



Race Preview

2020 EIFEL GRAND PRIX

09 – 11 October

Round 11 of the 2020 FIA Formula One World Championship moves the action back to Western Europe and the Eifel Grand Prix at Germany's Nürburgring. F1 has not visited the famous Rhineland circuit since it hosted the German Grand Prix in 2013.

The layout of the Nürburgring's GP Circuit draws some comparisons with Silverstone in that it features a technical, low-speed opening sector followed by faster corners later in the lap. While lacking the extreme high-speed turns of the British circuit, it is expected to demand similarly high levels of downforce.

Pirelli have allocated tyres from the middle of the range this weekend with a C2 Hard tyre, C3 Medium tyre and C4 Soft tyre provided. The circuit is not noted as being particularly tough on the rubber but the Italian manufacturer cites the heavy deceleration into the hairpin and its unusual camber as factors likely to push the front-left tyre very hard.

While the GP Circuit made its F1 debut in an October race, it is unusual to be racing this far north, this late in the season. The forecast for the weekend indicates the potential for temperatures in single figures alongside the usual Eifel showers.

Victory and fastest lap for Valtteri Bottas in Russia last time out saw the Finn close the gap on Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton at the top of the Drivers' Championship table. Hamilton now leads with 205 points to Bottas' 161. The tightest battle among the drivers is currently over fourth position, with Lando Norris, Alex Albon and Daniel Ricciardo respectively on 65, 64 and 63 points.

Victory and third place in Sochi have extended Mercedes' advantage in the Constructors' Championship to 174 points. They now lead Red Bull Racing 366 to 192. Behind Red Bull, the battle for third is intense after a poor showing in Sochi dragged McLaren back towards their rivals. With 106 points, they are two ahead of Racing Point, on 104, and seven ahead of Renault on 99.



NÜRBURGRING – GP CIRCUIT

Length of lap:

5.148km

Lap record:

1:29.468 (Michael Schumacher, Ferrari, 2004)

Start line/finish line offset:

0.263km

Total number of race laps:

60

Total race distance:

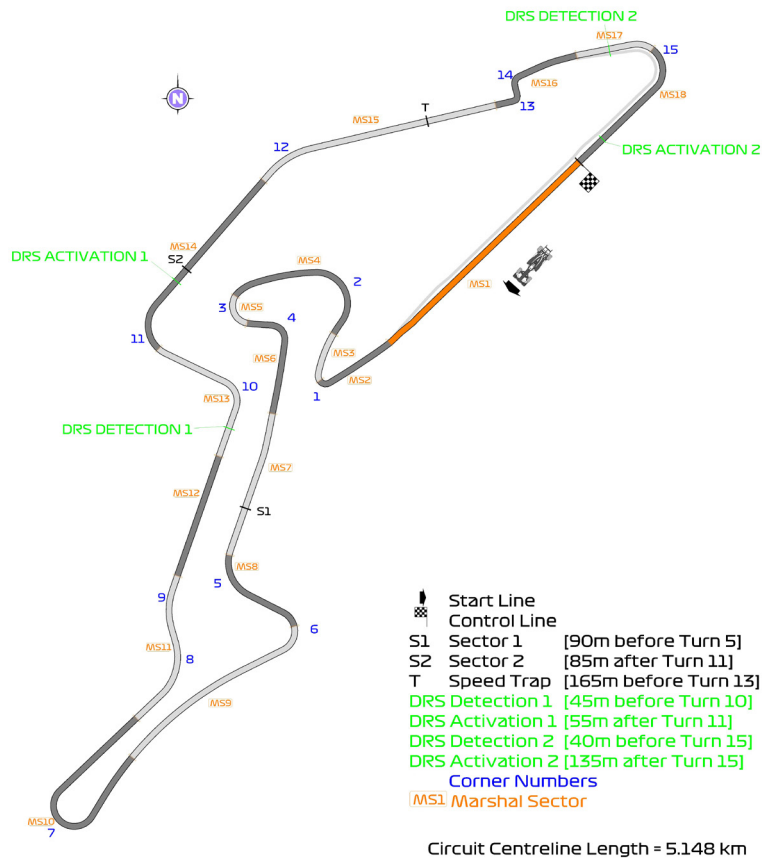
308.617km

Pitlane speed limits:

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

DRS ZONES

- There will be two DRS zones at the Nürburgring. The first has a detection point before Turn 10, and activation after Turn 11. The second has detection at the SC1 line and activation on the start-finish straight.



