



After a three-year absence, F1 returns to Japan and to the hugely popular Suzuka International Racing Course for Round 18 of the 2022 FIA Formula One World Championship, the Japanese Grand Prix.

The narrow, high-speed circuit demands the utmost respect from drivers, as they thread the eye of the needle through an eclectic array of corners. Pirelli bring their three hardest compounds to Suzuka, with the figure-eight circuit and the linked nature of the turns putting the highest sustained energy loads of the year through the tyres.

Max Verstappen can seal the Drivers' Championship without outside assistance here. Only Sergio Pérez and Charles Leclerc are now able to catch the Dutchman. Verstappen needs to outscore Leclerc by eight points, and Pérez by six to take the title in Japan. Victory and fastest lap makes him champion-elect, regardless of what his rivals do.

In the Constructors' Championship, Ferrari outscored Red Bull in Singapore for the first time since the Austrian Grand Prix, keeping their faint title hopes alive. They have 439 points, 66 clear of Mercedes, while Red Bull lead the way on 576 points.

SUZUKA INTERNATIONAL RACING COURSE

Length of lap: 5.807km

Lap record: 1:30.983 (Lewis Hamilton, Mercedes, 2019)

Start line/finish line offset: 0.300km

Total number of race laps: 53

Total race distance: 307.471km

Pitlane speed limits: 80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

DRS ZONES

DRS 1 **Detection** – 50m before Turn 16
Activation – 100m before the control line

CIRCUIT CHANGES

- » The track has been resurfaced in Turn 8. The artificial grass has been replaced with asphalt. The kerbs on exit have been replaced with double kerbs.
- » The gravel trap on the left-hand side of Turn 10 has been extended.
- » The artificial grass at Turn 16 has been replaced with asphalt in line with FIA requirements. Part of the pit lane surface has been renovated and painted with FIA-certified non-slip paint.



2022 JAPANESE GRAND PRIX

2019 STATS

WINNER:	V. Bottas (Mercedes)
PODIUM:	1. V. Bottas (Mercedes) 2. S. Vettel (Ferrari) 3. L. Hamilton (Mercedes)
FASTEST LAP:	L. Hamilton (Mercedes) 1:30.983
WINNING STRATEGY:	V. Bottas – C3 Soft/U, C2 Medium/N (17), C3 Soft/U (36)
POLE POSITION:	S. Vettel (Ferrari) 1:27.064

