



**Sochi Autodrom**  
5.848 KM Start/Finish Offset  
0.199 km

**SAT. SPRINT RACE 1** Grid set by reversing Top 10 of Q. Results >> 21 LAPS >> 122.609 KM 45 min.  
**SPRINT RACE 2** Grid set by reversing Top 10 of SR1 Results >> 21 LAPS >> 122.609 KM 45 min.  
**SUN. FEATURE RACE** Grid set by Qualifying Results >> 28 LAPS >> 163.545 KM 60 min.

## WHEN TO WATCH

ALL TIMES LOCAL (GMT +3)

### FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

**10:05 Practice Session** 45 min.  
**16:25 Qualifying Session** 30 min.  
**18:00 Press Conference\***

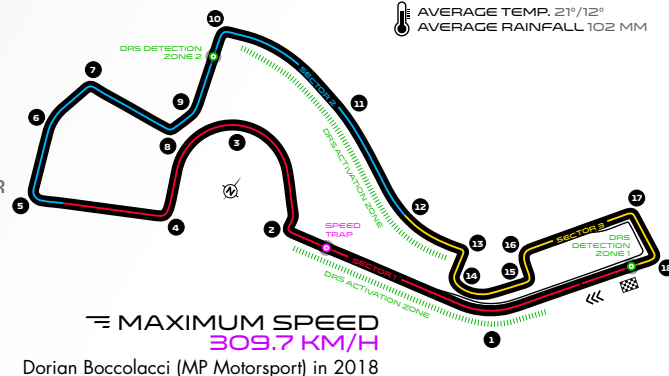
### SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

**10:30 Sprint Race 1** 21 laps • 45 min. +1 Lap  
**11:40 Press Conference\***  
**16:45 Sprint Race 2** 21 laps • 45 min. +1 Lap  
**17:55 Press Conference\***

### SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

**11:20 Feature Race** 28 laps • 60 min. +1 Lap  
**12:45 Press Conference\***

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



AVERAGE TEMP. 21°/12°  
AVERAGE RAINFALL 102 MM

## LAP RECORD

**1:46.476 (197.723 KM/H)** Nyck de Vries (PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing) in 2018



## 2020 POLE POSITION

**1:48.688 (193.699 KM/H)**  
Yuki Tsunoda (Carlin)

## COMPOUND ALLOCATION



## 2020 FEATURE RACE TYRE WINNING STRATEGY

**8 laps**  Supersoft >> **20 laps**  Medium  
M. Schumacher (PREMA Racing) from P3 Grid Position

## THE STORY SO FAR

The FIA Formula 2 Championship resumes this weekend at the Sochi Autodrom, just a fortnight after a dramatic fifth round in Monza which saw Championship frontrunners Oscar Piastri and Guanyu Zhou continue to spar over points and podiums in what is proving to be a fiercely contested campaign.

Not content with securing PREMA Racing's first pole in two years at Round 4 in Silverstone, Piastri went on to clinch a second successive pole position last time out at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza. His main title rival, Zhou was a mere 0.051s off pole but was forced to settle for third, with Jehan Daruvala putting in an impressive late lap to claim his first front-row start of the season.

Sprint Race 1 saw Théo Pourchaire put on a masterclass in composure during a chaotic first outing of the weekend to take his second win of the season from fourth on the grid. The Frenchman waited patiently for an opportunity to snatch the lead from Jüri Vips, who eventually succumbed to heavy tyre degradation. Zhou made up an impressive six places to finish second, while Pourchaire's ART Grand Prix teammate Christian Lundgaard carried off an astonishing recovery drive from 19th on the grid to take the final podium position.

It was triumph for Daruvala in Sprint Race 2, with the Carlin driver snatching the lead from reverse polesitter David Beckmann into Turn 1 and going on to

seal his first victory of the year in assured style. Trident rookie Bent Viscaal crossed the line in P2 to collect his and the Italian outfit's first-ever podium finish in Formula 2. PREMA's Robert Shwartzman completed the afternoon's rostrum, making his fourth visit to the podium this season.

