



# Race Preview

## 2017 HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX

28-30 July 2017

Round 11 of the 2017 Formula One World Championship, the last before the sport's summer break, sees teams travel to the Hungaroring, home of the Hungarian Grand Prix.

And after two races that accented raw power, in Britain and Austria, this weekend's grand prix presents teams and drivers with an altogether different kind of challenge – a tight and twisting 4.381km circuit that has much in common with a street circuit rather than a permanent facility.

The Hungaroring's swift changes of direction and sequences of medium and slow-speed corners offer little respite and while it is the slowest purpose-built track on the F1 calendar it provides a real physical test for the drivers, especially given that this time of year is frequently punishingly hot in the region.

The changes of direction mean that aerodynamic stability is a key consideration and teams will bring high downforce packages to the Hungaroring. Mechanical grip is equally highly prized, especially as the circuit is infrequently used and takes some time to 'rubber in' across the weekend. However, the extreme temperatures allied to significant lateral movement put tyres under heavy strain and thus Pirelli shies away from the very softest tyres in its range and this weekend offers its medium, soft and supersoft compounds.

Ahead the weekend the title battles tell two different tales. While a one-two for Mercedes in Britain handed the Silver Arrows a relatively comfortable 55-point lead over Ferrari at the top of the order, the Driver's title is far more finely balanced.

Championship leader Sebastian Vettel's seventh-place at Silverstone following a late-race puncture leaves the Ferrari driver a single point ahead of British GP winner and chief title rival Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes. Meanwhile, Hamilton's team-mate Valtteri Bottas continues to close in, his second place at Silverstone putting him 23 points behind Vettel. The virtual reset of the standings sets up a tantalising weekend as the title pacesetters battle it out to see who will head into the summer break with what could be a key psychological advantage.



### HUNGARORING

**Length of lap:**

4.381km

**Lap record:**

1:19.071 (Michael Schumacher, Ferrari, 2004)

**Start line/finish line offset:**

0.040km

**Total number of race laps: 70****Total race distance:**

306.630km

**Pitlane speed limits:**

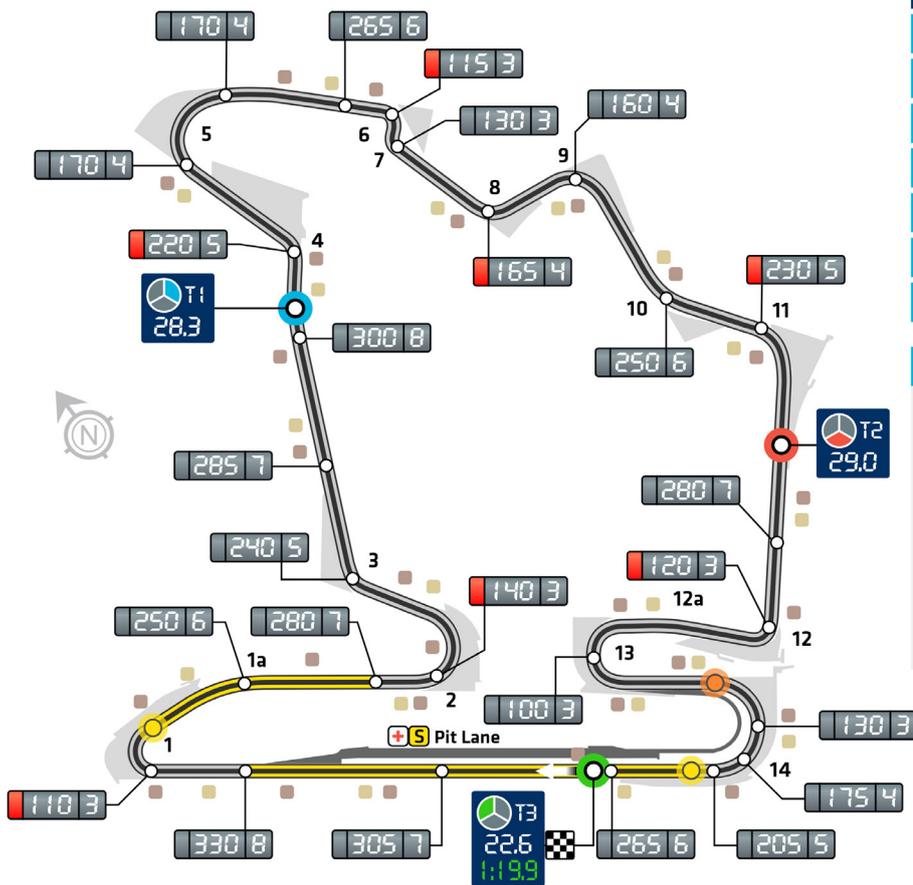
80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

