

Race Preview

2014 RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX
10 – 12 OCTOBER 2014

With just four races left in the 2014 Formula One season and with the battle for the Drivers' Championship finely balanced, Round 16 introduces a new and unknown element to the contest in the shape of the inaugural F1 Russian Grand Prix.

While a Russian Grand Prix has been held before, in St Petersburg, this new race marks grand prix racing's return to the country for the first time in a century. F1's first visit to the Russian Federation will be held at the all-new Sochi Autodrom. Designed by Hermann Tilke, the circuit has been built around the Olympic Park site used for the 2014 Winter Olympics and will run around the venues used for ice hockey and skating as well as the stadium in which the Games' opening and closing ceremonies took place.

With the final layer of asphalt only laid on August 1st and the circuit officially opened on September 20th, the track represents a journey into the unknown for F1. Teams will have undertaken computer simulations and driver-in-the-loop simulations in order to establish a baseline to begin their weekend preparations but it won't be until engineers and drivers walk the track this week that teams will begin to form a true picture of what to expect.

So far, the 18-corner Sochi layout has been likened to a mix between the Valencia Street Circuit used by Formula One between 2008 and 2012 and the Korean International Circuit used between 2010 and 2013. Blending medium and low-speed corners with two long fast sections, the signature corner may turn out to be the long, fast, left-hand arc around the Medal Arena.

Given the circuit's nature it seems that establishing a set-up suited to dealing with the higher downforce requirements of the middle and end sections of the circuit and the lower downforce needs of the more flowing, faster sections of the track will cause a few race engineering headaches. A fascinating weekend awaits.



CIRCUIT DATA

SOCHI AUTODROOM

Length of lap:

5.848km

Lap record:

None

Start line/finish line offset:

0.212 km

Total number of race laps:

53

Total race distance:

309.732km

Pitlane speed limits:

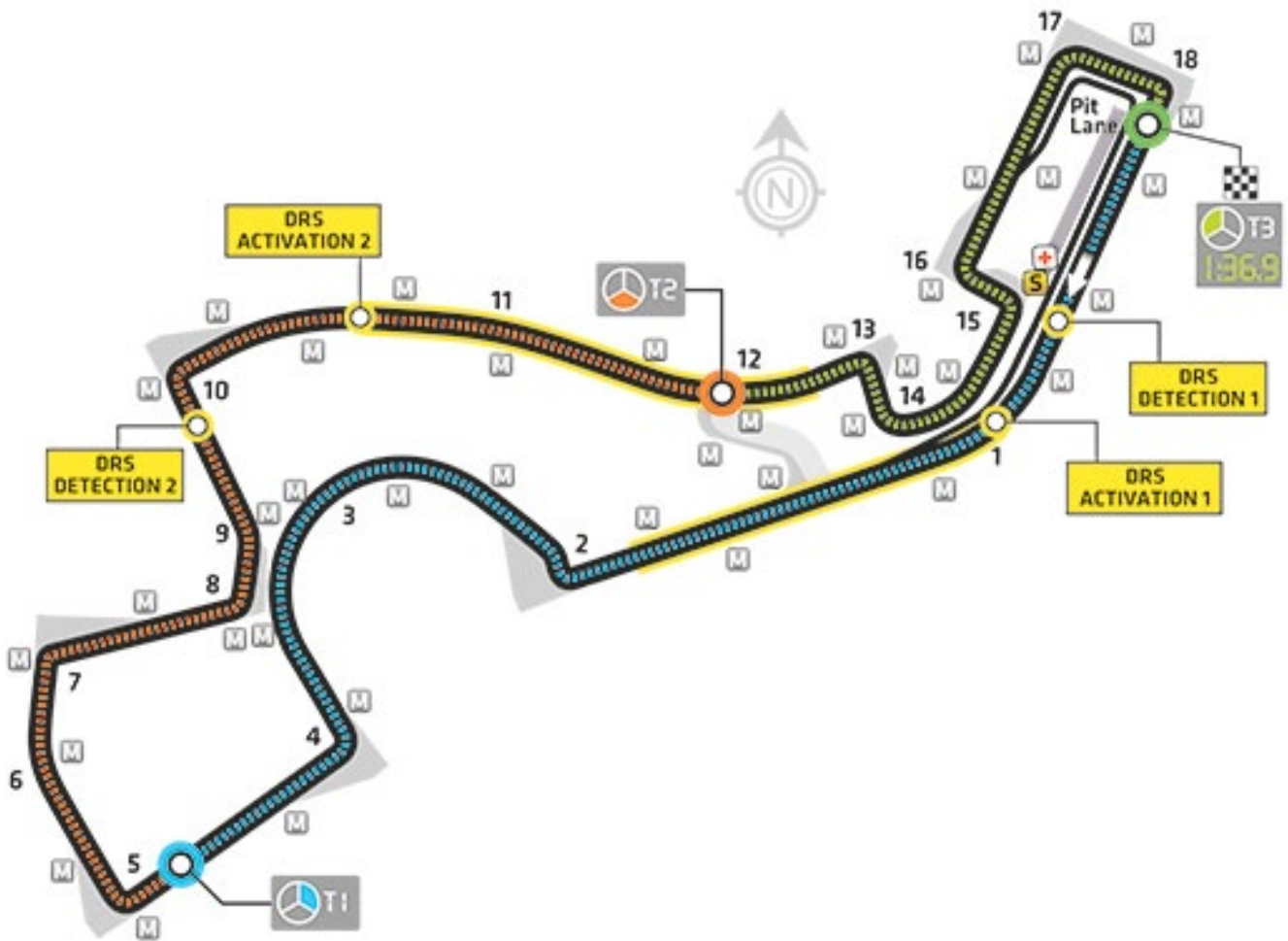
80km/h in practice, qualifying and the race.

