

**CHINESE
GRAND PRIX**
2026

MEDIA KIT

FORMULA 1 HEINEKEN CHINESE GRAND PRIX 2026

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT

13-15 March

TIMETABLE



THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2026

06:09		SUNRISE		
06:30		TEAM CURFEW ENDS (STARTED WEDNESDAY 17:30)		
08:00	11:30	FORMULA 1	TRACK	TRACK OPEN TO F1 PASS HOLDERS
10:00	11:30	F1 EXPERIENCES	TRACK	TRACK TOUR, TROPHY PHOTO & PIT LANE WALK
11:30	12:00	PROMOTER ACTIVITY	ONLINE MEETING	SECURITY BRIEFING
12:00	15:00	FIA	TRACK	TRACK CLOSED FIA/F1 SYSTEMS CHECKS. TRACK ACCESS RESTRICTED TO FIA/F1 ONLY
12:30	13:30	FORMULA 1	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	DRIVERS' PRESS CONFERENCE
13:45	14:00	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION, TRACK COMPLETELY CLEAR
14:00	15:00	FIA	TRACK	HIGH SPEED TRACK TEST - FIA SAFETY, MEDICAL CARS & F1 STEWARDS' FAMILIARISATION
15:10		TRACK OPEN TO F1 PASS HOLDERS		
15:15	17:15	PROMOTER ACTIVITY	PIT LANE	PUBLIC PIT LANE WALK
17:30		TEAM CURFEW STARTS		
18:00		SUNSET		

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FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026

06:08		SUNRISE		
07:20	07:30	FIA	TRACK	MEDICAL INSPECTION
07:30		TEAM CURFEW ENDS		
07:30	07:45	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION & SAFETY CAR TEST
07:45	08:00	FIA	TRACK	MEDICAL INTERVENTION EXERCISE
08:20	08:45 ¹	SRO GT CUP	TRACK	FIRST PRACTICE SESSION
08:30	09:30	FORMULA 1	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING
09:10	09:50 ¹	F1 ACADEMY	TRACK	PRACTICE SESSION
10:00	11:00	PADDOCK CLUB	TRACK	PADDOCK CLUB TRACK TOUR
10:00	11:00	PADDOCK CLUB	PIT LANE	PADDOCK CLUB PIT LANE WALK
10:00	11:00	FIA	PIT LANE	F1 CAR PRESENTATION
11:05	11:20	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION
11:30	12:30¹	FORMULA 1	TRACK	FIRST PRACTICE SESSION
12:55	13:40 ¹	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP ASIA	TRACK	PRACTICE SESSION
13:30	14:00	FIA	ONLINE MEETING	DRIVERS' MEETING
13:30	14:30	FORMULA 1	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	TEAMS' PRESS CONFERENCE
14:05	14:35	F1 ACADEMY	TRACK	QUALIFYING SESSION
14:40	15:10	PADDOCK CLUB	TRACK	PADDOCK CLUB TRACK TOUR
14:40	15:10	PADDOCK CLUB	PIT LANE	PADDOCK CLUB PIT LANE WALK
15:10	15:20	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION
15:30	16:14	FORMULA 1	TRACK	SPRINT QUALIFYING
17:00	17:25 ¹	SRO GT CUP	TRACK	SECOND PRACTICE SESSION
17:44	18:44	FIA	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	F1 DRIVERS' MEETING
17:45		TRACK OPEN TO F1 PASS HOLDERS		
17:45	18:45	FIA	PIT LANE	MARSHALS' PIT LANE WALK
18:01		SUNSET		
19:14		TEAM CURFEW STARTS		

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SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026

