

FORMULA 1
ETIHAD AIRWAYS
ABU DHABI
GRAND PRIX
2020



MEDIA HANDBOOK



**Formula 1 Etihad Airways
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2020**
Yas Island 11-13 December

Official Formula 1® Media Kit

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WELCOME MESSAGE

FORMULA 1® ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX 2020

Welcome to Yas Marina Circuit and welcome to the FORMULA 1 ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX 2020, the season-finale and an event which is always one of the highlights of the sporting calendar.

Now in its 12th year, we hosted the inaugural race in 2009, and what a journey it's been as some of motorsport's most talented drivers have showcased their talents here in Abu Dhabi.

The nature of this year's event has changed, for obvious reasons, but we are absolutely delighted to be able to host the Grand Prix once again and bring the curtain down on an eventful Formula 1 season.

Due to the global outbreak of Covid-19 earlier this year, we are placing a huge emphasis on ensuring the safety of everybody in attendance at Yas Marina Circuit for this year's event.

Comprehensive compliance directives have been followed to the letter, and a number of safety measures have been implemented in and around the Circuit.

The safety of everybody who visits Yas Marina Circuit continues to be our number one priority.

We would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Frontline Heroes, 600 of whom will be our guests on Yas Island across all three days of the event in honour of their incredible efforts throughout this year.

These people are the cornerstone of our community and represent everything which is great about Abu Dhabi and the wider UAE.

In recognition of their outstanding work, Abu Dhabi Hill has been renamed Frontline Heroes Hill for this year's event.

Amid the excitement we know there's plenty of hard work ahead and our Media team is at your service to ensure the best environment for you to cover the thrills and spills of another Grand Prix weekend.

Despite our best efforts to think of every eventuality, if there is anything you require please feel free to contact our team and we'll do our absolute best to meet your request!

We cannot stress what an honour it is to have you with us at Yas Marina Circuit for the FORMULA 1 ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX 2020.

We wish you an amazing time, and let's end what has been a testing year for everybody on a high!

