



Race Preview

2017 CANADIAN GRAND PRIX

09-11 June 2017

Round seven of the 2017 FIA Formula One World Championship sees the sport embark on its first North American trip of the season, to Montreal, home of the Canadian Grand Prix.

Long a favourite race destination for teams, drivers and fans, Canada this year celebrates the 50th anniversary of F1's arrival on its shores, at Ontario's Mosport Circuit. After a decade of racing there and at Quebec's Mont-Tremblant, the race found a permanent and enormously popular home in Montreal and the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve is now sixth on the list of most-visited F1 venues, only being eclipsed by the equally storied Nürburgring, Spa-Francorchamps, Silverstone, Monaco and Monza.

It's a circuit that presents drivers with a unique set of challenges too, blending high speeds with heavy braking zones. The semi-permanent facility also has the feel of a street circuit in that the barriers are close and the grip level is low, especially at the start of the weekend. In short, it's not a circuit for the faint of heart.

To counteract the lack of grip, tyre supplier Pirelli is this weekend bringing the softest compounds in its range, the Soft, Supersoft and Ultrasoft. The combination was last used in Monaco and has also been used in Russia and Australia this year.

Sebastian Vettel heads to Montreal with a 25-point Drivers' Championship lead over chief title rival Lewis Hamilton. However, this is a circuit at which the Mercedes driver excels, with Montreal being one of three tracks the Briton has won at five times (the others being the Shanghai International Circuit and the Hungaroring), and after a difficult Monaco, he will be hoping that local form works in his favour this weekend.

In the Constructors' Championship, a one-two finish in Monaco swung the pendulum back in favour of Ferrari and the Italian squad goes into this weekend with a 17-point advantage over Mercedes.



CIRCUIT GILLES VILLENEUVE

Length of lap: 4.361km

Lap record: 1:13.622

(Rubens Barrichello, Ferrari, 2004)

Start line/finish line offset: 0.000km

Total number of race laps: 70

Total race distance: 305.270km

Pitlane speed limits: 80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ Large sections of ageing guardrail have been replaced by wall blocks, mainly in Turns 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and 10. All the new walls have been fitted with new debris fences of varying height. A new debris fence has also been installed on the wall on the driver's right between Turn 14 and the finish line.
- ▶ The gravel around the outside of Turn 8 has been replaced by asphalt and the Grass-Crete around the outside of Turn 13 has also been replaced by asphalt.
- ▶ Tyre barriers have been replaced by TecPro barriers in Turns 1, 2, 3, 8, 10 and 13 and a 180m SAFER barrier has been installed around the outside of Turn 5.
- ▶ A second gate has been installed in the pit wall.

DRS ZONE

- ▶ There are two DRS zones at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve. They share a single detection point, located 110m before Turn Nine. The first activation point is 55m before Turn 12 and the second is 70m after Turn 14.

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| ROUND 07 | CANADIAN GRAND PRIX | START TIME | 14:00 Local - 18:00 GMT |
| RACE DATE: | 11 JUN 2017 | CIRCUIT LENGTH: | 4.361KM |
| CIRCUIT NAME: | CIRCUIT GILLES VILLENEUVE | RACE DISTANCE: | 305.270KM |
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KEY

Speed Km/h
Braking 125 4 Gear

Timing Sector T3 29.1
Lap Time 1:12.8

Sector 1 Sector 2 Sector 3

Circuit Start Finish

DRS Detection DRS Activation Run-off Areas

FIA Medical & Safety Cars Marshal Posts Light Panels

Notes: Speeds are approximate based upon 2017 simulated data
Gears are approximate based upon 2016 data
Lap & Sector times are based upon 2016 Qualifying data



