THE OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER
LAS VEGAS

WELCOME

Welcome to Las Vegas, The City of Lights. This is our third year at the Formula 1 Heineken Las Vegas Grand Prix - one of the few nighttime street races. And this year the race is two hours earlier, so there could be fewer challenges. There is the F1Academy Series as the Support Race.

The marshals are already to go, having completed refresher training on Wednesday, geared to the specific crews. Overall there are about 500 marshals, about the same or a bit less than last year, due to last minute cancellations. Overall there are about 500 marshals, with about 120 of them being new this year. And 40 of them completed the Locals Marshals Training held in September. This year there are now 61 Intervention posts and about the same number of Flagging & Communications posts on the 3.856-mile/6.2 km street circuit, with some additional posts added this year, making more posts this year than before. At T15-16 the two stations on Driver's Right were moved closer to the footbridge. Unintended Consequences were that this created a blindspot, so a new station was created on Driver's Left.

The Intervention Crew is the largest. Chief is Don Erickson and Deputy Chief is David Thompson and they have about 250 marshals. There are 37 F&C Posts, with Chief Bryan Gregory and Deputy Chief Jim Robertson and they have about 180 marshals. The numbers change due to cancellations. In addition to a large number of local marshals, there are visitors from Brazil, Canada, Eastern Europe, Mexico, and UAE.

In the Paddock, there are three crews: Starters, with Chief Jamey Walsh and his crew of three. Two work at Pit In and two at Pit Out. Toni Buhrke heads up the Pit and Grid Crew with 45 marshals Support Paddock Chief is Chuck Ratcliffe. The Support Paddock moved closer to the F1 Paddock, which makes its supervision and staffing much easier. Adam Gavalla is the Chief Scrutineer with 29 marshals, assigned to F1 garages and also to the Scales. There are also four female Scrutineers assigned to the Female Academy Paddock.

Inside Crews keep the ship afloat, so to speak. Race Chairman is Sydney Davis Yagel; with Kim McFarland Kuzma as Assistant Race Chairman. Registration Chief is Jamie Anderson. The Marshal Support Crew is led by Mike Alonso. Tom Philips is PPE Chief. Bob Crawford is Radio Chief, assisted by Victoria. They constitute the smallest crew. They spent two long days organizing the 650 digital radios and the necessary equipment.

The Race Control team in The Room Where It Happens includes Jim Swintal and Mary DeYoung as the F&C Communicators; Matt Farmer is Intervention Communicator; Emma Adams and Daniel Mepham are Communicators for Pit Lane, Support Paddock and Grid.

Clark of the Course is Paul Walter; F1 Deputy Clerk of the Course is Morgan Healey; and F1 Academy Deputy Clerks of the Course are John Maesky and Karla Brown. Deputy Clerk of the Course MxM Logistics is Lindsay Fox.

This weekend we'll be treated to a still hotly-contested World Drivers Championship battle between the two McLaren drivers Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri, and reigning Champion Max Verstappen, who clinched his 2024 Championship at Las Vegas last year. And since this is Nevada, one can bet on any number of scenarios involving F1 drivers, such as Odds to Win, Driver to win the race, Winning Team, Which driver will record Fastest Lap, Fastest Qualifier, and Which Driver will win the 2025 Driver Championship? There are even more scenarios upon which to bet.

Las Vegas is considered high desert, so the evenings will be chilly, and maybe a bit wet. Make good use of those black bomber jackets and orange rain gear jackets. Dress accordingly and remember to hydrate.

