



Race Preview

2019 MONACO GRAND PRIX

23 – 26 May 2019

Round Six of the 2019 FIA Formula One World Championship takes F1's teams and drivers to the streets of Monte Carlo for a race that encapsulates all of the sport's glamour, excitement, rich heritage and incredible precision – the Monaco Grand Prix.

Formula One's original street circuit – the 1950 edition was the World Championship's second race – is one of the most exacting challenges faced by drivers all season. While the average speed here is the lowest of the year at around 160 km/h, the proximity of the barriers and the knowledge that the slightest mistake will be severely punished make it feel a lot faster and more intense.

The risk of error is exacerbated by the low levels of grip on track, as the streets are opened to the public each evening. For drivers the key is to feed themselves into the weekend gradually, building pace through each session in order to arrive at peak performance in time for Saturday's crucial qualifying session.

To cope with the twists and turns and low grip, teams will bring their highest levels of downforce to the Principality. Tyre supplier Pirelli will also provide the softest compounds in its range. The C3 has been nominated as this weekend's hard tyre, the C4 as the medium, while the C5, this weekend's soft tyre, makes its first appearance of the racing season.

In the Drivers' Championship, series leader Lewis Hamilton goes into the weekend with a seven-point advantage over Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas, with Max Verstappen now third, two points clear of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel. In the Constructors' Championship Mercedes lead with 217 points, 96 clear of Ferrari. The Silver Arrows are this weekend seeking their sixth straight one-two finish since the start of this 2019 campaign.

Last, but by no means least, this year's event in Monaco will form part of the now annual FIA Volunteers' Weekend. A global celebration of motor sport's true unsung heroes, the occasion pays tribute to the marshals and officials whose passion for racing and commitment to safety and fair play keep motor sport on track around the world.



CIRCUIT DE MONACO

Length of lap:

3.337km

Lap record:

1:14.260

(Max Verstappen, Red Bull Racing, 2018)

Start line/finish line offset:

0.000km

Total number of race laps:

78

Total race distance:

260.286km

Pitlane speed limits:

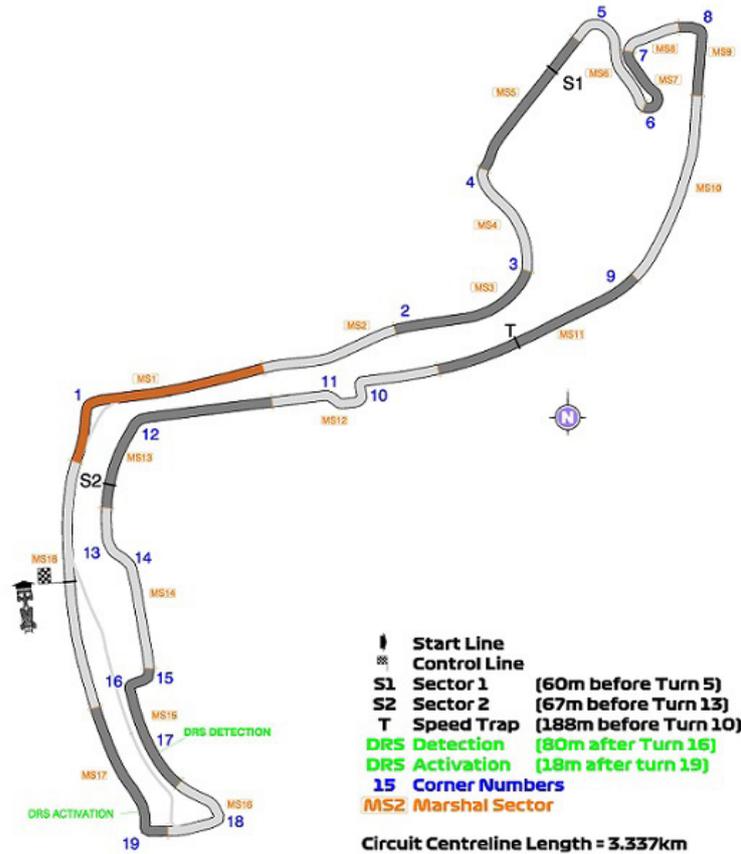
60km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

