

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Outlines 2018 Motorsports Activities

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing positions motorsports activities as the basis of its quest to create ever-better cars. From products developed through these activities to the establishment of the GR Garage (sales outlet), TOYOTA GAZOO Racing's motorsports activities have been promoted as a comprehensive method of increasing numbers of car fans.

In order to provide to a wider audience the anticipation and excitement of driving, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will engage in the motorsports activities in 2018 listed below.



2018 WRC Round 1: Monte Carlo



2018 WEC TS050 HYBRID

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will race as a manufacturer team under the TOYOTA GAZOO Racing name in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC), the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC), and the Nürburgring 24 Hours endurance race on a global level, and domestically in the Japanese Rally Championship.

In the U.S., Toyota will continue to compete in NASCAR events. In South America, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will support Toyota Auto Body Co., Ltd., who will participate in the following Dakar Rally.

In domestic races, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will attempt to retain their championships in both Super GT and the Japanese Super Formula Championship.

In its focus on cultivating young drivers who have the ability to compete in top racing categories throughout the world, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will continue to run the TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Challenge Program for rallies, as well as the Toyota Young Drivers Program (TDP) for races.

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will also continue to implement a range of initiatives aimed at encouraging a wider audience to experience the joy and increase their love of cars. To this end, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will host motorsports events that customers can participate and enjoy, such as the TOYOTA GAZOO Racing 86/BRZ Race, the TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Netz Cup Vitz Race, the TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Rally Challenge and a variety of circuit events; it will also hold the TOYOTA GAZOO Racing PARK hands-on event, in collaboration with dealers nationwide.

Last year, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing announced 9 models and 11 types in its GR series, which incorporate technologies and knowledge gleaned from TOYOTA GAZOO Racing's motorsports activities. In addition, as demonstrated by the GR Super Sport Concept unveiled at the Tokyo Auto Salon 2018 in January, Toyota is engaging in what is for the company an entirely new concept of creating commercial sports cars based on its racing vehicles.

Going forward, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will continue to work together with its affiliates to create ever-better cars through its motorsports activities. At the same time, through its products and its sales outlet, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing aims to satisfy the passion of car lovers, and bring the joy of cars to an even wider audience.

Outline of Toyota's 2018 Motorsports Activities

1) FIA World Rally Championship (WRC)

- TOYOTA GAZOO Racing positions the WRC series as an important platform to help promote its ever-better-cars initiatives, and started participating again in 2017.
- TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will race the Yaris WRC (Japan name: Vitz) developed in Finland under the leadership of Team Principal Tommi Mäkinen.
The engine is a 1.6-liter direct-injection turbo G14A, developed at Toyota Motorsport GmbH (TMG).

Team name	TOYOTA GAZOO Racing World Rally Team (WRT)
Team chairman	Akio Toyoda
Team principal	Tommi Mäkinen (Finland)
Vehicle	Yaris WRC (length: 4,085 mm; width: 1,875 mm)
Engine	G14A (1.6-liter direct-injection turbo with a maximum output of at least 380 horsepower)
Tires	Michelin

No.	Driver / Co-driver
7	Jari-Matti Latvala (Finland) / Miikka Anttila (Finland)
8	Ott Tänak (Estonia) / Martin Järveoja (Estonia)
9	Esapekka Lappi (Finland) / Janne Ferm (Finland)

2) FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC)

- The FIA World Endurance Championship has taken place every year since 2012.
- 2018–2019 is set to be a “Super Season” that begins with Spa-Francorchamps on May 5, 2018, and concludes with the 24 Hours of Le Mans on June 15–16, 2019.
- The 24 Hours of Le Mans will be held twice—in Round 2, on June 16–17, 2018, and in Round 8, on June 15–16, 2019—while Round 4, the 6 Hours of Fuji, will take place on October 21, 2018.
- TOYOTA GAZOO Racing is scheduled to compete in all 8 races with two of the improved TS050 HYBRID, developed and operated by TMG.
- **The THS-R(TOYOTA Hybrid System-Racing) powertrain, developed at TOYOTA Higashifuji Technical Center in Japan, not only follows the existing four-wheel regenerative/drive system, but also improves the reliability of the engine, electric motors/generators and batteries. These technologies will be leveraged to the mass-production hybrid and electric vehicles.**
- Mike Conway, Kamui Kobayashi and José María López will drive the No.7 car, while Sébastien Buemi, Kazuki Nakajima and Fernando Alonso, who will join as a newcomer, will drive the No.8 car for all races of the WEC. Anthony Davidson will continue to be part of the team as a Reserve and Development Driver.
- TS050 HYBRID will be equipped with Michelin tires.

Team	Vehicle	No.	Driver
TOYOTA GAZOO Racing	TS050 Hybrid	7	Mike Conway (UK)
			Kamui Kobayashi (Japan)
			José María López (Argentina)
		8	Sébastien Buemi (Switzerland)
			Kazuki Nakajima (Japan)
			Fernando Alonso (Spain)

3) Nürburgring 24 Hours Endurance Race

- TOYOTA GAZOO Racing positions the Nürburgring 24 Hours endurance race as the starting point of its activities aimed to make ever-better cars, and will participate for the 12th consecutive year in 2018. Through its participation in the race, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing seeks to activities aimed at developing its people and cars, and supports the development of Toyota's commercial vehicles.
- The 46th Nürburgring 24 Hours endurance race (official name: 46. ADAC Zurich 24h-Rennen) will take place on May 12–13, 2018.
- The newly developed Lexus LC will make its debut on the European motorsports scene at this year's Nürburgring 24 Hours endurance race. TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will enter 1 vehicle. Toyota mechanics and engineers developed a new Lexus LC to comply with the race regulations, and are currently putting it through a number of tests in preparation for the main event in May. The Lexus LC incorporates a number of advanced development technologies* that will be used in future sports cars and other commercial vehicles, and thereby aims to support the creation of ever-better cars.

