



# George Russell (racing driver)

**George William Russell** (/ˈrʌsəl/; born 15 February 1998) is a British racing driver currently competing in Formula One for Mercedes. He previously raced for Williams from 2019 to 2021.

After winning several karting championships including the CIK-FIA European Karting Championship in 2012, he repeated his success by becoming the 2018 Formula 2 champion and the 2017 GP3 Series champion, driving for ART in both campaigns to become one of only three drivers to win both championships in his respective rookie seasons. Following his Formula 2 championship win, Russell signed for Williams in 2019, making his debut at the 2019 Australian Grand Prix. He stood in for Lewis Hamilton at Mercedes at the 2020 Sakhir Grand Prix, but was denied a Grand Prix victory due to strategic errors. In 2022, Russell departed Williams to race for the Mercedes team alongside Hamilton, having been a member of the Mercedes Junior Driver Programme since 2017. Russell achieved his first F1 victory at the 2022 São Paulo Grand Prix.

As of the 2024 Belgian Grand Prix, Russell has achieved two victories, three pole positions, eight fastest laps and thirteen podium finishes in his career. Russell is contracted to drive for Mercedes until the conclusion of the 2025 season.

## Early life

Russell was born in King's Lynn, Norfolk,<sup>[2]</sup> to father Steve and mother Alison,<sup>[3]</sup> the youngest alongside two siblings: a sister, Cara, and an older brother, Benjy.<sup>[4]</sup>

Russell took up karting at the age of 7, having spent much of his time around karting tracks and his brother Benjy, who was also involved in competitive karting. Russell attributes his brother as the reason for using the number 63 as his permanent race number in Formula One.<sup>[5]</sup>

Growing up in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, Russell was educated at the Wisbech Grammar School,<sup>[6]</sup> before moving to Milton Keynes at the age of 18 to be closer to his racing teams. Since 2022, Russell has been living in Monaco.<sup>[4]</sup>

Like his father, he is a fan of Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club.<sup>[7]</sup>

## Junior racing career

### Karting

Russell began karting in 2006 and progressed through to the cadet class by 2009, becoming MSA British champion and British Open champion. In 2010 he moved to the Rotax Mini Max category where he became Super One British champion, Formula Kart Stars British champion, and also won the Kartmasters British Grand Prix. Russell graduated to the KF3 class in 2011, winning the SKUSA Supernationals title and becoming CIK-FIA European Champion, a title he successfully defended in 2012.<sup>[8]</sup> In his final year of karting in 2013, Russell finished 19th in the KF1 CIK-FIA World Championship.<sup>[2][9]</sup>

### Formula Renault 2.0

In 2014, Russell made his single-seater debut, racing in the Formula Renault 2.0 Alps championship. He originally signed to race for Prema Powerteam,<sup>[10]</sup> before making a last-minute switch to Koiranen GP.<sup>[11]</sup> Despite missing a round through illness, he finished fourth in the championship, taking a single podium finish at the Red Bull Ring.<sup>[12]</sup>

Russell also contested two rounds of the Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0 championship. He took part in the Moscow round with Koiranen GP before switching to Tech 1 Racing for the final round of the season at Jerez. Racing as a guest entrant, he won the final race of the season after starting from pole position.<sup>[13]</sup>

### Formula 4

In 2014, Russell also competed in the BRDC Formula 4 Championship with defending champions Lanan Racing.<sup>[14]</sup> He entered the final race of the season at Snetterton in a four-way title battle with teammate Arjun Maini and the HHC Motorsport pairing of Sennan Fielding and Raoul Hyman.<sup>[15]</sup> After starting from pole position, Russell won the race, his fifth of the season, to clinch the title by just three points from Maini.<sup>[16]</sup>

As a prize for winning the BRDC Formula 4 championship, Russell tested a GP3 car with Arden Motorsport at the Yas Marina Circuit in Abu Dhabi.<sup>[17]</sup> In December 2014, Russell became the youngest-ever winner of the prestigious McLaren Autosport BRDC Award, beating fellow finalists Alexander Albon, Ben Barnicoat, Sennan Fielding, Seb Morris and Harrison Scott to earn himself a £100,000 cash prize, British Racing Drivers' Club membership and a Formula One test with McLaren.<sup>[18]</sup>

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Russell at the 2022 British Grand Prix

