The FIA Formula 1 World Championship, better known as Formula 1, F1 or Formula One, is the premier international motorsport competition and the most popular and prestigious motorsport championship in the world. The entity that directs it is the International Automobile Federation (FIA). Since September 2016, after the acquisition of Formula One Group, the American company Liberty Media is responsible for managing and operating the championship.[2]

Each race is called a Grand Prix and the tournament that brings them together is the Formula 1 World Championship. Most of the racing circuits where the Grand Prix are held are road courses, although street circuits are also used and previously road circuits were used. In turn, the cars used are single-seaters with the latest technology available, always limited by technical regulations; Some improvements that were developed in Formula 1 ended up being used in commercial automobiles, such as the disc brake.[3]

The beginning of modern Formula 1 dates back to 1950, in which teams such as Ferrari, Alfa Romeo and Maserati participated. Some were replaced by new ones like McLaren, Williams, Red Bull and others that returned like Mercedes have won the Constructors' World Championship several times. For their part, drivers must have the FIA super license to compete, which is obtained based on results in other championships.

Grand Prix races have their roots in the automobile races that emerged in France in 1894. At first they were individual events, without connection and on dirt roads, with practically no limitations.[4] From 1927 to 1934, the The number of races considered Grand Prix grew to eighteen in 1934, the maximum before World War II.[5] In 1945, immediately after World War II, there were only four races. Before World War II, the rules for Grand Prix competitions had been established, which both cars and drivers had to obey. These rules, known together as Formula, were not finalized until 1947 when the old AIACR was reorganized and renamed the International Automobile Federation, known by the acronym "FIA." With headquarters in Paris, at the end of the 1949 season it announced that by 1950 they would unite several national Grand Prix to create a World Drivers' Championship, so in 1950 the first Formula 1 championship was held. For economic reasons, in the Formula 2 cars were still raced in 1952 and 1953 and the calendar continued to include several races that were not considered Grand Prix until 1983. A points system was established and a total of seven races were recognized as suitable for the World Championship. .[6] ■