YAS MARINA CIRCUIT MEDIA TEAM

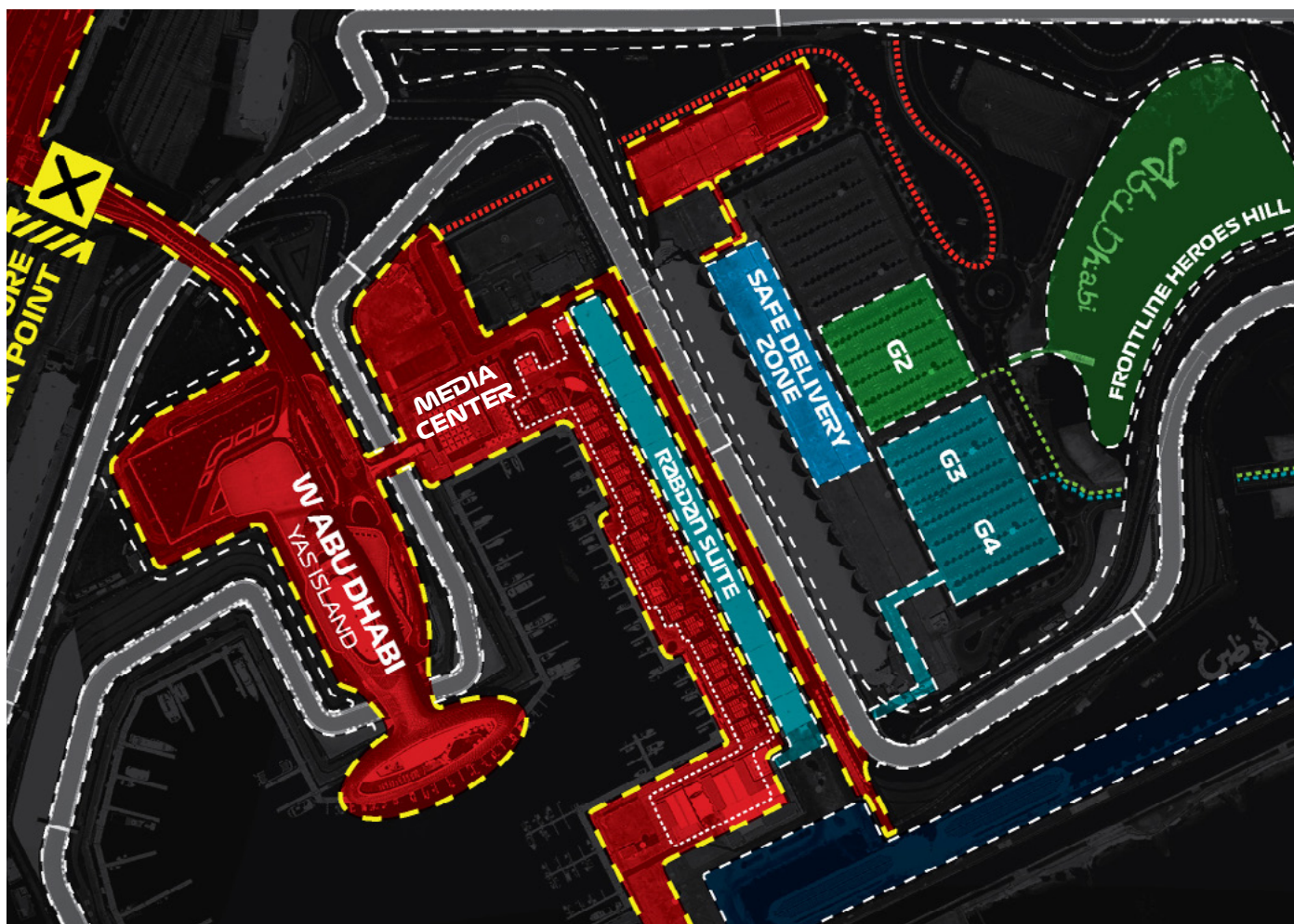


MEDIA CENTRE OPENING HOURS

OPENING HOURS

MEDIA CENTRE	
Thursday, 10 th December 2020	08:30 - 22:00
Friday, 11 th December 2020	08:30 - 23:00
Saturday, 12 th December 2020	08:30 - midnight
Sunday, 13 th December 2020	09:00 - until last journalist leaves

LOCATION MAP





MEDIA CENTRE KEY STAFF

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MEDIA CENTRE FACILITIES

The Media Accreditation Centre is at the West Gate Entrance of Yas Marina Circuit and the Media Centre for the FORMULA 1 ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX 2020 is located in the Paddock, opposite Race Control. The journalists' and the photographers' work rooms are on the first floor of the Media Centre.

IT CHARGES

Standard line set-up charges are FREE.

INTERNET

Internet access (WIFI & Cable) is available Free of Charge.

LOCKERS

Free lockers are available on the first floor of the Media Centre. Each locker has its own key which you can collect from the reception.

CATERING IN THE MEDIA CENTRE

There is a cafeteria on the first floor; opening hours are from 8:00am - 22:00 on Thursday to Sunday. Snacks are complimentary.

Additionally, we will supply one complimentary hot meal per day from Thursday through to Sunday.



PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

All press conferences organized by the FIA will be held in the Press Conference room on the ground floor of the Media Centre.

DAY	TIME	PARTICIPANTS
Thursday, 10 th December 2020	15:00	All drivers in sets of 2
Friday, 11 th December 2020	15:00	All drivers in sets of 3
Saturday, 12 th December 2020	18:00	Top three drivers in session
Sunday, 13 th December 2020	After the Race	Top three finishing drivers

PLEASE NOTE:

After the press conferences on Thursday and Friday the participants will go to the TV pen.

Qualifying and post-race press conferences will take place after the Parc Fermé interviews and the podium ceremony, which will be broadcast in the Media Centre and the Press Conference Room.



PHOTOGRAPHERS' SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

Photographers' shuttles will take photographers to various points around the circuit ahead of each Formula One track session and will return photographers to the Media Centre upon completion of the session.

Shuttles will operate on a group basis, as they have done throughout the year.

F1® SESSIONS & RACE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11

F1® First Practice Session 13:00 - 14:30

Shuttle departs	12:30 - 13:00
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Pick-ups from	14:30
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F1® Second Practice Session 17:00 - 18:30

Shuttle departs	16:30 - 17:00
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Pick-ups from	18:30
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SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

F1® Third Practice Session 14:00 - 15:00

Shuttle departs	13:30 - 14:00
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Pick-ups from	15:00
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F1® Qualifying 17:00 - 18:00

Shuttle departs	16:30 - 17:00
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Pick-ups from	18:00
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

FORMULA 1® ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX 2020 17:10 - 19:10

Shuttle departs	16:00 - 17:10
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Pick-ups from	19:10
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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

TIME	ACTIVITY	
15:00 - 18:35	Formula 1	Press Conference

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

TIME	ACTIVITY	
13:00 - 14:30 ¹	Formula 1	First Practice Session
15:00 - 16:00	Formula 1	Press Conference
17:00 - 18:30 ¹	Formula 1	Second Practice Session
20:00 - 21:00	Formula 1	Drivers' Meeting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