FAST FACTS

- ▶ This is the 19th FIA Formula One World Championship Grand Prix to be held on the Nürburgring's Grand Prix circuit. In 1984, 1995-96 and 1999-2007, the circuit hosted the European Grand Prix. It hosted the German Grand Prix in 1985, 2009, 2011 and 2013, and the Luxembourg Grand Prix in 1997 and 1998.
- ▶ There are two current Nürburgring winners in the field this weekend. Lewis Hamilton won the German Grand Prix in 2011 for McLaren, and Sebastian Vettel won the 2013 German Grand Prix for Red Bull.
- ▶ Only three times in 18 races has the winner here started from pole position. Michael Schumacher won the 2001 and 2004 European Grands Prix from pole for Ferrari and Mark Webber won the 2009 German Grand Prix from pole for Red Bull. Johnny Herbert holds the record for winning from furthest back, starting 14th at the 1999 European Grand Prix and surviving a wet race to take his third and Stewart Grand Prix's only F1 victory. Of the current field, Kimi Räikkönen (2003, 2007) and Lewis Hamilton (2013) have both started on pole at this circuit.
- ▶ Ferrari are the most successful team at the modern Nürburgring, winning six times, with Michele Alboreto (1985), Michael Schumacher (2000, 2001, 2004, 2006) and Rubens Barrichello (2002). Schumacher is the most successful driver, with his four victories for Ferrari following a solitary win for Benetton in 1995. Schumacher is one of three multiple winners here, the others being Jacques Villeneuve (1996, 1997) for Williams and Fernando Alonso, who shares with Schumacher the distinction of having won with more than one team, taking victory for Renault in 2005 and McLaren in 2007.
- ▶ Räikkönen is set to start his 323rd grand prix on Sunday, taking the record for most starts in F1, currently shared with Rubens Barrichello. The Finn has driven for McLaren, Lotus and, in two spells, with Ferrari. He made his debut at the 2001 Australian Grand Prix for Sauber, the entrant behind the Alfa Romeo team for which he now races. Räikkönen has 21 F1 victories, 103 podium finishes, 46 fastest laps and 18 pole positions. Unusual in the modern age, he missed the 2010 and 2011 F1 seasons while contesting the FIA World Rally Championship in which he had a best finish of fifth position in the 2010 Turkish Rally.
- ▶ While F1 hasn't raced at the Nürburgring since 2013, its ubiquity on Europe's various junior single-seater calendars ensures every driver in the field has raced here numerous times. Of the current field, Hamilton, Valtteri Bottas, Sergio Pérez, Daniel Ricciardo, Vettel, Romain Grosjean and Räikkönen all raced in the last German Grand Prix held here. Max Verstappen (2014), Antonio Giovinazzi (2014), Lance Stroll (2016) and Lando Norris (2017) have all won at the Nürburgring in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship.
- ▶ This weekend, Hamilton has the opportunity to draw level with Schumacher on 91 grand prix victories. The Briton recorded his first win in his debut season, at the 2007 Canadian Grand Prix, and holds the enviable record of having taken at least one victory in every season he has contested. He appeared on the podium at his first nine grands prix, missing out for the first time here at the Nürburgring after a Q3 crash saw him start P10.

RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

DR GERD ENNSER

MEMBER OF THE DMSB'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR AUTOMOBILE SPORT, FORMULA 1 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 1 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.



