

Emerson Fittipaldi



President of the FIA Drivers' Commissions

Emerson Fittipaldi is President of the FIA Drivers' Commissions and a member of the FIA World Motor Sport Council since 2012.

He was a former automobile racing driver who won both the Formula One World Championship (1972 and 1974) and the Indianapolis 500 (1989 and 1993) twice each and the CART Championship once (1989).

Emerson started his career at the age of 14, racing motorcycles. He moved onto racing karts at 16 and won the Brazilian Kart Championship in 1965. After two seasons in Brazilian Formula V, he became the Champion at the age of 21. He moved in Europe (1969) and has been engaged by the Jim Russell Driving School Formula Three team. At the same year, he won nine F3 races and became the Champion. Between 1970 and 1982, Emerson ran several Championships and won the South American Formula Ford (1970), the Brazilian Cup Sports Cars (1971), the South America Formula 2 (1972) and the Brazilian Super Kart (1982).

Emerson joined the Formula One Team Lotus in 1970. He started to be the 3rd driver and scored a 4th place in the German Grand Prix. During the next season, he became a regular seat holder. In 1972, he won five of 11 races and won the Formula One Championship and became, at the age of 25, the youngest champion in Formula One history. With McLaren team, he renewed his Champion's title in 1974. Emerson decided to race in Indy Car in 1984. He won for the first time in Indy 500 in 1985. After several years, he finally became the Indy Car Champion (1989). The same year, Emerson won the Indy 500. In 1993, he added a second Indy 500 victory.

Emerson is also President of EF International Marketing since 1975, a company which deals with different kinds of business in Brazil, such as sports marketing, organization of events and orange juice.

Emerson is born in Brazil and studied at Colégio Mackenzie High School.