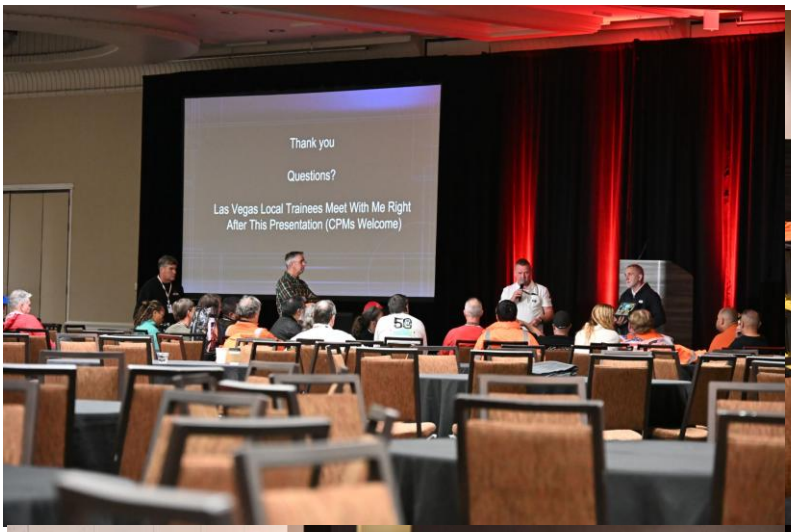











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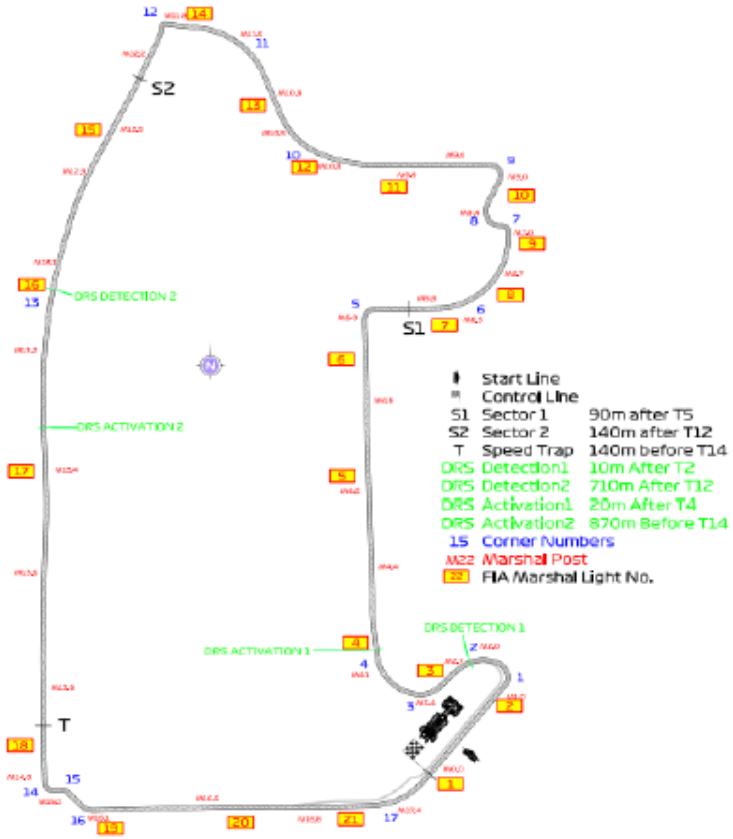

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LAS VEGAS
GRAND PRIX

TRACK CIRCUIT MAP



TRACK FACTS

First GP	2023
Number of Laps	50
Circuit Length	6.201km
Race Distance	309.958km
Lap Record	1:34.876
	Lando Norris (2024)

F1 SCHEDULE

FP 1	Thursday Nov 20	4:30pm – 5:30pm
FP 2	Thursday Nov 20	8:00pm – 9:00pm
FP 3	Friday Nov 21	4:30pm – 5:30pm
Qualifying	Friday Nov 21	8:00pm – 9:00pm
Race	Saturday Nov 22	8:00pm -

PAST LAS VEGAS WINNERS

2023	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
2024	George Russell	Mercedes

F1 ACADEMY SCHEULE

FP	Thursday Nov 20	6:00pm – 6:40pm
Qualifying	Thursday Nov 20	9:30pm – 10:00pm
Race 1	Friday Nov 21	6:15pm – 6:45pm
Race 2	Saturday Nov 22	4:20pm – 4:50pm



F1 UPDATE REVIEW (by Michael Shaw)

Just three drivers are left with a chance of the World Drivers Championship title. Max Verstappen has made a huge comeback from over 100 points behind to somehow remain in touch. Oscar Piastri has led for most of the season until a late stumble since the summer break. Lando Norris started strong, had some trouble, but is now ahead of the pack with a small gap.