FAST FACTS

- ▶ This will be the 48th Canadian Grand Prix and the 38th held at Montreal's Circuit Gilles Villeneuve. The race has been held at two other venues: Mosport in 1967, '69, from '71-'74 and '76-'77, and Mont Tremblant in 1968 and 1970.
- ▶ Michael Schumacher holds the record for most Canadian Grand Prix wins, with seven. His first win came in 1994 with Benetton and all that followed were registered with Ferrari ('97, '98, 2000 and 2002-'04).
- ▶ Lewis Hamilton is closing in on the legendary German's record, however. The Briton scored his maiden F1 win here in 2007 with McLaren and 188 races later he will this weekend seek his sixth Montreal victory. Following his 2007 success, Hamilton won here twice more with McLaren in 2010 and 2012 and with Mercedes in 2015 and last year.
- ▶ Apart from Hamilton five other drivers have scored their maiden grand prix win in Canada: Gilles Villeneuve in 1978; Thierry Boutsen in 1989; Jean Alesi in 1995; Robert Kubica in 2008, and Daniel Ricciardo in 2014. All Canada's first-time winners stop atop the podium in Montreal.
- ▶ Apart from Hamilton, five current drivers have also won here: Kimi Räikkönen in 2005 for McLaren; Fernando Alonso (Renault, 2006); Sebastian Vettel (Red Bull Racing, 2013), and Ricciardo, (Red Bull Racing, 2014). All except Hamilton have just a single Canadian Grand Prix victory to their name.
- ▶ The most successful constructor at the Canadian Grand Prix is McLaren with 13 wins. Ferrari have 11 victories, while Williams have seven. The most successful constructor in Montreal is Ferrari with 10 wins, while McLaren have nine wins at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve.
- ▶ Ferrari have far and away the greatest number of podium finishes in Montreal, with 30. Ten behind them are McLaren and Williams, while Benetton are third with nine podium finishes here. Red Bull Racing are next on the list with six.
- ▶ In 37 events, the Montreal race has been won from pole 17 times. Five of those victories from the front of the grid have come in the past 10 years. Hamilton achieved the feat in 2007, '10, '15 and '16, while Sebastian Vettel won from pole position in 2013.
- ▶ Michael Schumacher has the most pole positions in Montreal with six ('94-'95, '97, '99, 2000-01) followed by Hamilton with five ('07-'08, '10, '15-16). Only two other current drivers have been on pole here – Sebastian Vettel (2011-13) and Fernando Alonso (2006).
- ▶ Five drivers have set the first fastest lap of their Formula One career at the Canadian Grand Prix. They are: Patrick Tambay (1983), Jonathan Palmer (1989), Eddie Irvine (1999), Fernando Alonso (2003) and Robert Kubica (2010).
- ▶ Four drivers have recorded their first career podium finish at the Canadian Grand Prix: Mark Donohue (1971), Stefan Johansson (1985) Eddie Irvine (1995) and Giancarlo Fisichella in 1997.

RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

GARRY CONNELLY

**DIRECTOR, GLOBAL INSTITUTE FOR MOTOR SPORT SAFETY;
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COUNCIL MEMBER**

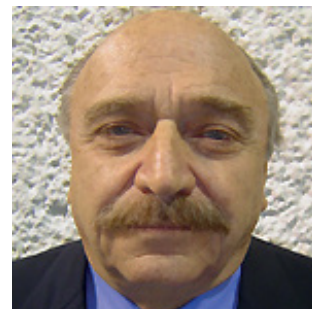
Garry Connelly has been involved in motor sport since the late 1960s. A long-time rally competitor, Connelly was instrumental in bringing the World Rally Championship to Australia in 1988 and served as Chairman of the Organising Committee, Board member and Clerk of Course of Rally Australia until December 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.



JOSE ABED

FIA VICE PRESIDENT

José Abed, an FIA Vice President since 2006, began competing in motor sport in 1961. In 1985, as a motor sport official, 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.



DEREK DALY

FORMER FORMULA ONE DRIVER

A former Williams driver and veteran of 49 Grand Prix starts. Daly, Irish-born, but now a US resident, raced Champ Cars in America, after the end of his F1 career in 1982. He enjoyed seven seasons in top-level US motorsport, despite a 200mph accident at Michigan International Speedway in 1984, in which he sustained extensive multiple injuries and which threatened to end his career. Daly, 58, described the accident as "life-changing" but he returned for the start of the following season. Since retiring from full-time racing in 1990, after some notable additional success in sportscars, Daly moved into race commentary with Speed TV and ESPN and has subsequently developed a business as a motivational speaker. He also owns the Derek Daly Academy driver training school.



FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Press conference 1100

FRIDAY

Practice session 1 1000-1130

Practice session 2 1400-1530

Press conference 1600

SATURDAY

Practice session 3 1000-1100

Qualifying 1300-1400

Followed by unilateral and press conference

SUNDAY

Drivers' Parade 1230

Race 1400

Followed by podium interviews and press conference

ADDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

QUALIFYING

All drivers eliminated in Q1 or Q2 will be available for media interviews 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 in the paddock in front of Race Control.

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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