06:06		SUNRISE		
07:15	07:25	FIA	TRACK	MEDICAL INSPECTION
07:25	07:40	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION & SAFETY CAR TEST
07:40	07:55	FIA	TRACK	MEDICAL INTERVENTION EXERCISE
08:00		TEAM CURFEW ENDS & F1 CAR COVER SEALS REMOVED		
08:15	08:40	SRO GT CUP	TRACK	QUALIFYING SESSION
09:10	09:40	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP ASIA	TRACK	QUALIFYING SESSION
10:10	10:20	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION
10:30	10:35	FORMULA 1	PIT LANE	PIT LANE OPEN
11:00*	11:30²	FORMULA 1	TRACK	SPRINT (19 LAPS OR 60 MINS)
11:30	12:00	FORMULA 1	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	PRESS CONFERENCE
11:40	12:10	Paddock Club	PIT LANE	Paddock Club PIT Lane Walk
11:40	12:10	Paddock Club	TRACK	Paddock Club Truck Tour
12:25*	13:00²	SRO GT CUP	TRACK	FIRST RACE (30 MINS + 1 LAP)
13:25	13:28	F1 ACADEMY	PIT LANE	PIT LANE OPEN
13:45*	14:20²	F1 ACADEMY	TRACK	FIRST RACE (13 LAPS, MAX 30 MINS + 1 LAP)
14:40	14:50	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION
15:00	16:00	FORMULA 1	TRACK	QUALIFYING SESSION
16:00	17:00	FORMULA 1	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	PRESS CONFERENCE
16:45	16:50	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP ASIA	TRACK	GRID PROCEDURE
16:55*	17:30²	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP ASIA	TRACK	FIRST RACE (13 LAPS OR 30 MINS)
17:40	18:40	Paddock Club	TRACK	Paddock Club Track Tour
17:40	18:40	Paddock Club	PIT LANE	Paddock Club PIT Lane Walk
17:50		TRACK OPEN TO F1 PASS HOLDERS		
18:02		SUNSET		
18:20	19:20	F1 EXPERIENCES	TRACK	CHAMPIONS CLUB GRID WALK & TROPHY PHOTO

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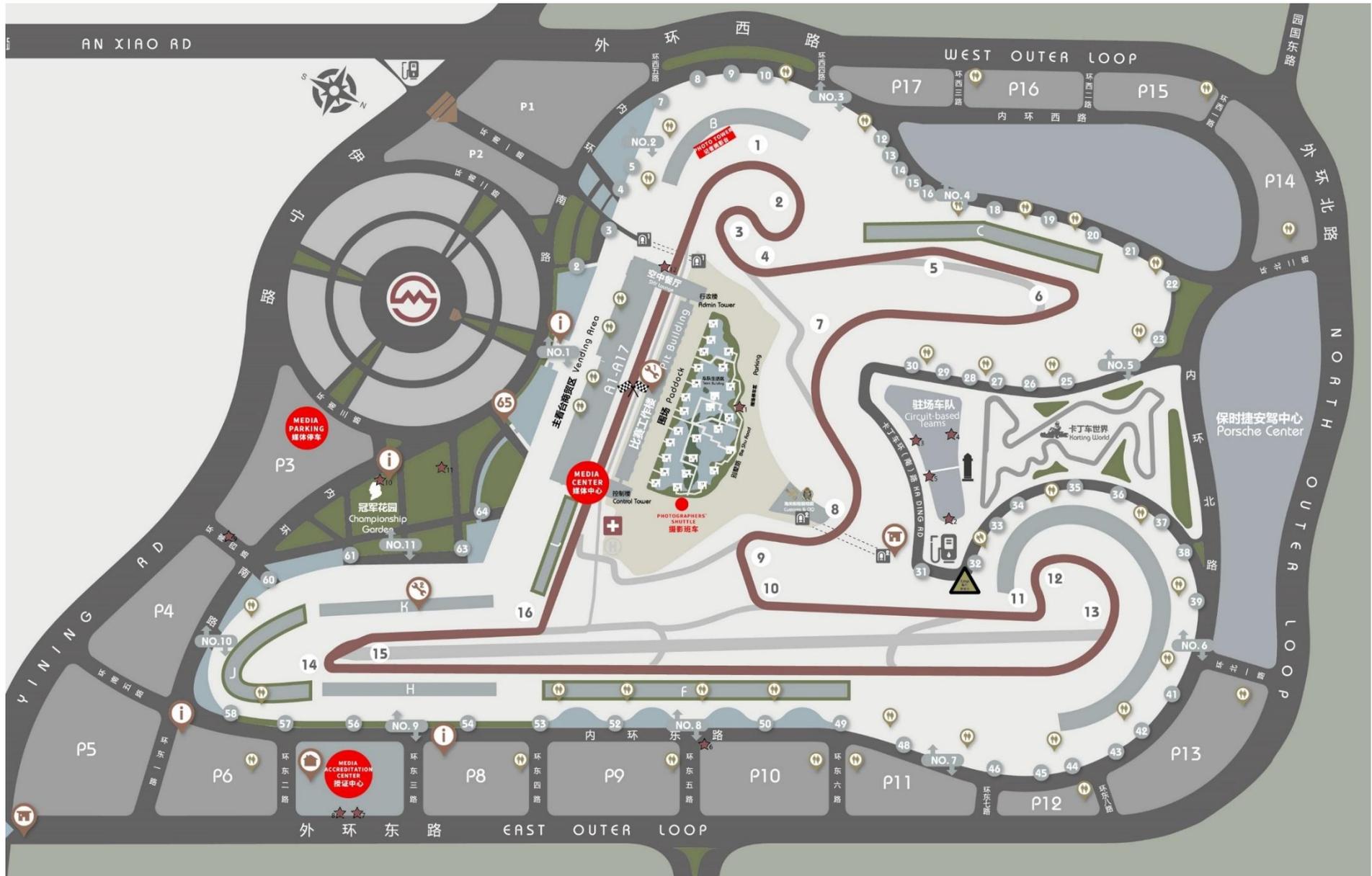
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SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026

