



# Race Preview

## 2016 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX

16 – 18 September 2016

Following the close of the European leg of the season last time out in Italy, Formula One now begins a three-event tour of Asia, starting this weekend with Round 15 of the world championship, the Singapore Grand Prix.

Formula One's first night race is one of the calendar's most demanding events. Under the glow of the circuit's floodlights and against the glittering backdrop of one of the world's most impressive skylines, F1's drivers and their machines are pushed to the limit in what is regularly the season's longest race in terms of duration. In eight runnings the 1hr 56mins of 2009 remains the shortest race by duration and the grand prix has been stopped by the clock rather than lap count in three of the last four years.

The gruelling nature of the race is compounded by the winding nature of the street circuit and by the high temperatures experienced in a city located just 137km from the Equator. With 23 corners spread over a 5km course, laps of the Marina Bay Street Circuit are tough, especially in ambient temperatures that often exceed 30° Celsius at the 8pm race start time and with in-car temperatures rising to above 50°C during the race.

It's a tough weekend for teams as well. Due to the extreme nature of track evolution across the weekend on the street circuit, finding the right set-up is something of a challenge due to rapidly changing grip levels and the bumpy street surface. Plotting the perfect race can also be difficult. Every Singapore Grand Prix to date has seen a safety car intervention and the variable often upsets the most carefully prepared strategy.

Anticipation of this weekend's action is heightened by the closeness of the Drivers' Championship, as victory for Nico Rosberg in Italy closed the gap to table-topping Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton to just two points. In the Constructors' Championship fascinating battles are also developing, with Red Bull Racing now just 11 points ahead of Ferrari in the tussle for P2 behind Mercedes, while just three points separate fourth-placed Williams from Force India.



### MARINA BAY STREET CIRCUIT

**Length of lap:** 5.065km

**Lap record:** 1:50.041 (Daniel Ricciardo, Red Bull Racing, 2015)

**Start line/finish line offset:** 0.137km

**Total number of race laps:** 61

**Total race distance:** 308.828km

**Pitlane speed limits:** 60km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

### CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ Apart from routine maintenance, no changes have been made to the circuit since the 2015 Singapore Grand Prix.

### DRS ZONE

- ▶ There will be two DRS zones in Singapore. The first detection point will be at the exit of Turn Four and the first activation point will be 48m after Turn Five. The second detection point will be 80m before the apex of Turn 22, and the activation point will be 45m after apex of Turn 23.

<b>ROUND 15</b>	SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX	<b>START TIME</b>	20:00 Local - 12:00 GMT
<b>RACE DATE:</b>	18 SEP 2016	<b>CIRCUIT LENGTH:</b>	5.065KM
<b>CIRCUIT NAME:</b>	MARINA BAY STREET CIRCUIT	<b>RACE DISTANCE:</b>	308.828KM
<b>NUMBER OF LAPS:</b>	61	<b>LAP RECORD:</b>	1:50.041 - D Ricciardo [2015]

**KEY**

Speed Kmh: 130.3  
Braking: 130.3  
Gear: 3

Timing Sector: T3 36.1  
Lap Time: 1:43.9

Sector 1 (Blue), Sector 2 (Red), Sector 3 (Green)

Circuit (Black), Start (Black arrow), Finish (Checkered flag)

DRS Detection (Yellow circle), DRS Activation (Green circle), Run-off Areas (Grey arrow)

FIA Medical & Safety Cars (+S), Marshal Posts (Grey square), Light Panels (Grey square)



