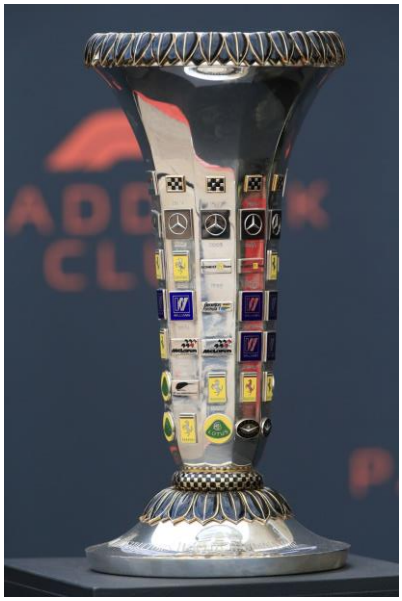
THE OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER

UNITED STATES



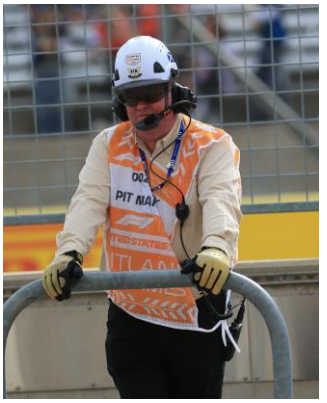












TRAINING 2.0

Marshal training is getting a boost with visible results this weekend. Tim Mayer of USRM has tasked Sydney Davis Yagel to help organize FIA onsite pre-event training programs in the United States, to make it more recent and relevant. Sydney has extensive background in grassroots racing via her background with SCCA. This training outreach will be an extension/expansion of the online flagging training now available to SCCA volunteers, and will be utilized so the FIA flagging protocols can taught and used for the five FIA events currently occurring in the US - WEC, Formula e, and the three USGP's at Miami, COTA and Las Vegas. The protocols can also be expanded to include the IMSA variations.



The training won't be just for Flagging, but will include all trackside crews. One of the goals is to maximize the available time at the actual events for hands-on training, by utilizing pre off-site time for the more academic aspects of the training and save valuable onsite time for experiencing actual equipment and facilities. More and more technology and upgraded safety equipment is being utilized and training and experience is needed.

COTA makes a good place to do such on-site training as it is a well-established facility with systems and officials in place and 12 years experience with FIA events. Many of the key officials are training/bringing along identified marshals to widen the pool of available leaders, giving leadership a succession plan.



Part of this new ACCUS / USRM - funded initiative is to work with the Las Vegas event to train marshals for this new event. Such training will be ongoing now prior to the Las Vegas F1race, with identified local Las Vegas crews who show potential. Included in the USRM board are Kevin Miller, President of USAC; John Doonan, President of IMSA; Mike Cobb, President and CEO of SCCA; and Tim Mayer, President of USRM. ACCUS felt it was a good use of its funds to help underwrite the ambitious plan.

Alphabet Decoding: ACCUS: Automobile Competition Committee for the United States, Fia, Inc. The United States is the National Sporting Authority of FIA. COTA: Circuit of the Americas; FIA: Federation Internationale de l'Autombile; USAC: United States Auto Club; IMSA: International Motor Sports Association; SCCA: Sports Car Club of America; USRM: US Race Management.

The Officials Newsletter has been asked to be one of the content providers, by providing relevant photographs focused on marshals in action doing F1 kinds of tasks in a F1 setting. So Newsletter photographers Nico Matamoros, Pablo Matamoros and Ron Searle will be at the ready to memorialize pertinent activities, such as Thursday's Intervention Training. Our photographers are but one of the content providers to be utilized for this endeavor.





HEROO

The following is courtesy of Pirelli



In any discussion about Formula 1, it's always the drivers who are portrayed as the heroes and rightly so, as they race at over 300 km/h, reclining in a made-to-measure cockpit squeezed into a carbon fiber shell, with a 1000 horsepower Power Unit and a cell holding just over a hundred litres of fuel right behind them. While it's true that the highest level of motorsport is much safer than before, even compared to the quite recent past, that takes nothing away from the heroic nature of the driver's role. So Pirelli has chosen to illustrate this fact by having a rather unusual hero on the podium, in the shape of the trophy presented to the top three finishers in the FORMULA 1 PIRELLI UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX 2024 and it goes by the name of Heroo!