Team	TOYOTA GAZOO Racing	
Vehicle / Class	Lexus LC / SP – PRO (planned)	
Main Specifications	Engine	2UR-GSE modified
	Tires	Bridgestone
Driver	Takeshi Tsuchiya (Japan)	
	Takamitsu Matsui (Japan)	
	Naoya Gamo (Japan)	
	Yuichi Nakayama (Japan)	

*The Lexus LC features the following advanced development technologies destined for future production vehicles.

- Body technology (reducing weight, increasing rigidity)
- Driver assistance technology (enhancing visibility, etc.)
- Aerodynamics technology
- Engine technology (increasing power by reducing friction, enhancing fuel economy, etc.)
- Suspension technology (reducing weight, increasing rigidity, enhancing responsiveness, etc.)

4) NASCAR

- Toyota will continue to compete in the NASCAR series through Toyota Motor North America and T.R.D U.S.A., Inc...
- Toyota will compete with the Toyota Camry in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. The Toyota Camry and the Toyota Tundra will compete in the NASCAR Xfinity Series and the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, respectively.
- All vehicles will be fitted with Goodyear tires.

Toyota Teams and Drivers for the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series

Team	No.	Driver
Joe Gibbs Racing	11	Denny Hamlin (U.S.)
	18	Kyle Busch (U.S.)
	19	Daniel Suárez (Mexico)
	20	Erik Jones (U.S.)
Furniture Row Racing	78	Martin Truex Jr. (U.S.)

5) Dakar Rally

- Toyota regularly supports Team Land Cruiser Toyota Auto Body (TLC), which competes in the Dakar Rally with Toyota Land Cruiser 200.
- At the Dakar Rally 2018 held in January this year, car No. 328 retired in the first half of the race. However, car No.337 finished in first place in the Production Vehicle Division, giving TLC its fifth consecutive victory and Akira Miura his first win.

Vehicle	Driver / Co-driver		Position in Production Vehicle Division ¹	Position in Diesel Class ²	Overall Position
Car no. 328	Driver	Christian Lavieille (France)	Retired in the first half of the rally		
	Co-driver	Jean Pierre Garcin (France)			
Car no. 337	Driver	Akira Miura (Japan) ³	1st	1st	25th
	Co-driver	Laurent Lichtleuchter (France)			

1 Includes gasoline and diesel classes

2 TLC competed in the diesel class of the production vehicle division

3 Toyota Auto Body Employee

- Also, many teams including global Toyota group, are challenging the Dakar Rally with Toyota's vehicles.
- TOYOTA GAZOO Racing South Africa (TGRSA) won second and third place overall, Hino Team Sugawara (Hino Motors) won nine consecutive titles in the truck category (less than 10 liters displacement class).

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing South Africa

Vehicle	Driver / Co-driver		Overall Position
Car no.301	Driver	N. Al-Attiyah (Qatar)	2nd
	Co-driver	M. Baumel (France)	
Car no.304	Driver	G. de Villiers (South Africa)	3th
	Co-driver	D. Von Zitzewitz (Germany)	
Car no.309	Driver	B. Ten Brink (Netherlands)	Retired
	Co-driver	M. Perin (France)	

HINO Team Sugawara

Vehicle	Driver / Co-driver		Truck category (less than 10 liters displacement class)
Car no.521	Driver	Yoshimasa Sugawara (Japan)	Retired
	Co-driver	Katsumi Hamura (Japan)	
Car no.511	Driver	Teruhito Sugawara (Japan)	1st
	Co-driver	Mitsugu Takahashi (Japan)	

6) SUPER GT

(1) GT500 Class

- Super GT series is the top category of Japanese car racing.
- In 2018, LEXUS GAZOO Racing will continue to enter the Lexus LC 500.
- LEXUS GAZOO Racing will support 6 teams and 6 vehicles through TRD.

Class	Team	Vehicle	No.	Driver	Tires
GT500	LEXUS TEAM KeePer TOM'S	KeePer TOM'S LC500	1	Ryo Hirakawa (Japan)	BS
				Nick Cassidy (New Zealand)	
	LEXUS TEAM LEMANS WAKO'S	WAKO'S 4CR LC500	6	Kazuya Oshima (Japan)	BS
				Felix Rosenqvist (Sweden)	
	LEXUS TEAM WedsSport BANDO H	WedsSport ADVAN LC500	19	Yuji Kunimoto (Japan)	YH
				Kenta Yamashita (Japan)	
	LEXUS TEAM au TOM'S	au TOM'S LC500	36	Kazuki Nakajima (Japan)	BS
				Yuhi Sekiguchi (Japan)	
	LEXUS TEAM ZENT CERUMO	ZENT CERUMO LC500	38	Yuji Tachikawa (Japan)	BS
				Hiroaki Ishiura (Japan)	
	LEXUS TEAM SARD	DENSO KOBELCO SARD LC500	39	Heikki Kovalainen (Finland)	BS
				Kamui Kobayashi (Japan)	

Tire Brand: BS: Bridgestone; YH: Yokohama

(2) GT300 Class

- In the GT300 class, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will enter 2 Toyota Prius and 3 Lexus RC F GT3 models.