CIRCUIT NOTES

- The track has been resurfaced in a number of places. These are: from the exit of Turn 19, Anthony Noghes, to the exit of Turn 3, Massenet; from the exit of Turn 7, Mirabeau Bas, to the exit of Turn 8, Portier; from the entry of Turn 10 to the exit of Turn 11, through the Nouvelle Chicane, and from the entry of Turn 12, Tabac, to the entry of Turn 15, at the Swimming Pool exit. This represents some two-thirds of the circuit.

DRS ZONE

- There is a single DRS zone in Monaco, with the detection point located 80m after Turn 16 and the activation point located 18m after Turn 19.



FAST FACTS

- ▶ This will be the 66th Monaco Grand Prix. The race first appeared as the second round of the inaugural Formula One World Championship in 1950. It dropped off the calendar until 1955 and has been ever present since.
- ▶ Three-time F1 champion Ayrton Senna holds the record for most wins in Monaco, with six. Senna won in 1987 with Lotus and then took five straight victories in the Principality with McLaren between 1989 and 1993. Next on the list are Graham Hill and Michael Schumacher with five wins apiece.
- ▶ Four drivers on the current grid have won in Monaco. Kimi Räikkönen won the 2005 race with McLaren, while Lewis Hamilton won with McLaren in 2008 and then with Mercedes in 2016. Sebastian Vettel won here with Red Bull Racing in 2011 and with Ferrari in 2017 and Daniel Ricciardo took top spot in last year's race, also with Red Bull Racing.
- ▶ Ricciardo scored his maiden pole position in Monaco in 2016 and repeated the feat on his way to victory last year. Of Ricciardo's seven F1 wins, only his 2018 Monaco victory was scored from pole. The Australian's only other pole to date came at last year's Mexican Grand Prix.
- ▶ Ricciardo scoring his first pole in Monaco puts him in good company. Ten other drivers have matched the achievement, with five of them eventually going on to become world champion. Those five are: Juan Manuel Fangio (1950), Jim Clark (1962), Jackie Stewart (1969), Emerson Fittipaldi (1972), and Michael Schumacher (1994).
- ▶ This year's Monaco Grand Prix represents Räikkönen's 300th presence at an F1 race weekend. This would be the Finn's 300th start but across his 299 events to date he has failed to take part in a race on three occasions. The first was at the 2001 Belgian Grand Prix when a transmission issue following an aborted start caused him to miss the re-start. In 2005 he did not start the United States Grand Prix due to tyre issues, and at the 2017 Malaysian Grand Prix an engine problem ruled him out of the race on the way to the grid. The Alfa Romeo driver's 300th race start is thus due to take place at this year's Austrian Grand Prix.
- ▶ Last year, Charles Leclerc became the first driver from Monaco to start his home grand prix since Olivier Beretta raced here for the Larrousse team in 1994. Should Leclerc finish in eighth place or better on Sunday he will claim his 100th Formula One championship point in only his 27th grand prix. If he does finish in the points this weekend he will become the first Monegasque to score points at his home race since Louis Chiron, who scored four points for third place in 1950.
- ▶ All four of this year's full-season F1 debutants have raced in Monaco before. Alfa Romeo's Antonio Giovinazzi raced here in GP2 in 2015, finishing in P11 in the feature race and P18 in the sprint race. McLaren's Lando Norris first raced in Monaco in 2016, finishing in P16 in the Formula Renault 2.0 Eurocup race. Norris competed here again in FIA Formula 2 last year, taking P6 in the feature race and finishing in P3 in the sprint race. Toro Rosso's Alex Albon finished fourth and sixth in F2 in 2017 but retired from both races in 2018. Williams' George Russell also failed to finish both F2 races here last year.

RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

TIM MAYER

FIA STEWARD, ORGANISER OF THE FIA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE USA

As the son of former McLaren founder Teddy Mayer, Tim Mayer grew up around motor sport. He organised IndyCar races internationally from 1992-98, aided the construction of several circuits, and produced international TV for multiple series. In 1998 he became CART's Senior VP for Racing Operations then in 2003, Mayer became COO of IMSA, operating multiple series at all levels, including the American Le Mans Series. In 2009 he left IMSA, working independently for several US series and focusing on coordinating US motorsports with the FIA. He was elected an Independent Director of ACCUS and US FIA Delegate, responsible for World Championship events in the US. He Stewards the FIA's F1, WEC and World RX championships as well as teaching and working on multiple commissions.



JOSÉ ABED

FIA VICE PRESIDENT FOR SPORT

José Abed, an FIA Vice President since 2006, began competing in motor sport in 1961. In 1985, as a motor sport of cial, Abed founded the Mexican Organisation of International Motor Sport (OMDAI) which represents Mexico in the FIA. He sat as its Vice- President from 1985 to 1999, becoming President in 2003. In 1986, Abed began promoting truck racing events in Mexico and from 1986 to 1992, he was President of Mexican Grand Prix organising committee. In 1990 and 1991, he was President of the organising committee for the International Championship of Prototype Cars and from 1990 to 1995, Abed was designated Steward for various international Grand Prix events. Since 1990, Abed has been involved in manufacturing prototype chassis, electric cars, rally cars and kart chassis.



MIKA SALO

FORMER F1 DRIVER, MEMBER OF THE FIA SINGLE-SEATER COMMISSION

Finnish racer Mika Salo competed in over 100 grands prix between 1994-2002. After junior success in Britain and Japan, Salo made his Formula One 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. He also tried his hand in CART and Australian V8s. Salo is still a familiar face in the Formula 1 paddock, working extensively for Finnish TV among other roles.



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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}																	112
2	V. BOTTAS	26 _{F 1}	18 ₂	18 ₂	25 ₁	18 ₂																	105
3	M. VERSTAPPEN	15 ₃	12 ₄	12 ₄	12 ₄	15 ₃																	66
4	S. VETTEL	12 ₄	10 ₅	15 ₃	15 ₃	12 ₄																	64
5	C. LECLERC	10 ₅	16 _{F 3}	10 ₅	11 _{F 5}	10 ₅																	57
6	P. GASLY		4 ₈	9 _{F 6}		8 _{NC}																	21
7	K. MAGNUSSEN	8 ₆				6 ₁₃																	14
8	S. PÉREZ		1 ₁₃	4 ₁₀	8 ₈																		13
9	K. RÄIKKÖNEN	4 ₈	6 ₇	2 ₉	1 ₁₀																		13
10	L. NORRIS		8 ₁₂		4 ₁₈																		12
11	C. SAINZ				6 ₇	4 ₈																	10
12	D. RICCIARDO			6 ₁₉																			6
13	N. HÜLKENBERG	6 ₇																					6
14	L. STROLL	2 ₉			2 ₁₄																		4
15	A. ALBON		2 ₁₄	1 ₉																			3
16	D. KVYAT	1 ₁₀				2 ₉																	3
17	R. GROSJEAN																						1
18	A. GIOVINAZZI																						0
19	G. RUSSELL																						0
20	R. KUBICA																						0

F = POINT FOR FASTEST LAP

FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

Press conference 15.00

THURSDAY

Practice session 1 11.00-12.30

Press conference 13.00

Practice session 2 15.00-16.30

SATURDAY

Practice session 3 12.00-13.00

Qualifying 15.00-16.00

Followed by unilateral and press conference

SUNDAY

Drivers' Parade 13.30

Race 15.10

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 paddock entrance.

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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