



Race Preview

2018 CANADIAN GRAND PRIX

08-10 June 2018

The 2018 FIA Formula One World Championship approaches its one-third point as teams make their way to Montréal for Round Seven of the campaign, the Canadian Grand Prix.

While this weekend's race takes place at a second consecutive temporary circuit after Monaco, the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, located on the Île Notre-Dame in the St Lawrence River, presents teams and drivers with a very different set of challenges than the tight confines and low speeds of the Principality's twisting streets.

Here, a series of fast straights lead into heavy-braking corners. The high end-of-straight speeds and the stop/go nature of the circuit lead to it being classed as the season's toughest on brakes. The frequent braking events lead to high temperatures within the discs and pads and the effect is compounded by the fact that the straights, particularly on the first half of the lap, do not allow sufficient time for cooling.

The temporary nature of the circuit also means that track conditions evolve significantly across the weekend and this, allied to the relatively smooth surface, means that grip is often at a premium. As such, tyre supplier Pirelli has traditionally taken its softest compounds to Montréal. This year is no exception, with F1's teams being offered supersoft and ultrasoft compounds, as well as the softest of the range, the hypersoft tyre, which makes its second appearance of the season after Monaco.

The race there saw the Drivers' Championship lead of Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton narrowed to 14 points, as Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo joined the Briton and second-placed Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari on two wins each this season. With Montréal accenting power over aerodynamic poise, this weekend should see the return to prominence of Mercedes and Ferrari, and there aren't many who would argue against Hamilton achieving a record-equalling seventh Montreal victory on Sunday. Vettel, Ricciardo and their respective team-mates Kimi Räikkönen and Max Verstappen, along with Hamilton's team-mate Valtteri Bottas, might count themselves among that band, however. It promises to be another enthralling contest.



CIRCUIT GILLES VILLENEUVE

Length of lap: 4.361km

Lap record: 1:13.622

(Rubens Barrichello, Ferrari, 2004)

Start line/finish line offset: 0.000km

Total number of race laps: 70

Total race distance: 305.270km

Pitlane speed limits: 80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ The wall on the drivers' left after the exit of Turn 2 has been replaced and a new debris fence fitted. The walls on the both sides of the track between Turns 3 and 6 and at the back of the run-off at Turn 6 have also been replaced, with new debris fences fitted.
- ▶ The walls in the escape road at Turn 3 have been re-aligned to provide a larger run-off and easier access for removing cars. The wall in the run-off at Turn 10 has been re-aligned to provide better protection for rescue vehicles. The walls straight on at Turn 14 have been also been re-aligned.
- ▶ The tyre barriers at Turns 2 (inside), 4, 6, 10, 13 and 14 have been replaced by TecPro barriers.

DRS ZONE

- ▶ There will be three DRS zones. A new zone has been added, with a detection point 15m after Turn 5 and an activation point 95m after Turn 7. The previous zones remains unchanged. They share a detection point 110m before Turn 9, with activation points 155m before Turn 12 and 70m after Turn 14.

ROUND 07	CANADIAN GRAND PRIX	START TIME	14:10 Local - 18:10 GMT
RACE DATE:	10 JUN 2018	CIRCUIT LENGTH:	4.361KM
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KEY		Speed Kmh	Sector Time	Timing Sector	Lap Time
Braking	125 4	Gear	T3	28.9	1:11.5
●	Sector 1	●	Sector 2	●	Sector 3
—	Circuit	—	Start	—	Finish
○	DRS Detection	●	DRS Activation	—	Run-off Areas
+	FIA Medical & Safety Cars	+	Marshal Posts	+	Light Panels

