



# Race Preview

## 2019 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX

20 – 22 September 2019

The European season has concluded and F1 now heads to South East Asia and the Marina Bay Street Circuit. It plays host to the spectacular Singapore Grand Prix, Round 15 of the 2019 FIA Formula One World Championship.

Marina Bay represents arguably the toughest challenge in F1. The 23-corner circuit around which drivers have to accurately thread a Formula 1 car is hemmed in by unforgiving walls with very little margin for error. This is compounded by a surface that is bumpy and, as is common with a street circuit, features a grip level that starts off very low and improves rapidly as the racing line is cleaned. Additionally, drivers face extreme humidity and high temperatures in a race that usually lasts the full two hours.

As cornering performance is vastly more important than straight-line speed on the tight, twisting Marina Bay circuit, teams will bring their maximum downforce package to Singapore. In the search for grip they will be supported by Pirelli, which is bringing its three softest compounds to the Lion City. The softest C5 compound has been heavily favoured in the selections of every driver, with each taking between seven and 10 sets.

Despite a Ferrari resurgence over the last two races, Mercedes outscored the Scuderia collectively across the Belgian and Italian Grands Prix, and as such the team has strengthened its grip on the Constructors' Championship standings, which it now leads by 154 points. In the Drivers' Championship, Lewis Hamilton retains a comfortable lead of 63 points over team-mate Valtteri Bottas. Behind them, however, things are changing. Consecutive victories have promoted Charles Leclerc above team-mate Sebastian Vettel, and the young Monegasque, with 182 points, is now only three behind Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen in the battle for third place.



### MARINA BAY STREET CIRCUIT

**Length of lap:** 5.063km

**Lap record:** 1:41.905 (Kevin Magnussen, Haas, 2018)

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

**Total number of race laps:** 61

**Total race distance:** 308.706km

#### **Pitlane speed limits:**

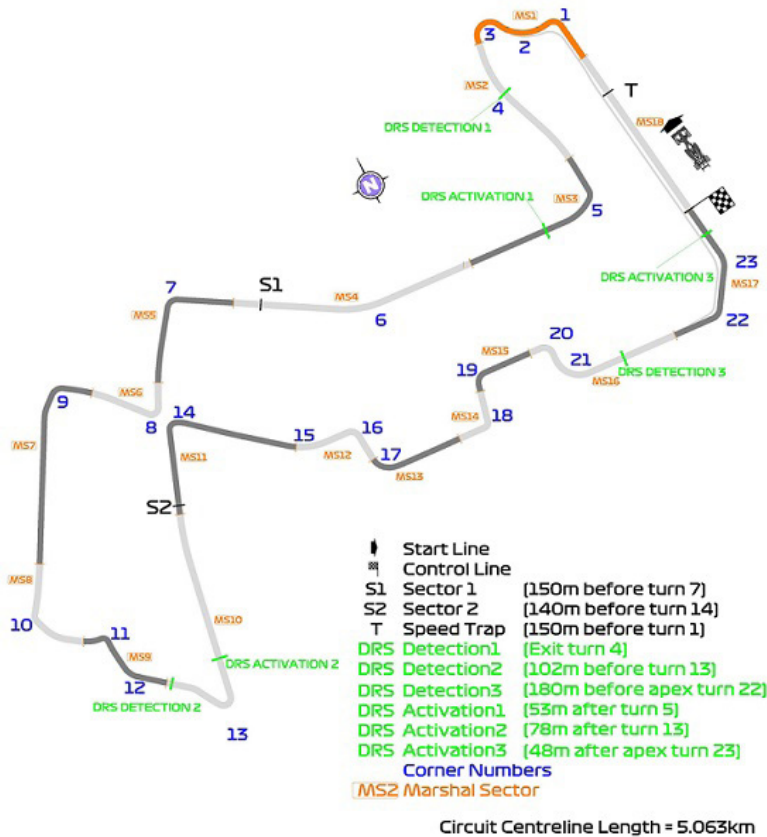
60km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

#### **CIRCUIT NOTES**

- ▶ Five domed kerb sections 50mm high have been installed approximately 1.5m from the track edge behind the exit of Turn 7.
- ▶ The entire pitlane working lane has been ground back and resurfaced.
- ▶ The track has been resurfaced extensively, in various sections all around the circuit.

#### **DRS ZONES**

- ▶ There will be three DRS zones in Singapore. The first detection point will be at the exit of T4 and the first activation point will be 53m after T5. The second detection point will be 102m before T13 with activation 78m after T13. The third detection point will be 180m before the apex of T22, and the activation point will be 48m after apex of T23.



