



Race Preview

2020 TUSCAN GRAND PRIX

11 – 13 September

Round Nine of the 2020 FIA Formula One World Championship takes teams and drivers to a new circuit for F1 and a new race. The third race of the season's third triple-header is the Tuscan Grand Prix, held at the Autodromo Internazionale del Mugello.

Opened in 1974, the Mugello circuit near the city of Florence is best known as the home of the Grand Prix Motorcycle Racing's Italian Grand Prix, having hosted that event on 30 occasions. The circuit will be one of the fastest on this year's F1 calendar, rivalling Silverstone and Spa-Francorchamps for average speeds. The peculiarity of the circuit is that, for an F1 car, it doesn't have any slow corners or heavy braking zones, and drivers are unlikely to dip below fourth gear anywhere around the lap. Meanwhile, the high-speed right-handers at Arrabbiata 1 and Arrabbiata 2 are likely to be taken flat-out.

To cope with a combination of fast corners and abrasive asphalt, Pirelli bring their hardest compounds to Mugello, with the C1, C2 and C3 on offer. This is also to shield against the potential for thermal degradation exacerbated by very hot weather. The narrowness of the track and the technical nature of the layout are likely to make overtaking difficult, putting an extra onus on strategy decisions.

Despite registering his worst result of the season at Monza last weekend, Lewis Hamilton's lead in the Drivers' Championship holds steady at 47 points, with team-mate Valtteri Bottas moving into second position after Max Verstappen recorded his second DNF of the season. Mercedes, meanwhile, expanded their lead at the top of the Constructors' Championship, thanks to Red Bull Racing's failure to score. Their lead is now up to 123 points.

Behind them, the battle is rather more intense. McLaren's best result since 2014 saw them extend their lead in the race for third place, pulling out a gap of 16 points ahead of Racing Point, who in turn have an 11-point advantage over Renault. Ferrari's double-DNF at Monza has them slip off the back of the third-place battle, and they are now ten points behind Renault.



AUTODROMO INTERNAZIONALE DEL MUGELLO

Length of lap:

5.245km

Lap record:

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Start line/finish line offset:

0.042km

Total number of race laps:

59

Total race distance:

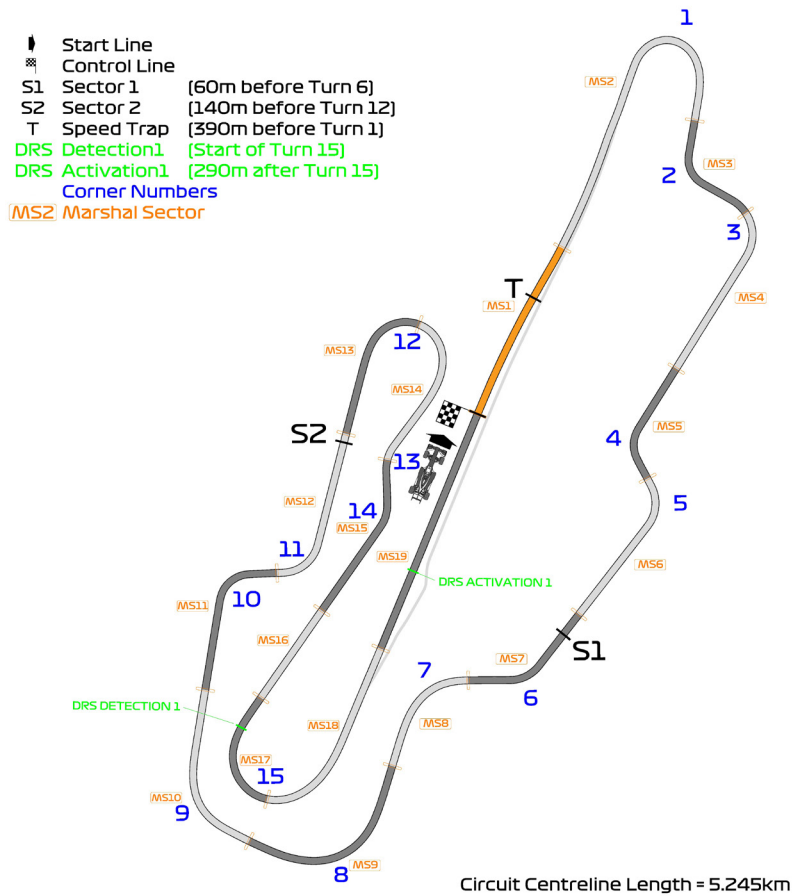
309.497km

Pitlane speed limits:

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

DRS ZONES

- ▶ Mugello will have a single DRS Zone, along the start-finish straight. The detection point is at the entry of Turn 15 and the activation point is 175m after the SC1 line.