## FAST FACTS

- ▶ This will be the ninth Singapore Grand Prix. The event joined the calendar in 2008 and has been a fixture since.
- ▶ Sebastian Vettel is the most successful driver at the Singapore Grand Prix, with four wins. The four-time world champion scored a hat-trick of wins for Red Bull Racing between 2011 and 2013 before winning last year's race with Ferrari. His 2015 victory here is his most recent.
- ▶ Vettel is not the only driver to win here for different teams. Fernando Alonso won the inaugural event for Renault and then for Ferrari in 2010, while Lewis Hamilton won for McLaren in 2009 and for Mercedes in 2014. Their domination of the event means the Singapore has only been won by Formula One world champions.
- ▶ The most successful constructor at the Singapore Grand Prix is Red Bull Racing, thanks to Vettel's hat-trick of wins. Ferrari is second courtesy of wins from Alonso and Vettel, while Renault, McLaren and Mercedes have one victory each.
- ▶ This is set to be Nico Rosberg's 200th grand prix start. The German first competed at the 2006 Bahrain Grand Prix where he finished seventh for Williams, thus scoring points on his debut. His best finish for the Grove squad was second place at the inaugural Singapore Grand in 2010. Since moving to Mercedes in 2010 he has taken 21 wins and 28 pole positions for the German marque.
- ▶ Another driver reaches a milestone this weekend, with Marcus Ericsson set to race his 50th grand prix. The Swedish racer made his grand prix debut with Caterham at the 2014 Australian GP. He raced 16 times for that squad before its collapse ahead of the 2014 US GP. He joined Sauber for the 2015 season and has since raced 33 times for the Swiss outfit, finishing in the points on five occasions.
- ▶ Nico Hulkenberg scored the first of two fastest laps to date here in 2012. He posted a lap of 1:51.033 on lap 52 of the race. His other fastest lap came at this year's Chinese Grand Prix, with a lap of 1:39.824 on lap 48 of that race.
- ▶ Michael Schumacher started the 300th grand prix of his 306-start F1 career in Singapore in 2012. Just two drivers have raced 300 grands prix or more, Schumacher and Rubens Barrichello, who has 322. Jenson Button is set to become third member of the club at the Malaysian Grand Prix in just over two weeks' time. This weekend will be the Briton's 299th grand prix start.
- ▶ Aside from the three winners, only six other men have stood on the podium here: Rosberg (P2, 2008), Timo Glock (P2, 2009), Mark Webber (P3, 2010-2011), Button (P2 in 2011-2012), Kimi Räikkönen (P3 in 2013 and 2015) and Daniel Ricciardo (P3 in 2014 and P2 last year).
- ▶ Pole position counts for much at the Marina Bay Street Circuit, with the race being won from the front of the grid six times. Felipe Massa failed to win from pole in the inaugural race, finishing P13, and Hamilton failed to finish in 2012 after starting in P1. Alonso won from P15 in 2008, while Vettel won from P3 on the grid in 2012.

# RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

## GERD ENNSER

### **MEMBER OF THE DMSB'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR AUTOMOBILE SPORT, FORMULA ONE AND DTM STEWARD**

Dr Gerd Ennsler has successfully combined his formal education in law with his passion for motor racing. While still active as a racing driver he began helping out with the management of his local motor sport club and since 2006 has been a permanent steward at every round of Germany's DTM championship. Since 2010 he has also been a Formula One steward. Dr Ennsler, who has worked as a judge, a prosecutor and in the legal department of an automotive-industry company, has also acted as a member of the steering committee of German motor sport body, the DMSB, since spring 2010, where he is responsible for automobile sport. In addition, Dr Ennsler is a board member of the South Bavaria Section of ADAC, Germany's biggest auto club.



## STEVE STRINGWELL

### **PERMANENT CHAIRMAN STEWARD FOR PORSCHE SUPERCUP, RENAULT 3.5 SERIES , BRITISH TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP F1 DRIVER**

Englishman Steve Stringwell brings a wealth of experience to the F1 stewarding panel. He began marshalling in 1967 before spending 15 years rallying. Since 1986 he has held a series of posts within the UK's Motor Sports Association, first as a steward, then chairman of the MSA's national court and latterly as chairman of the MSA's Judicial Advisory Panel. Stringwell serves as permanent chairman steward for the Porsche Supercup, the Formula Renault 3.5 series and the British Touring Car Championship. He has been chairman of support race stewards at the British Grand Prix since 2005 and has officiated at F1 grands prix since 2012. At home in Yorkshire he is a Justice of the Peace and magistrate in the city of Leeds.



## MARK BLUNDELL

### **FORMER F1 DRIVER, LE MANS AND CART WINNER**

Mark Blundell raced for McLaren, Tyrrell, Ligier and Brabham in an F1 career that encompassed 61 grands prix between 1991 and 1995 and included three podium finishes. He is a three-time winner in IndyCars and won the Le Mans 24 Hours endurance race in 1992, driving for Peugeot. While still occasionally seen behind the wheel of a racing car in endurance events, the 21st Century has seen Blundell forge a second career as a TV commentator and analyst. He first appeared as a driver steward in F1 at the Spanish Grand Prix of 2011.