Alpine

Alpine are waiting for the end of the season to come sooner rather than later. It's not been a good season for them with numerous crashes and a very inconsistent, but usually slow, car. Pierre Gasly and Franco Colapinto have been trying hard but don't expect too much from this team under lights.



Sauber

Sauber have enjoyed a rare season where they've managed to bring improvements to their car throughout the season, something they've not done in many years. Nico Hulkenberg was able to score his maiden podium at Silverstone, while Gabriel Bortoleto has been able to show why he was chosen to drive the car. Both will be looking to move into the top 10 in the race.



Haas

Haas will enjoy their third and final home race of the season with rookie Oliver Bearman showing excellent form and having improved throughout the year to now be rumored to get a Ferrari drive in the not too distant future. Teammate, Esteban Ocon, has done rather well too, with Haas continuing to find ways of improving how the team works, even if it isn't always showing up on the leaderboard.

Aston Martin

Aston Martin are another team playing a waiting game where 2025 is just passing time to 2026. Next year they'll have Honda engines and an Adrian Newey designed car. Unfortunately 2025 still needs to happen, with both Fernando Alonso and Lance Stroll both being frustrated by their green machines. If conditions are perfect for them, they'll do quite well; but if not, then they won't even make it out of Q1.

Racing Bull

Racing Bulls started the year in the worst way, with Isack Hadjar not even making the start of the first race in Melbourne. Since then, Isack and Liam Lawson have battled their way out of the doldrums and too often into other drivers. They've been caught up in a lot of incidents, but also showing flashes of speed. They can surprise or end up in the wall.

F1 UPDATE REVIEW (continued)



Williams

Williams has had a year of improvement. The car is the most improved in the field, taking them from the back to the front of the mid-field. A 2026 rebrand has capped off this push forward, with Alex Albon and Carlos Sainz both hoping to continue up the grid with the team. For Vegas, they should get some solid points, but probably won't trouble the podium.

Ferrari

Ferrari is having a Ferrari year. There's internal fighting, all the Ferrari way up to the big boss telling his drivers to drive more and talk less, there's a bucking bronco of a prancing horse machine which cannot be tamed, a driver who is used to the chaos and handling it like a champion in Charles Leclerc, and Lewis Hamilton throwing himself into the melee. Sparks may fly in the pits, may fly from the cockpit and will definitely fly out the back of the car.





Red Bull Racing

Red Bull Racing's other driver, Yuki Tsunoda, has been struggling with his RBR machine where it never seems to do what he wants. Occasional spurts of speed sometimes provide promise of a good result, but it rarely seems to actually work.



F1 UPDATE REVIEW (continued)

Mercedes

Mercedes is yet another inconsistent team, seemingly a theme this year. George Russell has been able to grab two race wins in Canada and Singapore, in both cases easily out-pacing everyone else ;but then had races like Monaco where the team was adrift without any real pace. Andrea Kimi Antonelli has been able to get his first podium in his first season; and followed it up with another just a couple of weeks ago in Brazil. That performance has cemented his place in the team, and means that either of their drivers could surprise, even though Kimi isn't allowed in the casinos.

McLaren

McLaren is the Constructors champion and will have a Drivers champion with Lando or Oscar. Las Vegas has been considered a weak track for McLaren; but, like Red Bull in Monza, the team has been working hard to fix its issues and keep up the performance. Norris can't win the title this weekend, but he still needs to go all in to keep his championship lead.





