



Race Preview

70th ANNIVERSARY GRAND PRIX

07 August – 09 August 2020



Following the British Grand Prix, F1 extends its stay at Silverstone this week with Round Five of the 2020 FIA Formula One World Championship, the 70th Anniversary Grand Prix. The event has been named in celebration of the inaugural World Championship, the first event of which was the British (and honorary European) Grand Prix which took place at Silverstone on May 13th 1950.

The circuit is noted for its fast, flowing corners but the intricacies of the lower-speed 'Arena' section between Abbey and the Wellington Straight are often where time is to be gained or lost. Silverstone is a difficult circuit on which to overtake and qualifying position is frequently paramount: thus, these sections receive just as much attention in set-up discussions as the famed high-speed turns at Copse, Stowe and the Maggotts-Becketts-Chapel complex.

Whereas last weekend's British Grand Prix used the three hardest compounds in Pirelli's range, a change in allocation this weekend alters the complexion of the race. For the 70th Anniversary Grand Prix, the allocation moves a step softer with C2, C3 and C4 tyres available.

While every team converged on a one-stop strategy last Sunday, The use of softer tyres on a fast, high-energy circuit makes a similar plan inherently risky this weekend. With a two-stop race more likely, greater strategic options come into play on the fast Silverstone layout.

After four rounds, Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton has a commanding lead of 30 points in the race for the Drivers' Championship. His closest rival is team-mate Valtteri Bottas, with Red Bull's Max Verstappen a further six points back.

Mercedes have an equally daunting advantage in the Constructors' Championship table, enjoying a 68-point lead over Red Bull. Behind them, a far more closely-fought battle is being played out between McLaren, Ferrari, Racing Point and Renault. McLaren currently sit third on 51 points, eight ahead of Ferrari, with Racing Point a further point behind the Scuderia. Renault are slightly adrift, with 32 points – but a good showing in last weekend's British Grand Prix saw them outscore their rivals and close the gap.

SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT

Length of lap:

5.891km

Lap record:

1:27.097 (Max Verstappen, Red Bull Racing, 2020)

Start line/finish line offset:

0.134km

Total number of race laps: 52

Total race distance:

306.198km

Pitlane speed limits:

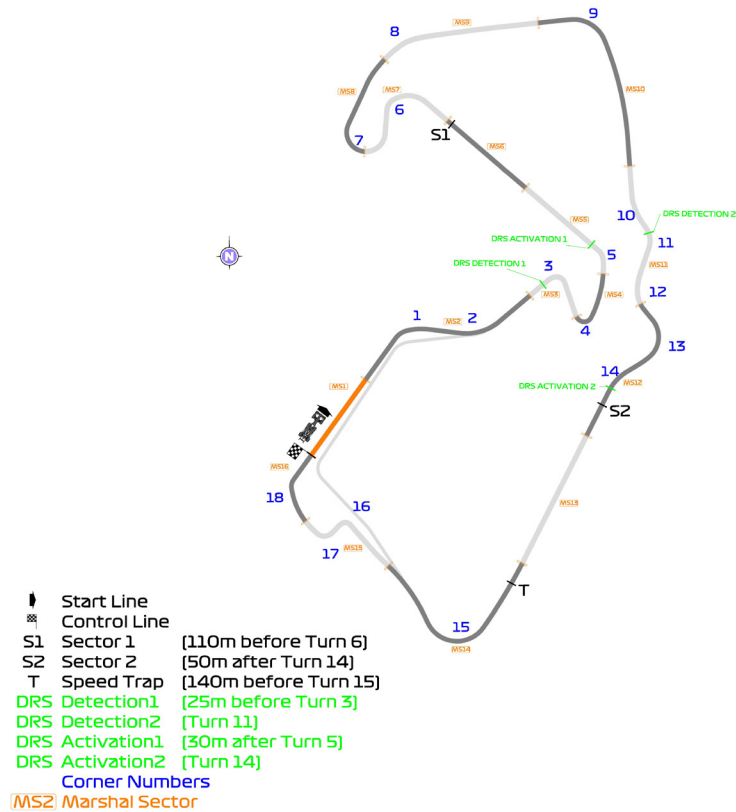
80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ A new 23m section of kerb with taper has been installed at the exit of T13 to help drivers adhere to track limits.
- ▶ A tyre barrier approximately 36m long has been installed at the rear of the Turn 11 run-off area.
- ▶ The apex kerb at Turn 14 has been extended approximately 30m back towards the exit of Turn 13.