06:05		SUNRISE		
08:25	08:35	FIA	TRACK	MEDICAL INSPECTION
08:35	08:50	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION & SAFETY CAR TEST
09:10¹	09:45²	SRO GT CUP	TRACK	SECOND RACE (30 MINS + 1 LAP)
10:00		F1 CAR COVER SEALS REMOVED		
10:20	10:23	F1 ACADEMY	PIT LANE	PIT LANE OPEN
10:40¹	11:15²	F1 ACADEMY	TRACK	SECOND RACE (13 LAPS, MAX 30 MINS + 1 LAP)
11:45	11:50	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP ASIA	TRACK	GRID PROCEDURE
11:55¹	12:30²	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP ASIA	TRACK	SECOND RACE (13 LAPS OR 30 MINS)
12:55	13:35	PADDOCK CLUB	TRACK	PADDOCK CLUB TRACK TOUR
13:00	13:30	FORMULA 1	TRACK	DRIVERS' PARADE
13:00	13:55	PADDOCK CLUB	PIT LANE	PADDOCK CLUB PIT LANE WALK
13:35	13:50	PROMOTER ACTIVITY	TRACK	OPENING SHOW TBC
13:55	14:10	FIA	TRACK	TRACK & MEDICAL INSPECTION
14:20	14:30	FORMULA 1	PIT LANE	PIT LANE OPEN
14:44	14:46	FORMULA 1	TRACK	NATIONAL ANTHEM
15:00¹	17:00²	FORMULA 1	TRACK	GRAND PRIX (56 LAPS OR 120 MINS)
18:02		SUNSET		

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MEDIA ACCREDITATION CENTRE

The Media Accreditation Centre is located at Waihuan Rd. (East), between Parking No. 6 and No. 8. The media shuttles will have a stopover at the accreditation centre.

OPENING HOURS

Mar.

11 Wednesday 08:00 - 18:00 (FIA media accreditation available from 14:00)

12 Thursday 08:00 - 18:00

13 Friday 08:00 - 16:00

14 Saturday 08:00 - 15:30

15 Sunday 08:00 - 15:30

MEDIA CENTRE & PHOTOGRAPHERS AREA

The Media Centre is located on the 9th floor of the control tower. The Media Centre can be accessed from the paddock entrance. The Photographers Area is in the Media Centre.

OPENING HOURS

Mar.

11 Wednesday 14:00 - 18:00

12 Thursday 09:00 - 20:00

13 Friday 07:00 - 23:00

14 Saturday 07:00 - 23:00

15 Sunday 07:00 - until the last journalist leaves

FACILITIES

- 200 seats for Media Centre while 100 seats for Photographers Area
- Free telephone service in the telecom area
- Free WIFI with Individual password, please contact IT staff when you arrive
- Lockers (A deposit of ¥100 or \$10 is required for each locker. (Fee will be charged for lost or damaged keys.). Please contact staff in the telecom area if you need lockers.
- air-conditioned and soundproof commentary booths
- All non-smoking

Shuttles Services

Media Hotel Shuttles

Media hotel shuttles are provided to and from the recommended media hotels (City Hotel Shanghai, voco Shanghai Hongqiao Hub) to the Circuit Media Parking (P3). Please refer to the official notice board in the Media Centre and Photographers Area for detailed schedule.

Media Shuttles

There will be media shuttles between Media Parking (P3), Media Accreditation Centre and the Media Centre.

Circuit Shuttles

During the Formula One race (practice sessions, qualifying session, sprint and the grand prix) as well as support races, circuit shuttles will be provided from the Race Control Tower to important locations around the track, using the inner and outer service road. Please refer to the schedule on the official notice board in the Photographers Area.

Photo Towers:

For the position, please refer to the circuit map.

PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM

The Press Conference Room is located next to the control tower on the second floor of the Podium Building. Please follow the signs from the Media Centre to the Press Conference Room - entrance from the paddock.