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Formula One World Championship career	
<b>Nationality</b>	<span><span></span></span> British
<b>2024 team</b>	Mercedes <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Car number</b>	63
<b>Entries</b>	118 (118 starts)
<b>Championships</b>	0
<b>Wins</b>	2
<b>Podiums</b>	13
<b>Career points</b>	585
<b>Pole positions</b>	3
<b>Fastest laps</b>	8
<b>First entry</b>	<span>2019 Australian Grand Prix</span>
<b>First win</b>	<span>2022 São Paulo Grand Prix</span>
<b>Last win</b>	<span>2024 Austrian Grand Prix</span>
<b>Last entry</b>	<span>2024 Belgian Grand Prix</span>
<b>2023 position</b>	8th (175 pts)

Previous series	
<b>2018</b>	<span>FIA Formula 2 Championship</span>
<b>2017</b>	<span>GP3 Series</span>
<b>2015–16</b>	<span>FIA European Formula 3 Championship</span>
<b>2014</b>	<span>BRDC Formula 4 Championship</span>
<b>2014</b>	<span>Formula Renault 2.0 Alps</span>
<b>2014</b>	<span>Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0</span>
Championship titles	

In February 2015, Russell was announced as one of the twelve drivers selected to join the British Racing Drivers' Club SuperStars programme, the youngest-ever recruit to the scheme.<sup>[19]</sup>

FIA Formula 3 European Championship



Russell competing at Spa during the 2015 FIA Formula 3 European Championship

Russell graduated to Formula Three in 2015, racing in the FIA European Formula 3 Championship with Carlin.<sup>[20]</sup> He took his first race victory in the opening round of the season at Silverstone, finishing ahead of fellow debutant Charles Leclerc and Antonio Giovinazzi in the second race of the weekend.<sup>[21]</sup> He took a further two podium places at Spa-Francorchamps and the Norisring to finish sixth in the championship.<sup>[22]</sup> He also finished as runner-up to Leclerc in the rookie championship standings.<sup>[23]</sup>

In September 2015, Russell took part in the Masters of Formula 3 non-championship event held at Zandvoort. After finishing fourth in the qualification race,<sup>[24]</sup> he went on to finish second behind teammate Antonio Giovinazzi in the main race.<sup>[25]</sup> Russell was also scheduled to compete in the Macau Grand Prix with Carlin, but was replaced by Japanese Euroformula Open Championship driver Yu Kanamaru shortly before the event.<sup>[26]</sup>

Russell switched to Hitech GP for the 2016 season, scored two victories, and finished third in the standings.

GP3 Series

Russell signed with ART Grand Prix for the 2017 GP3 Series season.<sup>[27]</sup> He had previously driven for the team at the post-season test at Yas Marina in November 2016.<sup>[28]</sup>

Russell made a solid start to the season at the Circuit de Catalunya, Barcelona, where he finished the weekend with 4th and 5th position finishes. The next race at the Red Bull Ring saw him take his maiden pole position and victory in the GP3 Series.<sup>[29]</sup> Russell scored back to back pole positions at his 'home race' at Silverstone, before converting this into another victory in the first race of the weekend and taking 4th position in the second race, on his way to taking the championship lead.<sup>[30]</sup>

A dominant performance at Spa-Francorchamps soon followed which saw Russell build his championship lead advantage, after taking a victory and a 2nd position in the two races, alongside Pole Position and Fastest Lap in both races.<sup>[31]</sup>

The next round at Monza saw only one GP3 Series event take place after adverse weather conditions resulting into the Saturday Race being cancelled.<sup>[32]</sup> Russell won a titanic tussle with his ART Grand Prix teammates Jack Aitken and Anthoine Hubert to seal his fourth victory of the season.<sup>[33]</sup>

Russell had taken four victories, three pole positions, and five further podiums to put him in a position to seal the championship at Jerez, with a complete round of the championship still to run at Yas Marina. Russell won the 2017 GP3 Series title after taking 4th position in race two, giving him an unassailable lead in the championship standings.<sup>[34]</sup>

<b>2018</b>	FIA Formula 2 Championship
<b>2017</b>	GP3 Series
<b>2014</b>	BRDC Formula 4 Championship
<b>Awards</b>	
<b>2014</b>	McLaren Autosport BRDC Award
<b>2015</b>	BRDC SuperStar
<b>Website</b>	Official website (https://www.georgerussell63.com/)