FAST FACTS

- ▶ Mugello is the 72nd venue to host an FIA Formula One World Championship grand prix. It is the first new circuit since 2016, when the Baku City Circuit welcomed the European Grand Prix. It is the first of two new circuits expected to debut this year, the other being the Autódromo Internacional do Algarve in Portimão, which is scheduled to host the Portuguese Grand Prix in October.
- ▶ Mugello is the fourth circuit in Italy to host a round of the World Championship. Monza debuted in 1950 and has hosted 70 editions of the Italian Grand Prix. Imola held the Italian Grand Prix in 1980 and then hosted 26 editions of the San Marino Grand Prix between 1981 and 2006. It will also host the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix in November. The other is the Pescara Circuit, a public road course used for the 1957 Pescara Grand Prix – a race added to the calendar after the cancellation of the Belgian and Dutch Grands Prix. It was notable as the first time Formula 1 had held consecutive races in the same country (with the Italian Grand Prix at Monza following). At 25.8km, it remains the longest lap ever used in F1.
- ▶ F1 teams used Mugello as a testing venue until 2012, predominantly Ferrari (for whom Kimi Räikkönen tested extensively during his first spell with the Scuderia) but the antecedents of the current Mercedes, Alfa Romeo and AlphaTauri teams have also visited. F1 ran a full in-season test in 2012, at which Romain Grosjean, Sebastian Vettel, Daniel Ricciardo, Sergio Pérez and Valtteri Bottas participated. Red Bull conducted a Pirelli tyre test here in 2016 and, at the start of this season, Ferrari visited Mugello for a shakedown test. Both Vettel and Charles Leclerc sampled the circuit in 2018's SF71H.
- ▶ On Sunday, Ferrari are set to start their 1000th race in the World Championship. The team made their debut at the 1950 Monaco Grand Prix, the second race on the inaugural F1 calendar. Alberto Ascari finished second, a lap down on Juan Manuel Fangio, who won for Alfa Romeo.
- ▶ Scuderia Ferrari has a record 237 victories (plus a win for a privately entered car at the 1961 French Grand Prix). Their first win came courtesy of José Froilán González at the 1951 British Grand Prix, the most recent was scored by Sebastian Vettel at the 2019 Singapore Grand Prix. The team has won 16 Constructors' Championships since the inception of that competition in 1958.
- ▶ The team hold numerous other F1 records. They have made 655 consecutive starts, in a string stretching back to the 1982 Italian GP, have 84 1-2 finishes and hold the record for consecutive appearances on the podium with 53 between the 1999 Malaysian Grand Prix and the 2002 Japanese Grand Prix. Ferrari have 254 fastest laps and has scored 8318.5 Constructors' Championship points, while their drivers have recorded 9220.27 points in the Drivers' Championship. They hold the record for victories at a single grand prix, winning the German Grand Prix 21 times and have a record 228 pole positions from the 1001 grands prix the team has entered.
- ▶ As an engine supplier, Ferrari has 239 victories. This includes the 237 wins for the works team, Giancarlo Baghetti's victory at the 1961 French Grand Prix in a privately-entered car, and Sebastian Vettel's win for Toro Rosso at the 2008 Italian Grand Prix.

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**

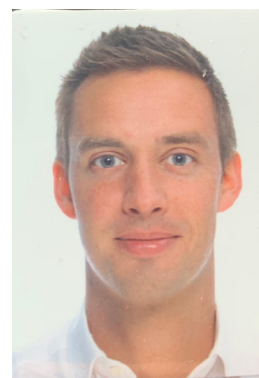
Garry Connelly's motor sport career began in the late 1960s. Connelly was instrumental in bringing the World Rally Championship to Australia in 1988 and served as Chairman of the Organising Committee, Board member and Clerk of Course of Rally Australia until December 2002. He has been an FIA Steward and FIA Observer since 1989, covering the FIA World Rally Championship, the FIA World Touring Car Championship and the FIA Formula One World 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.



LOÏC BACQUELAINE

FIA FORMULA 3 STEWARD

Born in the Ardennes near the famous Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Loïc Bacquelaine has been involved in motorsport from an early age. He works in Luxembourg in the legal profession, specialising in financial law. Alongside his role as a steward in FIA Formula 3, he has also worked as a steward across a wide range of international motorsport classes, including the Porsche Supercup, TCR, Le Mans Cup and Porsche GT Cup.