MEDIA SHUTTLES TIMETABLE

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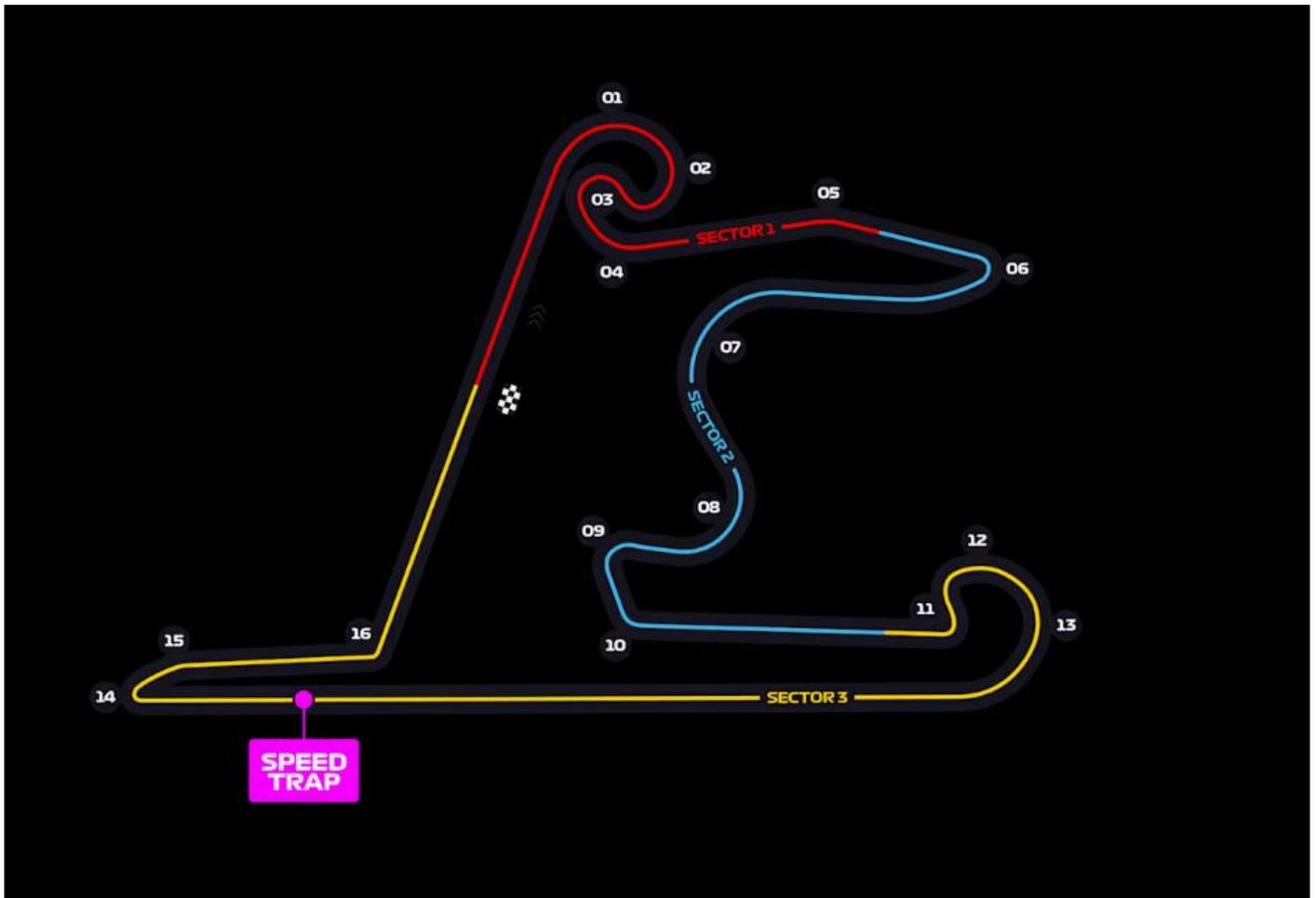
Media Hotel Shuttles					
	11 Wed.	12 Thu.	13 Fri.	14 Sat.	15 Sun.
City Hotel Shanghai	Depart hotel:				
	12:30 14:00	9:00 10:00 11:00 13:00	7:00 8:00 9:00 12:00	7:00 8:00 9:00 11:00	7:00 8:00 9:00 10:00 11:00 12:00
	Depart Circuit:				
	15:00 17:00 18:00	14:00 16:00 18:00 20:00	16:00 17:00 18:00 20:00 22:00 23:00	16:00 17:00 18:00 20:00 21:00 22:00 23:00	16:00 17:00 18:00 19:00 20:00 21:00 22:00 23:00 24:00 until the last journalist leaves
voco Shanghai Hongqiao Hub	Depart hotel:				
	14:00 to 16:00	9:00 to 14:00	7:00 to 10:00	7:00 to 10:00	7:00 to 10:00
	Every 1 hour				
	Depart Circuit:				
	15:00 to 18:00	16:00 to 20:00	17:00 to 23:00	17:00 to 23:00	17:00 until the last journalist leaves
Every 1 hour					

