



# Race Preview

## 2015 BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX 13-15 November 2015

Formula One this weekend travels to São Paulo's Interlagos district, home of the Autódromo José Carlos Pace, for the penultimate round of the 2015 FIA Formula One World Championship, the Brazilian Grand Prix.

The 4.309km long track is regularly ranked as one of Formula One's classics, having first appeared on the calendar as far back as 1973. While it has been reduced in scale from its original 7.960km layout, its winding anti-clockwise configuration still packs quite a punch, with drivers tested by the undulating sequences of mostly medium and slow-speed corners linked by the high speed straight after Turn Three and the fast final corner and pit straight.

While not as extreme as the most recent outing in Mexico City, the elevation of Interlagos, which is 800m above sea level, can have an affect on aerodynamic performance and as such teams usually run higher downforce packages to cope with the reduced amount of air. The aerodynamic lack means that good mechanical grip is essential. Thus, Pirelli has this weekend chosen its Medium and Soft compounds to meet the circuit's demands.

Interlagos, then, presents teams with a particular set of challenges and arriving at the right set-up can prove tricky. However, even the best laid plans can be upset by the great variable here – the weather. Rain is never far away at Interlagos and on more than one occasion in recent years intense cloudbursts have led to dramatic session and races.

While the battle for the Drivers' title is over the fight for the runners-up spot took a twist in Mexico, with Nico Rosberg victorious and Sebastian Vettel crashing out. It means the Mercedes driver is now 21 points ahead of his Ferrari rival with just two rounds remaining. The fight for fourth is tighter, however, with Valtteri Bottas, Kimi Räikkönen and Felipe Massa separated by just nine points.



### CIRCUIT DATA

#### AUTÓDROMO JOSÉ CARLOS PACE

**Length of lap:** 4.309km

**Lap record:** 1:11.473 (Juan Pablo Montoya, Williams, 2004)

**Start line/finish line offset:** 0.030km

**Total number of race laps:** 71

**Total race distance:** 305.909km

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

### CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ Other than routine maintenance no changes have been made to the track layout.

### DRS ZONE

- ▶ There are two DRS zones at Interlagos. The first has a detection point at the apex of Turn Two, with activation 20m after Turn Three. The second zone has its detection point 30m after Turn 13, with an activation point 60m after Turn 15.

<b>ROUND 18</b>	<b>BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	14:00 Local - 16:00 GMT
<b>RACE DATE:</b>	15 NOV 2015	<b>CIRCUIT LENGTH:</b>	4.309KM
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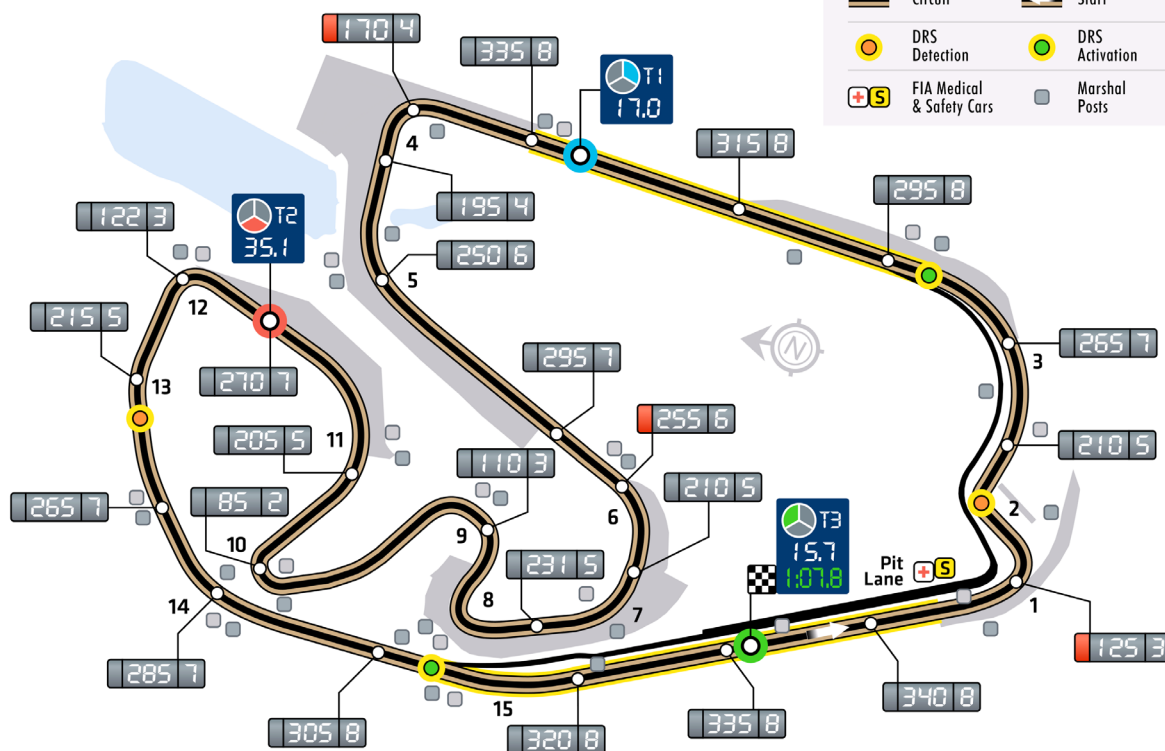
**KEY**