Russell racing at the 2017 Spa-Francorchamps GP3 round

FIA Formula 2 Championship



Russell on the podium alongside Lando Norris (left) and Antonio Fuoco (right) after winning the 2018 Spielberg Formula 2 round

In January 2018 Russell was confirmed as a driver for ART Grand Prix for the 2018 FIA Formula 2 Championship,<sup>[35]</sup> which would see the new Dallara F2 2018 make its debut in the expanding 12-race calendar.<sup>[36]</sup> He was also confirmed as the Mercedes' reserve driver, sharing duties with Pascal Wehrlein the following month.<sup>[37]</sup>

Russell qualified in 2nd position on debut at Bahrain, finishing 5th in the opening round of the championship.<sup>[38]</sup> In Baku for the second round of the championship, Russell led the majority of the feature race before a late safety car caused drama at the restart, denying him a maiden victory in the series.<sup>[39]</sup> Coming through from the back in the sprint race, Russell set the fastest lap on his way to taking victory from 12th on the grid.<sup>[40]</sup>



Russell at the 2018 Silverstone Formula 2 round

Russell took his second victory of the season in Barcelona, after prevailing in a duel with Nyck de Vries, taking his maiden feature race win of the season.<sup>[41]</sup> He followed that up with 4th in the sprint race to move up to 2nd in the championship standings.<sup>[42]</sup> In Monte-Carlo, Russell had an engine failure in free practice which severely limited his running. Russell was on the back foot, qualifying in 16th position, and endured two races outside of the points. Russell hit back in France at Le Castellet, taking his maiden pole position in Formula 2.<sup>[43]</sup> He led a wet / dry challenging race from lights-to-flag and took his third victory of the season and the championship.<sup>[44]</sup>

He would later go on to win the title with a victory in the feature race at Abu Dhabi after a season-long fight with fellow Brit Lando Norris. With his title, he became the fifth rookie champion of the GP2/F2 category (previously achieved by Nico Rosberg, Lewis Hamilton, Nico Hülkenberg, and Charles Leclerc), and the fourth driver after Hamilton, Hülkenberg and Leclerc to win the GP3/F3 and GP2/F2 titles in consecutive seasons.

Formula One

Russell's first experience of driving a Formula One car came in October 2015; as a prize for winning the 2014 Autosport BRDC Award, he completed a test in the McLaren MP4-26 at Silverstone Circuit.<sup>[45]</sup> During 2016 he performed simulator work for Mercedes and was made part of the team's junior driver programme in early 2017.<sup>[46][47]</sup> His first test with the team came in April that year where he drove the F1 W06 Hybrid at Algarve International Circuit. This was followed in

August by an appearance at the Hungaroring in-season test at the wheel of the F1 W08 EQ Power+.<sup>[48]</sup> Russell made his Grand Prix weekend debut in November, driving for Force India in the first practice sessions of the Brazilian and Abu Dhabi Grands Prix.<sup>[49]</sup>

He was appointed one of Mercedes' reserve drivers for the 2018 season and again tested for the team at the in-season Hungaroring test,<sup>[50][51]</sup> as well as performing a Pirelli tyre test for Force India after the Spanish Grand Prix in May, completing 123 laps.<sup>[52][53]</sup>

## Williams (2019–2021)

### 2019: Rookie season

In October 2018, Williams announced that Russell had signed a multi-year deal to drive for them,<sup>[54]</sup> partnering Robert Kubica for the 2019 season.<sup>[55]</sup> His first appearance for Williams was at the 2018 post-season test at Yas Marina Circuit, driving the FW41.<sup>[56]</sup> The team's 2019 car, the FW42, was the slowest car of the field;<sup>[57]</sup> in most races Kubica was Russell's only on-track competition. Round six, the Monaco Grand Prix, was the first race in which Russell finished ahead of drivers from other teams; namely both Alfa Romeos and Lance Stroll. At the rain-affected German Grand Prix, Russell finished 13th but was promoted to 11th after the Alfa Romeo drivers received penalties.<sup>[58]</sup> He had narrowly missed out on scoring his maiden Formula One point, having been overtaken by Kubica in the closing laps.<sup>[59]</sup>



