



Race Preview

2019 HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX

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After a thrilling, incident-packed encounter at Germany's Hockenheimring last weekend, this week Formula 1 heads east to Budapest and the Hungaroring for Round 12 of the 2019 FIA Formula One World Championship, the Hungarian Grand Prix.

The final grand prix before the sport takes its traditional summer break, the Hungarian Grand Prix presents teams and drivers with a very particular set of challenges. Often branded as 'Monaco without walls', the tight and twisting Hungaroring has more in common with a street circuit than with many of the permanent facilities with which it would be more naturally associated.

The circuit's flowing sequences of slow and medium-speed corners and frequent changes of direction provide a good test of car balance and poise, and with aerodynamic stability accented, teams will bring the highest levels of downforce seen all year at a purpose-built track to Hungary.

Good mechanical grip is equally important. To begin with, track evolution at the infrequently-used Hungaroring is steep. The layout also places relatively high lateral loads on tyres and that, allied to often high track temperatures, means that rubber is put under some stress in Hungary. With that in mind, tyres supplier Pirelli heads to the middle of its range and this weekend will offer the C2 compound as the hard tyres, the C3 as the medium and the C4 as the soft compound.

In the Drivers' standings, Lewis Hamilton might have only taken an eventual ninth place, but with Mercedes team-mate Valtteri Bottas crashing out in Germany the Briton actually extended his championship lead by two points to 41. Meanwhile, Max Verstappen's win and point for fastest lap at Hockenheim mean the Red Bull driver is now just 22 points behind Bottas.

In the Constructors' battle, Mercedes may have garnered a poor return from their home race, but they still lead Ferrari by 148 points. Red Bull Racing's second win of the season edges them closer to the Italian marque and second and third are now separated by 44 points.



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:

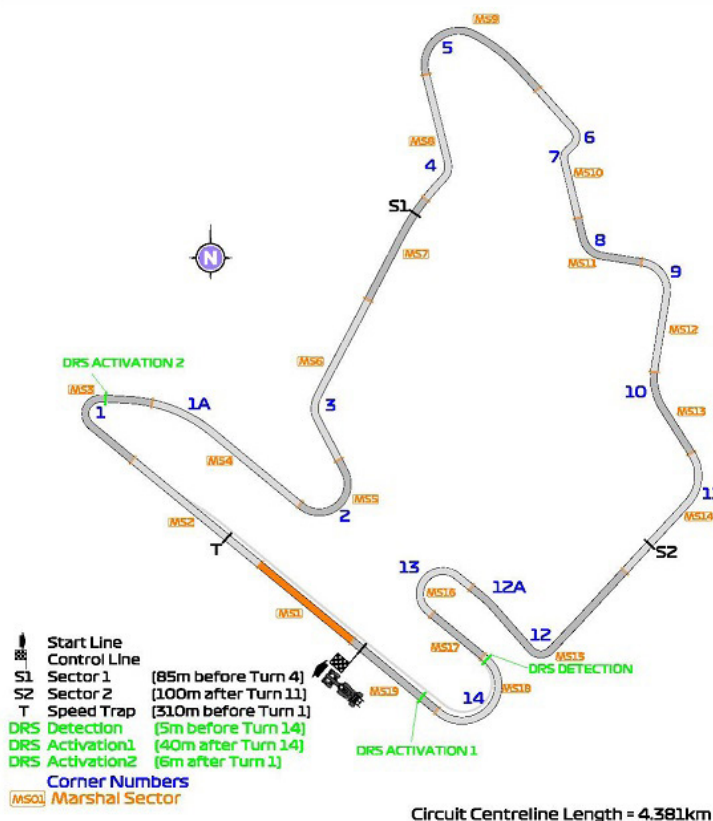
80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ A domed kerb section 50mm high has been installed 1.5m from the track edge behind the kerb on the exit of Turn 5.
- ▶ New debris fences have been installed on the right between Turns 3-4 and Turn 7.
- ▶ The guardrail has been realigned behind the gravel traps in Turn 4 and Turn 11.

DRS ZONE

- ▶ There will be two consecutive DRS zones at the Hungaroring sharing a detection point 5m before Turn 14. Activation points are 40m after Turn 14 and 6m after Turn 1.



