



Race Preview

2019 BRITISH GRAND PRIX

12 – 14 July 2019

Round 10 of the 2019 FIA Formula One World Championship sees teams and drivers travel to the English midlands and Silverstone Circuit, home of the British Grand Prix.

A true power circuit, more than 60 per cent of a lap of Silverstone is taken at full throttle. A strong favourite with drivers and fans, its popularity, however, does not solely rest on the speeds reached. Instead, it's the circuit sequences of fast and flowing corners that thrill both competitors and spectators alike.

The Northamptonshire track is also famous for being demanding on tyres, which in the past has led Pirelli to bring its hardest compounds to cope with wear rates. The tyre supplier has maintained that practice this year, choosing its C1 compound as the hard tyre, the C2 compound as its medium compound and the C3 compound as the soft option.

Complicating matters for teams and drivers, however, is the fact that the entire track has been resurfaced for the second time in two years following issues during last year's MotoGP event here. Understanding the new surface will be one of the major tasks of the weekend as teams build towards an ideal race set-up.

Approaching the mid-point of the season, Lewis Hamilton comes to his home grand prix carrying a 31-point lead in the Drivers' standings over team-mate Valtteri Bottas. Victory in Austria last time out moves Max Verstappen up to third place. The young Red Bull Racing star now has 126 points, three ahead of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel.

Although the 25 points won by Mercedes in Austria represent the team's lowest single-race points haul of the season, they still hold a commanding lead in the Constructors' Championship. The Silver Arrows arrive at Silverstone with 363 points in hand, 135 clear of Ferrari. Meanwhile, victory for Red Bull Racing at their home race in Austria has edged the team slightly closer to Ferrari and they now lie 59 points behind the Italian outfit. McLaren are in fourth place with a healthy 20-point gap to fifth-placed Renault.



SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT

Length of lap:

5.891km

Lap record:

1:30.621 (Lewis Hamilton, Mercedes, 2017)

Start line/finish line offset:

0.134km

Total number of race laps: 52

Total race distance:

306.198km

Pitlane speed limits:

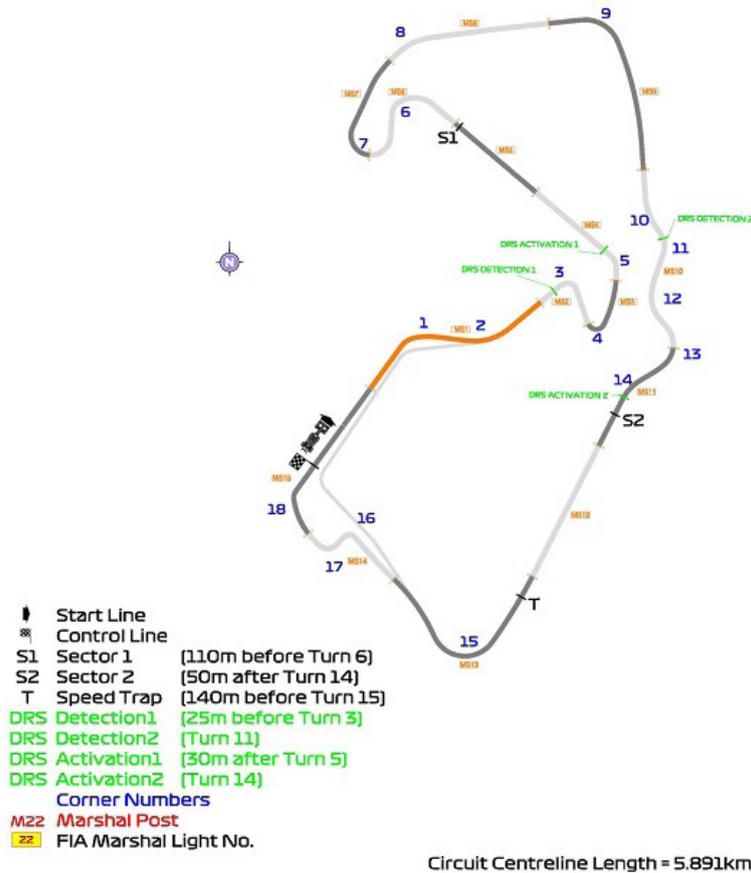
80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ The entire track has been resurfaced.
- ▶ The gravel trap at Turn 7 has been increased so it is closer to the back of the kerb.
- ▶ A double width FIA/FIM Kerb will be installed behind the existing kerb at Turn 17.

DRS ZONE

- ▶ The DRS zone on the pit straight has been removed, and as such there will be two DRS zones at Silverstone this year. The detection point of the first is 25m before Turn 3 (Village), with the activation point 30m after Turn 5 (Aintree). The second detection point is at Turn 11 (Maggotts) with the activation point at the exit of Turn 14 (Chapel).