Speed Kmh  
Braking 125.3 Gear

Sector Time  
T3 15.7  
Lap Time 1:07.8

Timing Sector  
Lap Time

● Sector 1    ● Sector 2    ● Sector 3  
 Circuit     Start     Finish  
 DRS Detection     DRS Activation     Run-off Areas  
 FIA Medical & Safety Cars     Marshal Posts     Light Panels



## FAST FACTS

- ▶ This will be the 43rd Brazilian Grand Prix and the 33rd to take place at the Autódromo José Carlos Pace. The first championship F1 race took place at Interlagos in 1973 on a 7.960km circuit that was used in a roughly similar configuration until 1990 when the circuit was shortened to the layout familiar today. The current 4.309km circuit dates back to 2000. The new pit and paddock development has had no impact on the layout of the circuit itself.
- ▶ Brazil ranks ninth in the list of F1's most visited countries, behind Spain, with 45 grands prix, but ahead of the US, which has hosted 37 F1 championship races (discounting the largely honorific Indianapolis 500 races of the 1950s). Interlagos, meanwhile, is the sport's eighth most-visited track, ahead of the Netherlands' Zandvoort, which has staged 30 races, but behind Germany's Hockenheim, which has hosted 34 GPs.
- ▶ Aside from Interlagos, just one other venue has hosted the Brazilian Grand Prix. Rio's Jacarepaguá Circuit staged the race in 1978 and was then the home of the event from 1981 until 1989, with Interlagos taking over again in 1990.
- ▶ The most successful driver at the Brazilian Grand Prix is Alain Prost, who has won the event six times, in 1982, '84, '85, '87, '88 and 1990. Just one of the Frenchman's wins came at Interlagos, however, in 1990. The most successful driver at Interlagos is Michael Schumacher. The German won here four times, twice for Benetton in 1994-'95 and twice for Ferrari, in 2000 and 2002.
- ▶ The most successful team at the Brazilian Grand Prix is McLaren, which has 12 event wins, four in Rio (all courtesy of Prost) and eight in São Paulo. The team's first came in 1974 at Interlagos courtesy of local hero Emerson Fittipaldi and the most recent was in 2012, with Jenson Button. Ferrari are next with 10 wins and are tied with McLaren on eight wins at Interlagos.
- ▶ Three drivers have scored their maiden grand prix wins in Brazil. Carlos Pace took his one and only victory in 1975 for Brabham, René Arnoux took the first of seven career wins in 1980 for Renault and Giancarlo Fisichella won for Jordan in 2003, the first of three career wins for the Italian. All three drivers won at Interlagos.
- ▶ Three drivers have scored their first career pole positions in Brazil, again all coming at Interlagos. Ronnie Peterson took his at the first event in 1973 for Lotus, James Hunt was on pole in 1976 for McLaren, while more recently Force India's Nico Hulkenberg took his first and so far only pole position here in 2010.
- ▶ Five Brazilian GP winners will be present this weekend. Felipe Massa won in 2006 and 2008 for Ferrari, Kimi Räikkönen won in 2007 for Ferrari, Sebastian Vettel won in 2010 and 2013 for Red Bull Racing, Button won in 2012 for McLaren and Nico Rosberg won last year for Mercedes. Interlagos is just one of three races on the current calendar that champion elect Lewis Hamilton has not won—the others are Austria and Mexico.
- ▶ The race has been won from pole position just four times since the current version of the track was introduced. Both Massa's wins were scored from pole, while the last two events were won from the front of the grid. On any Interlagos circuit configuration Fisichella's 2003 win holds the record for victory from furthest back on the grid—the Italian started in P8.

# RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

## PAUL GUTJAHR

### **PRESIDENT OF THE FIA HILL CLIMB COMMISSION, BOARD MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF AUTO SPORT SUISSE SARL**

Paul Gutjahr started racing in the late 1960s with Alfa Romeo, Lancia, Lotus and Porsche, then March in Formula 3. In the early '70s he became President of the Automobile Club Berne and organised numerous events. He acted as President of the organising committee of the Swiss GP at Dijon between 1980-82. Between 1980-2005 he acted as President of the Commission Sportive Nationale de l'Automobile Club de Suisse and in 2005 he became President and board member of the Auto Sport Suisse motor sports club. Gutjahr is President of the Alliance of European Hill Climb Organisers and has been steward at various high-level international competitions. He was the Formula 3000 Sporting Commissioner and has been a Formula One steward since 1995.



## SILVIA BELLOT

### **MEMBER OF THE ROYAL SPANISH AUTOMOBILE FEDERATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FIA WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT COMMISSION MEMBER, F1, GP2, GP3 AND WTCC STEWARD**

Silvia Bellot began marshalling in 2001, when she was 16. She has been a steward in a number of national and international series, including the, European F3 Open, GT Open, BMW Europe, Spanish Endurance Championship, DTM, World Series by Renault and the WRC. In 2009, she took part in the FIA trainee stewards' program for GP2 and F1. She made her first appearance as an F1 steward at the 20011 Turkish GP and last year was awarded the FIA's Outstanding Official prize. She is currently a steward in GP2, GP3, WTCC and F1. Away from the stewards' room she is a member of the FIA's Women in Motorsport Commission and also works closely with RACC, the Circuit de Catalunya and the Spanish federation in event organisation.



## MIKA SALO

### **FORMER F1 DRIVER**

In a racing career now into its third decade, 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. Since he called time on his F1 career, Salo has competed predominantly in sports cars, most notably racing in GT classes. He has GT2 victories at both Le Mans and Sebring, and in 2007 won the GT class in ALMS. He has also tried his hand in CART and Australian V8s. Salo is still a familiar face in the Formula One paddock, working extensively for Finnish TV.