After three consecutive rounds of finishing on Sunday's podium in second and third, Piastri finally secured his maiden Feature Race win in dominant style at Monza. The Alpine junior looked to have learned from experience, having lost out to Zhou from pole in Silverstone, this time



confidently keeping his academy mate at bay for 30 laps. The pair were joined on the podium by Dan Ticktum, who had made up eight positions in just five laps on fresh soft tyres after opting to go for the alternative strategy.

Campos Racing's David Beckmann received a five-place grid drop penalty for a late incident with Trident's Viscaal in the Feature Race. The penalty will be applied at the next race the German driver participates in.

## THE CHALLENGERS

After five rounds, the battle for the title remains fierce, with PREMA Racing's Oscar Piastri (149) narrowly extending his advantage to UNI-Virtuosi's Guanyu Zhou (134). Robert Shwartzman (113) remains in third and continues to lead Carlin's Dan Ticktum (104), who sits in fourth. ART Grand Prix's Théo Pourchaire (94) moves up into fifth after his win in Sprint Race 1 at Monza.

PREMA Racing (262) have almost doubled their lead in the Team's Championship and are now 69 points ahead of second-

placed UNI-Virtuosi (193). Carlin (185) added 40 points to their tally last time out in Monza, and lead Hitech Grand Prix (162) by 23 points. ART Grand Prix (133) sit in fifth place.



## FROM THE GRID

Jehan Daruvala / Carlin



"Sochi is still a relatively new track for me. I've only been there twice, but I think considering how we performed there last year, qualifying P1 and P2, shows our car is strong there and that it suits the characteristics of the track. I'm looking to racing there again for sure!

"All the sectors at Sochi are a bit different to one another. In the first sector, you need to be good on the brakes because it's just Turn 2 to worry about. In the middle sector, you have a lot of 90° left and right turns so it's all about how well you can

rotate the car. The final sector is about surviving because the tyres go through so much in Sector 2 it's hard to nail all the corners in Sector 3. I think the fewer mistakes you make in Sector 3, the more your lap time can jump forwards.

"There are definitely some opportunities for overtaking at the Autodrom: Turn 2 has a long DRS zone before it and if you manage to follow the car in front close through the last sector, there's always a chance to overtake. Normally with the tyre compounds we take to Sochi we also see some degradation, so if you have a quick car and you're fast in the races you can definitely move forwards.

"The season started off well for me in Bahrain, but there's no hiding that it's not gone as well as I would have wanted it to go. Hopefully, in Sochi we can finish well again and get some more points before the break to Jeddah and Abu Dhabi."

## STAT PACK

→ The Formula 2 race lap record at Sochi is 1:46.476, set by Nyck de Vries with PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing in 2018.

→ Just one driver on the current grid has previously stood on the podium at Sochi: UNI-Virtuosi's Guanyu Zhou won the Sprint Race in 2020.



→ Bent Viscaal's sealed Trident's first ever Formula 2 podium with his second-place finish in Sprint Race 2 last time out in Monza.



→ Oscar Piastri became the first two-time pole-sitter this season, taking pole in both Round 4 and Round 5.

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

"We're bringing the P Zero Yellow medium and P Zero Purple supersoft to Russia: the same nomination that will be used for the final two rounds of the championship, and also the same nomination as F2 in Russia last year. Sochi isn't the most demanding circuit on the calendar due to relatively low-speed corners and mild

weather conditions: this allows us to bring the softest compound to maximise grip and performance, especially during qualifying. When it comes to the race, managing the life of the supersoft will still be important, so this forms an integral part of the race strategy."