DRS ZONE

- ▶ As with last week, there will be two DRS zones at Silverstone. The detection point of the first is 25m before Turn 3 (Village), with the activation point 30m after Turn 5 (Aintree). The second detection point is at Turn 11 (Maggotts) with the activation point at the exit of Turn 14 (Chapel).



Circuit Centreline Length = 5.891km

FAST FACTS

- This is the 55th FIA Formula One World Championship round to be held at Silverstone. While the circuit has hosted numerous non-championship F1 races, most notably the annual BRDC Trophy, this is the first time it has hosted a round of the World Championship other than the British Grand Prix.
- This anniversary event is race number #1023 in the FIA Formula One World Championship, comprising 1012 traditional World Championship Grands Prix and the 11 Indy 500 races that were included in the Championship between 1950 and 1960. The Championship has visited every inhabited continent.
- Monza is F1's most-visited venue. It has hosted the Italian Grand Prix 69 times, only missing from the calendar in 1980, when the Italian Grand Prix moved to Imola.
- Rubens Barrichello holds the record for the most entries, having appeared at 326 races and started 322 in a career stretching from 1993 to 2011. Kimi Räikkönen is on target to surpass that number later this year. The Finn currently has 316 starts. Fernando Alonso, due to return to F1 in 2021, has 311 starts. Lewis Hamilton holds the record for the number of consecutive starts. He has 254.
- Michael Schumacher holds the records for the most victories with 91 and the most Drivers' World Championship, with seven. Hamilton, currently leading the 2020 World Championship can match that title total this year. He and Schumacher share the record for victories at a specific event. Schumacher has won the French Grand Prix on eight occasions; Hamilton has eight victories in Hungary.
- Hamilton holds the record for the most pole positions, starting from P1 91 times.
- Sebastian Vettel holds the record for consecutive victories. The German driver won nine grands prix in a row to end the 2013 season. In doing so, he equalled Schumacher's record of 13 victories in a single season set in 2004.
- Goodyear are F1's most successful tyre manufacture, with 368 victories. They were active in the sport between 1964 and 1998. Their first victory as the 1965 Mexican Grand Prix; the most recent was the 1998 Italian Grand Prix.
- Ferrari are the only team to have appeared in every year of the World Championship, they are also the most successful team in the F1's history with 16 Constructors' Championship titles and 238 victories, ahead of McLaren who have 182. Ferrari are also the most successful engine manufacturer with 239 victories – their own 238 plus Sebastian Vettel's victory for Toro Rosso at the 2008 Italian Grand Prix.
- Arrows have the slightly unfortunate record for most races without a victory: they started 383 times, and came second on five occasions.
- The only entrant on the grid for the 70th Anniversary Grand Prix at Silverstone for the first World Championship race, is Alfa Romeo. The dominant Alfas of 1950 locked out the first four places in qualifying, and completed a podium lock-out with Nino Farina, on his way to becoming F1's first World Champion, taking the flag ahead of Luigi Fagioli and Reg Parnell.

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.



WALTER JOBST

NATIONAL CIRCUIT RACING COMMISSION MEMBER, FIA TRUCK RACING COMMISSION MEMBER, AUSTRIAN GP NATIONAL STEWARD

Walter Jobst has been active in motorsport since 1973. In the '70s and '80s he was involved in rally and circuit racing and worked as an organiser of a variety of motorsport events. In 1979 he passed his exams before Austria's ASN to become the youngest steward at that time. He has been a member of the national sporting body since 1985 and since 1993 has acted as chairman of the Commission for Circuit Racing and Drift. He is a member of the National Court of Appeal and the Circuit Racing Committee. Since 1996 he has served as National Steward for all F1 races in Austria. He has also been active in FIA Formula 2, Formula 3 and numerous other series. He has also been a member of the FIA Truck Racing Commission since 2012.