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Media Shuttles- Media Parking and Media Accreditation Centre					
between Media Parking and MAC	11 Wed.	12 Thu.	13 Fri.	14 Sat.	15 Sun.
	8:00 to 18:00	8:00 to 18:00	8:00 to 16:00	8:00 to 15:30	8:00 to 15:30
	Every 5 minutes from Media Parking to MAC				
Media Shuttles-Media Parking and Media Centre					
between Media Parking and Media Centre	All the time during the opening hour of media centre				
Circuit Shuttles for Photographers					
clockwise along Service Track	11 Wed.	12 Thu.	13 Fri.	14 Sat.	15 Sun.
			media shuttle from 8:00 to 18:00		

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CIRCUIT LAYOUT



CIRCUIT DATA

First Grand Prix:2004

Circuit Length:5.451km

No. of Curves:16

Length of Longest Straight:1175m

Lap Record: Michael Schumacher 1:32.238 (2004)

SPECIFICATIONS OF SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT

- Two sections of the track have been nicknamed 'snails' - the first at turns 1, 2 and 3 has a closing radius; the second, at turns 11, 12 and 13 has an opening radius.
- Maximum uphill slope: 3%.
- Maximum downhill slope: 8%.
- 16 turns - 7 lefts, 9 right.
- Lap length of 5.45 km.
- The predicted average lap time for the Circuit is 1m 34 seconds.
- Length of longest straight 1,175m.
- Total asphalt used (base, binder and wearing courses): 173,000 m².
- Total length of tyre barriers: 6,500m, using a total of 174,000 units.
- Total guard rail: 11,700m.
- Total FIA safety fencing: 9,350m.
- Total number of concrete piles: 40,000, totaling 800,000m.

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT includes:

- A main grandstand for 30,000 spectators and sub grandstand for 20,000 spectators.
- Dedicated team buildings for international racing teams.
- A Sky Restaurant.
- A media center above the track.

INTRODUCTION OF SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT

Even after Formula 1's first visit to SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT, it was already acknowledged by the sport's insiders as the best of the recent spate of new circuits.

Ultra-modern, with space aplenty for overtaking and outstanding viewing for spectators, supported by superb facilities for the teams and drivers, it is small wonder that the circuit made such an extraordinary impact.

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT covers an area of 2.5 square kilometers, the site that was chosen in the Jiading district, 20km from Hongqiao international airport and 30km north-west of the city centre in an area being developed as Shanghai International Auto City, along with an automobile manufacturing base, exhibition and sales facilities.

Once the construction plans had been approved, there were only 18 months to build the circuit and its infrastructure, requiring a workforce of 7000 to work around the clock. If the timescale wasn't trouble enough, the site provided further problems as it was a swamp requiring specialist building techniques to make it stable, with the building of 40,000 support piles, from 40 to 80m in depth and topped with a layer of polystyrene (EPS, extruded polystyrene). In order to fulfill the need for polystyrene, the company had to purchase the entire stock available in the Asian market.

Circuit design expert Herrman Tilke headed the project, coming up with a layout that offered seven left turns and nine rights, and a 200mph back straight leading into a hairpin that's good for overtaking as it's unusually wide. The gentle banking at the ever tightening opening sequence of corners is also a hit, with Turn 13 being the opposite as it opens out onto the back straight.

People talk of how Tilke took his inspiration for the layout from the Chinese Shang character, which means "above" and ties in with Shanghai. However, this was done unwittingly. He had incorporated local themes into the design even before this. Based on China being a gateway to the Asia Pacific region, some of the grandstands have a roof based on a lotus leaf. The team offices are built on stilts above a lake are in imitation of the water gardens in Shanghai's Yu-yuan garden. Although the circuit is unremittingly modern, the detailing on many of the buildings is in traditional Chinese red and gold. After nightfall, though, the circuit becomes futuristic again, with blue

lights picking out the architectural extravagances.

Apart from The Formula One Chinese Grand Prix, SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT also stages other international motor sports events such as The World Endurance Championship, The World Touring Car Championship, MotoGP™ World Championship and V8 Supercar Championship Series. The F1 ACADEMY will be held here for the first time this year in addition in SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT, we will also present many exciting new events for motor racing fans.

SHANGHAI CITY INTRODUCTION

- Location

Shanghai literally means the city by the sea. It is bordered on the north and west by Jiangsu Province, on the south by Zhejiang Province, and on the east by the East China Sea. Right in the middle of China's east coastline, Shanghai is an excellent sea and river port, boasting easy access to the vast hinterland.

