



Race Preview

2018 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX

14 – 16 September 2018

With the core European season complete, F1's teams and drivers this weekend head for South East Asia and into the night for Round 15 of the 2018 FIA Formula One World Championship, the Singapore Grand Prix.

Formula 1's original night race, which joined the calendar in 2008, presents F1's drivers and teams with a unique set of challenges, with the scheduled 61 laps under the lights of the Marina Bay Street Circuit being among the toughest faced all season.

For drivers, the major tests come in the shape of heat, humidity and the duration of the race. Here, cockpit temperatures often rise above 50°C making the race physically and mentally demanding. Add in a long, tight circuit featuring 23 corners and the high likelihood of safety car interventions, both of which often lead to the race edging towards or reaching the allotted two-hour for the race, and Singapore represents a true test of endurance.

For teams, the challenge centres on ensuring sufficient cooling. With few straights and with the boulevards of Marina Bay edged by tall buildings, keeping temperatures in check is a difficult task and teams will bring a variety of solutions to boost air flow to crucial components. The 23 corners also make the race tough on brakes and gearboxes. With upwards of 80 gear changes per lap and brakes deployed more times than at any other circuit on the calendar, the Singapore Grand Prix stretches machinery to the limit.

Going into this weekend, Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton, on 256 points, heads Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel by 30 points in the battle for the Drivers' Championship title, with Kimi Räikkönen a further 62 points back in third. Meanwhile, in the race for the Constructors' title, Mercedes, on 415 points, have a 25-point lead over Ferrari, while Red Bull Racing lie third.

On paper, Singapore should favour Ferrari and Red Bull but while Mercedes have, in recent times, gone into this race unfancied, the Silver Arrows have won three of the last four races here, proving that on the streets of Marina Bay, predictions count for little and in one of the season's toughest races anything can happen.



MARINA BAY STREET CIRCUIT

Length of lap: 5.063km

Lap record: –

Start line/finish line offset: 0.137km

Total number of race laps: 61

Total race distance: 308.706km

Pitlane speed limits:

60km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ The track has been resurfaced around Turn 1, between Turns 5 and 7, between Turns 15 and 17 and around Turn 23.
- ▶ The track has been slightly re-aligned around Turns 16 and 17. This means the track length is marginally reduced, from 5.065km to 5.063km..

DRS ZONES

- ▶ 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 53m after Turn Five. The second detection point will be 180m before the apex of Turn 22, and the activation point will be 48m after apex of Turn 23.

RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

DR 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 CHOPPING

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN MOTOR SPORT (CAMS), CHAIRMAN CAMS JUDICIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN NATIONAL STEWARDS PANEL, AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP STEWARDS COACH (CAMS)

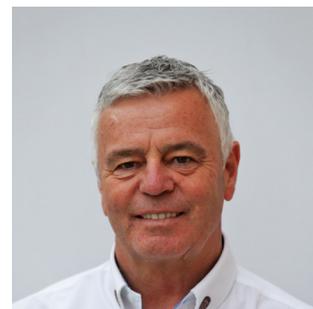
Steven Chopping competed as a driver in various karting, Formula Ford, Australian Formula 2, Sports and Production Car competitions from the early 1970s until 1990. He was a steward at the Australian Rally Championship from 1997-2004 and Chairman of the Stewards at the Australian Production Car Rally Championship from 2001-2004. He has been a permanent steward at the V8 Supercar Championship in Australia since 2004, national steward at the Australian Grand Prix from 2005 and continues to serve as Chairman of the National Stewards Panel, Supercars Stewards Panel, Judicial Advisory Committee, and as a Member of the Australian Rally Championship Stewards Panel. In 2018 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his services to motor sport.



DEREK WARWICK

FORMER FORMULA 1 DRIVER AND WORLD SPORTSCAR CHAMPION, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FIA DRIVERS' COMMISSION

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. Currently Vice-President of the FIA Drivers' Commission, Warwick is a frequent FIA driver steward and is also a past President of the British Racing Drivers' Club.



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DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	AUSTRALIA	BAHRAIN	CHINA	AZERBAIJAN	SPAIN	MONACO	CANADA	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	GB	GERMANY	HUNGARY	BELGIUM	ITALY	SINGAPORE	RUSSIA	JAPAN	USA	MEXICO	BRAZIL	ABU DHABI	POINTS
1	L. HAMILTON	18 2	15 3	12 4	25 1	25 1	15 3	10 5	25 1	NC	18 2	25 1	18 2	25 1								256
2	S. VETTEL	25 1	25 1	4 8	12 4	12 4	18 2	25 1	10 5	15 3	25 1	NC	18 2	25 1	12 4							226
3	K. RÄIKÖNEN	15 3	NC	15 3	18 2	NC	12 4	8 6	15 3	18 2	15 3	15 3	15 3	18 NC	2							164
4	V. BOTTAS	4 8	18 2	18 2	18 14	18 2	10 5	18 2	6 7	NC	12 4	18 2	10 5	12 4	15 3							159
5	M. VERSTAPPEN	8 6	NC	10 5	NC	15 3	2 9	15 3	18 2	25 1	12 15	NC	15 4	10 5								130
6	D. RICCIARDO	12 4	NC	25 1	NC	10 5	25 1	12 4	12 4	NC	10 5	NC	12 4	NC	NC							118
7	N. HÜLKENBERG	6 7	8 6	8 6	NC	NC	4 8	6 7	2 9	NC	8 6	10 5	12 NC	NC	13							52
8	K. MAGNUSSEN	NC	10 5	1 10	13	8 6	13	13	8 6	10 5	2 9	11	6 7	4 8	16							49
9	S. PÉREZ	11	16	12	15 3	2 9	12	14	NC	6 7	1 10	6 7	14	10 5	6 7							46
10	E. OCON	12	1	10	11	NC	NC	8	2	9	NC	6	7	8	13	6	8	6				45
11	F. ALONSO	10 5	6 7	6 7	6 7	4 8	NC	NC	16	8	4 8	4 16	4 8	NC	NC							44
12	C. SAINZ	1 10	11	2 9	10 5	6 7	1 10	4 8	4 8	12	NC	12	2 9	4 11	8							34
13	P. GASLY	NC	12 4	18	12	NC	6 7	11	NC	11	13	14	8 6	2 9	14							28
14	R. GROSJEAN	NC	13	17	NC	NC	15	12	11	4	NC	8 6	1 10	6 7	DQ							27
15	C. LECLERC	13	12	19	8 6	1 10	1 18	1 10	2 9	NC	15	NC	NC	11								13
16	S. VANDOORNE	2 9	4 8	13	2 9	NC	14	16	12	15	11	13	NC	15	12							8
17	L. STROLL	14	14	14	4 8	11	17	NC	17	14	12	NC	17	13	2 9							6
18	M. ERICSSON	NC	2 9	16	11	13	11	15	13	10	NC	2 9	1 15	10	15							6
19	B. HARTLEY	15	17	20	1	10	12	19	NC	14	NC	1	10	11	14	NC						2
20	S. SIROTKIN	NC	15	15	NC	14	16	17	15	13	14	NC	16	12	1	10						1

FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Press conference 1800

FRIDAY

Practice session 1 1630-1800

Press conference 1830

Practice session 2 2030-2200

SATURDAY

Practice session 3 1800-1900

Qualifying 2100-2200

Followed by track interviews, press conference

SUNDAY

Drivers' Parade 1830

Race 2010

Followed by parc fermé 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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