Class	Team	Vehicle	No.	Driver	Tires
GT300	apr	Toyota Prius apr GT	30	Hiroaki Nagai (Japan)	YH
				Kota Sasaki (Japan)	
		Toyota Prius apr GT	31	Koki Saga (Japan)	BS
				Kohei Hirate (Japan)	
	arto-Panther Team Thailand	arto RC F GT3	35	Nattavude Charoensukhawatana (Thailand)	YH
				Nattapong Hortongkum (Thailand)	
	LM corsa	SYNTIUM LMcorsa RC F GT3	60	Hiroki Yoshimoto (Japan)	YH
				Ritomo Miyata (Japan)	
K-tunes Racing LM corsa	K-tunes RC F GT3	96	Morio Nitta (Japan)	BS	
			Yuichi Nakayama (Japan)		

Tire Brand: BS: Bridgestone; YH: Yokohama

7) Japanese Super Formula Championship

- The Japanese Super Formula Championship is the top category of Japanese formula racing.
- Through TRD, Toyota will supply the two-liter four-cylinder R14A direct-injection gasoline turbo engine for 11 vehicles in 6 teams.
- All vehicles will be equipped with tires made by Yokohama Rubber.

Team	No.	Driver
P.MU/CERUMO•INGING	1	Hiroaki Ishiura (Japan)
	2	Yuji Kunimoto (Japan)
Kondo Racing	3	Nick Cassidy (New Zealand)
	4	Kenta Yamashita (Japan)
Sunoco Team LeMans	7	TBD
	8	Kazuya Oshima (Japan)
carrozzeria Team KCMG	18	Kamui Kobayashi (Japan)
Team Impul	19	Yuhi Sekiguchi (Japan)
	20	Ryo Hirakawa (Japan)
Vantelin Team Tom's	36	Kazuki Nakajima (Japan)
	37	James Rossiter (UK)

8) Japanese Rally Championship

- Through participation in the Rally Championship, the greatest of all rallies in Japan, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will continue refining its people and its cars toward the creation of ever-better cars.
- Toyota staff will act as engineers and mechanics, and be involved in all aspects of participation from vehicle production to rallying.

Team	Vehicle	Drivers / Co-drivers	Engineers and Mechanics
TOYOTA GAZOO Racing	TGR Vitz CVT	Tomoyuki Shinkai / Yuichi Ando	Toyota Employees

9) Customer Motorsports (GT3)

- Through global sales and its customer support of the Lexus RC F GT3, LEXUS GAZOO Racing will enable customers from around the world to enjoy GT3 races, and contribute to enhancing the image of the Lexus brand. LEXUS GAZOO Racing will also provide feedback of technologies developed through its race activities to its commercial vehicles, and enhance the products.
- From 2018, the Lexus RC F GT3 will appear in more GT3 races in the United States, Europe, and Japan, as listed below:

Region	Series	Class	Team	Number of Vehicles
U.S.	IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship	GTD	3GT Racing	2
Europe	Blancpain GT Series	Pro	Emil Frey Lexus Racing	2
	VLN Langstrecken Meisterschaft Nurburgring	SP9	TBD	TBD
Japan	SUPER GT	GT300	See "6) SUPER GT (2) GT300 Class"	3
	Super Taikyu	ST-X	MAX Racing	1

10) Japan-Based Participatory Motorsport Events

In the hope of extending the enjoyment of driving, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will provide a full range of driving activities at venues around Japan in collaboration with the various regions and circuits, with increased support for people who would like to compete in participatory motorsports events such as races and rallies.

(1) TOYOTA GAZOO Racing 86/BRZ Race (organized by the Toyota Cars Race Association)

- The 86/BRZ Race started in 2013 and is a one-make race in which only Toyota 86Racing and Subaru BRZ RA Racing compete in. Since 2015, the race has been divided into the Professional Series and the Clubman Series. While many professional drivers who have raced in the Super GT and Super Formula compete in the Professional Series, only amateur drivers are allowed to compete in the Clubman Series.
- In 2018, there will be 8 rounds at 7 circuits throughout Japan. Races for both series will be held concurrently.
- From 2018, new regulations stipulate that only parts commercially available in Japan can be used. This will enable participants to compete with more equal conditions.

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing 86/BRZ Race Schedule

Round	Date	Location	Concurrent Events
Rd.1	March 31–April 1	Suzuka Circuit	Super Taikyu
Rd.2	April 28–29	Sportsland SUGO	Super Taikyu
Rd.3	May 27	Autopolis	Gold Cup
Rd.4	June 23–24	Okayama International Circuit	Okayama Challenge Cup
Rd.5	July 21–22	Fuji Speedway	Fuji Champion Race
Rd.6	August 18–19	Tokachi International Speedway	Hokkaido Clubman Cup
Rd.7	September 22–23	Twin Ring Motegi	Super Taikyu
Rd.8	October 27–28	Suzuka Circuit	Super Formula (JAF GP)

(2) TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Netz Cup Vitz Race (organized by the Toyota Cars Race Association)

- The Netz Cup Vitz Race is an amateur race open to anyone who drives a Vitz RS Racing or Vitz GR Sports Racing Package and holds a class A license.
It is a popular race with a strong and consistent fan-base, which started in 2000 and will mark its 19th year in 2018. The race is held across Japan, with more than half of the participants being beginner racers, and many female drivers participating as well.
In 2018, a total of 17 races are scheduled to be held at 7 circuits in 5 regions (Hokkaido, Tohoku, Kanto, Kansai, and Western Japan), with additional special rounds.
- In addition to 5-speed MT vehicles, from this season Super CVT-i (Super Continuously Variable Transmission-intelligent) vehicles will also be eligible to participate.

