



Race Preview

2020 ITALIAN GRAND PRIX

04 – 06 September

Just a few days after the Belgian Grand Prix at fast and flowing Spa-Francorchamps, Round Eight of the 2020 FIA Formula One World Championship takes teams and drivers the calendar's true home of high-speed racing, the Autodromo Nazionale Monza, for the Italian Grand Prix.

Few places on the regular calendar place so great an emphasis on pure pace and the historic circuit regularly sees some of the highest speeds reached all season as drivers attack its long straights and fast corners such as Ascari and Parabolica.

Despite the focus on outright velocity, cornering performance through the few high speed arcs remains key to good lap time as does traction out of the circuit's three chicanes.

With cars set-up with lower downforce configurations to avoid drag on the straights, good mechanical grip becomes paramount. And in that regard tyre manufacturer Pirelli is this weekend providing tyres from the middle of its range. The C2 compound will feature as the white-banded hard tyres, with the C3 as the medium tyres and C4 featuring as the red soft tyre.

Lewis Hamilton's dominant victory in Belgium last weekend, his fifth win from seven races so far, means the defending champion arrives at F1's 'Temple of Speed' with 157 Drivers' Championship points, a commanding 47 ahead of closest rival Max Verstappen. Third place at Spa-Francorchamps keeps the Dutch driver three points clear of Valtteri Bottas, while sixth place in Belgium has elevated Alex Albon to fourth place ahead of last year's Italian Grand Prix winner Charles Leclerc.

In the Constructors' Championship Mercedes are also well ahead of the pack. The Silver Arrows come to Monza with 264 points, with Red Bull Racing second on 158.

The midfield battle, though, is growing ever tighter. Just nine points currently separate third-placed McLaren from sixth-placed Renault, for whom fourth and fifth in Belgium represents the team's best result of the season so far.



AUTODROMO NAZIONALE MONZA

Length of lap:

5.793km

Lap record:

1:21.046 (Rubens Barrichello, Ferrari, 2004)

Start line/finish line offset:

0.309km

Total number of race laps:

53

Total race distance:

306.720km

Pitlane speed limits:

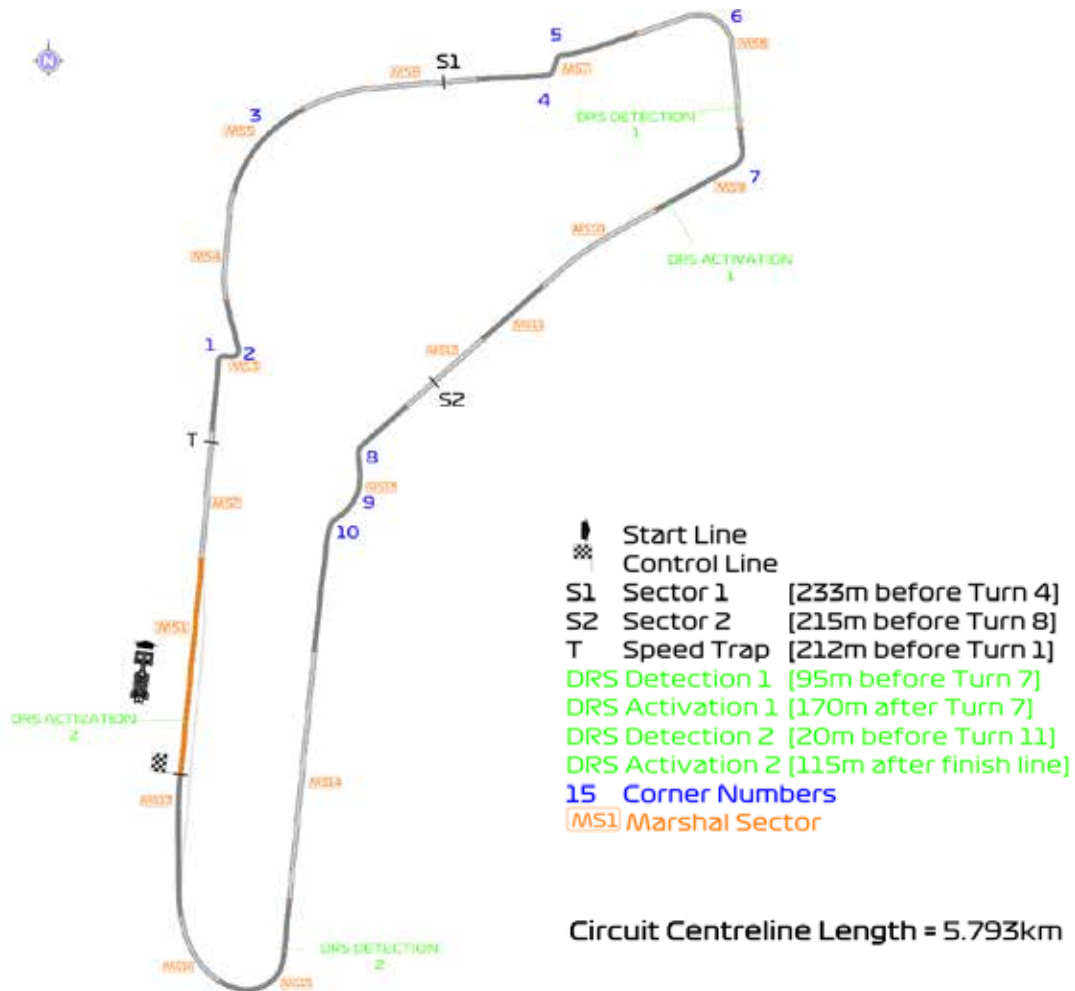
80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ The track has been resurfaced from the Exit of Turn 2 to the Exit of Turn 4.
- ▶ Timing loops have been installed at Parabolica.

