



Circuit de Monaco
3.337 KM Start/Finish Offset
0.000 km

SPRINT RACE 1 & 2
FEATURE RACE

30 LAPS // 100.110 KM 45 min.
42 LAPS // 140.154 KM 60 min.

WHEN TO WATCH

AVERAGE TEMP. 22°/14°
 AVERAGE RAINFALL 17 MM

MAXIMUM SPEED
263.2 KM/H
Nyck de Vries (Rapax) in 2017

LAP RECORD
1:19.309 (151.473 KM/H)
Charles Leclerc (PREMA Racing) in 2017

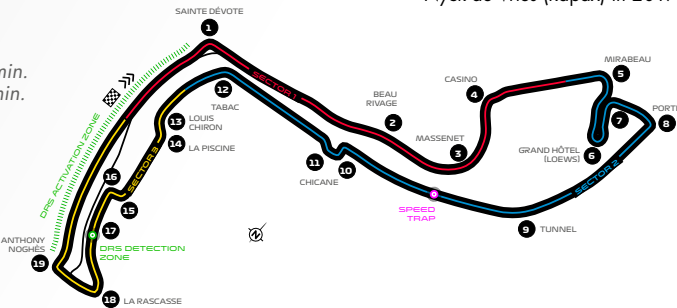
ALL TIMES LOCAL (GMT +2)

THURSDAY 20 MAY
09:45 Practice Session . 45 min.
13:20 Qualifying Session Group A . 16 min.
13:44 Qualifying Session Group B . 16 min.
14:30 Press Conference*

FRIDAY 21 MAY
11:45 Sprint Race 1 . 30 laps • 45 min.
13:05 Press Conference*

SATURDAY 22 MAY
08:20 Sprint Race 2 . 30 laps • 45 min.
09:40 Press Conference*
17:15 Feature Race . 42 laps • 60 min.
18:50 Press Conference*

*Note: You can join the Press Conference via Zoom upon request.



2019 POLE POSITION
1:20.676 (148.906 KM/H)
Nyck de Vries (ART Grand Prix)

COMPOUND ALLOCATION
 SOFT **SUPERSOFT**

2019 FEATURE RACE TYRE WINNING STRATEGY
36 laps **Soft** >> **6 laps** **Supersoft**
N. De Vries (ART Grand Prix) from P1 Grid Position

THE STORY SO FAR

The FIA Formula 2 Championship makes a long-awaited return to screens this weekend, as the grid hit the track for Round 2 of the 2021 campaign at Monte Carlo, Monaco after a suspenseful seven-week interlude.

An exhilarating opening round at the Bahrain International Circuit saw the names of two rookies etched into the history books, with Liam Lawson and Oscar Piastri both securing Sprint Race wins on their debut weekends. Meanwhile, Guanyu Zhou set his sights firmly on a title battle, securing his third career pole, finishing in the points in all three races and claiming the win in Sunday's Feature Race.

Hitech Grand Prix's Lawson demonstrated skilful defending to claim victory in the opening race of the season brushing off a stiff challenge from his Red Bull academy-

mate Jehan Daruvala to seal victory in Sprint Race 1. While PREMA Racing's Piastri seized the victory from UNI-Virtuosi's Zhou with a last lap overtake in Sprint Race 2. The Australian came home ahead of academy-mates Lundgaard and Zhou to round-out an all-Alpine Academy podium.

Saturday may have been the day of the rookie, but Sunday's Feature Race was a masterclass from second year Zhou. After missing out on the win in Sprint Race 2, the Chinese driver delivered a stand-out drive to seal his second victory in Formula 2 in emphatic style.



THE CHALLENGERS

After three races Zhou (41 points) leads the way in the Drivers' Championship with a 11-point gap to second-placed Lawson (30), who picked up an impressive haul of points in his debut weekend. The rookie is currently two points ahead of Carlin's Daruvala (28), who was the only driver other than Zhou, to score points in all three races.

