki Noguchi, Yuki Kunii, Mario Aji and former British Talent Cup competitor Max Cook. 2017 IATC Champion Deniz Öncü is one of their rivals, too, and the 21 young riders from across two continents in the 2019 edition of the Cup will be aiming to follow in their footsteps on the Road to MotoGP™.



2019 CALENDAR

09-10 February	Malaysia - Sepang	Official Test
08-10 March	Qatar - Losail	MotoGP
15-17 March	Thailand - Chang	WorldSBK
14-16 July	Malaysia - Sepang	MSC
04-06 October	Thailand - Chang	MotoGP
18-20 October	Japan - Motegi	MotoGP
01-03 November	Malaysia - Sepang	MotoGP

Honda NSF250R Moto3

Dimensions

Overall length	1,809 mm (71.2 in)
Overall width	560 mm (22.0 in)
Overall height	1,037 mm (40.8 in)
Wheelbase	1,219 mm (48.0 in)
Ground clearance	107 mm (4.2 in)
Seat height standard	729 mm (28.7 in)

Frame

Type	Aluminium, twin tube
Front suspension	Telescopic, inverted type
Rear suspension	Swinger, Pro-link
Front tire size	90/80 R17
Rear tire size	115/75 R17
Front brake	Single disc 296 mm, with 4-piston caliper
Rear brake	Single disc 186 mm, with single piston caliper
Fuel capacity	11.0 liter (2.91 US gal, 2.42 Imp. gal)

Electrical

Fuel Delivery System	PGM-FI
Ignition system	Full Transistor

Engine

Type	Liquid cooled 4-stroke engine
Cylinder arrangement	Single cylinder, inclined 15° from vertical
Bore and stroke	78.0 x 52.2 mm (3.07 x 2.06 in)
Displacement	249.3 cm ³ (15.21 cu-in)
Compression ratio	12.3:1
Valve train	Chain driven, DOHC
Lubrication system	Semi-dry sump, forced pressure and wet sump
Oil pump type	Trochoid

Fuel System

Throttle body type	GQD1A
Throttle bore	50 mm (2.0 in)

Drive Chain

Clutch operating system	Cable operated
Clutch type	Wet, multi-plate
Transmission	6 speeds constant mesh
Final reduction	2.333 (15/35T)
Gearshift pattern	1 – N – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6



TV BROADCASTERS



Dorna distributes to these Networks each race day, a 3' Highlights + interviews + copy of the races

*These Networks also broadcast the races in live (when possible), if not with delay.

**These Networks also broadcast the races in live when ATC is held within one of their events.

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Asia	Fox Sports *	Japan	NTV
Australia	Fox Sports * / Ten Network *	New Zealand	Sky TV
Austria	SERVUS TV	Portugal	Sport TV
Benelux	Eurosport Belelux *	Romania	Eurosport Romania *
Bulgaria	MAX SPORTS	Russia	Motorsport TV (linear / OTT)
Czech Rep & Slovakia	NOVA Sports	Spain	DAZN**
France	Canal + *	Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Faeroe Islands & Greenland	VIASAT
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Grecia	OTE TV – SKAI TV *	Worldwide	EDGESPORT *
Hungary	TV2 / Spiler *	Worldwide	Asia Talent Cup Youtube Channel*
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Italy	SKY	Worldwide	Motorsport TV
		Worldwide	Reuters / SNTV

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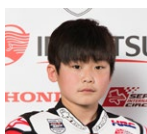
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ENTRY LIST


*Age calculated as on 8th February.

** Standing in the 2019 Idemitsu Asia Talent Cup.


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2 | Rei WAKAMATSU | JPN
Date of Birth | Age*: 02-Mar-2006 | 12 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Katushika-Ku
2019 Standing**: -



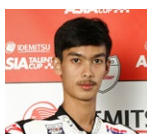
3 | Sho NISHIMURA | JPN
Date of Birth | Age*: 15-Nov-2001 | 17 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Takamatsu
2019 Standing**: -




4 | Afridza MUNANDAR | INA
Date of Birth | Age*: 13-Aug-1999 | 19 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Tasikmalaya
2019 Standing**: -



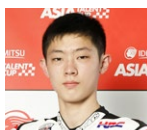
5 | Tatchakorn BUASRI | THA
Date of Birth | Age*: 26-Mar-2001 | 17 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Mueng Chonburi
2019 Standing**: -




6 | Warit THONGNOPPAKUN | THA
Date of Birth | Age*: 13-Apr-1999 | 19 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Muang Rayong
2019 Standing**: -



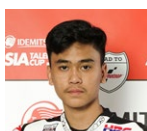
7 | Hildhan Kusama | INA
Date of Birth | Age*: 18-Apr-2002 | 16 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Yogyakarta
2019 Standing**: -



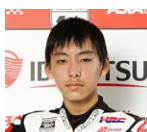
8 | Ryosuke BANDO | JPN
Date of Birth | Age*: 28-Dec-2002 | 16 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Minato-Ku
2019 Standing**: -



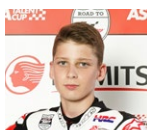
9 | Idil MAHADI | MAL
Date of Birth | Age*: 14-Nov-2002 | 15 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Kajang
2019 Standing**: -



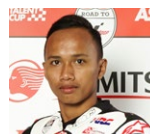
10 | Herjun FIRDAUS | INA
Date of Birth | Age*: 20-Jun-2004 | 16 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Pati
2019 Standing**: -



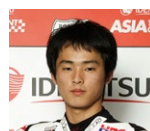
11 | Takuma MATSUYAMA | JPN
Date of Birth | Age*: 09-Nov-2004 | 14 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Yaciyo
2019 Standing**: -