DRS ZONES

- ▶ There will be two DRS zones in Italy. The detection point for the first zone will be 95m before Turn 7, with the activation point 170m after Turn 7. The second detection point will be 20m before Turn 11, with the activation point 115m after the finish line.



FAST FACTS

- ▶ This is the 71st FIA Formula One World Championship Italian Grand Prix and the 70th to be held at Monza. The only other circuit to hold the race is Imola, which hosted the event in 1980.
- ▶ Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton share the record for the most Italian Grand Prix victories at Monza, with five each. Schumacher's wins were all scored with Ferrari, in 1996, 1998, 2000, 2003 and 2006, while Hamilton won with McLaren in 2012 and with Mercedes in 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018.
- ▶ There are two other Italian Grand Prix winners on the current grid – both of whom will be racing for Ferrari this weekend. Sebastian Vettel claimed his maiden Formula 1 victory here in 2008 driving for Toro Rosso and then scored two wins in Monza with Red Bull Racing, in 2011 and 2013. Charles Leclerc scored the second F1 win of his career here last year with Ferrari.
- ▶ Sunday will mark Leclerc's 50th Grand Prix start. The Monegasque made his Formula 1 debut with Sauber at the 2018 Australian Grand Prix. He scored 39 championship points across 10 top-10 finishes the Swiss team in his rookie season. He moved to Ferrari for 2019 and since then has added another 309 points to his tally, as well as two race wins and 12 podiums. His 2019 Italian GP win remains his most recent.
- ▶ Ferrari are the most successful team at this event, with 19 FIA Formula One World Championship victories. McLaren are second with 10, followed by Mercedes with seven. All of Ferrari's wins have been scored at Monza.
- ▶ Hamilton also holds the record for most Italian Grand Prix pole positions, with six. Two were scored with McLaren (2009 and 2012) while the other four (2014-'17) have been achieved with Mercedes.
- ▶ Racing Point's Lance Stroll made his first and to date only front-row start in 2017 at Monza. The Canadian driver finished fourth for Williams in a heavily rain-affected qualifying session but due to PU-related grid penalties for Red Bull's Max Verstappen and Daniel Ricciardo, Stroll started from P2. He finished the race in P7.
- ▶ Three drivers on the current grid have fastest laps at this race. Hamilton has six to his name, in 2011, from 2013-'15 and in 2018 and 2019. Kimi Räikkönen went fastest in 2005, 2006 and 2008 and Daniel Ricciardo, who took his 14th fastest lap last weekend in Belgium, went quickest over one lap in the race here in 2017.
- ▶ This season's only rookie, Nicholas Latifi, has plenty of experience at Monza. He raced here in a variety of junior series, including the FIA Formula 3 European Championship, Formula Renault 3.5, GP2 and FIA Formula 2. As well as taking second place here in Italian F3 in 2012, he finished in P3 in the 2017 Formula 2 Feature Race. This weekend will be his first experience of Monza in an F1 car.
- ▶ Finally, Hamilton has a chance this weekend claim another Monza record, that of podium finishes. He currently shares the benchmark of eight with Michael Schumacher. In addition to his five wins here, Hamilton has finished second on two occasions (2007 and 2016) and last year finished third.

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's World Rally Championship, World Touring Car Championship and Formula One 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.



MATHIEU REMMERIE

**GRADUATE OF THE GLOBAL PATHWAY FOR FIA STEWARDS PROGRAMME,
F2 & F3 STEWARD, FORMULA E STEWARD, MEMBER OF THE RACB
BELGIAN NATIONAL SPORT & APPEAL COURT.**

Mathieu Remmerie began his professional career as the Sporting and Administration Manager at the Royal Automobile Club of Belgium. He represented the Belgian ASN in several FIA sporting commissions and has been a National Steward in Belgium since 2014. His international experience began shortly after this, officiating in Formula 2, Formula 3 and Formula E. He is a alumnus of the new Global Pathway for FIA Stewards, one of the first members of the programme to graduate through to Formula One.



TOM KRISTENSEN

**NINE TIMES LE MANS WINNER, GERMAN F3 AND JAPANESE F3
CHAMPION (1991 AND 1993) ALMS CHAMPION (2001), WEC CHAMPION
(2013) PRESIDENT OF THE FIA DRIVERS' COMMISSION, FIA WORLD
MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL MEMBER**

Denmark's Tom Kristensen is the most successful driver in the history of the Le Mans 24-Hour race having won the endurance event nine times before retiring from competition in November 2014. – Add a part on the 12 Hours of Sebring as he won it 6 times (record). Kristensen's outstanding career saw him race in single-seaters, touring cars as well as testing in Formula One. However, it is for his achievements in sportscars that he is correctly most lauded. His first Le Mans win came in 1997, driving for the Joest Racing team. After two years competing with BMW, he rejoined Joest, now racing as Audi Sport Team Joest, in 2000, winning three Le Mans 24-Hours in succession with the team. He won again with Bentley in 2003 before returning to the wheel of Audi machines to win in 2004-'05, 2008 and 2013. In 2013 he also won the FIA World Endurance Championship title.



NATIONAL STEWARD

PAOLO LONGONI

**MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN MOTOR SPORT COMMISSION (CSAI); THE
AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF MILAN**

Paolo Longoni is a steward with nearly 30 years' experience. Longoni began his stewards' training at his home circuit – Monza – in 1990 and was immediately bitten by the bug of motorsport. While his early stewarding experience was based largely at Monza, since 2006 Longoni has officiated at rounds of the Porsche Supercup, Ferrari Challenge Championship, FIA Historic Championship, ETCC, WTCC and Le Mans Series races, as well as Formula One events. He is a regular national steward at his home grand prix.



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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