CIRCUIT NOTES

- This is the first running of the Russian Grand Prix.

DRS ZONES

- There will be two DRS zones in Sochi. The first detection point will be just after the start-finish line with the activation point located just after Turn One. The second detection point will be before Turn Nine, with the detection point just after the same corner.



<p>Speed Kmh Gear</p>	<p>Braking Lateral G-force</p>	<p>Timing Sector Sector Time Lap Time</p>	Sector 1 Sector 2 Sector 3	Circuit Safety Car Light Panels	Start Medical Car Run-off Areas	Finish Marshals Gravel Traps
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Russian GP Fast Facts

- ▶ This will be the first Formula One Russian Grand Prix. However, two pre-F1 grands prix have been held in Russia, both prior to the outbreak of World War One in 1914. The first race took place in 1913 and was won by Russia's Georgy Suvorin driving a Benz 29/60 PS. The 1914 event was won by German driver Willy Scholl at the wheel of a Benz 55/150 HP. It was the last time such an event was held as the outbreak of WWI put a stop to the race.
- ▶ Mercedes could win the Constructors' Championship this weekend. The title leaders have 522 points compared with Red Bull Racing's 332. With a maximum of 215 points on offer at the remaining races, if Mercedes score 25 points or more here they will win the title.
- ▶ So far, Russia has had just two F1 drivers. On March 14th, 2010 Vitaly Petrov from Vyborg became the first driver from the country to start a grand prix when he lined up for Renault at the season-opening

Bahrain Grand Prix. To date, Petrov has scored 64 championship points from 57 race starts. His best result is third at the 2011 Australian Grand Prix, the only F1 podium finish of his career so far. After 38 races for Renault, Petrov moved to Caterham in 2012. His final F1 appearance to date was at the season-ending Brazilian Grand Prix of 2012.

- ▶ The other Russian F1 driver is of course current Toro Rosso racer Daniil Kvyat. Hailing from the city of Ufa, Kvyat's route to F1 began in earnest in 2011, when he finished third in the Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0 series and second in the Formula Renault 2.0 NEC. The following year he won the Formula Renault 2.0 Alps series and finished second in Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0. For 2013, he stepped up to GP3 and in his first season won the championship. This earned him a seat at Toro Rosso and he made his grand prix debut at the 2014 Australian Grand Prix, where a

ninth-place finish made him the sport's youngest ever points scorer. At last week's Japanese Grand Prix it was announced that as a result of four-time champion Sebastian Vettel's decision to move on from Red Bull Racing at the end of this season, Kvyat will race for the team in 2015.

- ▶ On August 31st it was announced that the T4 grandstand at Sochi Autodrom has been renamed the Kvyat grandstand for the 2014 race.
- ▶ The first race to take place at the new circuit was round seven of the Russian Touring Car Championship. The event, in preparation for this weekend's grand prix was held behind closed doors at the track on September 14th, a week in advance of the circuit's official opening.
- ▶ F1 tyre supplier Pirelli last month announced that it will bring its medium and soft compounds to Sochi, with the company saying the combination is capable of covering a wide range of conditions.