## FAST FACTS

- ▶ This is the 12th Formula One Singapore Grand Prix. The race made its debut in the 2008 season and has been an ever-present on the calendar since. Every race has been held on the Marina Bay Street Circuit and every race has been held in the evening, under floodlights.
- ▶ Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel share the record for most wins in Singapore with four each. Hamilton won in 2009 for McLaren and then in 2014, 2017 and 2018 for Mercedes. Vettel won three in a row for Red Bull Racing in 2011, 2012 and 2013, and took victory in 2015 for Ferrari. These are also the only drivers in the 2019 field to have contested every Singapore Grand Prix.
- ▶ Mercedes is the leading constructor in Singapore, having taken four victories. Alongside Hamilton's wins, Nico Rosberg won the race in 2016 on his way to winning the Drivers' Championship. Rosberg is the only driver to win the Singapore Grand Prix without already having won a World Championship. The only other winner in Singapore is Fernando Alonso. The Spaniard won in 2008 for Renault and 2010 for Ferrari.
- ▶ Pole position is critical in Singapore with eight of the 11 winners having started from P1. The three drivers to take pole and not win have all suffered some kind of incident that has prevented them from scoring. Felipe Massa finished 13th in the inaugural race after departing his pit-box with the fuel hose attached. Hamilton retired with a gearbox issue in 2012 while leading and Sebastian Vettel was involved in a collision with team-mate Kimi Räikkönen and Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen on the run to the first corner in 2017.
- ▶ Red Bull Racing have an unenviable record of finishing second in the last five editions of the Singapore Grand Prix. Vettel was runner-up in 2014, Daniel Ricciardo in 2015, 2016 and 2017, and Verstappen finished in P2 last year. Vettel was also second in 2010 for Red Bull Racing. Added to three third places, they have a record number of podium finishes in Singapore with 12.
- ▶ The only driver to make a Formula One race debut in Singapore is Alexander Rossi. The American contested five grands prix towards the tail-end of the 2015 season, racing for the Manor-Marussia team.
- ▶ Of the four drivers contesting a first full season in F1, only Antonio Giovinazzi has prior experience in Singapore. The Alfa Romeo driver appeared for Haas in 2017, completing 27 laps in FP1, substituting for Kevin Magnussen. The circuit will be a new experience for George Russell, Lando Norris and Alex Albon.
- ▶ The current lap record for the Marina Bay Street Circuit was set last year by Magnussen on lap 50 of the 61-lap race. It was a first – and so far only – fastest lap for either Magnussen or the Haas team.
- ▶ At 1hr 51m 11.611s, last year's race was comfortably the fastest Singapore Grand Prix on record, beating the previous best by over four and three-quarter minutes. The race is the only one on the calendar at which the two-hour limit racing limit is regularly tested, with four of the 11 races to date finishing after the two hour maximum. Three of those were halted on time rather than distance and had a reduced lap count: 59 laps in 2012, 60 laps in 2014 and 58 laps in 2017.

# RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

## TIM MAYER

### **FIA STEWARD, ORGANISER OF THE FIA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE USA**

As the son of former McLaren founder Teddy Mayer, Tim Mayer grew up around motor sport. He organised IndyCar races internationally from 1992-98, aided the construction of several circuits, and produced international TV for multiple series. In 1998 he became CART's Senior VP for Racing Operations then in 2003, Mayer became COO of IMSA, operating multiple series at all levels, including the American Le Mans Series. In 2009 he left IMSA, working independently for several US series and focusing on coordinating US motorsports with the FIA. He was elected an Independent Director of ACCUS and US FIA Delegate, responsible for World Championship events in the US. He Stewards the FIA's F1, WEC and World RX championships as well as teaching and working on multiple commissions.



## ENZO SPANO

### **PRESIDENT OF THE SPORTING COMMISSION OF THE AUTOMOBILE AND TOURING CLUB OF VENEZUELA**

Italian-born Vincenzo Spano grew up in Venezuela, where he went on to study at the Universidad Central de Venezuela, becoming an attorney-at-law. Spano has wide-ranging experience in motor sport, from national to international level. He has worked for the Touring y Automóvil Club de Venezuela since 1991, and served as President of the Sporting Commission since 2001. He was president for two terms and now sits as a member of the Board of the Nacam-FIA zone. Since 1995 Spano has been a licenced steward and obtained his FIA steward superlicence in 2003. Spano has been involved with the FIA and FIA Institute in various roles since 2001: as a member of the World Motor Sport Council, the FIA Committee, and the executive committee of the former FIA Institute.