TIME	ACTIVITY	
14:00 - 15:00 ¹	Formula 1	Third Practice Session
17:00 - 18:00	Formula 1	Qualifying Session
18:00 - 19:00	Formula 1	Press Conference
18:30 - 18:45	Renault R25	Renault R25 Demo Laps

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

TIME	ACTIVITY	
14:00 - 14:15	Renault R25	Renault R25 Demo Laps
15:10 - 15:15	Formula 1	End of Season Drivers Picture
15:20 - 16:00	Formula 1	Drivers' Presentation
16:30 - 16:40	Formula 1	Pitlane Open
16:53 - 16:54	Formula 1	End Racism Recognition
16:54 - 16:56	Formula 1	National Anthem
17:10* - 19:10 ²	Formula 1	Grand Prix (55 laps or 120 mins)

¹ Fixed End Session ² Approximate finishing time

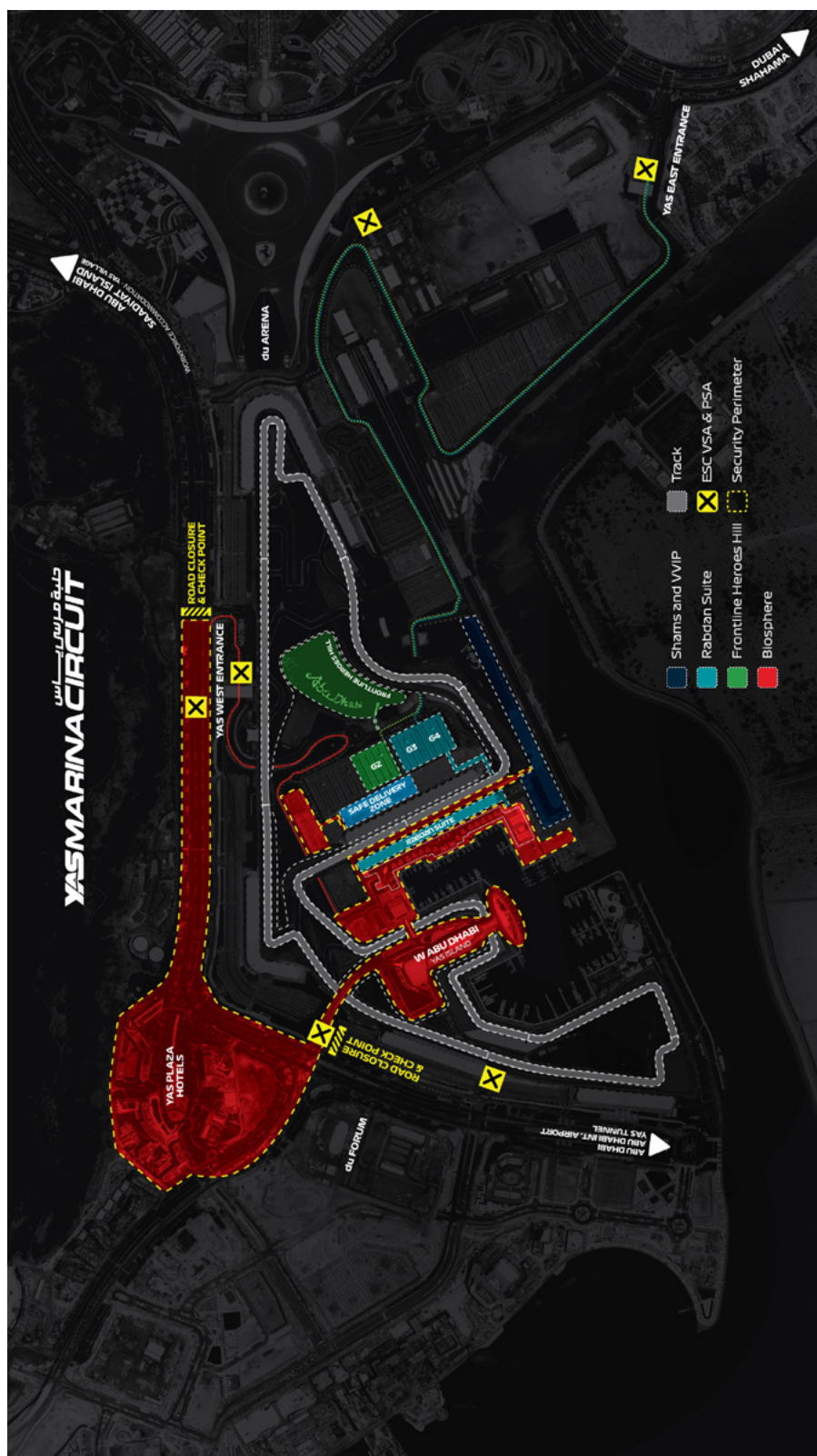
* These times refer to the start of the formation lap