Reigning Formula 3 Champion Piastri (21) and Williams Development Driver Dan Ticktum (19) round out the top five.

Carlin leads the pack in the Team's Championship with 47 points, after

strong weekends for both Daruvala and Ticktum. Second-placed UNI-Virtuosi (43) are just four points back, and lead PREMA Racing (37) by five points. Hitech Grand Prix (30) and ART Grand Prix (24) occupy fourth and fifth, respectively.

With the first weekend of the new campaign under their belts, this weekend provides an unmatched opportunity for teams and drivers to set the scene for the season ahead. A switch to the Soft and SuperSoft compounds will no doubt add an exciting dynamic to an already thrilling race on the streets of Monte Carlo.

TYRE TALK MARIO ISOLA (PIRELLI HEAD OF F1 AND CAR RACING) SAYS:

"We will bring our softest compounds – the P Zero Red soft and P Zero Purple supersofts – for the Formula 2 round in Monaco, where tyre wear and degradation is very low. Because of the impact of the pandemic on last year's calendar, this will be the very first time that the teams and drivers have used the 18-inch tyres on a true street circuit. Getting the most out of the rubber in Monaco's unique split qualifying session is always

important because of how difficult it is to overtake – although the new three-race format does present some additional opportunities, and it will be interesting to see how the teams approach this in terms of strategy. The value of track position means we should only expect pit-stops during the feature race, and the timing of these around the significant potential for safety cars can be pivotal."

FROM THE GRID

Roy Nissany / DAMS



"I've been preparing a lot with simulator sessions even though I've already raced in Monaco twice, once in 2018 and once in 2015. Even though I have some experience there, it is important to refresh and get it perfect in the sim. The track is mostly demanding mentally so I'm also using very interesting methods to work on the brain with my trainers, to make it sharp and connect all the right neurons.

"I know many drivers love Monaco, but purely as a track, if we were to copy and paste it to a less beautiful location it probably wouldn't be their favourite. But the history, the location and the atmosphere of Monaco is unmatched. It's like another world, you can feel the atmosphere from the plane – it's the Monaco Grand Prix! Being able to say I am racing here is an honour.

"Since we're on a public road, we're going to have a very soft tyre compound.

Looking at past races in Monaco, I don't think tyre management will be the biggest issue as the degradation won't be very high in the races. It will mostly be about performance in Qualifying, and after quite a poor one in Bahrain we're working very hard and we're very motivated.

"When it comes to on-track action, the hair pin is always tricky. It's probably the tightest corner on the calendar so you need to be in first gear, full lock on the steering. You have to be so accurate even when you're the only car on track, so imagine what it's like in a race situation or if you are trying to overtake. If you're looking for a view with action, that's a good place to be watching.

"I think the new race format is great for our fans: they are getting a lot of action and I hope they appreciate it because for us drivers it's not easy! Even having two races a weekend is demanding, because we prepare so much for each race. Having one per day is very challenging, having two in one day on Saturday especially with a short turnover in between is a big effort."

STAT PACK

- The F2 Race lap record at the Circuit de Monaco is 1:19.309, set by Charles Leclerc for PREMA Racing in 2017.
- Monte Carlo is the shortest track on the 2021 calendar, at just 3.337 KM long.
- Guanyu Zhou's two podium finishes in Bahrain take him to a total of 13 career podiums, two more than Jack Aitken (11), who returns to Formula 2 this weekend with HWA RACELAB.
- Liam Lawson and Oscar Piastri became only the 3rd and 4th drivers to win on their debut weekend in Formula 2, after Charles Leclerc in 2017 and Felipe Drugovich in 2020.