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Netz Cup Vitz Race Schedule (Provisional)

Hokkaido Series

Round	Date	Location	Concurrent Events
Rd.1	May 20	Tokachi International Speedway	Hokkaido Clubman Cup
Rd.2	August 19	Tokachi International Speedway	Hokkaido Clubman Cup
Rd.3*	October 14	Tokachi International Speedway	Hokkaido Clubman Cup

Tohoku Series

Round	Date	Location	Concurrent Events
Rd.1	April 15	Twin Ring Motegi	SUGO Champion Cup
Rd.2	May 13	Sportsland SUGO	SUGO Champion Cup
Rd.3*	August 26	Sportsland SUGO	SUGO Champion Cup

Kanto Series

Round	Date	Location	Concurrent Events
Rd.1	May 3-4	Fuji Speedway	Super GT
Rd.2	June 10	Twin Ring Motegi	Motegi Champion Cup
Rd.3	July 21-22	Fuji Speedway	Fuji Champion Race
Rd.4	October 6-7	Fuji Speedway	Fuji Champion Race

Kansai Series

Round	Date	Location	Concurrent Events
Rd.1	March 17-18	Suzuka Circuit	Suzuka Clubman Race
Rd.2	April 21-22	Okayama International Circuit	Okayama Challenge Cup
Rd.3	June 17	Suzuka Circuit	Suzuka Clubman Race
Rd.4	October 21	Okayama International Circuit	Okayama Challenge Cup

Western Japan Series

Round	Date	Location	Concurrent Events
Rd.1	May 27	Autopolis	Gold Cup
Rd.2	July 15	Autopolis	Super Taikyū
Rd.3*	November 11	Autopolis	Gold Cup

Special round

Round	Date	Location	Concurrent Events
Grand Final	TBD	TBD	TBD

*2 races will be held on the same day.

(3) TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Rally Challenge (organized by the TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Rally Challenge Office)

- The TGR Rally Challenge is a series of one-day rallies held only on Sundays for easy entry. It serves as an introduction to domestic rallies, and is held at locations across Japan. Part of the series' attraction lies in the fact that anybody with a class B license is eligible to enter with a hybrid or AT versions of 86, Vitz, and Aqua models.
- To supplement the existing TGR Rally Challenge Series, in 2018 a new TGR Rally Challenge Joint Cup Series will take place in Hokkaido and Kyushu. A special round will also be held at the foot of Mt. Fuji. The Shinshiro race, which will be held concurrently with the Japanese Rally Championship, will be an event for leading rally drivers in the Eastern and Western Series.

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Rally Challenge Series

Eastern Series

Date	Location	Prefecture	Race Format
April 22	Yatsugatake, Chino	Nagano	Original Round ¹
June 24	Shibukawa	Gunma	Original Round ¹
July 15	Hirosaki	Aomori	Cup Round ²
July 29	Ishikari	Hokkaido	Cup Round ²
September 23	Fukushima	Fukushima	Original Round ¹
November 4	Shinshiro	Aichi	To be held concurrently with the Japanese Rally Championship

Western Series

Date	Location	Prefecture	Race Format
March 25	Akitakata	Hiroshima	Cup Round ²
May 27	Katsuyama Dinosaur Forest Park	Fukui	Original Round ¹
August 26	Tango Peninsula	Kyoto	Cup Round ²
September 9	Karatsu	Saga	Cup Round ²
October 21	Takaoka Manyo	Toyama	Cup Round ²
November 4	Shinshiro	Aichi	To be held concurrently with the Japanese Rally Championship

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Rally Challenge Joint Cup Series

Hokkaido

Date	Regional Rally Name	Prefecture
January 14	32nd Ezo Endless Rally	Hokkaido
February 18	Hokkaido Blizzard Rally	
May 13	Super Tarmac 2018	
July 15	North Attack Rally	
July 29	Ezo Summer Rally 2018 (To be held concurrently with the Cup Round)	
September 1–2	2018 ARK Sprint 300	
October 6–7	Tokachi 2018	

Kyushu

Date	Regional Rally Name	Prefecture
March 24–25	MCA Capriccio 2018	Fukuoka
April 21–22	Himuka Rally 2018	Miyazaki
May 27	2018 ACK Spring Rally	Fukuoka
July 14–15	30th FMSC Mountain Rally 2018	Saga
September 8–9	Gravel Mind Rally 2018 in Karatsu (To be held concurrently with the Cup Round)	Saga
October 6–7	EAST Kyushu 2018	Oita

Special Round

Date	Location		Race Format
November 18	Foot of Mt. Fuji	Shizuoka Prefecture	Original Round ¹

1 Original Round: Held by TOYOTA GAZOO Racing only

2 Cup Round: Held in combination with the All-Japan Rally, district rallies, etc.

(4) TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Waku-Doki Circuit Events and Sports Driving Lessons

- TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will continue to provide a variety of lesson programs suited to the individual's skill level, ranging from lessons which are designed to teach the basic vehicle operations of driving, turning, and stopping, to high-level practical driving techniques.
- In total, 14 Regular Circuit Racing Programs designed for sports driving beginners will be held at circuits across Japan.
- TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will also offer sports driving lessons and step-up programs 9 times at circuits across Japan. These events are aimed at drivers wanting to improve their sports driving proficiency, or for those planning to compete in one-make races or rallies.
- In addition, at Mega Web in Tokyo, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will host a series of events where people can try full braking and slalom driving, and experience motorsports more easily.

a. Full braking and slalom experience

This program will provide a deeper understanding of vehicle behavior associated with driving, turning, and stopping operations.

b. Regular circuit racing program

This program will provide the experience of circuit driving.

c. Sports driving lessons

Lessons will be provided to help drivers advance their skills and prepare for competition in events such as the Netz Cup Vitz Race and the 86/BRZ Race.

a Full Braking and Slalom Experience at Mega Web

See the Mega Web website for event schedule (Japanese only):

http://www.megaweb.gr.jp/article/wakudoki_driving/

b "Waku Doki" Circuit Events Schedule (tentative) c Sports Driving Lesson Schedule (tentative)

Date	Location	Date	Location
April 24	Tsukuba Circuit	April 30	Sportsland SUGO
May 17	Okayama International Circuit	May 31	Okayama International Circuit
June 9	Autopolis (no.1)	June 10	Autopolis (no.1)
June 23	TS Takata Circuit	June 14	Fuji Speedway (no.1)
June 27	Fuji Speedway (mobilitas)	September 5	Twin Ring Motegi
July 4	Twin Ring Motegi	October 12	Fuji Speedway (no.2)
July 15	Nihonkai Maze Circuit	October 23	Suzuka Circuit
August 11	Ebisu Circuit	October 30	Tsukuba Circuit
August 15	Fuji Speedway	November 5	Autopolis (no.2)
September 2	Asan Circuit		
September 11	Suzuka Circuit		
September 22	Tokachi International Speedway		
November 4	Autopolis (no.2)		
November 9	Sportsland SUGO		

11) Driver Development Initiatives in Japan

(1) TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Rally Challenge Program

- This program started in 2015 with the goal of cultivating young rally drivers to be able to compete on the world stage.
- Under the supervision of Tommi Mäkinen, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will continue to develop young drivers through participation in actual rallies, with a focus on WRC2.

Driver	Co-driver
Takamoto Katsuta (Japan)	Marko Salminen (Finland)
Hiroki Arai (Japan)	Glenn MacNeall (Australia)

2018 Schedule

	Date	Event	Surface	Vehicle
1	January 25–27	Arctic Lapland Rally (Finnish Rally Championship Round 1)	Ice/snow	Ford Fiesta R5
2	February 15–18	Rally Sweden (FIA World Rally Championship Round 2)	Snow	
3	March 23–25	Rally Il Ciocco e Valle del Serchio (Italian Rally Championship Round 1)	Tarmac	
4	April 5–8	Rally France (FIA World Rally Championship Round 4)	Tarmac	
5	Early May	TBD	Gravel	
6	May 17–20	Rally Portugal (FIA World Rally Championship Round 6)	Gravel	
7	June 7–10	Rally Italy (FIA World Rally Championship Round 7)	Gravel	
8	July 12–14	Autoglym Rally (Finland)	Gravel	
9	July 26–29	Rally Finland (FIA World Rally Championship Round 8)	Gravel	
10	August 31– September 1	Enset Oy SM-Ralli (Finnish Rally Championship Round 6)	Gravel	

Co-driver Development Program

- This program started in 2017 with the goal of cultivating Japanese co-drivers to be able to compete on the world stage.
- In 2018, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will continue to develop its co-drivers through participation in actual rallies on a variety of surfaces, including its first appearance in WRC2.

Driver	Co-driver
Jarkko Nikara (Finland)	Sayaka Adachi (Japan)

2018 Schedule

Date	Event		Vehicle
January 25–27	Arctic Lapland Rally (Finnish Rally Championship Round 1)	Ice/snow	Subaru Impreza WRX STI (R4)
February 15–18	Rally Sweden (FIA World Rally Championship Round 2)	Snow	Ford Fiesta R5
March 3	SM Itäralli (Finnish Rally Championship Round 3)	Snow	Subaru Impreza WRX STI (R4)
March 23–25	Rally Il Ciocco e Valle del Serchio (Italian Rally Championship Round 1)	Tarmac	Ford Fiesta R2
May 18–19	SM O.K. Auto-ralli (Finnish Rally Championship Round 4)	Gravel	Subaru Impreza WRX STI (R4)
June 15–16	Pohjanmaa Ralli (Finnish Rally Championship Round 5)	Gravel	Subaru Impreza WRX STI (R4)
July 12–14	Autoglym Rally (Finland)	Gravel	Ford Fiesta R5
July 26–29	Rally Finland (FIA World Rally Championship Round 8)	Gravel	Ford Fiesta R5
August 31 –September 1	Enset Oy SM-Ralli (Finnish Rally Championship Round 6)	Gravel	Subaru Impreza WRX STI (R4)

(2) Toyota Young Drivers Program (TDP)

- This program supports young drivers to be able to compete in top racing categories around the world.
- The program is dedicated to identifying new talent, and provides a framework to hone the abilities of participants, depending on their particular strengths.
- Ryo Hirakawa will return to Super Formula, while Kenta Yamashita will step up to the Super GT GT500 class.
- Ritomo Miyata, who has won the FIA F4 Japanese Championship for 2 consecutive years, will also participate in the Super GT GT300 class.