FAST FACTS

- ▶ This is the 34th World Championship Hungarian Grand Prix. The event made its debut in 1986 and has had a permanent presence on the F1 calendar ever since.
- ▶ Lewis Hamilton is the most successful driver at this circuit with six wins. Hamilton won in 2007, 2009 and 2012 for McLaren, and then for Mercedes in 2013, 2016 and last year.
- ▶ This year's grid features three other Hungarian Grand Prix winners: Kimi Räikkönen (McLaren, 2005); Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari, 2015, 2017), and Daniel Ricciardo (Red Bull Racing, 2014).
- ▶ Hamilton could this weekend equal the record for most pole positions at the Hungaroring. Michael Schumacher currently has sole ownership of the benchmark with seven, in 1994 with Benetton, and in 1996-'97, 2000-'01 and 2004-'05 with Ferrari. Hamilton took three poles with McLaren, in 2007, '08 and '12, and three with Mercedes, in 2013, 2015 and last year.
- ▶ McLaren are the most successful team in Hungary with 11 victories. McLaren's first arrived in 1988 courtesy of Ayrton Senna and its most recent was Hamilton's 2012 win. Williams and Ferrari are in joint second place with seven wins each.
- ▶ Kimi Räikkönen holds the record for most podium finishes at the Hungarian Grand Prix. The Finn has finished in the top three year a remarkable nine times from 16 attempts for a strike rate of 56.25%. Räikkönen's first podium here was secured in 2003, with second place for McLaren, and his most recent was with third place for Ferrari last year.
- ▶ Räikkönen also has more fastest laps in Hungary than any other current driver. The Finn has four. The first came with McLaren in 2005 and since then has posted three more with Ferrari, in 2007, '08 and 2016.
- ▶ Four drivers have claimed a maiden F1 win at the Hungaroring. Damon Hill took his first victory in 1993, with Williams, Fernando Alonso scored his first win in 2003, with Renault, and Jenson Button scored his maiden victory here in 2006 with Honda. The most recent first-time winner was Heikki Kovalainen. The Finn, driving for McLaren, stood on the top step for the first and only time here in 2008.
- ▶ Toro Rosso's Daniil Kvyat scored his first F1 podium finish here in 2015. Driving for Red Bull Racing, Kvyat finished second behind race-winning Ferrari driver Vettel and ahead of Red Bull team-mate Ricciardo. Since then Kvyat has scored two further podiums. He finished third in China in 2016 and last weekend scored Toro's Rosso's second podium in 258 starts with third place at the German GP.
- ▶ This year marks 25 years since Jos Verstappen, father of current Red Bull Racing driver Max, finished on the F1 podium for the first time. Driving for Benetton, Verstappen Snr finished third behind race winner Michael Schumacher and second-placed Damon Hill. Jos would score just one further podium finish, at the 1994 Belgian Grand Prix.
- ▶ Williams' Robert Kubica made his F1 debut here 13 years ago. The Polish driver was drafted into the BMW line-up in place of Jacques Villeneuve. Kubica finished the race in the points, in seventh place, but he was later disqualified as his car was found to be underweight. Robert also marked his 50th grand prix start at the Hungaroring in 2009. This weekend's race will be his 88th start.

RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

GARRY CONNELLY

DIRECTOR, GLOBAL INSTITUTE FOR MOTOR SPORT SAFETY; DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MOTOR SPORT SAFETY; F1 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.



PAOLO LONGONI

MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN MOTOR SPORT COMMISSION (CSAI); THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF MILAN

Paolo Longoni is a steward with nearly 30 years' experience. Milanese Longoni began his stewards' training at his home circuit – Monza – in 1990 and was immediately 'bitten by the bug' of motor sport. While his early stewarding experience was based largely at Monza, since 2006 Longoni has officiating at rounds of the Porsche Supercup, Ferrari Challenge Championship, FIA Historic Championship, ETCC, WTCC, Formula Two and Le Mans Series events. He frequently serves as the national steward at the Italian Grand Prix.



DANNY SULLIVAN

FORMER F1 DRIVER, INDIANAPOLIS 500 WINNER AND CART CHAMPION

US racer Danny Sullivan made his F1 debut with Tyrrell at the 1983 Brazilian Grand Prix. He raced just one season in F1, scoring a best result of fifth in Monaco. In 1984, Sullivan returned to the US where he resumed a successful Indy Car career. He is perhaps best known for his 'spin and win' victory at the 1985 Indianapolis 500, where he passed leader Mario Andretti, survived a 360 degree spin, and then caught and re-passed Andretti to claim the Borg-Warner Trophy. He won the Indy Car World Series title in 1988. After 17 victories from 170 Indy Car starts he drew a line under his open-wheel career in 1995. He finished third in the Le Mans 24 Hours in a Dauer Porsche 962 in 1994. He made four starts at Le Mans, the most recent being 2004.