Russell at the 2019 Austrian Grand Prix, he went on to finish 18th

Russell's first retirement came at the Singapore Grand Prix when Romain Grosjean made contact with him during an overtake attempt, sending Russell into a wall.<sup>[60]</sup> He retired again at the Russian Grand Prix with a wheel nut issue.<sup>[61]</sup> The Brazilian Grand Prix provided one of the few opportunities of Russell's debut season to race other cars, where a late safety car allowed him to finish 12th, just 1.5 seconds behind a points-scoring position.<sup>[62]</sup> Russell ended the season 20th in the drivers' championship. He was the only driver not to score a point,<sup>[63]</sup> however he qualified ahead of Kubica at all twenty-one races.<sup>[64]</sup> Russell retained his relationship with Mercedes during the season and drove the team's F1 W10 EQ Power+ in two test sessions.<sup>[65]</sup>

### 2020: First F1 career points

Russell continued driving for Williams in 2020, partnered by former Formula 2 competitor Nicholas Latifi.<sup>[66]</sup> He retired from the season-opening Austrian Grand Prix from a loss of fuel pressure.<sup>[67]</sup> He started the Styrian Grand Prix in 11th place after a wet qualifying session, beating his previous best grid position.<sup>[68]</sup> He ran wide into the gravel in the early laps and ultimately finished 16th,<sup>[69]</sup> both Williams drivers struggling for race pace.<sup>[70]</sup> He was demoted to the back of the grid at the British Grand Prix for failing to slow for yellow flags in qualifying but recovered to 12th place in the race.



Russell at the 2020 Tuscan Grand Prix, where he finished 11th

He was eliminated from the Belgian Grand Prix after a stray wheel from Antonio Giovinazzi's crashed car hit his Williams.<sup>[71]</sup> At the Tuscan Grand Prix, Russell started 18th but ran in the points positions for most of the race aided by multiple retirements from other drivers. He was in ninth place before the second red flag period but experienced a poor restart and eventually finished 11th, less than three seconds behind 10th place.<sup>[72]</sup> At the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, Russell crashed out from 10th place while following the safety car, an incident he described as the "biggest mistake of [his] career".<sup>[73]</sup>

### Mercedes stand-in

Russell was released by Williams to deputise for Lewis Hamilton at Mercedes for the Sakhir Grand Prix, following Hamilton's positive coronavirus test.<sup>[74]</sup> Russell stated in the pre-event press conference that he felt "no pressure",<sup>[75]</sup> following Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff's expectation that the car would finish in the top five.<sup>[76][77]</sup> Russell qualified second for the race, narrowly missing out on pole position to teammate Valtteri Bottas by 26 milliseconds.<sup>[78]</sup> Russell overtook Bottas at the first corner and led most of the race, but with 20 laps remaining, Mercedes team mechanics fitted Bottas' front tyres on Russell's car, causing him to pit again on the next lap to correct the error.<sup>[79]</sup> He recovered to second place and was closing in on race leader Sergio Pérez, but suffered a slow puncture ten laps before the finish and was forced to pit again.<sup>[80]</sup> Russell finished ninth and earned his first World Championship points, two points for ninth and one for the fastest lap.<sup>[81]</sup> Russell was praised by the media and the Mercedes team for his performance,<sup>[82][83]</sup> but he remarked that the result "really bloody hurt".<sup>[84]</sup>

### Return to Williams

Russell performed media duties for Mercedes at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, but returned to Williams in time for practice when Hamilton was declared fit to compete.<sup>[85]</sup> Following Friday practice, Russell said that returning to Williams was a "strange feeling", having competed in the faster Mercedes the week before.<sup>[86]</sup> For the event, he wore a special helmet as a tribute to Williams co-founder Frank Williams and former deputy team principal Claire Williams,<sup>[87]</sup> both of whom had left the team and Formula One earlier in the season.<sup>[88]</sup> Russell qualified 18th and finished the race 15th.<sup>[89][90]</sup> He ended the season 18th in the championship with 3 points, all from his one race with Mercedes; the Williams team scored no points in 2020.