List of Toyota Young Drivers Program Participants for 2018

Driver	Race Category	Team	Remarks / 2017 Results
Kenta Yamashita	SUPER GT (GT500)	LEXUS TEAM WedsSport BANDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SUPER GT GT300 (5th overall in series) •Japanese Super Formula Championship (11th overall in series)
	Japanese Super Formula Championship	Kondo Racing	
Sho Tsuboi	Japanese Formula 3 Championship	Corolla Chukyo Kuo Team Tom's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Japanese Formula 3 Championship (2nd overall in series) •SUPER GT GT300 (3rd overall in series)
	SUPER GT (GT300)	Tsuchiya Engineering	
Ritomo Miyata	Japanese Formula 3 Championship	Corolla Chukyo Kuo Team Tom's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Japanese Formula 3 Championship (4th overall in series) •FIA-F4 Japanese Champion
	SUPER GT (GT300)	LM corsa	

2018 Race Categories for Toyota Young Drivers Program Graduates

Driver	Race Category	Team
Kazuki Nakajima	FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC)	TOYOTA GAZOO Racing
	SUPER GT (GT500)	LEXUS TEAM au TOM'S
	Japanese Super Formula Championship	Vantelin Team Tom's
Kamui Kobayashi	FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC)	TOYOTA GAZOO Racing
	SUPER GT (GT500)	LEXUS TEAM SARD
	Japanese Super Formula Championship	carrozeria Team KCMG
Hiroaki Ishiura	SUPER GT (GT500)	LEXUS TEAM ZENT CERUMO
	Japanese Super Formula Championship	P.MU/CERUMO·INGING
Kohei Hirate	SUPER GT (GT300)	apr
Kazuya Oshima	SUPER GT (GT500)	LEXUS TEAM LEMANS WAKO'S
	Japanese Super Formula Championship	Sunoco Team LeMans

Yuji Kunimoto	SUPER GT (GT500)	LEXUS TEAM WedsSport BANDO H
	Japanese Super Formula Championship	P.MU/CERUMO・INGING
Ryo Hirakawa	SUPER GT (GT500)	LEXUS TEAM KeePer TOM'S
	Japanese Super Formula Championship	Team Impul
Yuichi Nakayama	Nürburgring 24 Hours endurance	TOYOTA GAZOO Racing
	SUPER GT (GT300)	K-tunes Racing LM corsa

■ Formula Toyota Racing School (FTRS)

- The school aims to discover and cultivate racing drivers to be able to compete in top racing categories both in Japan and around the world. It also seeks to widen the base of the motorsports pyramid in a healthy manner by educating people on correct driving skills.
- Support for race participation in future seasons will be provided to students deemed to have the greatest driving potential.
(FTRS dates for 2018 are undecided.)

■ FIA F4 Japanese Championship

- TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will support young drivers competing in the FIA F4 Japanese Championship, which is the entry class formula category.
- 7 events and 14 races have been scheduled.

12) 5 Continents Drive Project

- Toyota began its 5 Continents Drive Project in Australia in 2014. with the same aim for “ever-better cars” as motorsports activities of TOYOTA GAZOO Racing. Employees drive Toyota vehicles by diverse types of roads used by customers around the world, gaining experience and knowledge of road conditions that cannot be predicted or replicated on test courses. The understanding obtained in this exercise supports Toyota's goal of creating “ever-better cars”, and cultivates expertise in employees.

With the milestone year of 2020, when Tokyo hosts the Olympics and Paralympics approaching, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing continues to carry out its 5 Continents activities.

- In 2017, Toyota conducted the fourth leg of its project in Europe. Taking as its theme, “learning from the roads, diversity and culture of the birthplace of cars”, around 140 Japanese and local employees drove over approximately 21,000 km of roads in 23 countries. A total of 500 employees have now participated in the project as a whole.
- For the fifth leg of its project, Toyota plans to drive across Africa, the second largest and second most populous continent in the world. With its distinctive culture and climate, participants will experience harsh driving environments. The theme of the fifth leg will be: “Better understanding customer needs, local environments and what sort of cars will be optimally suited for the Africa of the future.”

Year	Continent	Distance driven	Number of days driven
2014	Australia	Approx. 20,000 km	72 days
2015	North America	Approx. 28,000 km	109 days
2016	Latin America	Approx. 20,000 km	84 days
2017	Europe	Approx. 21,000 km	85 days
2018	Africa	Approx. 15,000 km (planned)	Approx.2 months (planned)

13) GR Series and GR Garage

GR Series

Overview

In its aim to create ever-better cars, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing refines people and cars through a variety of motorsports activities, such as the Nürburgring 24 Hours endurance race. The GR Series is a newly established series for sports cars that have been developed using the knowledge and knowhow acquired by TOYOTA GAZOO Racing through its motorsports activities.

