



# Race Preview

## 2019 ITALIAN GRAND PRIX

06 – 08 September 2019

Just a few days after last weekend's Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps, Formula 1's teams and drivers return to action this weekend at another classic venue – Monza, home of the Italian Grand Prix.

Recognised as F1's 'temple of speed', Monza sees cars reach some of the highest speeds attained all season, evidenced by the fact that last year Kimi Räikkönen, then driving for Ferrari, set the fastest lap ever seen in Formula 1. On his way to pole position the Finn completed the 5.793km of Monza at an average speed of 263.587 km/h, breaking Juan Pablo Montoya's 2004 benchmark of 262.242 km/h.

Monza is not solely about raw speed, however. Setting up cars to cope with the high kerbs and to get good traction out of the few corners is also crucial to lap time. Despite the low number of corners at this track, brake wear can also be severe, with each braking event occurring at high speeds. The heavy braking zones also put considerable longitudinal strain on tyres. To cope with the demands, tyre supplier Pirelli this weekend designates its C2 compound as the hard tyre, the C3 as the medium and the C4 as its soft option.

Going into Round 14 of this year's championship, Lewis Hamilton's second place in Belgium extends the Mercedes man's advantage in the Drivers' Championship standings. With 268 points to his name, the Briton now has a 65-point lead over team-mate Valtteri Bottas. Max Verstappen remains in third place overall with 181 points, but the Red Bull driver's DNF in Belgium means his lead over Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel, who finished in P4 at Spa, has been cut to just 12 points.

In the battle for the Constructors' Championship, Ferrari's first win of the season (courtesy of first-time grand prix-winner Charles Leclerc) and fourth place for Vettel mean that the Scuderia has closed the gap to championship-leading Mercedes by five points. However, the Silver Arrows' advantage is still a substantial 145 points as they prepare to race at a circuit at which they have won the last five grands prix.



### AUTODROMO NAZIONALE MONZA

**Length of lap:**

5.793km

**Lap record:**

1:21.046 (Rubens Barrichello, Ferrari, 2004)

**Start line/finish line offset:**

0.309km

**Total number of race laps:**

53

**Total race distance:**

306.720km

**Pitlane speed limits:**

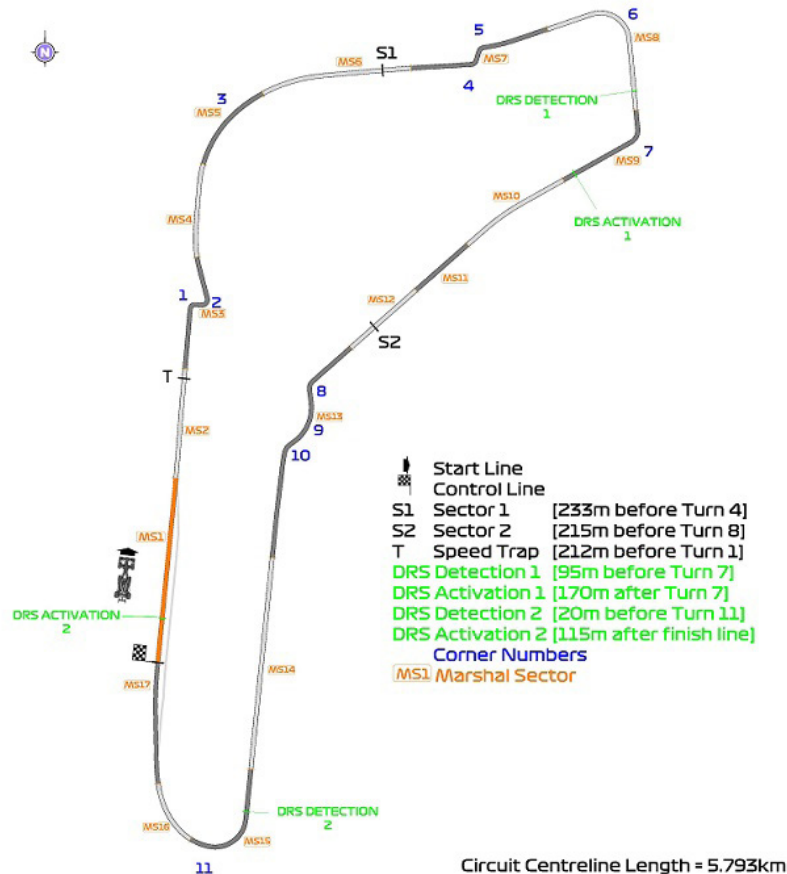
80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

### CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ The guardrail barrier on the right-hand side of the pit exit road has been replaced with a concrete wall.
- ▶ An additional row of directional arrows has been placed in the run-off between Turn 1 and Turn 2.
- ▶ Turns 4 and 5 have been resurfaced.
- ▶ The exit kerb at Turn 5 has been replaced with one of similar specification.