- Top 5 Must to go

Recommended by Shanghai Municipal Administration of Culture and Tourism
Xintiandi

It's a modern leisure and entertainment neighborhood in downtown Shanghai, provides an interesting window on the city and the rest of the world, on city's yesteryears, today and tomorrow

The Bund

It has also been known as Zhongshan First East Road, which measures about 1.5 kilometers in length. To its east is the Huangpu River. To its west are 52 classic buildings of Gothic and Baroque styles which used to house old Shanghai's financial institutions and trading companies; therefore, the Bund is now acclaimed as an outdoor museum of international architecture.

Yu Garden

This ancient property owned by a Ming dynasty official is the only Ming garden in the northern part of the Old City.

Built in 1559, the 2-hectare garden has been around for over four centuries. It boasts over 40 ingeniously conceived,

well laid out ancient buildings, which have interesting names like Iron Panther, Moon Tower and Hearing-Waves Pavilion.

Shanghai's Nanjing Road Pedestrian Street

It was catapulted to fame in the 1920's and today is known as the "No.1 Street of China". It is flanked by hundreds of boutique shops housed in beautiful buildings, like time-honored brands like First Department Store and Yongan Department Store.

Shanghai Museum

It was established in 1952, is one of the most important ancient Chinese art museums in the world. The Museum's collection covers 33 categories, including nearly 1,020,000 items, 140,000 of which are graded national treasures. The Museum's collection presents a comprehensive image of Chinese material culture.

- **Food**

Shanghai is a metropolis with unique charms. This 150-year-old city has a lot of memorable "tastes" that make people linger. As one of the world's most food-savvy cultures, Shanghai is where culinary creations from all over the world converge. In traditional shanghai cuisine, foods are mainly braised in red sauce and stir-fried in rich oil.

Sweet and Sour Short Ribs

Brightly red; flavorful; sweet and sour

Yan Du Xian

Red meat with white bamboo shoots in rich gravy, tasty, fresh

Braised Pork in Brown Sauce

Pork braised to a red sheen, delicious, sweet, salty, gooey

Nanxiang Steamed Buns Thin wrappings, tender meat, juicy, delicious

CALENDER

SPORT COMPETITIONS

08 MAR	Grand Prix of Australia ALBERT PARK	 AUS
15 MAR	Grand Prix of China SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL	 CHN
29 MAR	Grand Prix of Japan SUZUKA	 JPN
12 APR	Grand Prix of Bahrain BAHRAIN	 BRN
19 APR	Grand Prix of Saudi Arabia JEDDAH CORNICHE CIRCUIT	 KSA
03 MAY	Grand Prix of Miami MIAMI	 USA
24 MAY	Grand Prix of Canada MONTREAL GILLES VILLENEUVE	 CAN
07 JUN	Grand Prix of Monaco MONACO	 MON
14 JUN	Grand Prix of Barcelona - Catalunya CATALUNYA	 ESP
28 JUN	Grand Prix of Austria RED BULL RING - SPIELBERG	 AUT
05 JUL	Grand Prix of United Kingdom SILVERSTONE GRAND PRIX	 GBR
19 JUL	Grand Prix of Belgium SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS	 BEL
26 JUL	Grand Prix of Hungary HUNGARORING	 HUN
23 AUG	Grand Prix of Netherlands ZANDVOORT	 NED
06 SEP	Grand Prix of Italy MONZA	 ITA
13 SEP	Grand Prix of Spain MADRID IFEMA	 ESP
26 SEP	Grand Prix of Azerbaijan BAKU	 AZE
11 OCT	Grand Prix of Singapore SINGAPORE - MARINA BAY	
25 OCT	Grand Prix of the USA CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS	 USA
01 NOV	Grand Prix of Mexico Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez	 MEX
08 NOV	Grand Prix of Brazil INTERLAGOS	 BRA
21 NOV	Grand Prix of Las Vegas LAS VEGAS GRAND PRIX	 USA
29 NOV	Grand Prix of Qatar QATAR - LUSAIL	 QAT
06 DEC	Grand Prix of Abu Dhabi ABU DHABI - YAS MARINA	 UAE