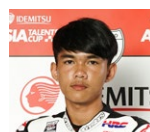
12 | Jacob ROULSTONE | AUS
Date of Birth | Age*: 04-Feb-2005 | 14 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Figtree
2019 Standing**: -




13 | Syarifuddin AZMAN | MAL
Date of Birth | Age*: 24-Nov-2001 | 17 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Selangor
2019 Standing**: -



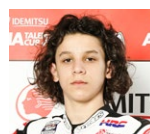
14 | Shoki IGARASHI | JPN
Date of Birth | Age*: 20-Aug-2002 | 16 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Hachioji
2019 Standing**: -




15 | Piyawat PATOOMYOS | THA
Date of Birth | Age*: 17-Mar-1999 | 19 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Muang Rayong
2019 Standing**: -



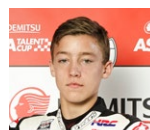
16 | Adenanta PUTRA | INA
Date of Birth | Age*: 21-Apr-2004 | 13 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Ngawi
2019 Standing**: -



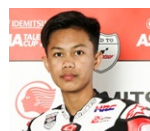
17 | Kadir Erbay | TUR
Date of Birth | Age*: 28-Jun-2006 | 12 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Kocaeli
2019 Standing**: -



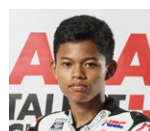
18 | Harrison VOIGHT | AUS
Date of Birth | Age*: 12-May-2006 | 12 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Queensland
2019 Standing**: -



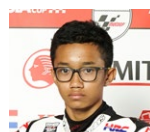
19 | Luke POWER | AUS
Date of Birth | Age*: 30-Nov-2004 | 14 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Lysterfield
2019 Standing**: -




20 | Abdul MUTAQIM | INA
Date of Birth | Age*: 07-Oct-2004 | 14 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Lumajang
2019 Standing**: -



21 | Danial Sharil | MAL
Date of Birth | Age*: 23-Nov-2002 | 15 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Pulau Pinang
2019 Standing**: *Injured*



22 | Harith ZAMRI | MAL
Date of Birth | Age*: 04-Oct-2004 | 14 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Malaysia
2019 Standing**: Wild Card



24 | Shota Kiuchi | JPN
Date of Birth | Age*: 05-Apr-2003 | 15 yrs. old
Place of Birth: Tokyo
2019 Standing**: Wild Card

PREVIEW

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SEPANG INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT | 09-10 FEBRUARY 2019

Idemitsu Asia Talent Cup back on track for 2019

Testing begins at Sepang International Circuit soon, with the grid ready to get back to business

It's almost time for the Idemitsu Asia Talent Cup to get in gear for 2019 and the first port of call before competition begins is testing, with riders ready for two days of track action at Sepang International Circuit. That's on the 9th and 10th of February as the returners come face to face with their 14 new rookie rivals, with reserve rider Shota Kiuchi and Malaysian Harith Zamri also in attendance. Danial Sharil, injured in a crash at the end of last season, won't be back on track just yet, but the Malaysian is expected to return to the IATC mid-season.

Heading the 2018 riders who return to compete this season are some familiar faces from the podium. Sho Nishimura, who finished third overall last year and was a race winner, is one key rider to watch – as is double winner Takuma Matsuyama. Sharil could be a threat once he's back from injury, joining the likes of podium finishers Tatchakorn Buasri and Afridza Munandar on the list of ones to watch.

The rookies will be aiming to cut down the advantage of experience as soon as possible and use the two days of track time to quickly familiarise themselves with their Honda machinery – as well as their new rivals. Rookie and wildcard successes in the past should encourage the newcomers in their quest to take on the established frontrunners, with history saying it's more than possible to win races – or even the Cup. The 5.5km venue is a uniquely challenging layout and puts every rider through their paces, as well as giving them experience of a track they'll race at twice during the season.

That season starts now and there's another Idemitsu Asia Talent Cup to play for, with testing laying the foundations on the 9th and 10th February.

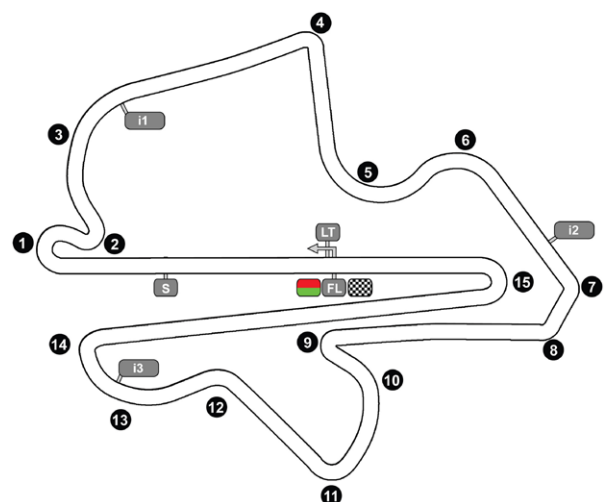


CIRCUIT DATA

Pole Position:	Left
Length:	5.543 km / 3.444 miles
Width:	16m
Corners:	15 (10 right, 5 left)
Longest Straight:	920 m / 0.572 miles
Constructed:	1998
Modified:	-

Idemitsu Asia Talent Cup Data

Circuit Record Lap (2017) : 2'16.674 (DRY) / C.Oncu (TUR)
Circuit Best Lap (2017): 2'17.527 (DRY) / C.Oncu (TUR)
Pole Position (2017): 2'16.674 (DRY) / C.Oncu (TUR)



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