VITANTONIO LIUZZI

FORMER FIA FORMULA ONE DRIVER, FORMER FIA WORLD ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP, FIA FORMULA E, SUPER GT, SUPER FORMULA DRIVER, FIA FORMULA E STEWARD

Italy's Vitantonio Liuzzi started 80 FIA Formula One World Championship Grands Prix. After junior series success, including winning the 2004 International F3000 title, the Apulia native made his F1 debut with Red Bull Racing at the 2005 San Marino Grand Prix. Following a shared drive in his maiden season, Liuzzi took up a full-time drive with sister team Scuderia Toro Rosso in 2006. He later moved to Force India, where he enjoyed the most consistent points-scoring spell of his F1 career. In 2011 he moved to the ill-fated HRT team and raced for final time in F1 at that season's Brazilian Grand Prix. Following his grand prix career, Liuzzi was a regular competitor in the FIA World Endurance Championship in 2012, 2013 and 2015, in Japan's Super GT and Super Formula in 2014, and in FIA Formula E during the 2014-15 and 2015-2016 seasons. He has also acted as a steward in the FIA Formula E Championship.



NATIONAL STEWARD

STEVE STRINGWELL

FORMULA 1 STEWARD, PERMANENT CHAIRMAN STEWARD FOR PORSCHE SUPERCUP, BRITISH TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP STEWARD

Englishman Steve Stringwell brings a wealth of experience to the F1 stewarding panel. He began marshalling in 1967 before spending 15 years rallying. Since 1986 he has held a series of posts within the UK's Motor Sports Association, first as a steward, then chairman of the MSA's national court and then as chairman of the MSA's Judicial Advisory Panel. Stringwell serves as permanent chairman steward for the Porsche Supercup and acts a steward in the British Touring Car Championship. He has been chairman of support race stewards at the British Grand Prix since 2005 and has officiated at F1 grands prix since 2012. At home in Yorkshire he is a Justice of the Peace and magistrate in the city of Leeds.



2020 FIA Formula One World Championship*

DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

		AUSTRIA	STYRIA	HUNGARY	GREAT BRITAIN	70 TH ANNIV.	SPAIN	BELGIUM	ITALY	TUSCANY	RUSSIA	EIFEL	PORTUGAL	E.-ROMAGNA								POINTS
1	L. HAMILTON	12 ₄	25 ₁	26 _{F 1}	25 ₁																	88
2	V. BOTTAS	25 ₁	18 ₂	15 ₃	11 ₁₁																	58
3	M. VERSTAPPEN	NC	15 ₃	18 ₂	19 _{F 2}																	52
4	L. NORRIS	16 _{F 3}	10 ₅	13 ₁₃	10 ₅																	36
5	C. LECLERC	18 ₂	NC	11 ₁₁	15 ₃																	33
6	A. ALBON	13 ₁₃	12 ₄	10 ₅	4 ₈																	26
7	S. PÉREZ	8 ₆	8 ₆	6 ₇	-																	22
8	L. STROLL	NC	6 ₇	12 ₄	2 ₉																	20
9	D. RICCIARDO	NC	4 ₈	4 ₈	12 ₄																	20
10	C. SAINZ	10 ₅	3 _{F 9}	2 ₉	13 ₁₃																	15
11	E. OCON	4 ₈	NC	14 ₁₄	8 ₆																	12
12	P. GASLY	6 ₇	15 ₁₅	NC	6 ₇																	12
13	S. VETTEL	1 ₁₀	NC	8 ₆	1 ₁₀																	10
14	A. GIOVINAZZI	2 ₉	14 ₁₄	17 ₁₇	14 ₁₄																	2
15	D. KVYAT	12 ₁₂	1 ₁₀	12 ₁₂	NC																	1
16	K. MAGNUSSEN	NC	12 ₁₂	1 ₁₀	NC																	1
17	N. LATIFI	11 ₁₁	17 ₁₇	19 ₁₉	15 ₁₅																	0
18	K. RÄIKÖNEN	NC	11 ₁₁	15 ₁₅	17 ₁₇																	0
19	G. RUSSELL	NC	16 ₁₆	18 ₁₈	12 ₁₂																	0
20	R. GROSJEAN	NC	13 ₁₃	16 ₁₆	16 ₁₆																	0

* AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED

F = POINT FOR FASTEST LAP

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

F = POINT FOR FASTEST LAP

FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Press conference 1400-1715

FRIDAY

Practice session 1 1100-1230

Press conference 1300-1400

Practice session 2 1500-1630

SATURDAY

Practice session 3 1100-1200

Qualifying 1400-1500

SUNDAY

Race 1410-1610

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