Main Characteristics

- Improved driving performance through increased body rigidity, specially tuned suspension, and other modifications
- Sporty exterior and interior designs

Model Structure

- GRMN: GRMN is the top tier of the GR series. Vehicles are sold in limited quantities and feature tuned engines
- GR: GR vehicles are mass-produced sports models that possess the essence of GRMN
- GR SPORT: Also available as minivans, GR SPORT vehicles offer drivers the chance to enjoy casual sports car driving experiences
- GR PARTS (only for Japan as of now): Aftermarket GR PARTS will be provided for customers to enjoy customizing their cars. The parts have been developed to improve driving functionality, and there are plans to add functional items to the line-up in the future.

Reference: List of GR Series Vehicles in Japan (announced on September 19 and November 21, 2017)

		Seating (Occupants)	Engine	Drive Train	Transmission
Vitz	GRMN ¹	5	2ZR-FE (1.8-liter supercharger)	2WD (FF)	6MT
	GR SPORT "GR"		1NZ-FE (1.5-liter)		5MT
	GR SPORT				Super CVT-i
					5MT
	1NZ-FXE (1.5-liter)	Super CVT-i			
	THS II				
Prius PHV	S "GR SPORT"	4	2ZR-FXE (1.8-liter)	2WD (FF)	THS II
	S "Navi Package / GR SPORT"				
Harrier	ELEGANCE "GR SPORT"	5	3ZR-FAE (2.0-liter)	2WD (FF)	Super CVT-i
				4WD	
			8AR-FTS (2.0-liter direct injection turbo)	4WD	6 Super ECT
Mark X	350RDS "GR SPORT"	5	2GR-FSE (3.5-liter)	2WD (FR)	6 Super ECT
	250S "GR SPORT"		4GR-FSE (2.5-liter)		
Voxy	ZS "GR SPORT"	7	3ZR-FAE (2.0-liter)	2WD (FF)	Super CVT-i
Noah	Si "GR SPORT"	7	3ZR-FAE (2.0-liter)	2WD (FF)	Super CVT-i
86	GR	5	FA20 (2.0-liter)	2WD (FR)	6MT
Aqua	G "GR SPORT"	5	1NZ-FXE (1.5-liter)	2WD (FF)	THS II
	G "GR SPORT / 17 inch Package"				
Prius α	S "Touring Selection/ GR SPORT"	5	2ZR-FXE (1.8-liter)	2WD (FF)	THS II
		7			

Super CVT-i: Super Continuously Variable Transmission-intelligent

THSII: TOYOTA Hybrid System II

6 Super ECT: Super Intelligent 6-speed Electronically Controlled Transmission (automatic)

1 Regarding sales of the Vitz GRMN in Japan

The Vitz GRMN is a limited edition model with only 150 units production. Customers can apply to purchase a Vitz GRMN at GR Garages nationwide as well as on the dedicated Vitz GRMN website (http://TOYOTA_GAZOO_Racing.com/pages/grmn/vitz) between April 9 to May 13, 2018. Should the total number of purchase applications exceed 150 units, successful applicants will be chosen by lottery on May 21.

GR Garage

Overview

In coordination with the launch of the GR series, a number of dealers in Japan are establishing a series of GR Garage shops in cooperation with TOYOTA GAZOO Racing. The garages will act as regional bases that aim to bring the joy of cars to a wide range of customers, with a focus on sports cars and motorsports.

Staffed at all times by dedicated GR Consultants, GR Garage provides a place where car-loving customers can talk with the staff and have fun. The garages will provide opportunities for customers to test-drive the 86 and GR series vehicles². In addition, they will sell custom parts and TGR collection items, host variety of events and activities, and create a place for adults and children to indulge their love of cars³.

GR Garage shops seek to become “the most exciting car shop in town”—a place where car fans can gather, engage in conversation, and share their love of cars. 39 GR Garage shops will be launched by the end of March 2018.

All AREA 86 shops will close by March 2018, and 39 GR Garage shops are scheduled to open within fiscal year 2017.

2 Test-drive vehicles will vary from garage to garage, depending on the models handled by the managing dealer.

3 GR Garage shops and activities will vary according to the managing dealer. For further details, please ask your local GR Garage.

List of GR Garage Shops (scheduled to open by the end of March 2018)

Shop Name	Dealer	Address	Scheduled Date of Opening
GR Garage MTG Hinodemachi	Miyagi Toyota Motor	2-3-7, Hinode-machi, Miyagino-ku, Sendai City	March 2018
GR Garage Yamagata Customize Factory	Yamagata Toyota Motor	11-24, Minamiichiban-cho, Yamagata City, Yamagata Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Mito Keyakidai	Ibaraki Toyota Motor	3210-2, Sakado-cho, Mito City, Ibaraki Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Takasaki IC	Gunma Toyota Motor	890-22, Shimano-machi, Takasaki City, Gunma Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Nagano	Nagano Toyota Motor	2465-1, Miyakubo, Saku City, Nagano Prefecture	March 2018
GR Garage Takatsuji	Aichi Toyota Motor	5-1, Takatsuji-cho, Showa-ku, Nagoya City	Open
GR Garage Suzuka Mie Toyota	Mie Toyota Motor	762, Kanbehonda-machi, Suzuka City, Mie Prefecture	Open
GR Garage ASAHI	Osaka Toyota Motor	2-21-3, Takadono, Asahi-ku, Osaka City	March 2018
GR Garage Itsukaichi Inter	Hiroshima Toyota Motor	4-8-11, Ozuka, Asaminami-ku, Hiroshima City	Open
GR Garage Toyota Tsuchihashi	Nagoya Toyopet	2-5-3, Tsuchihashi-cho, Toyota City, Aichi Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Welcom Ritto	Shiga Toyopet	7-3-17, Ohashi, Ritto City, Shiga Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Takarazuka	Kobe Toyopet	2-2-18, Kohama, Takarazuka City, Hyogo Prefecture	March 2018
GR Garage CHAUPY Nara Tomigaoka	Nara Toyopet	3F, 6-8-3, Nakatomigaoka, Nara City, Nara Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Kurashiki	Okayama Toyopet	668, Nakashima, Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Yamaguchi CERUMO	Yamaguchi Toyopet	3-12-15, Ishinkoen, Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture	March 2018
GR Garage Sapporo Atsubetsudori	Toyota Corolla Sapporo	3-1-10, Atsubetsunishi 5-jo, Atsubetsu-ku, Sapporo City	Open
GR Garage Mito Inter	Toyota Corolla Shin Ibaraki	1532-1, Otsuka-cho, Mito City, Ibaraki Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Utsunomiya Tsukuruma Kobo	Toyota Corolla Tochigi	5-8-24, Yoto, Utsunomiya City, Tochigi Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Toyota Motomachi	Toyota Corolla Chukyo	3-1-2, Hirokute-cho, Toyota City, Aichi Prefecture	March 2018
GR Garage Nisshin Takenoyama	Toyota Corolla Nagoya	1-101, Takenoyama, Nisshin City, Aichi Prefecture	Open

