

# **Emilia Romagna Grand Prix**

The Emilia Romagna Grand Prix (Italian: Gran Premio dell'Emilia-Romagna) is a Formula One motor racing event held at the Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari, often referred to as "Imola" after the town where it is located. [1] The event takes the name "Emilia-Romagna" from the Italian region where the circuit is located. The venue has previously hosted the Italian Grand Prix in 1980, and the San Marino Grand Prix from 1981 to 2006. The COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 reduced the number of Grands Prix held in a season, so Formula One returned to the Imola circuit in 2020, where it has remained on the calendar since then. In 2023, the event was cancelled due to flooding affecting the Emilia-Romagna region.

## History

#### 2020-2021

The COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 led to disruption of the originally scheduled race calendar, with a number of races cancelled. The Emilia Romagna Grand Prix was added to the revised calendar intended as a "one-off" race, as one of several new or returning Grands Prix, in order to make up for the loss of other races. The event used a one-off, twoday weekend format, with one practice session, on three [2][3] Saturday, rather than the usual Mercedes's Valtteri Bottas qualified on pole, with teammate Lewis Hamilton winning the race. [4]



Despite originally being intended to be held as a one-off event in 2020, due to the ongoing nature of the <u>COVID-19 pandemic</u> the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix returned in 2021 on 18 April, replacing the postponed <u>Chinese Grand Prix</u> as the second round of the <u>2021 season</u>. [5][6] Lewis Hamilton took pole with Max Verstappen winning a dramatic, rain affected race.

## 2022-present

The event appeared on the <u>2022 calendar</u> for a third consecutive edition, and hosted one of the three sprint formats during the season for the first time. In early 2022, the organisers announced that a contract had been signed to continue organising the Grand Prix until 2025. The Grand Prix awarded Max Verstappen with his second grand chelem as he won the race for the second straight year.

The  $\underline{2023}$  edition was cancelled due to heavy rainfall and  $\underline{floods}$  caused by  $\underline{Storm\ Minerva}$ .  $\underline{^{[10][11]}}$  The  $\underline{2024}$  edition saw  $\underline{Max\ Verstappen}$  win the race with  $\underline{McLaren}$ 's  $\underline{Lando\ Norris}$  coming second and  $\underline{Ferrari}$ 's Charles Leclerc third.  $\underline{^{[12]}}$ 

#### Winners

## **Repeat winners (drivers)**

Drivers **in bold** are competing in the Formula One championship in the current season.

| Wins        | Driver         | Years won        |  |  |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|--|--|
| 3           | Max Verstappen | 2021, 2022, 2024 |  |  |
| Source:[13] |                |                  |  |  |

## **Repeat winners (constructors)**

Teams **in bold** are competing in the Formula One championship in the current season.

| Wins        | Constructor     | Years won                               |  |  |
|-------------|-----------------|---|--|--|
| 3           | Red Bull Racing | <u>2021</u> , <u>2022</u> , <u>2024</u> |  |  |
| Source:[13] |                 |   |  |  |

## By year

All Emilia Romagna Grands Prix were held at Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari. [14]

| Year        | Driver                                       | Constructor                | Report |  |
|-------------|--|----------------------------|--------|--|
| 2020        | <b>Example 1</b> Lewis Hamilton              | Mercedes                   | Report |  |
| 2021        | Max Verstappen                               | Red Bull Racing-Honda      | Report |  |
| 2022        | Max Verstappen                               | Red Bull Racing-RBPT       | Report |  |
| 2023        | Not held due to the floods in Emilia-Romagna |                            | Report |  |
| 2024        | Max Verstappen                               | Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT | Report |  |
| Source:[15] |  |                            |        |  |

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