### 2021: Maiden F1 podium

Russell was retained by Williams for the 2021 season alongside Nicholas Latifi.<sup>[91]</sup> At the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, he collided with Valtteri Bottas after driving on to a wet patch and losing control of his car during an overtaking attempt, causing both cars to retire and prompting a red flag.<sup>[92]</sup> Russell initially blamed the incident on Bottas, accusing him of "trying to kill [them] both",<sup>[93]</sup> but later retracted his claims and apologised to Bottas and his own Williams team.<sup>[94]</sup>

He ran in 15th place prior to the red flag at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, but failed to make the restart due to gearbox issues.<sup>[95]</sup> He finished 12th at the French Grand Prix, ahead of eight other drivers,<sup>[96]</sup> later remarking that this was the "best race [he had] ever had together with Williams".<sup>[97]</sup> He qualified 11th at the Styrian Grand Prix, missing out on the third qualifying session (Q3) by eight milliseconds. He was promoted to 10th place after Yuki Tsunoda received a grid penalty, his best grid position for Williams.<sup>[98]</sup> During the race, Russell gained two positions in the opening laps but later entered the pits multiple times as his team attempted to resolve a reliability issue. He eventually retired from the race.<sup>[99]</sup> Russell reached Q3 for the first time in a Williams car at the Austrian Grand Prix and started the race eighth, the team's highest grid position since 2017.<sup>[100][101]</sup> He finished the race 11th, having been passed by Fernando Alonso in the closing laps.<sup>[102]</sup>

Russell reached Q3 again at the [British Grand Prix](#), but was issued with a grid penalty for colliding with [Carlos Sainz Jr.](#) in the sprint qualifying session. He finished the race 12th. At the [Hungarian Grand Prix](#), Russell came from 17th on the grid to finish a career-best eighth (after [Sebastian Vettel](#)'s disqualification), earning his first points for Williams.



George Russell at the [2021 Austrian Grand Prix](#), he finished 11th in the race.

In the rain-affected [Belgian Grand Prix](#) qualifying session, Russell qualified in second place behind [Max Verstappen](#). This marked the first front-row start for Williams since the [2017 Italian Grand Prix](#).<sup>[103]</sup> The race was delayed by wet weather and ultimately only two laps were completed, both under safety car conditions. This allowed Russell to maintain his grid position and claim his first Formula One podium finish.<sup>[104]</sup> At the [Italian Grand Prix](#), Russell finished ninth, scoring an additional two points. At the [Russian Grand Prix](#), Russell qualified in third in mixed conditions, before finishing the race in tenth.<sup>[105]</sup> This would be his final points finish of the year. Russell's season ended with two retirements; he was eliminated from the [Saudi Arabian Grand Prix](#) after a collision with [Nikita Mazepin](#) and suffered gearbox issues at the [Abu Dhabi Grand Prix](#). He placed 15th in the drivers' championship, scoring 16 points to teammate [Latifi](#)'s 7. He also continued his testing role with Mercedes during 2021, completing a Pirelli tyre test in the team's [F1 W12 E Performance](#) at the Hungaroring in August.<sup>[106]</sup>

## Mercedes (2022–)

### 2022: Maiden pole position and win

Russell joined Mercedes in 2022, replacing [Valtteri Bottas](#) and joining seven-time World Drivers' Champion [Lewis Hamilton](#).<sup>[107]</sup> He chose to change his red helmet design to a predominantly black design out of respect for [Michael Schumacher](#).<sup>[108]</sup> In his first race as a full-time Mercedes driver, the [Bahrain Grand Prix](#), he qualified ninth and finished fourth.<sup>[109]</sup> He took his first Mercedes podium at the [Australian Grand Prix](#), benefiting from a pit stop during a safety car period to start sixth and finish third.<sup>[110]</sup> He failed to reach Q3 at both the [Emilia Romagna](#) and [Miami](#) Grands Prix but recovered to finish the races fourth and fifth respectively. More podiums came at the [Spanish Grand Prix](#), which he led for four laps, and the [Azerbaijan Grand Prix](#), where he benefited from the retirements of both [Ferraris](#) to finish third.