Heroo was created by the Italian artist and designer Matteo Macchiavelli, in collaboration with Pirelli Motorsport. It is an interpretation of the connection between the racing car and its tires, while also being an artwork that links beauty and elegance with the excitement, sense of speed and quality of the materials that go into a Formula 1 car. The trophy takes the form of a human silhouette with arms raised in triumph, the whole encased in carbon fiber sitting on a rubber base. The ones for the Grand Prix winning driver and team representative stand out with the helmet painted in golden yellow, sprinkled in gold dust, while silver and titanium are the colors and finish chosen for the second and third placed drivers respectively. The Austin podium will not be a one-off appearance for Heroo, as replicas will be produced in a limited production run for collectors and fans of collectible art toys.




VELO
Chrome




PETRONAS
AMD
PETRONAS

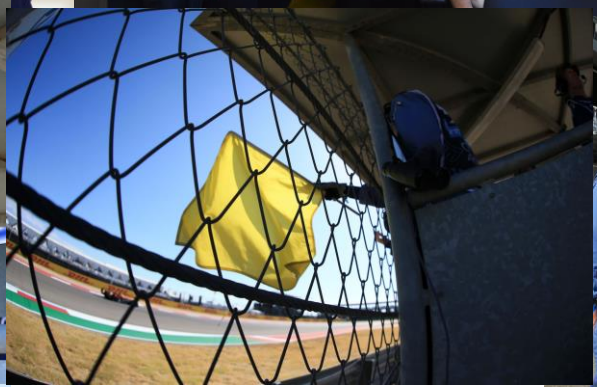

20


FIA
0465-TEX










COURSE ACCESS
COURSE ACCESS
B


COURSE ACCESS




0485-TEX
INTERVENTION MARSHAL
COURSE ACCESS


701-TEX

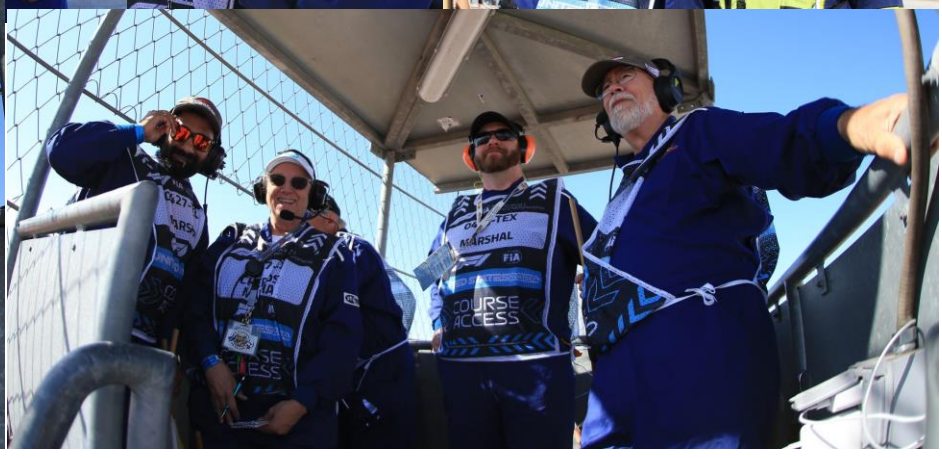

COURSE ACCESS


0308-TEX
DEPUTY CHIEF POST MARSHAL
0662-TEX
INTERVENTION MARSHAL
0645-TEX
INTERVENTION MARSHAL
COURSE ACCESS






Mathers Formula 1
Marshal's
2024 FIA Formula One United States Grand Prix - Austin Texas


COURSE ACCESS

TIRE UPDATE

The following is courtesy of Pirelli

Lando Norris will start tomorrow's United States Grand Prix from pole position. It is the McLaren driver's seventh career pole, the sixth this season and the fourth from the last five Grands Prix. It is pole number 162 for the British team, its first at Austin's Circuit of the Americas. Norris' best time of 1'32"330 was 2"393 quicker than last year's pole and almost 1"3 better than the pre-event simulation times, confirming the improvement in outright performance at this track already seen yesterday.