MAPS & DIAGRAMS

MEDIA CENTRE

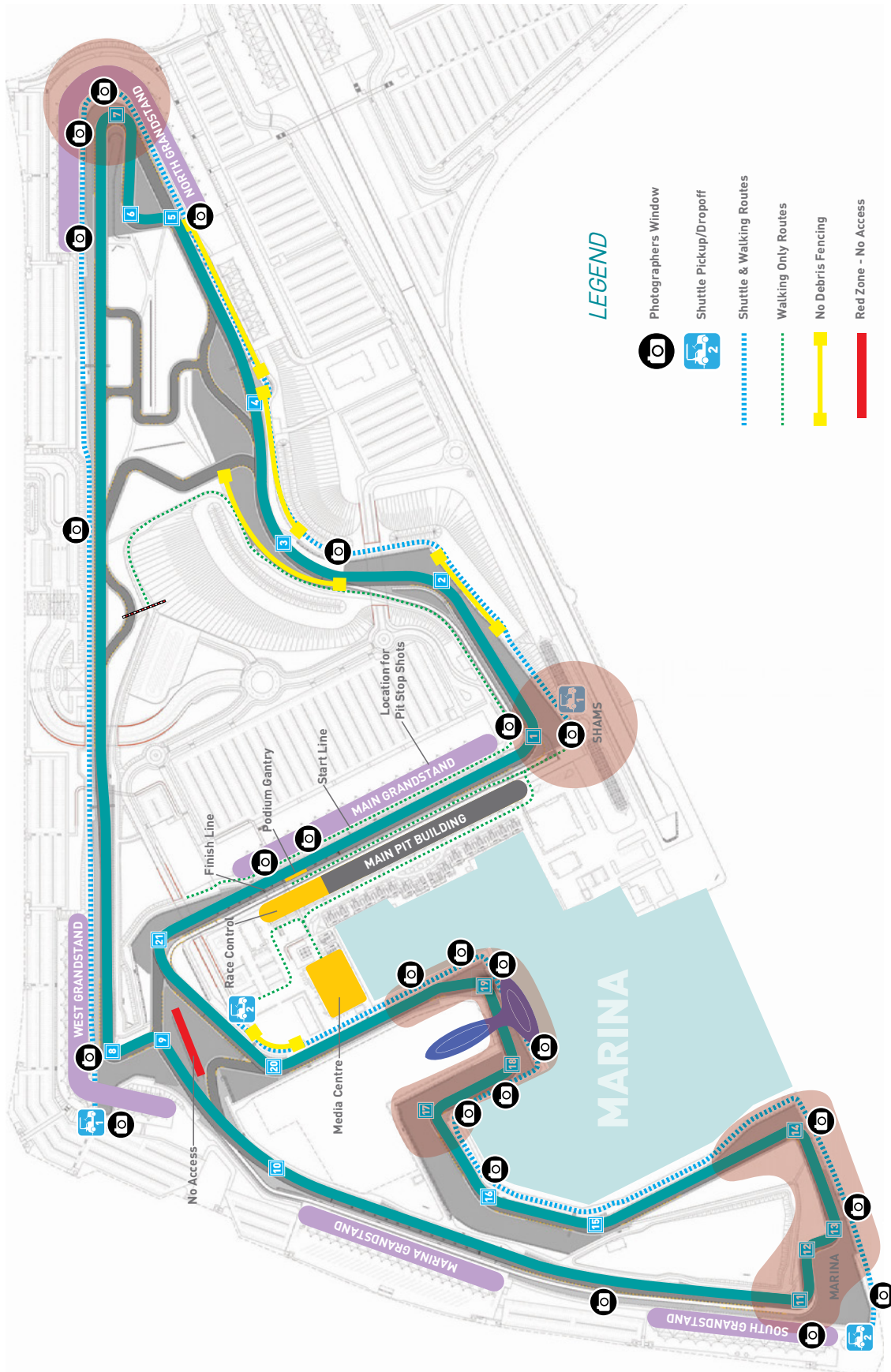
Hotel Transfers

There is a general curtesy shuttle bus running between the **Yas Plaza hotels** and the **Media Centre area** from **7:30 am** till **7:30 pm** from **Thursday** to **Sunday**.





PHOTOGRAPHERS WINDOW MAP



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