Note: Speeds, Gears, Lap & Sector times are based upon 2017 Qualifying data



FAST FACTS

- ▶ This will be the 49th Canadian Grand Prix and the 39th to be held in Montreal. The race has been held at two other venues: Mosport in 1967, '69, from '71-'74 and '76-'77, and Mont-Tremblant in 1968 and 1970.
- ▶ Michael Schumacher holds the record for most Canadian Grand Prix wins, with seven. His first came with Benetton in 1994 and after joining Ferrari in 1996 he claimed another six in Montreal, in 1997, 1998, 2000 and from 2002-'04, all with the Scuderia.
- ▶ Lewis Hamilton can equal the German's record this weekend as victory here last year took the Briton's Montreal total to six. After scoring his maiden F1 win here in 2007 with McLaren he added further wins for the Woking team in 2010 and 2012, before embarking on a hat-trick for Mercedes, starting in 2015.
- ▶ Hamilton can also this weekend break Schumacher's record of Canadian Grand Prix pole positions. Both men have six poles in Montreal, with Schumacher's being scored in 1994 and 1995, with Benetton, and then in 1997 and from 1999-2001, with Ferrari. Hamilton's first pole here was his first ever, in 2007, with McLaren. He was on pole again with McLaren in 2008 and 2010 and he has started the last three races here from the front of the grid, with Mercedes.
- ▶ The only other current drivers to have a pole position to their name at this track are Sebastian Vettel (2011, 2012 and 2013, all with Red Bull Racing) and Fernando Alonso, who landed pole here in 2006 with Renault.
- ▶ Four other current race drivers have also won here, though only Hamilton is a multiple winner. Kimi Räikkönen won in 2005 for McLaren, Fernando Alonso for Renault in 2006, Sebastian Vettel for Red Bull Racing in 2013 and Daniel Ricciardo scored his maiden grand prix victory here in 2014, again with Red Bull Racing.
- ▶ Another driver who can this weekend break a record set by Schumacher is Kimi Räikkönen. The Finn and the German are tied for most fastest laps in Montreal, with each having four. Räikkönen took two with McLaren (2005 and 2006) and two with Ferrari (2008 and 2015).
- ▶ The most successful constructor at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve is Ferrari with 10 wins, one ahead of McLaren. The British squad is more successful in Canada overall, however, with 13 victories, two ahead of Ferrari.
- ▶ Sebastian Vettel is set to start his 10th Canadian Grand Prix this weekend. The German has never failed to finish in Montreal and is the only current driver with more than one Canadian Grand Prix to his name to have scored points every single time he has raced here. Vettel's current team-mate, Räikkönen, can boast the most points finishes of a current driver (13) but an otherwise perfect scoring record is blemished by a 2008 DNF, when he was crashed into by Hamilton in the pit lane.
- ▶ Since the current circuit configuration came into use in 2002 the race has been won from pole position eight times from 15 events, with three occurring in the last three years. Räikkönen, in 2005, and Jenson Button, in 2011, hold the record for wins from furthest back on the grid on this configuration. Both won from P7 on the grid.

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.



JOSÉ ABED

FIA VICE PRESIDENT FOR SPORT

José Abed, an FIA Vice President since 2006, began competing in motor sport in 1961. In 1985, as a motor sport official, Abed founded the Mexican Organisation of International Motor Sport (OMDAI) which represents Mexico in the FIA. He sat as its Vice-President from 1985 to 1999, becoming President in 2003. In 1986, Abed began promoting truck racing events in Mexico and from 1986 to 1992, he was President of Mexican Grand Prix organising committee. In 1990 and 1991, he was President of the organising committee for the International Championship of Prototype Cars and from 1990 to 1995, Abed was designated Steward for various international Grand Prix events. Since 1990, Abed has been involved in manufacturing prototype chassis, electric cars, rally cars and kart chassis.



EMANUELE PIRRO

FORMER FORMULA ONE DRIVER AND FIVE-TIMES LE MANS WINNER. MEMBER OF THE FIA DRIVERS' COMMISSION

During a motor sport career spanning almost 40 years, Emanuele Pirro has achieved a huge amount of success, most notably in sportscar racing, with five Le Mans wins, victory at the Daytona 24 Hours and two wins at the Sebring 12 Hours. In addition, the Italian driver has won the German and Italian Touring Car championships (the latter twice) and has twice been American Le Mans Series Champion. Pirro, enjoyed a three-season F1 career from 1989 to 1991, firstly with Benetton and then for Scuderia Italia. His debut as an FIA Steward came at the 2010 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix and he has returned regularly since.



FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Press conference 11.00

FRIDAY

Practice session 1 10.00-11.30

Press conference 12.00

Practice session 2 14.00-15.30

SATURDAY

Practice session 3 11.00-12.00

Qualifying 14.00-15.00

Followed by unilateral and press conference

SUNDAY

Drivers' Parade 12.40

Race 14.10

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 the paddock in front of FIA hospitality.

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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