MEDIA KIT

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2021 ENTRY LIST

ON-BOARD CAMERAS

		1		Robert Shwartzman	SHW	
		2		Oscar Piastri	PIA	
		3		Guanyu Zhou	ZHO	
		4		Felipe Drugovich	DRU	
		5		Dan Ticktum	TIC	
		6		Jehan Daruvala	DAR	
		7		Liam Lawson	LAW	
		8		Jüri Vips	VIP	
		9		Christian Lundgaard	LUN	
		10		Théo Pourchaire	POU	
		11		Richard Verschoor	VER	
		12		Lirim Zendeli	ZEN	
		14		David Beckmann	BEC	
		15		Guilherme Samaia	SAM	
		16		Roy Nissany	NIS	
		17		Marcus Armstrong	ARM	
		20		Gianluca Petecof	PET	
		21		Ralph Boschung	BOS	
		22		Jack Aitken	AIT	
		23		Alessio Deledda	DEL	
		24		Bent Viscaal	VIS	
		25		Marino Sato	SAT	

SEASON STATS

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Lawson and Piastri became the 28th and 29th drivers respectively to win a race in the modern era of Formula 2.

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Six of the eight 2020 Formula 3 graduates scored points in the opening weekend of the season, and two rookies Lawson and Piastri currently sit in the top five of the Driver's Championship standings.

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Ten of 11 teams scored points at the Bahrain International Circuit, and six different teams featured on the podium across the weekend.

2021 CLASSIFICATIONS AFTER 3/24 RACES

DRIVERS' STANDINGS

POS. DRIVER	FEATURE	SPRINT	PTS	SHUFFLE
1. Guanyu Zhou	1		41	
2. Liam Lawson <i>Rookie</i>		1	30	
3. Jehan Daruvala			28	
4. Oscar Piastri <i>R</i>		1	21	
5. Dan Ticktum			19	
6. Richard Verschoor <i>R</i>			18	
7. Christian Lundgaard			16	
8. Robert Shwartzman			16	
9. David Beckmann <i>R</i>			12	
10. Marcus Armstrong			10	
11. Théo Pourchaire <i>R</i>			8	
12. Felipe Drugovich			2	
13. Lirim Zendeli <i>R</i>			2	
14. Marino Sato			1	
15. Matteo Nannini <i>R</i>			1	
16. Jüri Vips			0	
17. Guilherme Samaia			0	
18. Bent Viscaal <i>R</i>			0	
19. Roy Nissany			0	
20. Gianluca Petecof <i>R</i>			0	
21. Ralph Boschung			0	
22. Alessio Deledda <i>R</i>			0	

TEAMS' STANDINGS

POS. TEAM	FEATURE	SPRINT	PTS	SHUFFLE
1. Carlin			47	
2. UNI-Virtuosi	1		43	
3. PREMA Racing		1	37	
4. Hitech Grand Prix		1	30	
5. ART Grand Prix			24	
6. MP Motorsport			20	
7. Charouz Racing System			12	
8. DAMS			10	
9. Trident			1	
10. HWA RACELAB			1	
11. Campos Racing			0	

2021 SEASON RECAP

	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	RD6	RD7	RD8
	26-27-28 March	20-21-22 May	04-05-06 June	16-17-18 July	10-11-12 September	24-25-26 September	03-04-05 December	10-11-12 December
POLE POSITION	Guanyu Zhou UNI-Virtuosi	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SPRINT RACE 1 WINNER	Liam Lawson Hitech Grand Prix	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FASTEST LAP	Lirim Zendeli MP Motorsport	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FASTEST LAP BONUS POINTS	Lirim Zendeli MP Motorsport	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SPRINT RACE 2 WINNER	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FASTEST LAP	Ralph Boschung Campos Racing	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FASTEST LAP BONUS POINTS	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FEATURE RACE WINNER	Guanyu Zhou UNI-Virtuosi	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FASTEST LAP	Robert Shwartzman PREMA Racing	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FASTEST LAP BONUS POINTS	Robert Shwartzman PREMA Racing	.	.	.	.	.	.	.