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Race Stewards

Biographies

RADOVAN NOVAK

SEC. GENERAL OF THE ACCR (AUTOCLUB OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC); WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL MEMBER

Radovan Novak has been actively involved in motorsport since 1963 and rose to become Secretary General of the ACCR in 1990. Since 1991 he has held the role of President of the FIA Central Europe Zone and over the past two decades he has acted as a steward and observer in WRC and ERC rallies, EC autocross and rallycross events and WTCC and GT races. He has been a Formula One steward since 1994. From 1994 to 2006, he was a member of the FIA Off-road Commission and was made a member of the World Motor Sport Council in 1998. In 2000 he became a member of the Sport Commission at the Ministry of Sport of the Czech Republic. An avid racer and co-driver, Novak has won a number of Czech rallying events.



DR GERD ENNSER

MEMBER OF THE DMSB'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR AUTOMOBILE SPORT, FORMULA ONE AND DTM STEWARD

Dr Gerd Ennser has successfully combined his formal education in law with his passion for motor racing. While still active as a racing driver he began helping out with the management of his local motor sport club and since 2006 has been a permanent steward at every round of Germany's DTM championship. Since 2010 he has also been a Formula One steward. Dr Ennser, who has worked as a judge, a prosecutor and in the legal department of an automotive-industry company, has also acted as a member of the steering committee of German motor sport body, the DMSB, since spring 2010, where he is responsible for automobile sport. In addition, Dr Ennser is a board member of the South Bavaria Section of ADAC, Germany's biggest auto club.



DANNY SULLIVAN

FORMER F1 DRIVER, INDIANAPOLIS 500 WINNER AND CART CHAMPION

US racer Danny Sullivan made his F1 debut with Tyrrell at the 1983 Brazilian Grand Prix. He raced just one season in F1, scoring a best result of fifth in Monaco. In 1984, Sullivan returned to the US where he resumed a successful Indy Car career. He is perhaps best known for his 'spin and win' victory at the 1985 Indianapolis 500, where he passed leader Mario Andretti, survived a 360 degree spin, and then caught and re-passed Andretti to claim the Borg-Warner Trophy. He won the Indy Car World Series title in 1988. After 17 victories from 170 Indy Car starts he drew a line under his open-wheel career in 1995. He finished third in the Le Mans 24 Hours in a Dauer Porsche 962 in 1994. He made four starts at Le Mans, the most recent being 2004.



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Championship Standings (Constructors)

	Australia	Malaysia	Bahrain	China	Spain	Monaco	Canada	Austria	GB	Germany	Hungary	Belgium	Italy	Singapore	Japan	Russia	USA	Brazil	Abu Dhabi	POINTS
1. Mercedes AMG Petronas	25	43	43	43	43	43	18	43	25	40	27	18	43	25	43	--	--	--	--	522
2. Infiniti Red Bull Racing	0	15	20	22	27	15	40	4	25	20	31	35	18	33	27	--	--	--	--	332
3. Williams Martini Racing	10	10	10	6	10	6	6	27	18	18	14	15	27	10	14	--	--	--	--	201
4. Scuderia Ferrari	18	12	3	19	14	12	9	11	8	10	26	18	2	16	0	--	--	--	--	178
5. Sahara Force India F1 Team	9	10	25	10	3	10	10	10	4	7	0	5	6	8	5	--	--	--	--	122
6. McLaren Mercedes	33	10	0	0	0	9	14	6	18	6	1	8	5	1	10	--	--	--	--	121
7. Scuderia Toro Rosso	6	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	3	0	2	2	0	8	2	--	--	--	--	29
8. Lotus F1 Team	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	8
9. Marussia F1 Team	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	2
10. Sauber F1 Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	0
11. Caterham F1 Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	0

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Formula One Timetable & FIA Media Schedule

THURSDAY

Press conference 15.00

FRIDAY

Practice session 1 10.00-11.30

Practice session 2 14.00-15.30

Press conference 16.00

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 15.00-17.00

Followed by podium interviews and press conference

ADDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

QUALIFYING

All drivers eliminated in Q1 or Q2 are available for media interviews immediately after the end of each session, as are drivers who participated in Q3, but who are not required for the post-qualifying press conference. The TV interview pen is located paddock side in front of the FIA garages.

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.

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