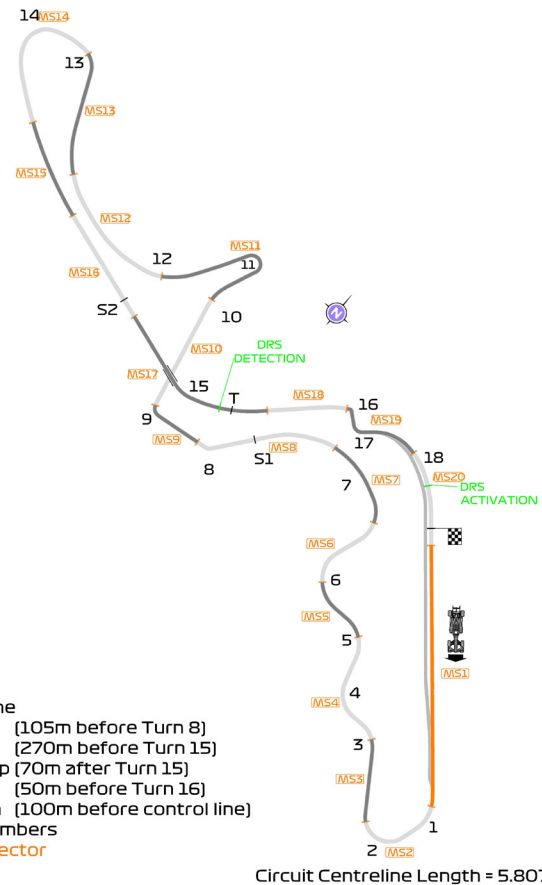
TYRES



C1 - HARD C2 - MEDIUM C3 - SOFT

FORMULA 1 HONDA JAPANESE GRAND PRIX 2022 - Suzuka

Media Map



Circuit Centreline Length = 5.807km

FAST FACTS

- » This is the 36th FIA Formula One World Championship Japanese Grand Prix. The race made its debut at Fuji in 1976 and returned in 1977. It reappeared at Suzuka in 1987 and was held each year until cancellations related to COVID-19 in 2020 and last year. Since 1987 Suzuka has been the venue in all but 2007 and 2008 when it briefly returned to Fuji.
- » Michael Schumacher is the most successful driver here, with six wins: for Benetton in 1995, followed by victories for Ferrari in 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2004. He also has the distinction of two other F1 wins in Japan, winning the Pacific Grand Prix at Aida in 1994 and 1995. Lewis Hamilton can match Schumacher's Japanese Grand Prix haul this weekend, having won the race for McLaren in 2007 and Mercedes in 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018.

- » With nine victories, McLaren are the most successful team in Japan. They are, however, tied on seven victories apiece at Suzuka with Ferrari.
- » Alongside Hamilton, there are three other Japanese GP winners in the current field. Fernando Alonso won in 2006 and 2008 for Renault, Sebastian Vettel triumphed in 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013 for Red Bull Racing, and Valtteri Bottas won for Mercedes in 2019.
- » 26 of 31 races at Suzuka have been won from the front row. Pole position isn't hugely advantageous, providing a winner on 15 occasions, compared with 11 winners from P2.
- » The Drivers' World Championship has been sealed at the Japanese Grand Prix on 12 occasions, most recently by Vettel in 2011. Before him, James Hunt won the title at Fuji in 1976,

followed by Nelson Piquet (1987), Ayrton Senna (1988, 1990, 1991), Alain Prost (1989), Damon Hill (1996), Mika Häkkinen (1998, 1999) and Schumacher (2000, 2003). These wins were all scored when the Japanese Grand Prix was the final or penultimate race of the year, with the exception of Vettel's win, which came when Suzuka was Round 15 of 19.

- » Mick Schumacher, Yuki Tsunoda, Zhou Guanyu and Nicholas Latifi all make their F1 Suzuka debut. Schumacher, Zhou and Latifi are racing here for the first time. Tsunoda is a graduate of the Suzuka Circuit Racing School and in 2016 made his single-seater debut here, in Japanese Formula 4, finishing second. He contested four more F4 races here across 2017 and 2018, recording three victories and a third place.



RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES



GARRY CONNELLY

CHAIRMAN, AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MOTOR SPORT SAFETY; FIA WMSC MEMBER, FIA SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Garry 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 WRC, the FIA WTCC 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.

FELIX HOLTER

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

Involved in motorsport in his native Germany from a young age, Felix Holter followed a junior karting career by moving into event organisation at 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 WTCC, DTM, the F3 Euro Series and the FIA F3 Trophy. In 2013 he became permanent Chairman of the Stewards in DTM. In 2018 he became a member of the FIA International Stewards Panel. Holter also organises training activities for International Stewards.



MIKA SALO

FORMER FORMULA 1, GT DRIVER

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.

KAZUHIRO TSUGE

NATIONAL STEWARD

Kazuhiro Tsuge's motor sport career stretches back more than three decades to the late 1980s when he began working as a member of JAF's Technical Commission. He worked as a member of a number of the ASN's commissions through the 1990s and 2000s, including the Speed Competition Commission, on which he also served as Vice-Chairman, the Manufacturers' Commission, the Race Commission and the Safety Commission. In 2019 he became a member of the JAF Stewards Group for Japanese Race Championships and in 2020 became Leader of the Commission. Additionally, he joined the FIA Circuits Commission this year. Tsuge is also a board member of the Nagoya Racing Club (NRC).





