

Azure Corazón

Representing: Venezuela

Team Description: Two of Venezuela's greatest racers, Alejandra and Ivan Ortíz, established Azure Corazón as a way to continue their adoration for racing—and as a figurative way of having their own family. Instead of selecting the best racers around the world, Alejandra and Ivan chose young, aspiring racers to represent their team. There were obvious hiccups during the team's initial start-up, but after years of participating in many racing circuits and bonding with each other, Azure Corazón became skilled enough to be within the top ten in every major race. Azure Corazón follows the principle of not needing to be blood-related in order to be family. Alejandra is primarily the one who coaches Juliana Vázquez, Nellie Sheperd, and Koji Hino.

Coach: Alejandra Ortíz

Age: 56

Sex: Female

Race/Ethnicity: Latina, Venezuelan

Hailing Country: Venezuela

Character Description

Alejandra Ortíz is one of the best racers in Venezuela, always reaching within the top three of every race she's been in. She even defeated her husband, Ivan Ortíz, one on one in their retirement race. After their racing career, Alejandra and Ivan attempted to start a family, but sadly realized that Alejandra was incapable of making a child. Instead of directly adopting a child, the two created Azure Corazón to continue their passion for racing while "raising children of their own"—essentially. Despite her students not being blood-related and even being a completely different race from her, Alejandra still treats every member of Azure Corazón as family.

Racer #444: Juliana Vázquez

Age: 33

Sex: Female

Race/Ethnicity: Latina, Brazilian

Hailing Country: Brazil

Character Description

Juliana Vázquez always wanted to be a racer, but her parents couldn't financially support her. Despite her situation, Juliana still attempted to fulfill her racing desires by participating in minor, local racing circuits while working a nine-to-five job. Juliana's hard work almost seemed futile, for there would be a point when she could no longer support herself and her family. One day, Alejandra Ortiz traveled to Brazil—in hopes of finding a suitable first member for Azure Corazón; Juliana was lucky to be in the area. She begged Alejandra to pick her as the first member of Azure Corazón until it resulted in the two having a quick one-on-one race in a local racing circuit. Although Juliana lost, Alejandra decided that Juliana was worthy to be Azure Corazón's first member. Over the years, Juliana and her teammates faced many severe losses, but soon became good enough to compete globally. Azure Corazón's members treat Juliana as the eldest sister; Juliana fits the role because of her ambitious and noble attitude. Juliana even preaches to always respect their opponents, even attempting to find some respect in Blood Comets' Hidalgo Alcantara—keyword, "attempting".

Racer #701: Nellie Sheperd

Age: 30

Sex: Female

Race/Ethnicity: White, European (British)

Hailing Country: United Kingdom

Character Description

Nellie Sheperd is a high-spirited, boisterous individual with a mouth of a cursing sailor. She is also a talented singles racer, and has been for a while. Despite her extroverted personality, Nellie was never happy because she had difficulty gaining and maintaining her friends, making her feel extremely lonely. Moreover, she never had any family members she could interact with. However, once Azure Corazón scouted and recruited her, Nellie's sense of loneliness gradually dissipated. Nellie can finally enjoy racing at its fullest while continuing to have the mouth of a cursing sailor. She especially showcases her displeasure towards Blood Comets

specifically because she feels they don't treat each other like family—like they're supposed to.

Racer #442: Koji Hino

Age: 31

Sex: Female

Race/Ethnicity: Asian, Japanese

Hailing Country: Japan

Character Description

Koji Hino's family members typically undermined his feelings and usually pushed their own agendas on him. His family chose a doctor, a lawyer, an engineer, or any other lucrative career as his destiny; however, Koji's only passion was racing. Surprisingly, Koji's family gave him a chance to indulge in his desires, but when Koji lost a single race, they attempted to coerce him to stop, claiming racing was not for him. Koji could no longer handle his familial situation and left his home country. Luckily for Koji, his racing aspirations landed him a spot in Azure Corazón. Alejandra and the rest of his teammates treated Koji well and even respected his dreams. Although still introverted to this day, Koji feels a sense of belonging within Azure Corazón.