### DRS ZONES

- ▶ There will be two DRS zones in Italy. The detection point for the first zone will be 95m before Turn 7, with the activation point 170m after Turn 7. The second detection point will be 20m before Turn 11, with the activation point 115m after the finish line.



## FAST FACTS

- ▶ This is the 70th FIA Formula One World Championship Italian Grand Prix and the 69th to be held at Monza. The only other circuit to hold the race is Imola, which hosted the event in 1980.
- ▶ Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton share the record for the most Italian Grand Prix victories at Monza, with five each. Schumacher's wins were all scored with Ferrari, in 1996, 1998, 2000, 2003 and 2006, while Hamilton won with McLaren in 2012 and with Mercedes in 2014, 2015, 2017 and last year.
- ▶ The only Monza winner on the current grid other than Hamilton is current Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel. The German claimed his maiden Formula 1 victory here in 2008 driving for Toro Rosso. He also scored two wins in Monza with Red Bull Racing, in 2011 and 2013.
- ▶ Apart from Vettel, six other drivers have scored a first career Formula 1 victory at Monza. They are: Phil Hill (1960, Ferrari), Jackie Stewart (1965, BRM), Ludovico Scarfiotti (1966, Ferrari), Clay Regazzoni (1970, Ferrari), Peter Gethin (1971, BRM), and Juan Pablo Montoya (2001, Williams).
- ▶ Ferrari are the most successful team at Monza, with 18 Formula 1 World Championship victories. McLaren are second with 10 followed by Mercedes with seven.
- ▶ Hamilton also holds the record for most pole positions at Monza. The Briton has six Italian Grand Prix pole positions to his name, two with McLaren (2009 and 2012) and four in a row with Mercedes from 2014 to 2017.
- ▶ The race here has been won from pole position in 14 of 19 editions since the current circuit configuration came into use in 2000. In that time, the only occasions on which victory has been secured from further back than the front of the grid are 2002 when Rubens Barrichello started from fourth place, 2006 when Michael Schumacher started from P2, in 2009 when Barrichello again won, this time from fifth, 2016 when Nico Rosberg started second, and last year when Hamilton won from third position on the grid.
- ▶ Current Williams driver Robert Kubica scored the first podium finish of his career at Monza in 2006. Then driving for BMW Sauber, the Pole started from sixth on the grid but rose through the order to claim third place at the flag behind race winner Michael Schumacher and second-placed Kimi Räikkönen.
- ▶ Kubica, who also finished third here with BMW-Sauber in 2008, is one of six current drivers to have finished on the Italian GP podium. Hamilton leads the way with seven top-three finishes, followed by Vettel (6), Räikkönen (4), Valtteri Bottas and Kubica (2) and Sergio Pérez (1). Hamilton this weekend has the chance to equal overall record holder Michael Schumacher.
- ▶ Three of this year's full-season rookies have won at Monza in junior categories. Williams' George Russell won the GP3 feature race here in 2017 and the F2 sprint race last year. Alfa Romeo's Antonio Giovinazzi won the GP2 feature race in 2016, and McLaren's Lando Norris won here in the FIA F3 European Championship in 2017. The odd man out is Red Bull Racing's Alexander Albon, though the Thai driver has finished on the podium here, taking second in the GP3 sprint race in 2016 and third in the F2 feature race last year.

# RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

## GARRY CONNELLY

**CHAIRMAN, AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MOTOR SPORT SAFETY; F1 STEWARD; FIA WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL MEMBER, FIA SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Garry Connelly's motor sport career began in the late 1960s. 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 Chairman of the Australian Institute of Motor Sport Safety and director of the Australian Road Safety Foundation. He is a member of the FIA World Motor Sport Council, a member of the FIA Scientific Advisory Committee and FIA Environmental Delegate.



## SILVIA BELLOT

**FIA WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT AMBASSADOR; F1, F2, F3, WTCC STEWARD**

Silvia Bellot began marshalling in 2001, when she was 16. In 2009, she took part in the FIA trainee stewards' program to become an FIA Steward and just three years later she was awarded FIA Outstanding Official in recognition of her motor sport career. From 2011 to 2017 she has also acted as a steward in the FIA World Rally Championship, World Touring Car Championship, Formula 2, Formula 3, F3 World Cup in Macau, GP2, GP3, DTM and World Series. She is also an Ambassador of the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission, on which she represents the female volunteers and officials. Nowadays she combines her duties as an F1 steward with her role as Deputy Team Manager for an IndyCar team.