F1 ENTRY LIST

NO.	DRIVER	NAT.	TEAM	CAR
81	OSCAR PIASTRI	AUS	MCLAREN	MCL40
1	LANDO NORRIS	GBR	MCLAREN	MCL40
63	GEORGE RUSSELL	GBR	MERCEDES	W17
12	ANDREA KIMI ANTONELLI	ITA	MERCEDES	W17
3	MAX VERSTAPPEN	NED	RED BULL RACING	RB22
6	ISACK HADJAR	FRA	RED BULL RACING	RB22
16	CHARLES LECLERC	MCO	FERRARI	SF-26
44	LEWIS HAMILTON	GBR	FERRARI	SF-26
23	ALEXANDER ALBON	THA	WILLIAMS	FW48
55	CARLOS SAINZ	ESP	WILLIAMS	FW48
41	ARVID LINDBLAD	GBR	RACING BULLS	VCARB 03
30	LIAM LAWSON	NZL	RACING BULLS	VCARB 03
18	LANCE STROLL	CAN	ASTON MARTIN	AMR26
14	FERNANDO ALONSO	ESP	ASTON MARTIN	AMR26
31	ESTEBAN OCON	FRA	HAAS	VF-26
87	OLIVER BEARMAN	GBR	HAAS	VF-26
27	NICO HULKENBERG	GER	AUDI	R26
5	GABRIEL BORTOLETO	BRA	AUDI	R26
10	PIERRE GASLY	FRA	ALPINE	A526
43	FRANCO COLAPINTO	ARG	ALPINE	A526
11	SERGIO PEREZ	MEX	CADILLAC	MAC-26
77	VALTTERI BOTTAS	FIN	CADILLAC	MAC-26

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

2025 DRIVERS' STANDINGS

POS.	DRIVER	NATIONALITY	TEAM	PTS.
1	 Norris	GBR	 McLaren	423
2	 Verstappen	NED	 Red Bull Racing	421
3	 Piastri	AUS	 McLaren	410
4	 Russell	GBR	 Mercedes	319
5	 Leclerc	MON	 Ferrari	242
6	 Hamilton	GBR	 Ferrari	156
7	 Sainz	ESP	 Mercedes	150
8	 Albon	THA	 Williams	73
9	 Lawson	GBR	 Williams	64
10	 Alonso	ESP	 Aston Martin	56
11	 Hulkenberg	GER	 Kick Sauber	51
12	 Tsunoda	JPN	 Racing Bulls	51
13	 Ricciardo	AUS	 Haas F1 Team	41
14	 Sargeant	USA	 Racing Bulls	38
15	 Magnussen	DEN	 Haas F1 Team	38
16	 Ocon	FRA	 Aston Martin	33
17	 Verstappen	NED	 Red Bull Racing	33
18	 Gasly	FRA	 Alpine	22
19	 Zhou	CHN	 Kick Sauber	19
20	 Colapinto	ARG	 Alpine	0
21	 Doohan	AUS	 Alpine	0

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

2026 TEAMS' STANDINGS

POS.	TEAM	PTS.
1	 Mercedes	43
2	 Ferrari	27
3	 McLaren	10
4	 Red Bull Racing	8
5	 Haas F1 Team	6
6	 Racing Bulls	4
7	 Audi	2
8	 Alpine	1
9	 Williams	0
10	 Cadillac	0
11	 Aston Martin	0

CHINESE GP WINNERS FROM 2004 - 2025

Year	Time	Driver
2025	1:30:55.026	Oscar Piastri
2024	1:40:52.554	Max Verstappen
2019	1:32:06.350	Lewis Hamilton
2018	1:35:36.380	Daniel Ricciardo
2017	1:37:36.158	Lewis Hamilton
2016	1:38:53.891	Nico Rosberg
2015	1:39:42.008	Lewis Hamilton
2014	1:33:28.338	Lewis Hamilton
2013	1:36:26.945	Fernando Alonso
2012	1:36:26.929	Nico Rosberg
2011	1:36:58.226	Lewis Hamilton
2010	1:46:42.163	Jenson Button
2009	1:57:43.485	Sebastian Vettel
2008	1:31:57.403	Lewis Hamilton
2007	1:37:58.395	Kimi Raikkonen
2006	1:37:32.747	Michael Schumacher
2005	1:39:53.618	Fernando Alonso
2004	1:29:12.420	Rubens Barrichello

CHINESE FASTEST LAP FROM 2004 - 2025

Year	Time	Average Speed (Km/h)	Driver
2025	1:35.454	205.581	Lando Norris
2024	1:37.810	200.629	Fernando Alonso
2019	1:34.742	207.126	Pierre Gasly
2018	1:35.785	204.871	Daniel Ricciardo
2017	1:35.378	205.746	Lewis Hamilton
2016	1:39.824	196.581	Nico Hülkenberg
2015	1:42.208	191.997	Lewis Hamilton
2014	1:40.402	195.450	Nico Rosberg
2013	1:36.808	202.706	Sebastian Vettel
2012	1:39.960	196.315	Kamui Kobayashi
2011	1:38.993	198.232	Mark Webber
2010	1:42.061	192.273	Lewis Hamilton
2009	1:52.592	174.289	Rubens Barrichello
2008	1:36.325	203.723	Lewis Hamilton
2007	1:37.454	201.363	Felipe Massa
2006	1:37.586	201.090	Fernando Alonso
2005	1:33.242	210.459	Kimi Raikkonen
2004	1:32.238	212.750	Michael Schumacher