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 1 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

MATTEO PERINI

MEMBER OF AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF ITALY, FIA STEWARD

Matteo Perini began his motorsport career in 2005 and has been a National Steward in Italy since 2015. As one of the country's youngest National Stewards he has officiated in a number series including GT racing, F4, Prototypes and TCR. His international experience began with stewarding roles in a variety of series, including the FIA Formula 3 European Championship. From 2018 he has also acted as a permanent Steward in the F4 Italian Championship – Certified by FIA and from 2019 in the Formula Regional European Championship – Certified by FIA. He took part and completed the Global Pathway to become FIA Steward and nowadays acts as Steward appointed by the Italian ASN in Formula 1.



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DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	AUSTRIA	STYRIA	HUNGARY	GREAT BRITAIN	70 TH ANNIV.	SPAIN	BELGIUM	ITALY	TUSCANY	RUSSIA	EIFEL	PORTUGAL	E.-ROMAGNA	TURKEY	BAHRAIN	SAKHIR	ABU DHABI	POINTS
1	L. HAMILTON	12 4	25 1	26 F 1	25 1	19 F 2	25 1	25 F 7	7									164
2	V. BOTTAS	25 1	18 2	15 3	11	15 3	16 F 3	18 2	10 5									117
3	M. VERSTAPPEN	NC	15 3	18 2	19 F 2	25 1	18 2	15 3	NC									110
4	L. STROLL	NC	6 7	12 4	2 9	8 6	12 4	2 9	15 3									57
5	L. NORRIS	16 F 3	10 5	13	10 5	2 9	1 10	6 7	12 4									57
6	A. ALBON	13	12 4	10 5	4 8	10 5	4 8	8 6	15									48
7	C. LECLERC	18 2	NC	11	15 3	12 4	NC	14	NC									45
8	P. GASLY	6 7	15	NC	6 7	11	2 9	4 8	25 1									43
9	C. SAINZ	10 5	3 F 9	2 9	13	13	8 6	DNS	18 2									41
10	D. RICCIARDO	NC	4 8	4 8	12 4	14	11	13 F 4	8 6									41
11	S. PÉREZ	8 6	8 6	6 7	-	-	10 5	1 10	1 10									34
12	E. OCON	4 8	NC	14	8 6	4 8	13	10 5	4 8									30
13	S. VETTEL	1 10	NC	8 6	1 10	12	6 7	13	NC									16
14	N. HÜLKENBERG				DNS	6 7	-	-	-									6
15	D. KVYAT	12	1 10	12	NC	1 10	12	11	2 9									4
16	A. GIOVINAZZI	2 9	14	17	14	17	16	NC	16									2
17	K. MAGNUSSEN	NC	12	1 10	NC	NC	15	17	NC									1
18	N. LATIFI	11	17	19	15	19	18	16	11									0
19	K. RÄIKÖNEN	NC	11	15	17	15	14	12	13									0
20	R. GROSJEAN	NC	13	16	16	16	19	15	12									0
21	G. RUSSELL	NC	16	18	12	18	17	NC	14									0

* AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED

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CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	AUSTRIA	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 1 2	41 F 1 3	25 1 11	34 F 2 3	41 1 F 3	43 1 2	17 5 F 7													281
2 ASTON MARTIN RED BULL RACING		27 13 NC	28 3 4	23 F 2 8	35 1 5	22 2 8	23 3 6	15 NC													158
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													98
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													82
5 RENAULT DP WORLD F1 TEAM	4 8 NC	4 8 NC	4 8 14	20 4 6	4 8 14	11 11 13	23 F 4 5	12 6 8													71
6 SCUDERIA FERRARI	19 2 10	NC NC	8 6 11	16 3 10	12 4 12	6 7 NC	13 14	NC NC													61
7 SCUDERIA ALPHATAURI HONDA	6 7 12	1 10 15	12 NC	6 7 NC	1 10 11	2 9 12	4 8 11	27 1 9													47
8 ALFA ROMEO RACING ORLEN	2 9 NC	11 14	15 17	14 17	15 17	14 16	12 NC	13 16													2
9 HAAS F1 TEAM	NC NC	12 13	1 16	16 NC	16 NC	15 19	15 17	12 NC													1
10 WILLIAMS RACING	11 NC	17 17	18 19	12 15	18 19	17 18	16 NC	11 14													0

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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 1510-1710

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