Russell at the [2022 Austrian Grand Prix](#)

Russell was involved in a first-lap crash at the [British Grand Prix](#) involving several drivers. He jumped out of his car to check on [Zhou Guanyu](#), whose car had flipped over the tyre barrier and was resting upside-down against the catch fence. Russell's intention was to rejoin the race, however this was forbidden as his car had been brought back to the pits by the marshals and not under its own power.<sup>[111][112]</sup> He crashed in qualifying at the [Austrian Grand Prix](#) and then collided with [Sergio Pérez](#) on the opening lap, receiving front wing damage and a time penalty, demoting him to the back. He recovered to finish fourth. He passed Pérez in the closing laps of the [French Grand Prix](#) to claim his fourth podium of the season. At the [Hungarian Grand Prix](#), Russell took his maiden pole position in Formula One, 0.044 seconds ahead of Ferrari's [Carlos Sainz Jr.](#)<sup>[113]</sup> He led much of the race but was later overtaken by [Max Verstappen](#) and teammate [Hamilton](#), finishing third. Further podiums came at the [Dutch](#) and [Italian](#) Grands Prix, putting him 16 points adrift of second place in the drivers' championship.

Russell started the [Singapore Grand Prix](#) from the back of the grid due to engine component penalties. He made a pit stop for slick tyres before the track was dry, losing time and eventually finishing outside the points. He collided with pole-sitter [Sainz](#) at the first corner of the [United States Grand Prix](#), receiving a time penalty and causing [Sainz](#)'s retirement. He later apologised to [Sainz](#) and described the race as his "worst Sunday" of the year despite finishing fifth.<sup>[114]</sup> He qualified in third position for the [São Paulo Grand Prix](#) and passed [Verstappen](#) and [Kevin Magnussen](#) to win the sprint.<sup>[115]</sup> He held the lead during the race to finish ahead of [Hamilton](#) and claim his first Grand Prix victory and Mercedes' first of the season.<sup>[116]</sup> Russell ended the season fourth in the drivers' championship, scoring 275 points to [Hamilton](#)'s 240.

### 2023

Russell remained at Mercedes alongside [Hamilton](#) for 2023. He finished seventh at the season-opening [Bahrain Grand Prix](#), after which he stated the team were "a long way behind" and that he expected rivals [Red Bull Racing](#) "should win every single race this season".<sup>[117][118]</sup> An improved showing at the [Saudi Arabian Grand Prix](#) saw him qualify and finish fourth. He was provisionally promoted to the podium when [Fernando Alonso](#) received a penalty, which Russell nevertheless described as "too extreme".<sup>[119]</sup> Alonso's penalty was later rescinded and Russell was ultimately classified fourth. He qualified second at the [Australian Grand Prix](#) and took the lead from [Max Verstappen](#) at the race start. He made a pit stop during a safety car period, however the race was then red-flagged, leaving him seventh at the restart. He improved to fourth place but was forced to retire with an engine failure.<sup>[120]</sup> At the [Spanish Grand Prix](#), Russell collided with teammate [Hamilton](#) in Q2 and qualified 12th, both drivers blaming a miscommunication.<sup>[121]</sup> In the race, Russell recovered to finish third behind [Hamilton](#) to achieve a double podium finish for Mercedes.<sup>[122]</sup>



Russell at the [2023 Austrian Grand Prix](#)

Russell qualified fourth at the [Canadian Grand Prix](#),<sup>[123]</sup> but hit the wall on lap 12 and suffered a puncture and a broken front wing, re-joining the race in 19th place. He had recovered to eighth when he retired due to brake wear.<sup>[124]</sup> He qualified outside the top ten for both the sprint and main race at the [Austrian Grand Prix](#), having reported a hydraulics failure in the sprint shootout. He gained places to score points in both races. Traffic in qualifying at the [Hungarian Grand Prix](#) meant that Russell started only 18th. He gained twelve places in the race to finish sixth. He qualified third at the [Dutch Grand Prix](#), but his late switch to intermediate tyres as rain began to fall dropped him to the back. He later recovered to the top ten and was in eighth place at the restart after a red flag, but damage from contact with [Lando Norris](#) demoted him back outside the points.<sup>[125]</sup> He missed out on pole position by 0.072 seconds at the [Singapore Grand Prix](#) and was gaining on the leaders in the closing stages of the race, but crashed out from third place on the final lap.<sup>[126][127]</sup> The lost podium left him 33 points adrift of race winner and fifth in the championship [Carlos Sainz Jr.](#)

