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## Tremendous interest in ADAC Formula 4 for 2016

- Entries received so far for the 2016 season have exceeded all expectations
- Every young talent will get a chance to line up in the ADAC Formula 4
- Even more action: Qualifying race will ensure plenty of excitement at race weekends

Munich. Interest in the newly introduced ADAC Formula 4 continues unabated. More than 50 entries have already been received for the 2016 season since the start of the registration period, a considerable increase to the 42 entrants permitted this year. A change to race proceedings will be made with the introduction of a qualifying race in order to afford every young talent the opportunity to line up in the ADAC Formula 4 next season.

"We remained optimistic about 2016 after the huge success enjoyed by the ADAC Formula 4 in its debut year. So far, though, the high demand has exceeded all our expectations," said a delighted ADAC Sports President Hermann Tomczyk with reference to the keen interest shown.

"After carefully considering all the facts, we decided not to reject any driver's entry and give all young talents a sporting chance of a start in the ADAC Formula 4," added ADAC Director Motorsport and Classic Motoring Lars Soutschka, explaining the reasons behind the change in the sporting regulations.

The plan is to stage free practice and qualifying in two groups next year. The fastest drivers in the qualifying will qualify directly for the race. The young talents who finish below a yet-to-be-defined position will then have a second chance to secure a place on the starting grid for the three races during a 20-minute qualifying race. Entries for the 2016 ADAC Formula 4 are open until February 29th 2016.

The second ADAC Formula 4 season gets under way on the weekend of April 15th-17th, 2016 in the etropolis Motorsport Arena Oschersleben. The ADAC High-Speed Academy will stage seven race weekends under the banner of the ADAC GT Masters and will also participate in the joint fixture to be staged by the ADAC GT Masters and the DTM at the Lausitzring. TV partner SPORT1 has secured the live TV rights to the ADAC Formula 4 up to and including 2017 well ahead of the deadline and will broadcast the races live on free-to-air TV as well as online and on mobile devices.

The ADAC Formula 4 will again rely on the services of tried and trusted partners for the 2016 season using racing cars with chassis from Italian manufacturer Tatuus and Abarth turbocharged engines. Italian premium tyre manufacturer Pirelli, who are well-known from Formula 1 and ADAC GT Masters, and Motec will supply the ADAC Formula 4. Eibach spring and suspension manufacturers and DEKRA, one of the world's leading expert organisations, are also partners to the series. Auto Zeitung will continue as official media partners.

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