FAST FACTS

- ▶ This year's event marks the 70th F1 World Championship British Grand Prix. It is one of two ever-present races on the calendar, the other being the Italian Grand Prix. This is the 53rd race to be held at Silverstone. The British Grand Prix has also been held at Aintree (1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1962) and Brands Hatch (even-numbered years from 1964 to 1986).
- ▶ Lewis Hamilton once again goes into this weekend bidding to take the outright record for most British Grand Prix wins. The Mercedes driver currently shared the record of five with Jim Clark (1962, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1967) and Alain Prost (1983, 1985, 1989, 1990 and 1993). All of Hamilton's victories have been scored at Silverstone, as were Prost's. Clark, however, won at all three British Grand Prix venues, taking victory at Aintree in 1962, Brand Hatch in 1964 and at Silverstone on the other occasions. He shares that accolade with Jack Brabham whose three British GP wins were scored at a different venue each time.
- ▶ Sebastian Vettel's 2018 win stretched Ferrari's advantage at the top of the list of most successful constructors at the British Grand Prix. The Italian squad now has 17 wins, three clear of McLaren, with Williams in third place on 10. Four other teams on the current grid have won at this event before – Mercedes have six British GP victories, Red Bull Racing have three, Renault have two, while the inaugural championship event in 1950 was won by Alfa Romeo.
- ▶ This weekend marks Red Bull Racing's 275th grand prix. The Milton Keynes team made its debut at the 2005 Australian Grand Prix. The team's most recent victory, at the last round in Austria, was its 60th in F1.
- ▶ Apart from seeking a sixth British GP win this weekend, Hamilton is also going in search of his seventh pole position at this event. Hamilton's first was in 2007, with McLaren, and since then he has been on pole five times with Mercedes, in 2013 and in each of the last four years.
- ▶ Only two other drivers on the current grid have pole positions to their name at the British GP. Sebastian Vettel started from the front of the grid in 2009 and 2010 with Red Bull Racing, and Kimi Räikkönen was on pole in 2004 with McLaren.
- ▶ Hamilton has the most podium finishes here of any driver on the current grid, with a remarkable eight from 12 starts. The only occasions on which the five-time world champion missed out on the podium were in 2009 when he finished 16th, in 2011 when he was fourth, in 2012 when he finished in P8, and in 2013 when he was classified in P4. Räikkönen is next on the list with seven – four in a row with McLaren between 2003 and 2007, and three with Ferrari, in 2007, 2017 and last year.
- ▶ Räikkönen has the most fastest laps of Silverstone of any current driver, with four. The Finn went quickest in the race with McLaren in 2005, with Ferrari in 2007 and 2008 and with Lotus in 2012.
- ▶ Two of this year's full-season rookies have stood on the top step of the Silverstone podium on British Grand Prix weekends. Alexander Albon won the GP3 feature race here in 2016 and claimed victory in the FIA Formula 2 race here last year, while George Russell won the 2017 GP3 feature race. Lando Norris, meanwhile, has made it to the podium here on a grand prix weekend. He finished third in last year's F2 sprint race.

RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

GARRY CONNELLY

**DIRECTOR, GLOBAL INSTITUTE FOR MOTOR SPORT SAFETY;
DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MOTOR SPORT
SAFETY; F1 STEWARD; FIA WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL
MEMBER**

Garry Connelly has been involved in motor sport since the late 1960s. A long-time rally competitor, 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 a director of the Australian Institute of Motor Sport Safety and of the Global Institute of Motor Sport Safety. He is a member of the FIA World Motor Sport Council.



FELIX HOLTER

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

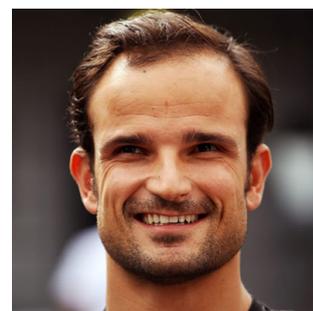
Involved in motorsport in his native Germany from a young age, Felix Holter followed a junior national-level karting career by moving into event organisation as a board member of his local motorsport club. He began his stewarding at national level in 2007 and by 2011 was acting as Chairman of the Stewards of the ADAC GT Masters Series, as well as stewarding at the German round of the FIA World Touring Car Championship, DTM, the F3 Euro Series and the FIA F3 Trophy. In 2013 became permanent Chairman of the Stewards in DTM, while at the same time continuing to work in the GT Masters, German F4 and ADAC TCR Germany series. From 2014-20-18 he fulfilled the role of national steward at the Formula One German Grand Prix. In 2018 he became a member of the FIA International Stewards Panel. Holter also organises training activities for International Stewards on behalf of the German ASN, the DMSB.



