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FIA FORMULA E CHAMPIONSHIP LONG BEACH E-PRIX

Formula E is the FIA's new single-seater championship and the world's first fully-electric racing series. The fifthrace – or ePrix - takes place on Saturday, March 14 2014, in Miami, USA, on a temporary circuit along Biscayne Bay and around the AmericanAirlines Arena.

The inaugural season runs from September 2014 to June 2015, competing in some of the world's leading cities including London, Beijing, Moscow and Miami. For the inaugural season, 10 teams, each with two drivers, go head-to-head creating a unique and exciting racing series designed to appeal to a new generation of motorsport fans, whilst also helping to promote sustainability.



After a successful US debut in Miami – attracting crowds of more than 30,000 – the sixth allelectric FIA Formula E Championship race takes place on Saturday, April 4 2015, in Long Beach, USA. The 10 teams and 20 drivers will compete on a modified configuration of the iconic Southern Californian street circuit – a track steeped in history as the longest running street race in North America – celebrating its 40th anniversary last year – and with previous winners including legendary names such as Niki Lauda, Mario Andretti and Gilles Villeneuve.

To date, Formula E has seen five different winners from five thrilling races, showcasing the openness and competiveness of series. Last time out in Miami it was Nico Prost who secured victory in a race that showed just how important battery management and strategy has become in the series, with the e.dams driver fighting with Andretti's Scott Speed right until the very last corner. And with the driver line-up remaining the same as Miami, a first for the series, anticipation is growing ahead of the inaugural Long Beach ePrix.

EVENT DETAILS

Season so far (after Rd 5)

In the season-opener in Beijing it was Lucas di Grassi (Audi Sport Abt) who snatched victory after a dramatic last lap, last corner crash between long-time race-leader Nicolas Prost (e.dams-Renault) and Venturi's Nick Heidfeld. For round two in Putrajaya, Malaysia, it was Virgin Racing's Sam Bird who took the chequered flag after an impressive showing and clever use of battery management. Meanwhile, for the picturesque round three in Uruguay's Punta del Este, it was Sebastien Buemi (e.dams-Renault) who recorded his maiden Formula E win after another action-packed race. The Buenos Aires ePrix proved to be another first, this time for Amlin Aguri's Antonio Felix da Costa who secured his maiden win during a spectacular race. Last time out it was Prost who secured his first win, and the team's second, joined on the podium by debutant Scott Speed (Andretti) and Daniel Abt (ABT).

Teams & Drivers racing in Miami e-Prix (Rd 5)

Amlin Aguri: Antonio Felix da Costa & Salvador Duran

Andretti: Scott Speed & Jean-Eric Vergne Audi Sport ABT: Lucas di Grassi & Daniel Abt China Racing: Nelson Piquet Jr & Charles Pic Loic Duval & Jerome d'Ambrosio **Dragon Racing:** Nicolas Prost & Sebastien Buemi e.dams-Renault: Karun Chandhok & Bruno Senna Mahindra Racing: Trulli: Jarno Trulli & Vitantonio Liuzzi Venturi: Nick Heidfeld & Stephane Sarrazin Virgin Racing: Jaime Alguersuari & Sam Bird

Support race:

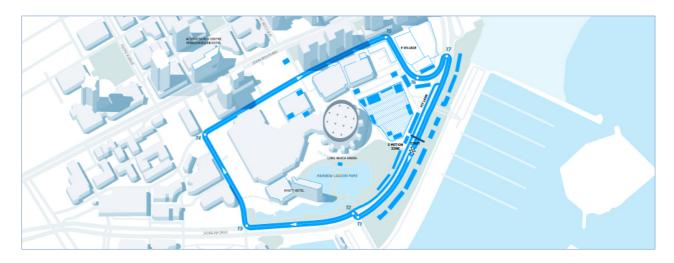
Formula E's official support race will take place ahead of the Long Beach ePrix. The FE School Series is an initiative for school children to build their own mini electric karts and race them on the full Formula E race track, encouraging students to learn more about sustainability and engineering.