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## DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	AUSTRALIA	MALAYSIA	CHINA	BAHRAIN	SPAIN	MONACO	CANADA	AUSTRIA	GB	HUNGARY	BELGIUM	ITALY	SINGAPORE	JAPAN	RUSSIA	USA	MEXICO	BRAZIL	ABU DHABI	POINTS
1. Lewis Hamilton	25	18	25	25	18	15	25	18	25	8	25	25	0	25	25	25	18	--	--	345
2. Nico Rosberg	18	15	18	15	25	25	18	25	18	4	18	0	12	18	0	18	25	--	--	272
3. Sebastian Vettel	15	25	15	10	15	18	10	12	15	25	0	18	25	15	18	15	0	--	--	251
4. Valtteri Bottas	--	10	8	12	12	0	15	10	10	0	2	12	10	10	0	0	15	--	--	126
5. Kimi Räikkönen	0	12	12	18	10	8	12	0	4	0	6	10	15	12	4	0	0	--	--	123
6. Felipe Massa	12	8	10	1	8	0	8	15	12	0	8	15	0	0	12	0	8	--	--	117
7. Daniil Kvyat	--	2	0	2	1	12	2	0	8	18	12	1	8	0	10	0	12	--	--	88
8. Daniel Ricciardo	8	1	2	8	6	10	0	1	0	15	0	4	18	0	0	1	10	--	--	84
9. Sergio Pérez	1	0	0	4	0	6	0	2	2	0	10	8	6	0	15	10	4	--	--	68
10. Max Verstappen	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	12	4	0	4	2	1	12	2	--	--	47
11. Romain Grosjean	0	0	6	6	4	0	1	0	0	6	15	0	0	6	0	0	1	--	--	45
12. Nico Hülkenberg	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	6	0	0	6	0	8	0	0	6	--	--	44
13. Felipe Nasr	10	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	2	0	--	--	27
14. Pastor Maldonado	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	4	0	--	--	26
15. Carlos Sainz	2	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	6	0	--	--	18
16. Jenson Button	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	--	--	16
17. Fernando Alonso	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	11
18. Marcus Ericsson	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	9
19. Roberto Merhi	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	0	--	--	--	--	0
20. Will Stevens	--	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	0
21. Alexander Rossi	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0	--	0	0	--	--	0

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## CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	AUSTRALIA	MALAYSIA	CHINA	BAHRAIN	SPAIN	MONACO	CANADA	AUSTRIA	GB	HUNGARY	BELGIUM	ITALY	SINGAPORE	JAPAN	RUSSIA	USA	MEXICO	BRAZIL	ABU DHABI	POINTS
<b>1. Mercedes AMG Petronas</b>	43	33	43	40	43	40	43	43	43	12	43	25	12	43	25	43	43	--	--	<b>617</b>
<b>2. Scuderia Ferrari</b>	15	37	27	28	25	26	22	12	19	25	6	28	40	27	22	15	0	--	--	<b>374</b>
<b>3. Williams Martini Racing</b>	12	18	18	13	20	0	23	25	22	0	10	27	10	10	12	0	23	--	--	<b>243</b>
<b>4. Infiniti Red Bull Racing</b>	8	3	2	10	7	22	2	1	8	33	12	5	26	0	10	1	22	--	--	<b>172</b>
<b>5. Sahara Force India F1 Team</b>	7	0	0	4	0	6	4	10	8	0	10	14	6	8	15	10	10	--	--	<b>112</b>
<b>6. Lotus F1 Team</b>	0	0	6	6	4	0	7	6	0	6	15	0	0	10	6	4	1	--	--	<b>71</b>
<b>7. Scuderia Toro Rosso</b>	2	10	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	12	4	0	6	3	1	18	2	--	--	<b>65</b>
<b>8. Sauber F1 Team</b>	14	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	8	2	0	--	--	<b>36</b>
<b>9. McLaren Honda</b>	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	12	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	--	--	<b>27</b>
<b>10. Manor Marussia F1 Team</b>	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	<b>0</b>

# FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY

**Press conference** 11.00

## FRIDAY

**Practice session 1** 10.00-11.30

**Practice session 2** 14.00-15.30

**Press conference** 16.00

## SATURDAY

**Practice session 3** 11.00-12.00

**Qualifying** 14.00-15.00

Followed by unilateral and press conference

## SUNDAY

**Drivers' Parade** 12.30

**Race** 14.00

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 postqualifying press conference. The location of the interview pen will be posted on the notice board inside the media centre.

### 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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