MATHIEU REMMERIE

GRADUATE OF THE GLOBAL PATHWAY FOR FIA STEWARDS PROGRAMME, F2 & F3 STEWARD, FORMULA E STEWARD, MEMBER OF THE RACB BELGIAN NATIONAL SPORT & APPEAL COURT.

Mathieu Remmerie began his professional career as the Sporting and Administration Manager at the Royal Automobile Club of Belgium. He represented the Belgian ASN in several FIA sporting commissions and has been a National Steward in Belgium since 2014. His international experience began shortly after this, officiating in Formula 2, Formula 3 and Formula E. He is a alumnus of the new Global Pathway for FIA Stewards, one of the first members of the programme to graduate through to Formula 1.



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

FELIX HOLTER

MEMBER FIA INTERNATIONAL STEWARDS PANEL, PERMANENT CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS, DTM

Felix Holter followed a junior national-level karting career by moving into event organisation as a board member of his local motorsport club. He began his stewarding at national level in 2007 and by 2011 was acting as Chairman of the Stewards of the ADAC GT Masters Series, as well as stewarding at the German round of the FIA World Touring Car Championship, DTM, the F3 Euro Series and the FIA F3 Trophy. In 2013 became permanent Chairman of the Stewards in DTM. He has been the national steward at the Formula 1 German Grand Prix and in 2018 he became a member of the FIA International Stewards Panel. Holter also organises training activities for International Stewards on behalf of the German ASN, the DMSB.



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CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	AUSTRA	STYRIA	HUNGARY	GREAT BRITAIN	70 TH ANNIV.	SPAIN	BELGIUM	ITALY	TUSCANY	RUSSIA	EIFEL	PORTUGAL	E.-ROMAGNA	TURKEY	BAHRAIN	SAKHIR	ABU DHABI		POINTS	
1	MERCEDES AMG PETRONAS MOTORSPORT	37 1 4	43 2	41 F 1 3	25 1 11	34 F 2 3	41 1 F 3	43 1 2	17 5 F 7	44 F 1 2	41 F 1 3									366
2	ASTON MARTIN RED BULL RACING		27 3 4	28 2 5	23 F 2 8	35 1 5	22 2 8	23 3 6	15 15 NC	19 3 NC	2 2 10									192
3	McLAREN F1 TEAM	26 F 3 5	13 5 F 9	2 9 13	10 5 13	2 9 13	9 6 10	6 7 NC	30 2 4	8 6 NC	15 15 NC									106
4	BWT RACING POINT F1 TEAM	8 6 NC	-1 6 7	18 4 7	2 9 DNS	14 6 7	22 4 5	3 9 10	16 3 10	10 5 NC	12 4 NC									104
5	RENAULT DP WORLD F1 TEAM	4 8 NC	4 8 NC	4 8 14	20 4 6	4 8 14		23 F 4 5	12 6 8	12 4 NC	16 5 7									99
6	SCUDERIA FERRARI	19 2 10		8 NC 11	16 3 10	12 4 12	6 7 NC			5 8 10	8 6 13									74
7	SCUDERIA ALPHATAURI HONDA	6 7 12	1 10 15		6 7 NC	1 10 11	2 9 12	4 8 11	27 1 9	6 7 NC	6 8 9									59
8	ALFA ROMEO RACING ORLEN	2 9 NC		15 14 17	14 14 17	15 15 17	14 14 16	12 12 NC	13 13 16	2 9 NC	11 11 14									4
9	HAAS F1 TEAM			1 10 16		16 16 NC	15 15 19	15 15 17	12 12 NC	12 12 NC	12 12 17									1
10	WILLIAMS RACING				12 12 15	18 18 19	17 17 18	16 16 NC	11 11 14	11 11 NC	16 16 18									0

F = POINT FOR FASTEST LAP

FORMULA 1 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 1200-1300

Qualifying 1500-1600

SUNDAY

Race 1410-1610

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