## MIKA SALO

### **FORMER F1 DRIVER, MEMBER OF THE FIA SINGLE-SEATER COMMISSION**

Finnish racer Mika Salo competed in over 100 grands prix between 1994-2002. After junior success in Britain and Japan, Salo made his Formula One debut for Lotus at the last two rounds of the 1994 season. Over the next eight years the Finn drove for Tyrrell, Arrows, BAR, Ferrari, Sauber and Toyota. He twice finished on the podium for Ferrari and scored points for Toyota in the Japanese manufacturer's debut race. After calling time on his F1 career, Salo competed predominantly in sports cars, most notably racing in GT classes. He has GT2 victories at both Le Mans and Sebring to his name, and in 2007 won the GT class in ALMS. He also tried his hand in CART and Australian V8s. Salo is still a familiar face in the Formula 1 paddock, working extensively for Finnish TV among other roles.



## NATIONAL STEWARD

## NISH SHETTY

### **FIA STEWARD AND MEMBER OF THE FIA INTERNATIONAL COURT OF APPEAL**

Nish Shetty sits on the FIA International Court of Appeal as a judge and is a permanent member of the National Court of Appeal (Singapore). He is also Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission of the Singapore Motor Sports Association and a national steward of the Singapore Grand Prix. Shetty has assisted the Singapore Motor Sports Association for many years as a legal advisor and committee member. In addition to being involved in the Singapore Grand Prix, Shetty has acted as a steward in the Singapore Karting Championship. Away from motor sport, he is a Partner and Head of International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, South East Asia at global law firm Clifford Chance.



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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 <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>	16 <sub>F 3</sub>								284
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 <sub>2</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	18 <sub>2</sub>								221
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>	4 <sub>NC</sub>								185
4	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>	25 <sub>1</sub>								182
5	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 <sub>16</sub>	15 <sub>2</sub>	13 <sub>3</sub>	13 <sub>F 4</sub>	13							169
6	P. GASLY	11	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 <sub>NC</sub>	2 <sub>6</sub>	11								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>5</sub>	10 <sub>5</sub>	NC	NC								58
8	D. RICCIARDO	NC	18	6 <sub>7</sub>	NC	12	2 <sub>9</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>	11	12	6 <sub>7</sub>	NC	14	14	4							34
9	A. ALBON	14	2 <sub>9</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>	11	11	4 <sub>8</sub>	NC	15	15	12	8 <sub>6</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>	8 <sub>5</sub>	6							34
10	D. KVYAT	1 <sub>10</sub>	12	NC	NC	2 <sub>9</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>	14	17	2 <sub>9</sub>	15 <sub>3</sub>	6 <sub>15</sub>	7	NC							33
11	N. HÜLKENBERG	6 <sub>7</sub>	17	NC	14	13	13	6 <sub>7</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	13	1	NC	4 <sub>12</sub>	10 <sub>8</sub>	5							31
12	K. RÄIKKÖNEN	4 <sub>8</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	2 <sub>9</sub>	1 <sub>10</sub>	14	17	6 <sub>15</sub>	2 <sub>7</sub>	4 <sub>9</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	6 <sub>12</sub>	6 <sub>7</sub>	15								31
13	S. PÉREZ	13	1 <sub>10</sub>	4 <sub>8</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>	15	12	12	12	11	17	NC	8 <sub>11</sub>	6 <sub>6</sub>	7							27
14	L. NORRIS	12	8 <sub>6</sub>	18	4 <sub>8</sub>	NC	11	NC	2 <sub>9</sub>	8 <sub>6</sub>	11	NC	2 <sub>9</sub>	1 <sub>11</sub>	10							25
15	L. STROLL	2 <sub>9</sub>	14	12	2 <sub>9</sub>	NC	16	2 <sub>9</sub>	13	14	13	12	1 <sub>10</sub>	12								19
16	K. MAGNUSSEN	8 <sub>6</sub>	13	13	13	6 <sub>7</sub>	14	17	17	19	NC	4 <sub>8</sub>	13	12	NC							18
17	R. GROSJEAN	NC	NC	11	NC	1	1	14	NC	16	NC	6 <sub>7</sub>	NC	13	16							8
18	A. GIOVINAZZI	15	11	15	12	16	19	13	16	10	NC	13	18	2 <sub>18</sub>	9							3
19	R. KUBICA	17	16	17	16	18	18	18	18	20	15	1	10	19	17	17						1
20	G. RUSSELL	16	15	16	15	17	15	16	19	18	14	11	16	15	14							0

F = POINT FOR FASTEST LAP



# FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY

**Press conference** 2030

## 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 and parc fermé interviews

## 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 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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