NATIONAL STEWARD

LAJOS HERCZEG

HUNGARIAN NATIONAL STEWARD FIA FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Lajos Herczeg's motor sport career began in the early 1980s when he launched a kart club in Hungary, an occupation that led to him becoming head of the Hungarian Karting Commission and later a member of the CIK-FIA Executive Commission. Herczeg's stewarding experience encompasses five years as national steward at Hungary's FIA World Touring Car Championship event, from 2011 to 2016, and national steward duties at the Hungarian Grand Prix since 2013. Within Hungary's ASN, the National Automobilsport Federation of Hungary (MNASZ) Herczeg was Vice-President from 2009-2010 and has been the General Secretary for the past six years.



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DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	AUSTRALIA	BAHRAIN	CHINA	AZERBAIJAN	SPAIN	MONACO	CANADA	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	GB	GERMANY	HUNGARY	BELGIUM	ITALY	SINGAPORE	RUSSIA	JAPAN	MEXICO	USA	BRAZIL	ABU DHABI	POINTS	
1	L. HAMILTON	18 ₂	25 ₁	25 ₁	18 ₂	26 _{F 1}	25 ₁	25 ₁	25 ₁	10 ₅	26 _{F 1}	2											225
2	V. BOTTAS	26 _{F 1}	18 ₂	18 ₂	25 ₁	18 ₂	15 ₃	13 _{F 4}	18 ₂	15 ₃	18 ₂	NC											184
3	M. VERSTAPPEN	15 ₃	12 ₄	12 ₄	12 ₄	15 ₃	12 ₄	10 ₅	12 ₄	25 _{F 1}	10 ₅	26 _{F 1}											162
4	S. VETTEL	12 ₄	10 ₅	15 ₃	15 ₃	12 ₄	18 ₂	18 ₂	11 _{F 5}	12 ₄		18 ₁₆	2										141
5	C. LECLERC	10 ₅	16 _{F 3}	10 ₅	11 _{F 5}	10 ₅	NC	15 ₃	15 ₃	18 ₂	15 ₃	NC											120
6	P. GASLY		4 ₈	9 _{F 6}		8 ₆	11 _{F 5}	4 ₈	1 ₁₀	6 ₇	12 ₄	NC											55
7	C. SAINZ				6 ₇	4 ₈	8 ₆		8 ₁₁	4 ₆	8 ₈	10 ₅											48
8	D. KVYAT	1 ₁₀				2 ₉	6 ₇	1 ₁₀			2 ₁₇	15 ₉											27
9	K. RÄIKÖNEN	4 ₈	6 ₇	2 ₉	1 ₁₀				6 ₁₄	2 ₁₇	4 ₉												25
10	L. NORRIS		8 ₆		4 ₁₈		NC		2 ₉	8 ₆		NC											22
11	D. RICCIARDO			6 ₇			2 ₁₂	8 ₉			6 ₁₁		NC										22
12	L. STROLL	2 ₉			2 ₁₄			2 ₁₆				12 ₁₃	4										18
13	K. MAGNUSSEN	8 ₆				6 ₁₃						4 ₁₉											18
14	N. HÜLKENBERG	6 ₇						6 ₁₃	4 ₈		1 ₁₃		NC										17
15	A. ALBON		2 ₉	1 ₁₀			4 ₁₁					8 ₁₅											15
16	S. PÉREZ		1 ₁₃	4 ₁₀	8 ₈																		13
17	R. GROSJEAN					1 ₁₀	1 ₁₀					6 ₁₄											8
18	A. GIOVINAZZI									1 ₁₆													1
19	R. KUBICA											1 ₂₀											1
20	G. RUSSELL																						0

F = POINT FOR FASTEST LAP

FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Press conference 1500

FRIDAY

Practice session 1 1100 - 1230

Press conference 1300

Practice session 2 1500 - 1630

SATURDAY

Practice session 3 1200 - 1300

Qualifying 1500 - 1600

Followed by track interviews, press conference and parc ferme interviews

SUNDAY

Drivers' Parade 1330

Race 1510

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 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 in the paddock, adjacent to the FIA Hospitality Unit.

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.

Following the end of the race, drivers who do not have sessions for print media organised by their team will be available for interview in the Mixed Zone immediately after they have completed their TV interview obligations. A list of these drivers will be distributed to all media at the event during the race.

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