2022 FIA FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	BAHRAIN	SAUDI ARABIA	AUSTRALIA	E.-ROMAGNA	MIAMI	SPAIN	MONACO	AZERBAIJAN	CANADA	GREAT BRITAIN	AUSTRIA	FRANCE	HUNGARY	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	ITALY	SINGAPORE	JAPAN	UNITED STATES	MEXICO CITY	SÃO PAULO	ABU DHABI	POINTS	
1	ORACLE RED BULL RACING		37 18 19	18 2 NC	58 S1 S3	F1 2	F1 4	1 F2	1 3	44 1 F2	40 1 F2	44 1 F2	25 1 NC	24 2 7	31 S1 S5	F2 NC	37 1 4	35 1 5	44 F1 2	36 F1 5	34 1 F6	31 1 7		576
2	SCUDERIA FERRARI		44 F1 2	34 F2 3	26 F1 NC	20 S2 S4	6 6 NC	2 3	4 NC	30 2 4	29 NC F2	37 1 4	38 S2 S3	11 1 NC	20 F5 NC	23 4 6	19 3 6	30 3 8	33 2 4					439
3	MERCEDES AMG PETRONAS F1 TEAM		27 3 4	11 5 10	27 3 4	12 4 13	18 5 6	25 3 5	14 5 8	27 3 4	27 3 4	16 F3 NC	33 S4 S8	33 3 4	34 F2 3	12 4 NC	30 2 4	25 3 5	2 9 14					373
4	MCLAREN F1 TEAM		6 14 15	18 7 NC	22 5 S6	22 3 S6	4 13 NC	9 8 12	6 F6 13	7 8 9	10 11 15	10 6 13	8 7 9	8 7 9	10 7 15	6 12 15	6 7 17	22 7 NC	4 4 5					129
5	BWT ALPINE F1 TEAM		8 7 9	8 6 NC	6 7 17	4 14 NC	8 8 11	6 7 9	7 7 12	10 6 9	10 5 NC	14 S6	12 5	6 8	16 8 9	10 5 7	6 9 NC	11 NC NC						125
6	ALFA ROMEO RACING ORLEN		9 6 10	0 11 NC	4 8 11	12 S7	6 5 15	8 7 NC	2 6 NC	10 9 16	10 11 NC	10 7 NC	10 8 NC	11 11 NC	14 14 NC	16 16 NC	10 10 13	11 11 NC						52
7	ASTON MARTIN ARAMCO COGNIZANT F1 TEAM		12 17	13 13	12 NC	5 8 10	1 10 17	1 11 15	1 10 14	8 6 10	1 10 12	2 9 11	13 17	1 10 11	1 10 11	4 8 11	1 10 14	12 NC 6	8 8					37
8	HAAS F1 TEAM		10 5 11	2 9 DNS	13 14	3 S8	9 17	15 16	14 17	NC NC	14 NC	17 NC	8 10	14 S7	14 6 8	14 15 NC	14 16 17	16 13 15	12 12 13					34
9	SCUDERIA ALPHATAURI		4 8 NC	4 8 NC	2 9 15	6 7 12	1 12 NC	1 10 13	10 11 17	5 14 13	14 NC	14 NC	15 16	12 12 19	12 9 13	11 11 NC	8 14 NC	10 10 NC						34
10	WILLIAMS RACING		13 16	14 NC	10 16	1 11 16	2 9 14	16 18	15 NC	12 15	13 16	12 NC	12 NC	13 13	17 18	10 18	12 18	9 15	NC NC					6



FORMULA 1 TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Press Conference 13.00 - 14.05

FRIDAY

Car Presentation 10.30 - 11.30

Practice session 1 12.00 - 13.00

Practice session 2 15.00 - 16.30

SATURDAY

Press Conference 09.30 - 10.30

Practice session 3 12.00 - 13.00

Qualifying 15.00 - 16.00

SUNDAY

Car Presentation 09.00 - 10.00

Race 14.00 - 16.00