Circuit Information:

Length:: 2.1km

Turns:7

Laps: 39 lap race



Drivers' standings (after Rd 5):

1. Nicolas Prost	67pts
2. Lucas di Grassi	60pts
3. Sam Bird	52pts
4. Nelson Piquet Jr	49pts
5. Sebastien Buemi	43pts
6. Antonio Felix da Costa	37pts
7. Jerome d'Ambrosio	34pts
8. Jaime Alguersuari	26pts
9. Daniel Abt	19pts
10. Franck Montagny	18pts

Teams' standings (after Rd 5):

1. e.dams-Renault Formula E	110pts
2. Audi Sport Abt Formula E	79pts
3. Virgin Racing Formula E	78pts
4. Andretti Formula E	62pts
5. Dragon Racing Formula E	56pts
6. China Racing Formula	49pts
7. Amlin Aguri Formula E	40pts
8. Mahindra Racing Formula E	36pts
9. Trulli Formula E	12pts
10. Venturi Formula E	8pts

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Overview

Formula E is the FIA's new single-seater championship and the world's first fully-electric racing series. The inaugural season began on September 2014 and runs until June 2015, competing in 11 of the world's leading cities including London, Berlin, Monaco, Moscow and Long Beach. For the inaugural season, 10 teams, each with two drivers, go head-to-head creating a unique and exciting racing series designed to appeal to a new generation of motorsport fans, whilst also helping to promote sustainability.

Car Spark Renault SRT 01E

For season one, all drivers use an identical fully-electric single-seater designed and built by Spark Racing technology together with a consortium of the leading manufacturers including McLaren, Williams, Renault, Michelin and Dallara.

Practice

For Long Beach, drivers have three non-qualifying practice sessions – each 25minutes. They will have up to two cars available to them giving them the option to change cars should they wish. Full power (200kw / 270bhp) will be available throughout.

Qualifying

The qualifying session is a straight fight for the fastest laptime and determines the order for the day's race. The session will last 55 minutes (40 minutes track) and see drivers divided into four groups of five cars, with each group having 10 minutes to set their best time. Full power (200kw / 270bhp) will be available throughout with drivers only able to use one car.

ePrix

Races will begin by standing start (no formation lap) and last for approximately 45 minutes with drivers making one mandatory pit stop in order to change cars. Power will be restricted to 'race mode' (150kw / 202.5bhp) but for those drivers with FanBoost, the power output can be temporarily increased to 180kw / 243bhp for 5 secs per car.

FanBoost

Fans can give their favourite driver an extra speed boost by voting for them prior to the race. The three drivers with the most votes will each receive a 5-second 'power boost' per car per driver, temporarily increasing their car's power from 150kw to 180kw. To vote visit http://fanboost.fiaformulae.com/

Points

Drives will score points using the standard FIA system of: 1st = 25pts, 2nd = 18pts, 3 = 15pts, 4th = 12pts, 5th = 10pts, 6th = 8pts, 7th = 6pts, 8th = 4pts, 9th = 2pts and 10th = 1pt. Three points will be awarded to the driver securing pole position, whilst the driver setting the fastest lap receives two points.

Timetable:

[All sessions take place in one day]

08:15 – 08:40 Non qualifying 1

09:25 - 09:50 Non qualifying 2

10:00 – 10:20 FE School Series (practice/qualifying)

10:35 - 11:00 Non qualifying 3

12:00 – 12:10 Qualifying group 1

12:15 – 12:25 Qualifying group 2

12:30 - 12:40 Qualifying group 3

12:45 - 12:55 Qualifying group 4

14:15 – 14:45 FE School Series

16:04 Race (39 laps)

Media Accreditation:

Renaissance Long Beach Hotel 111 E Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802, USA

Opening hours:

Thursday, April 2: 09:00-17:00 Friday, April 3: 09:00-17:00 Saturday, April 4: 07:00-10:00

Media Centre:

Located inside the Convention Centre Arena

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 09:00 – 18:00/late Saturday: 07:00 – Until late

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Shortly after the finish of the sessions, results of the event can be found on the following link:

http://www.fia.com/events/formula-e-championship/season-2014-2015/event-timing-information-1

And the championship standings:

http://www.fia.com/events/fia-formula-e-championship/season-2015/standings

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