## 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.



## NATIONAL STEWARD

### 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. Longoni began his stewards' training at his home circuit – Monza – in 1990 and was immediately bitten by the bug of motorsport. While his early stewarding experience was based largely at Monza, since 2006 Longoni has officiated at rounds of the Porsche Supercup, Ferrari Challenge Championship, FIA Historic Championship, ETCC, WTCC and Le Mans Series races, as well as Formula One events. He is a regular national steward at his home grand prix.



# 2019 FIA Formula One World Championship

## 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 <sub>2</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	26 <sub>F 1</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	26 <sub>F 1</sub>	2	25 <sub>1</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>									268
2	V. BOTTAS	26 <sub>F 1</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	13 <sub>F 4</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	18	4	15 <sub>3</sub>									203
3	M. VERSTAPPEN	15 <sub>3</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	25 <sub>F 1</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	26 <sub>F 1</sub>	19 <sub>F 2</sub>	NC								181
4	S. VETTEL	12 <sub>4</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	11 <sub>F 5</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	18	15 <sub>2</sub>	13 <sub>3</sub>									169
5	C. LECLERC	10 <sub>5</sub>	16 <sub>F 3</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	11 <sub>F 5</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	NC	15 <sub>3</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	25 <sub>1</sub>									157
6	P. GASLY		4 <sub>8</sub>	9 <sub>F 6</sub>	NC	8 <sub>6</sub>	11 <sub>F 5</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	12 <sub>4</sub>	8	2 <sub>9</sub>									65
7	C. SAINZ	NC	19	14	6 <sub>7</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>	8 <sub>11</sub>	4 <sub>6</sub>	8 <sub>8</sub>	10 <sub>6</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	NC									58
8	D. KVYAT	1 <sub>10</sub>		NC	NC	2 <sub>9</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>		2 <sub>17</sub>	15 <sub>9</sub>	6	6 <sub>7</sub>									33
9	K. RÄIKÖNEN	4 <sub>8</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>			6 <sub>14</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>		6 <sub>12</sub>										31
10	A. ALBON		2 <sub>9</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>		4 <sub>11</sub>	NC				8 <sub>12</sub>	1 <sub>7</sub>	10 <sub>16</sub>									26
11	L. NORRIS		8 <sub>6</sub>		4 <sub>8</sub>	NC	NC	2 <sub>9</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>		NC	2 <sub>9</sub>										24
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13	S. PÉREZ		1 <sub>10</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>						NC	8 <sub>11</sub>										21
14	N. HÜLKENBERG	6 <sub>7</sub>		NC	14 <sub>14</sub>	13 <sub>13</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>		1 <sub>13</sub>	NC	4 <sub>12</sub>										21
15	L. STROLL	2 <sub>9</sub>	14 <sub>14</sub>	12 <sub>12</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	NC	2 <sub>16</sub>				12 <sub>13</sub>	1 <sub>17</sub>										19
16	K. MAGNUSSEN	8 <sub>6</sub>	13 <sub>13</sub>	13 <sub>13</sub>	6 <sub>13</sub>	7 <sub>14</sub>				NC	4 <sub>8</sub>	13 <sub>13</sub>	12 <sub>12</sub>									18
17	R. GROSJEAN	NC	NC	11 <sub>11</sub>	NC	1 <sub>10</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>	14 <sub>14</sub>	NC	16 <sub>16</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	NC	13 <sub>13</sub>									8
18	A. GIOVINAZZI	15 <sub>15</sub>	11 <sub>11</sub>	15 <sub>15</sub>	12 <sub>12</sub>	16 <sub>16</sub>	19 <sub>19</sub>	13 <sub>13</sub>	16 <sub>16</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>	NC	13 <sub>13</sub>	18 <sub>18</sub>	18 <sub>18</sub>								1
19	R. KUBICA	17 <sub>17</sub>	16 <sub>16</sub>	17 <sub>17</sub>	16 <sub>16</sub>	18 <sub>18</sub>	18 <sub>18</sub>	18 <sub>18</sub>	18 <sub>18</sub>	20 <sub>20</sub>	1 <sub>15</sub>	10 <sub>10</sub>	19 <sub>19</sub>	17 <sub>17</sub>								1
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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 fermé 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 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.

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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