Russell was the only driver to make one pit stop at the [Japanese Grand Prix](#); he dropped from third place to seventh on his final stint. After the race, he stated that his goal for the remainder of the season was to help Mercedes finish second in the Constructors' Championship, and that his Drivers' Championship campaign had been "a complete disaster".<sup>[128]</sup> He qualified second at the [Qatar Grand Prix](#) and was involved in a collision with teammate [Hamilton](#) at the first corner, for which [Hamilton](#) claimed responsibility.<sup>[129]</sup> Russell was later passed by both [McLarens](#) and went on to finish fourth. He scored points at the [São Paulo Grand Prix](#) sprint, finishing fourth, but was running outside the points in the main race before retiring with overheating issues. He was demoted from fourth to eighth at the [Las Vegas Grand Prix](#) finish line with a penalty for colliding with [Max Verstappen](#). This result guaranteed an eighth-place finish in the World Drivers' Championship, the lowest for a Mercedes driver since 2012. He qualified fourth and finished third at the season-ending [Abu Dhabi Grand Prix](#), his second podium of the season, and a result that clinched second place in the Constructors' Championship for Mercedes.



Russell ended the season eighth in the championship scoring 175 points to Hamilton's 234. He commented that he had "let the side down a couple of times this year", but that it meant "a huge amount" to contribute to Mercedes's Constructors' Championship position.<sup>[130]</sup> His contract to race with Mercedes has been extended until the end of 2025.<sup>[131]</sup>

2024

Russell qualified third at the season-opening [Bahrain Grand Prix](#) and finished fifth. He crashed out from seventh place on the final lap of the [Australian Grand Prix](#) whilst closely following Fernando Alonso, who was later penalised for "potentially dangerous driving".<sup>[132]</sup> After a seventh-place finish at the [Emilia Romagna Grand Prix](#), Russell commented that the team was "making progress" with the W15.<sup>[133]</sup> He achieved his second career pole position at the [Canadian Grand Prix](#), setting an identical lap time to Max Verstappen but taking pole courtesy of having set his lap time first.<sup>[134]</sup> He lost positions to Verstappen and Lando Norris and finished third to take Mercedes' first podium of the season.<sup>[135]</sup> He qualified fourth at the [Austrian Grand Prix](#) and took advantage of a late-race collision between Verstappen and Norris to claim his second career victory,<sup>[136]</sup> Mercedes' first win since the 2022 São Paulo Grand Prix, with Russell commenting that the team had "made so many strides since the start of the season".<sup>[137]</sup> He followed this with another pole position at the [British Grand Prix](#), but fell behind teammate Hamilton and both McLarens as the rain began, before eventually retiring from the race with a water system issue.<sup>[138]</sup>



Russell at the [2024 Austrian Grand Prix](#)

Russell finished first on track at the [Belgian Grand Prix](#) after completing a one-stop strategy; he pitted on lap 10 of 44 for hard tyres and held off Hamilton and [Oscar Piastri](#), both of whom had made two pit stops.<sup>[139]</sup> However, following the chequered flag, Russell was disqualified from the race after his car failed to reach the minimum weight requirement, handing Hamilton the victory.<sup>[140]</sup> Team principal Toto Wolff later issued an apology to Russell, admitting "we have clearly made a mistake".<sup>[141]</sup>

Other activities

In March 2021, Russell was appointed as a director of the [Grand Prix Drivers' Association](#), replacing previous incumbent [Romain Grosjean](#),<sup>[142]</sup> who stepped down following his departure from [Formula One](#) to [IndyCar](#).<sup>[143]</sup>

In March 2022, Russell agreed for his name to be used in the inaugural [GB4 Championship](#), with the George Russell Pole Position Cup being awarded to the driver taking the most pole positions during [the season](#). Russell had previously won the Jack Cavill Pole Position Cup during his title-winning campaign in BRDC Formula 4 in 2014.<sup>[144]</sup>

Personal life

George Russell has been dating Carmen Montero Mundt since 2020. The couple live together in Monaco. The two were introduced by mutual friends over "dinner and drinks" in London.<sup>[145]</sup><sup>[146]</sup> Russell has been known to be vocal about mental health issues and has often spoken about his own experiences seeing a psychologist to improve his on-track performance and off-track wellbeing.<sup>[147]</sup>