VITANTONIO LIUZZI

**FORMER FIA FORMULA ONE DRIVER, FORMER FIA WORLD
ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP, FIA FORMULA E, SUPER GT,
SUPER FORMULA DRIVER, FIA FORMULA E STEWARD**

Italy's Vitantonio Liuzzi started 80 FIA Formula One World Championship Grands Prix. After junior series success, including winning the 2004 International F3000 title, the Apulia native made his F1 debut with Red Bull Racing at the 2005 San Marino Grand Prix. Following a shared drive in his maiden season, Liuzzi took up a full-time drive with sister team Scuderia Toro Rosso in 2006. He later moved to Force India, where he enjoyed the most consistent points-scoring spell of his F1 career. In 2011 he moved to the ill-fated HRT team and raced for final time in F1 at that season's Brazilian Grand Prix. Following his grand prix career, Liuzzi was a regular competitor in the FIA World Endurance Championship in 2012 2013 and 2015, in Japan's Super GT and Super Formula in 2014, and in FIA Formula E during the 2014-15 and 2015-2016 seasons. Most recently he has acted as an FIA steward in the Formula E Championship.



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DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	AUSTRALIA	BAHRAIN	CHINA	AZERBAIJAN	SPAIN	MONACO	CANADA	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	GB	GERMANY	HUNGARY	BELGIUM	ITALY	SINGAPORE	RUSSIA	JAPAN	MEXICO	USA	BRAZIL	ABU DHABI	POINTS
1	L. HAMILTON	18 ₂	25 ₁	25 ₁	18 ₂	26 _{F 1}	25 ₁	25 ₁	25 ₁	10 ₅												197
2	V. BOTTAS	26 _{F 1}	18 ₂	18 ₂	25 ₁	18 ₂	15 ₃	13 _{F 4}	18 ₂	15 ₃												166
3	M. VERSTAPPEN	15 ₃	12 ₄	12 ₄	12 ₄	15 ₃	12 ₄	10 ₅	12 ₄	25 _{F 1}												126
4	S. VETTEL	12 ₄	10 ₅	15 ₃	15 ₃	12 ₄	18 ₂	18 ₂	11 _{F 5}	12 ₄												123
5	C. LECLERC	10 ₅	16 _{F 3}	10 ₅	11 _{F 5}	10 ₅	NC	15 ₃	15 ₃	18 ₂												105
6	P. GASLY	11	4 ₈	9 _{F 6}	NC	8 ₆	11 _{F 5}	4 ₈	1 ₁₀	6 ₇												43
7	C. SAINZ	NC	19	14	6 ₇	4 ₈	8 ₆	11	8 ₆	4 ₈												30
8	L. NORRIS	12	8 ₆	18	4 ₈	NC	11	NC	2 ₉	8 ₆												22
9	K. RÄIKÖNEN	4 ₈	6 ₇	2 ₉	1 ₁₀	14	17	15	6 ₇	2 ₉												21
10	D. RICCIARDO	NC	18	6 ₇	NC	12	2 ₉	8 ₆	11	12												16
11	N. HÜLKENBERG	6 ₇	17	NC	14	13	13	6 ₇	4 ₈	13												16
12	K. MAGNUSSEN	8 ₆	13	13	13	6 ₇	14	17	17	19												14
13	S. PÉREZ	13	1 ₁₀	4 ₈	8 ₆	15	12	12	12	11												13
14	D. KVYAT	1 ₁₀	12	NC	NC	2 ₉	6 ₇	1 ₁₀	14	17												10
15	A. ALBON	14	2 ₉	1 ₁₀	11	11	4 ₈	NC	15	15												7
16	L. STROLL	2 ₉	14	12	2 ₉	NC	16	9	13	14												6
17	R. GROSJEAN	NC	NC	11	NC	1 ₁₀	1 ₁₀	14	NC	16												2
18	A. GIOVINAZZI	15	11	15	12	16	19	13	16	1 ₁₀												1
19	G. RUSSELL	16	15	16	15	17	15	16	19	18												0
20	R. KUBICA	17	16	17	16	18	18	18	18	20												0

F = POINT FOR FASTEST LAP

FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Press conference 1400

FRIDAY

Practice session 1 1000 - 1130

Press conference 1200

Practice session 2 1400 - 1530

SATURDAY

Practice session 3 1100 - 1200

Qualifying 1400 - 1500

Followed by unilateral and press conference

SUNDAY

Drivers' Parade 1230

Race 1410

Followed by podium interviews and press conference

ADDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

QUALIFYING

All drivers eliminated in Q1 or Q2 will be available for media interviews immediately after the end of each session, as will drivers who participated in Q3, but who are not required for the post-qualifying press conference. The TV Pen is located at the end of the paddock, next to the FIA hospitality unit.

RACE

Any driver retiring before the end of the race will be made available at the TV pen interview area. In addition, during the race every team will make available at least one senior spokesperson for interview by officially accredited TV crews. A list of those nominated will be made available in the media centre.

Following the end of the race, drivers who do not have sessions for print media organised by their team will be available for interview in the Mixed Zone immediately after they have completed their TV interview obligations. A list of these drivers will be distributed to all media at the event during the race.

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