**CIRCUIT NOTES**

- ▶ The tyre barriers have been increased in depth in places around the outside of Turns 1, 2, 4, 10, 11 and 12.
- ▶ A new debris fence has been installed on the left on the approach to Turn 1.
- ▶ New double kerbs have been installed on the exit of Turns 4 and 11.

**DRS ZONE**

- ▶ There will be two DRS zones at the Hungaroring, sharing a detection point 5m before Turn 14. Activation points are 130m after the apex of Turn 14 and 6m after the apex of Turn One.



<b>ROUND 11</b>	HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX
<b>RACE DATE:</b>	30 JUL 2017
<b>CIRCUIT NAME:</b>	HUNGARORING
<b>NUMBER OF LAPS:</b>	70
<b>START TIME</b>	14:00 Local - 12:00 GMT
<b>CIRCUIT LENGTH:</b>	4.381KM
<b>RACE DISTANCE:</b>	306.630KM
<b>LAP RECORD:</b>	1:19.071 - M Schumacher [2004]

KEY	
Speed Km/h	Timing Sector
Braking	Sector Time
Gear	Lap Time
Sector 1	Sector 2
Sector 3	
Circuit	Start
Finish	Run-off Areas
DRS Detection	DRS Activation
FIA Medical & Safety Cars	Marshal Posts
	Light Panels

Notes: Speed information based upon 2017 Simulation data  
 Gear information based upon 2016 Qualifying data  
 Lap & Sector times are based upon 2016 Qualifying data

## FAST FACTS

- ▶ This will be the 32nd Hungarian Grand Prix. The race, joined the Formula One calendar in 1986 and has been held at the Hungaroring ever since.
- ▶ Lewis Hamilton is Formula One's most successful driver at the Hungaroring, with five victories so far. He won with McLaren in 2007, 2009 and 2012 then with Mercedes in 2013 and 2016. The Hungaroring is one of four venues at which the Briton has won five times or more. He has won at Montreal's Circuit Gilles Villeneuve six times and at Silverstone and China's Shanghai International Circuit five times.
- ▶ Hamilton's 2016 win put him one clear of previous Hungary win record holder Michael Schumacher. The German is followed by Ayrton Senna (3).
- ▶ Aside from Hamilton, four previous Hungarian Grand Prix winner are set to line up on the grid this weekend. Fernando Alonso took his maiden win here in 2003 with Renault, Kimi Räikkönen won in 2005 for McLaren, Daniel Ricciardo won with Red Bull Racing in 2014 and Sebastian Vettel took victory with Ferrari in 2015.
- ▶ McLaren is by far the most successful constructor at this race, with 11 victories, four more than closest rival, Williams. Ferrari have six wins, while Red Bull Racing and Mercedes are the only other multiple Hungarian GP winners with two victories apiece.
- ▶ Michael Schumacher has the most pole positions here, with seven. Hamilton is next with five. Three other current drivers have started this race from the front of the grid: Alonso (2003, 2009), Vettel (2010, 2011) and Räikkönen in 2006.
- ▶ Apart from Alonso, three other drivers have registered their maiden win in Hungary. Damon Hill won for Williams in 1993, Jenson Button took victory for Honda in 2006, while Heikki Kovalainen won with McLaren in 2008.
- ▶ Jos Verstappen, father of current Red Bull Racing driver Max, scored his first career podium finish at the Hungarian Grand Prix in 1994, with Benetton. The elder Verstappen's only other podium appearance was at the Belgian Grand Prix in the same year. Max, meanwhile, has a best finish of fourth in Hungary, in 2015. The teenage driver has eight career podiums to his credit so far, however.
- ▶ Aside from Jos Verstappen, three other drivers have stood on the podium for the first time in their career. Pedro de la Rosa was second for McLaren in 2006, Timo Glock was second for Toyota in 2008 and Daniil Kvyat took the same position for Red Bull Racing in 2015.
- ▶ Räikkönen is tied with Ayrton Senna and Michael Schumacher as the driver with the most podium appearances at the Hungaroring, with seven. The Finn has one win, as mentioned, five second places (2003, '07, '09, '12, '13) and one third place in 2008 to his credit. Räikkönen's Budapest podium tally is not his greatest, however. He has a remarkable eight podium finishes at the Bahrain Grand Prix.

# RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

## GARRY CONNELLY

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT, FIA INSTITUTE; DIRECTOR, GLOBAL INSTITUTE FOR MOTOR SPORT SAFETY; DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MOTOR SPORT SAFETY; F1, WTCC STEWARD; FIA WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL MEMBER**

Garry Connelly has been involved in motor sport since the late 1960s. A long-time rally competitor, Connelly was instrumental in bringing the World Rally Championship to Australia in 1988 and served as Chairman of the Organising Committee, Board member and Clerk of Course of Rally Australia until December 2002. He has been an FIA Steward and FIA Observer since 1989, covering the FIA's World Rally Championship, World Touring Car Championship and Formula One Championship. He is a director of the Australian Institute of Motor Sport Safety and of the Global Institute of Motor Sport Safety. He is a member of the FIA World Motor Sport Council.



## TIM MAYER

**FIA ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE USA, FIA STEWARD**

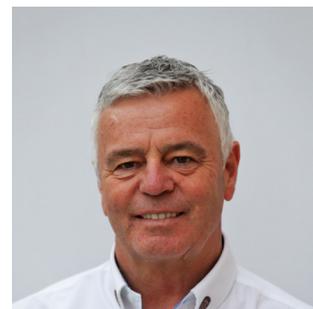
As the son of former McLaren team principal Teddy Mayer, Tim Mayer grew up around motor sport. He organised IndyCar races internationally from 1992-98, aided the construction of several circuits, and produced international TV for multiple series. In 1998 he became CART's Senior VP for Racing Operations. He also became VP of ACCUS, the US ASN. In 2003, Mayer became COO of IMSA, operating multiple series at all levels, and also took on the role of COO and Race Director of the American Le Mans Series. He was elected an independent Director of ACCUS and FIA US Alternate Delegate, responsible for US World Championship events.



## DEREK WARWICK

**FORMER FORMULA ONE DRIVER AND WORLD SPORTSCAR CHAMPION**

Derek Warwick raced in 146 grands prix from 1981 to 1993, appearing for Toleman, Renault, Brabham, Arrows and Lotus. He scored 71 points and achieved four podium finishes, with two fastest laps. He was World Sportscar Champion in 1992, driving for Peugeot. He also won Le Mans in the same year. He raced Jaguar sportscars in 1986 and 1991 and competed in the British Touring Car Championship between 1995 and 1998, as well as a further appearance at the Le Mans in 1996, driving for the Courage Competition team. Warwick is a frequent FIA driver steward and is President of the British Racing Drivers' Club.







# FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY

**Press conference** 1500

## FRIDAY

**Practice session 1** 1000-1130

**Practice session 2** 1400-1530

**Press conference** 1600

## SATURDAY

**Practice session 3** 1100-1200

**Qualifying** 1400-1500

Followed by unilateral and press conference

## SUNDAY

**Drivers' Parade** 1230

**Race** 1400

Followed by podium interviews and press conference

## ADDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

### QUALIFYING

All drivers eliminated in Q1 or Q2 will be available for media interviews after the end of each session, as will drivers who participated in Q3, but who are not required for the post-qualifying press conference. The TV Pen is located in front of the entrance to the media centre.

### RACE

Any driver retiring before the end of the race will be made available at the TV pen interview area. In addition, during the race every team will make available at least one senior spokesperson for interview by officially accredited TV crews. A list of those nominated will be made available in the media centre.

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