GR Garage Suzuka Corolla Mie	Toyota Corolla Mie	107, Suda, Yasuzuka-cho, Suzuka City, Mie Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Komyouike	Toyota Corolla Nankai/ Netz Toyota Nankai	5-4-20, Fuseya-cho, Izumi City, Osaka-fu	Open
GR Garage Shunan INGING	Toyota Corolla Yamaguchi	4-140-5, Nozomi-cho, Kudamatsu City, Yamaguchi Prefecture	February 2018
GR Garage Fukuoka Airport	Toyota Corolla Fukuoka	1-11-23, Itazuke, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City	March 2018
GR Garage Netz Sport Chiba	Netz Toyota Chiba	70-1, Shinminato, Mihama-ku, Chiba City	Open
GR Garage Tokyo Wakabayashi	Netz Toyota Tokyo	2F, 3-13-1, Wakabayashi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo	Open
GR Garage Tama T's Factory	Netz Toyota Tama	1-27-3, Musashinodai, Fussa City, Tokyo	February 2018
GR Garage Toyama Shinjo	Netz Toyota Toyama	3-3-33, Shinjohonmachi, Toyama City, Toyama Prefecture	February 2018
GR Garage Hakusan Inter	Netz Toyota Ishikawa	4-100, Kuratsuki, Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture	Open
GR Garage midress Toyota	Netz Toyota Chubu	7-18, Hosoya-cho, Toyota City, Aichi Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Toyota Nishikicho	Netz Toyota Higashi Nagoya	2-57, Nishiki-cho, Toyota City, Aichi Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Minato Meishi	Netz Toyota Nagoya	45, Chikumori-cho, Minato-ku, Nagoya City	March 2018
GR Garage Komaki	Netz Toyota Chukyo	14, Iryo, Muranaka, Komaki City, Aichi Prefecture	March 2018
GR Garage Yokkaichi	Netz Toyota Novel Mie	3-18, Jushichiken-cho, Yotsukaichi City, Mie Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Nishinomiya	Netz Toyota Kobe	2-12-2, Higashi-machi, Nishinomiya City, Hyogo Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Kobe Tarumi	Netz Toyota Hyogo	1464-3, Teraike, Myodani-cho, Tarumi-ku, Kobe City	Open
GR Garage Higashi Okayama	Netz Toyota Okayama	136-1, Koshita, Naka-ku, Okayama City, Okayama Prefecture	Open
GR Garage Auto Mall Tokushima	Netz Toyota Tokushima	5-1-300, Nakamaegawa-cho, Tokushima City, Tokushima Prefecture	March 2018
GR Garage Matsuyama	Netz Toyota Ehime	2-14-13, Kokudori, Matsuyama City, Ehime Prefecture	Open

14) Providing Venues for Car Fans

- TOYOTA GAZOO Racing intends to promote initiatives aimed at increasing the number of venues and opportunities for car enthusiasts and motorsports fans to gather and share their dreams, hopes, and enthusiasm for cars.

(1) TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Festival

This annual festival attracts a large number of car fans from racing cars to well-cared personal cars. TOYOTA GAZOO Racing plans to hold the festival again this year at Fuji Speedway on November 25.

(2) TOYOTA GAZOO Racing PARK

With the goal of encouraging more people to become interested in cars, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will hold a variety of events aimed at people of all ages.

This year, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing intends to host events that are more intimately connected to local communities, and expand its activities aimed at creating car fans in every part of the country.

(3) TOYOTA GAZOO Racing WOMAN

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing WOMAN was established with the goal of enabling women to enjoy cars and motorsports.

Same as last year, the initiative aims to help women become more familiar with motorsports by actually “seeing” and “driving” cars, viewing motorsports and experiencing hands-on urban tours. The initiatives will be continued and expanded this year.

(4) TOYOTA GAZOO Racing Exhibitions at Custom Car Shows in Japan

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing organizes displays at custom car shows in Japan, such as the annual Tokyo Auto Salon, which are held in January through February every year. These events enable Toyota to interact with car enthusiasts and incorporate feedback received from customers into product planning.