For us and of course for the teams, the 19 laps of the Sprint were a great opportunity to see the Medium at work over a long run, given that it will be the most popular choice for tomorrow's race. Few drivers held back, so we were able to collect some interesting, but not surprising, data."

On a track where the total pit stop time is not very long (20"5), a two-stop is clearly the quickest strategy and with nine of the ten teams having already used one set of Hards in the only free practice session yesterday, it's clear the most likely option involves the use of two sets of the C3 and the remaining one C2. As to how their use will be split between the stints, honestly, we expect that everyone will try and start the race on the Medium. So, to sum up, the quickest strategy, based on a preliminary analysis, is a first stint on the C3, with a pit stop between laps 16 and 22 to switch to the C2, with a second stop between laps 35 and 41 to finish back on the C3. Those who want to run their final stint with the C2 could pit for the first time between laps 11 and 20 and a second time between laps 32 and 38. Finally, a third but unlikely route would be to use all three compounds: start on the C4 (first stop between laps 10 and 14), switch to the C2 (second stop between 34 and 40) and finish with the C3."

SPRINT RACE RESULTS

	NO	DRIVER	NAT
1	1	Max VERSTAPPEN	
2	55	Carlos SAINZ	
3	4	Lando NORRIS	
4	16	Charles LECLERC	
5	63	George RUSSELL	
6	44	Lewis HAMILTON	
7	20	Kevin MAGNUSSEN	
8	27	Nico HULKENBERG	
9	11	Sergio PEREZ	
10	81	Oscar PIASTRI *	
11	22	Yuki TSUNODA	
12	43	Franco COLAPINTO	
13	18	Lance STROLL	
14	10	Pierre GASLY	
15	31	Esteban OCON	
16	30	Liam LAWSON	
17	23	Alexander ALBON	
18	14	Fernando ALONSO	
19	24	ZHOU Guanyu	
20	77	Valtteri BOTTAS	

LYNNE'S WANDERINGS



Despite all the cloud cover which comes and goes over COTA, the weather remains mostly warm to hot, hitting mid-eighties. As marshals work in the elements all day, hydration is key. This year water is being provided in aluminum cans rather than single-use plastic bottles which cannot be properly recycled, for the most part. The recyclable aluminum cans are in keeping with COTA's ongoing green plans and FIA's mandate toward sustainability.

Americans will recognize the visages and voices of two of the TV presenters - James Hinchcliffe and Danica Patrick. James will be doing 'booth' coverage, while Danica is color commentary. Gunther Stein, formerly of Haas and now making his way in the world of commentary, did the interview of the F1 Sprint race podium finishers.





Now you see it … Now you don't. Franco Colapinto, the new driver for Williams, briefly had a one of a kind sign over his garage - his first name and country flag. All the other driver including his teammate, had Car number, full name and a photo.

The new grandstand and hospitality facilities have expanded the viewing possibilities up at Turn One. ESPN has also installed a TV compound to enhance its expanded TV coverage this weekend for its Texas Takeover, covering both Saturday's football game between Texas U and Georgia and the USGP. Friday afternoon the entire area was packed tighter than a sardine can. It was a very popular place.



For this race, FIA F1 Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ian Roberts will be working in Race Control with COTA Chief Medical Officer Dr. John Sabra. Riding in the Medical car will be Dr. James Kempema, with former race car driver, Bruno Correia. Dr. Roberts said that the track testing on Thursday went well, and the drivers liked the new repaved track and said it was grippy, but not overly so.

One of the Boundary Riders, Nick Dodgson from Cheyenne WY, has an online radio show, Kar-gab with Nick the motor guy on KGAB, on most Saturday mornings 9:00-11:00 mountain time He knows a lot about motorsports.