SPEED FREAKS

London, September 1999 - Sony Computer Entertainment Europe (SCEE) has announced the forthcoming release of Speed Freaks a superb multi-player no-rules arcade style cart racing game developed exclusively for PlayStation by Funcom in Dublin.

In Speed Freaks six insane children break out of the schoolyard to tear up the roads in their own super-powered racing karts. In a greedy race for victory, these Speed Freaks use all manner of tricks, power-ups and short cuts to cheat their way to the finish. They're ultra-competitive and determined to win...

Unlike most kart racers Speed Freaks uses a real physics model based on real track carts but also of road quad bikes to provide a genuine feel to the characters and to provide a realistic racing challenge. Throughout every course there are dozens of pick-ups to collect, these take two forms; turbo pick-ups, and power-ups including heat seeking missiles, slime, machine guns and a mysterious stealth shield.

Speed Freaks is designed to make racing as exhilarating, competitive and most of all, as much fun as it possibly can be. It sports a challenging one-player tournament mode which allows players to take on 12 tracks (4 initial tracks with a further 8 waiting to be unlocked) packed with various environmental hazards, hairpin bends, airborne leaps and hidden short-cuts to add to the challenge.

Once additional tracks are made available, players can then enjoy them in Time Trial, 2-player Head-2-Head or Multi-player game modes. The tracks can also be rearranged to create Custom-leagues, meaning players can choose any number of their favourite tracks and race them in any order they want.

SCEE will also be releasing a limited edition Value Pack containing Speed Freaks and the Official Multi Tap, the accessory that allows up to four gamers to race each other simultaneously.

Speed Freaks boasts fantastic multi-player gameplay, beautiful graphics, superb track design, masses of short cuts and hidden areas, excellent sound and fantastic FMV. Speed Freaks is one of the fastest, smoothest and most importantly, fun games ever made – just don't play fair whatever you do!

Visit the Speed Freaks Website:
www.playstation-europe.com/speedfreaks

Developer: Funcom	Genre: Arcade Racing	No. of Players: 1-2 (1-4 with Multi Tap)
Peripherals: Multi Tap Analog Controller (DUAL SHOCK), Controller, Memory Card		