# 2016 Formula One World Championship

## DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	AUSTRALIA	BAHRAIN	CHINA	RUSSIA	SPAIN	MONACO	CANADA	EUROPE	AUSTRIA	GB	HUNGARY	GERMANY	BELGIUM	ITALY	SINGAPORE	MALAYSIA	JAPAN	USA	MEXICO	BRAZIL	ABU DHABI	POINTS
1 L. HAMILTON	18 <sub>2</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	NC	25 <sub>1</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>								250
2 N. ROSBERG	25 <sub>1</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	NC	6 <sub>7</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>								248
3 D. RICCIARDO	12 <sub>4</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	11	12 <sub>4</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>								161
4 S. VETTEL	15 <sub>3</sub>	NC	18 <sub>2</sub>	NC	15 <sub>3</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	NC	2 <sub>9</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>								143
5 K. RÄIKKÖNEN	NC	18 <sub>2</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	NC	8 <sub>6</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>								136
6 M. VERSTAPPEN	1 <sub>10</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	NC	25 <sub>1</sub>	NC	12 <sub>4</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>		6 <sub>7</sub>								121
7 V. BOTTAS	4 <sub>8</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	12	15 <sub>3</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	14	2 <sub>9</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>								70
8 S. PÉREZ		13	16	11	2 <sub>9</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	17	8 <sub>6</sub>	11	1 <sub>10</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>							62
9 N. HÜLKENBERG	6 <sub>7</sub>	15	15	NC	NC	8 <sub>6</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	19	6 <sub>7</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>								46
10 F. MASSA	10 <sub>5</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>	10 <sub>4</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>	NC	1 <sub>10</sub>	20	11	18	NC	1 <sub>10</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>								41
11 F. ALONSO	NC	-	-	8 <sub>6</sub>	NC	10 <sub>5</sub>	11	NC	18	13	6 <sub>7</sub>	12	6 <sub>7</sub>	14								30
12 C. SAINZ	2 <sub>9</sub>	NC	2 <sub>9</sub>	12	8 <sub>6</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	NC	4 <sub>8</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	14	NC	15								30
13 R. GROSJEAN	8 <sub>6</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	19	4 <sub>8</sub>	NC	13	14	13	6 <sub>7</sub>	NC	14	13	13	11							28
14 D. KVYAT	NC	6 <sub>7</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	15	1 <sub>10</sub>	NC	12	NC	NC	1 <sub>10</sub>	10	16	15	14	NC							23
15 J. BUTTON	14	NC	13	1 <sub>10</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	NC	11	8 <sub>6</sub>	12	NC	4 <sub>8</sub>	NC	12								17
16 K. MAGNUSSEN	12	11	17	6 <sub>7</sub>	15	NC	16	14	14	17	15	16	NC	17								6
17 P. WEHRLEIN	16	13	18	18	16	14	17	NC	1 <sub>10</sub>	NC	19	17	NC	NC								1
18 S. VANDOORNE	-	1 <sub>10</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								1
19 E. GUTIÉRREZ	NC	NC	14	17	11	11	13	16	11	16	13	11	12	13								0
20 J. PALMER	11	NC	22	13	13	NC	NC	15	12	NC	12	19	15	NC								0
21 M. ERICSSON	NC	12	16	14	12	NC	15	17	15	NC	20	18	NC	16								0
22 F. NASR	15	14	20	16	14	NC	18	12	13	15	17	NC	17	NC								0
23 R. HARYANTO	NC	17	21	NC	17	15	19	18	16	NC	21	20	-	-								0
24 E. OCON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	18							0



## THURSDAY

**Press conference** 18.00

## FRIDAY

**Practice session 1** 18.00-19.30

**Practice session 2** 21.30-23.00

**Press conference** 23.15

## SATURDAY

**Practice session 3** 18.00-19.00

**Qualifying** 21.00-22.00

Followed by unilateral and press conference

## SUNDAY

**Drivers' Parade** 18.30

**Race** 20.00

Followed by podium interviews and press conference

### ADDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

#### QUALIFYING

All drivers eliminated in Q1 or Q2 will be available for media interviews immediately 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 close to the media centre entrance in the paddock.

#### 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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