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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		Enzo Fittipaldi	FIT	
		15		Guilherme Samaia	SAM	
		16		Roy Nissany	NIS	
		17		Marcus Armstrong	ARM	
		20		David Beckmann	BEC	
		21		Ralph Boschung	BOS	
		22		Jake Hughes	HUG	
		23		Alessio Deledda	DEL	
		24		Bent Viscaal	VIS	
		25		Marino Sato	SAT	

## SEASON STATS

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Théo Pourchaire's race win at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza makes him the fourth double-race winner so far this season. Only one driver has three race wins to his name, Guanyu Zhou.

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Oscar Piastri has collected the most podium finishes in the Feature Race this season. The PREMA Racing rookie has finished on the rostrum in four of the five Feature Races so far.

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The first five rounds of the year have produced fifteen different podium sitters, and nine race winners.

## 2021 CLASSIFICATIONS AFTER 15/24 RACES

### DRIVERS' STANDINGS

POS.	DRIVER	FEATURE	SPRINT	PTS	SHUFFLE
1	Oscar Piastri <b>ROOKIE</b>	1	1	149	
2	Guanyu Zhou	2	1	134	
3	Robert Shwartzman	2	1	113	
4	Dan Ticktum	1	1	104	
5	Théo Pourchaire <b>R</b>	1	1	94	
6	Jüri Vips	1	1	90	-1
7	Jehan Daruvala	1	1	81	+2
8	Liam Lawson <b>R</b>	1	1	72	
9	Felipe Drugovich			59	-2
10	Richard Verschoor <b>R</b>	1	1	50	
11	Christian Lundgaard			39	+1
12	Ralph Boschung			36	-1
13	David Beckmann <b>R</b>			31	
14	Marcus Armstrong			26	
15	Bent Viscaal <b>R</b>			22	+1
16	Roy Nissany			16	-1
17	Lirim Zendeli <b>R</b>			13	
18	Marino Sato			1	
19	Matteo Nannini <b>R</b>			1	
20	Jack Aitken			0	
21	Guilherme Samaia			0	
22	Enzo Fittipaldi <b>R</b>			0	←
23	Alessio Deledda <b>R</b>			0	-1
24	Jake Hughes <b>R</b>			0	←
25	Gianluca Petecof <b>R</b>			0	-2

### TEAMS' STANDINGS

POS.	TEAM	FEATURE	SPRINT	PTS	SHUFFLE
1	PREMA Racing	1	3	262	
2	UNI-Virtuosi	2	1	193	
3	Carlin		2	185	
4	Hitech Grand Prix	1	2	162	
5	ART Grand Prix	1	1	133	
6	MP Motorsport		1	63	
7	DAMS			42	
8	Campos Racing			42	
9	Charouz Racing System			25	
10	Trident			23	
11	HWA RACELAB			1	

### MOST IMPROVED



**JEHAN DARUVALA**  
Carlin  
**+2 PLACES**  
gained in the drivers' standings after Round 5 (Monza).

## 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	Théo Pourchaire ART Grand Prix	Liam Lawson Hitech Grand Prix	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing	.	.	.
SPRINT RACE 1 WINNER	Liam Lawson Hitech Grand Prix	Guanyu Zhou UNI-Virtuosi	Robert Shwartzman PREMA Racing	Robert Shwartzman PREMA Racing	Théo Pourchaire ART Grand Prix	.	.	.
FASTEST LAP	Lirim Zendeli MP Motorsport	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix	Théo Pourchaire ART Grand Prix	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing	Théo Pourchaire ART Grand Prix	.	.	.
FASTEST LAP BONUS POINTS	Lirim Zendeli MP Motorsport	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix	Théo Pourchaire ART Grand Prix	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing	Théo Pourchaire ART Grand Prix	.	.	.
SPRINT RACE 2 WINNER	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing	Dan Ticktum Carlin	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix	Richard Verschoor MP Motorsport	Jehan Daruvala Carlin	.	.	.
FASTEST LAP	Ralph Boschung Campos Racing	Robert Shwartzman PREMA Racing	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing	.	.	.
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