SUPPORT RACES

F1 ACADEMY

From March 13th to 15th, the F1 ACADEMY will hold its 2026 season-opening round at the Shanghai International Circuit, running alongside and at the same venue as the FORMULA 1 Heineken Chinese Grand Prix 2026. Since its inception in the 2023 season, the championship has, in just three years, established a clear pathway for talent development, opening doors for numerous talented female drivers to progress to more challenging series. The effectiveness of its development system is becoming increasingly evident.

Teams and Driver Line-up

For the new season, F1 ACADEMY maintains a grid of six teams and 18 drivers (including one wild-card entry per round). The competing teams are ART Grand Prix, Campos Racing, Hitech, MP Motorsport, Prema Racing, and Rodin Motorsport, each fielding three cars. In each of the seven rounds, there is one wild-card entry, with that driver competing for Hitech. For the 2026 Chinese round, Shi Wei (Tie Dou) will once again participate as a wild-card entry. Furthermore, with the exception of Cadillac, which joins F1 this year, all of the other 10 Formula 1 teams are supporting a driver in the F1 ACADEMY. The remaining drivers are backed by other partners. Therefore, while all cars are identical in specification, spectators may notice that the three cars from a single team feature distinct liveries, reflecting the styles of their respective supporters.

What is the F1 ACADEMY race weekend format?

The F1 ACADEMY format remains consistent for the 2026 season, with sessions scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Chinese round will feature one 40-minute practice session and one 30-minute qualifying session, both completed on Friday. Two races will be held on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

In Race 1 on Saturday, the top eight qualifiers will start in reverse order from the grid: the driver classified eighth in qualifying will start from pole position, while the fastest qualifier will start from eighth place. Drivers classified 9th to 18th in qualifying will start in the order of their qualifying positions. Only the top eight finishers in Race 1 score points, with an additional point awarded to any driver among the top eight who sets the fastest lap.

For Race 2 on Sunday, the starting grid will be determined by the fastest laps set by each driver in qualifying. The points system for Race 2 mirrors that of the Formula 1 World Championship, with points awarded to the top ten finishers. The pole-sitter in qualifying receives an additional 2 points for Race 2, and the driver who sets the fastest lap in the race (if finishing in the top ten) receives an additional point.

Under normal circumstances, a driver can score a maximum of 39 points per weekend, and a team can score a maximum of 86 points. Should a race not be completed, points allocation will be reduced according to the specific circumstances.

What car does F1 ACADEMY use?

F1 ACADEMY is a spec series. For the new season, drivers will again compete in identical Tatuus F4 T421 cars, powered by a 1.4-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine built by Autotecnica, producing 174 hp and reaching a top speed of 240 km/h.

Where are the F1 ACADEMY rounds held?

The 2026 season comprises seven rounds and 14 races, all supporting FIA Formula 1 World Championship events. The Chinese round serves as the season opener. Subsequent rounds will be held in Jeddah, Montreal, Silverstone, Zandvoort, and Austin, culminating in the season finale in Las Vegas.

SUPPORT RACES

PORSCHE CARRERA CUP ASIA

As part of the Porsche "one-make" series family, it stands as a premier GT racing series in Asia, enjoying passionate fan support and extensive media coverage.

Porsche Carrera Cup Asia 2026 Calendar

Date	Round	Circuit
February 28 - March 1	Official Test	Zhuhai International Circuit
March 13 - March 15	Rounds 1 & 2	Shanghai International Circuit
April 10 - April 12	Rounds 3 & 4	Zhuhai International Circuit
May 8 - May 10	Rounds 5 & 6	Fuji International Speedway
July 3 - July 5	Rounds 7 & 8	Bangsaeen Street Circuit
August 21 - August 23	Rounds 9, 10 & 11	Sepang International Circuit
October 9 - October 11	Rounds 12 & 13	Marina Bay Street Circuit

SRO GT CUP

SRO GT Cup, a premier GT championship organized by SRO Motorsports Group. From March 13 to 15, 2026, it will make a thrilling debut during the Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix. The event will feature over 30 GT4 racing machines from 10 manufacturers, becoming the largest grid of GT4 competition in Asia.