## Karting record

### Karting career summary

Season	Series	Team	Position
2006	Kartmasters British Grand Prix — WTP Cadet		6th
2007	Kartmasters British Grand Prix — WTP Cadet		4th
2008	Kartmasters British Grand Prix — WTP Cadet		1st
	Kartmasters British Grand Prix — Comer Cadet		4th
	BRDC Stars of Tomorrow MSA British Championship — Cadet		16th
	Manchester & Buxton Kart Club — Cadet		8th
	Super 1 National Championship — Comer Cadet		20th
2009	British Open Championship — Comer Cadet		1st
	WSK North American Series — Cadet	Team Top Kart USA	DNF
	Formula Kart Stars MSA — Cadet		1st
	Super 1 National Championship — Comer Cadet		2nd
	MSA Kartmasters Grand Prix — Comer Cadet		1st
2010	Formula Kart Stars — Mini Max	Strawberry Racing	1st
	Kartmasters British Grand Prix — Rotax Mini Max		1st
	Super 1 National Championship — Rotax Mini Max		1st
2011	South Garda Winter Cup — KF3	Intrepid Driver Program	10th
	Trent Valley Kart Club — Junior Rotax		43rd
	Super 1 National Championship — KF3		7th
	Kartmasters British Grand Prix — KF3		17th
	WSK Master Series — KF3	Intrepid Driver Program	43rd
	WSK Euro Series — KF3		7th
	CIK-FIA World Cup — KF3		16th
	WSK Final Cup — KF3		4th
	SKUSA SuperNationals — TaG Junior	Intrepid North America	1st
	ERDF Masters Kart — Junior		5th
2012	South Garda Winter Cup — KF3	Intrepid Driver Program	1st
	Trofeo Andrea Margutti — KF3		7th
	Super 1 National Championship — KF3		2nd
	WSK Master Series — KF3	Forza Racing	3rd
	CIK-FIA European Championship — KF3	Intrepid Driver Program	1st
	WSK Euro Series — KF3		4th
	CIK-FIA World Cup — KF3	Forza Racing	29th
	CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy	Russell, Stephen	10th
	SKUSA SuperNationals — TaG Junior	Forza Racing	2nd
2013	South Garda Winter Cup — KF2		9th
	WSK Super Master Series — KF	Birel Motorsport	15th
	WSK Euro Series — KF		5th
	CIK-FIA European Championship — KF		12th
	CIK-FIA World Championship — KF	Millennium Motorsport	19th
Sources: <sup>[148]</sup> <sup>[149]</sup>			

## Racing record

### Racing career summary

Season	Series	Team	Races	Wins	Poles	F/Laps	Podiums	Points	Position
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2014	<u>BRDC Formula 4 Championship</u>	Lanan Racing	24	5	3	4	11	483	<b>1st</b>
	<u>Formula Renault 2.0 Alps</u>	Koiranen GP	12	0	0	0	1	123	4th
	<u>Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0</u>		2	0	0	0	0	0	NC†
		Tech 1 Racing	2	1	1	1	1		
2015	<u>FIA Formula 3 European Championship</u>	Carlin	33	1	0	0	3	203	6th
	<u>Masters of Formula 3</u>		1	0	0	0	1	N/A	<b>2nd</b>
2016	<u>FIA Formula 3 European Championship</u>	HitechGP	30	2	3	3	10	264	<b>3rd</b>
	<u>Macau Grand Prix</u>		1	0	1	0	0	N/A	7th
2017	<u>GP3 Series</u>	<u>ART Grand Prix</u>	15	4	4	5	7	220	<b>1st</b>
2018	<u>FIA Formula 2 Championship</u>	<u>ART Grand Prix</u>	24	7	5	6	11	287	<b>1st</b>
2019	<u>Formula One</u>	<u>ROKiT Williams Racing</u>	21	0	0	0	0	0	20th
2020	<u>Formula One</u>	<u>Williams Racing</u>	16	0	0	0	0	3	18th
		<u>Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team</u>	1	0	0	1	0		
2021	<u>Formula One</u>	<u>Williams Racing</u>	22	0	0	0	1	16	15th
2022	<u>Formula One</u>	<u>Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team</u>	22	1	1	4	8	275	4th
2023	<u>Formula One</u>	<u>Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team</u>	22	0	0	1	2	175	8th
2024	<u>Formula One</u>	<u>Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team</u>	14	1	2	2	2	116*	8th*

† As Russell was a guest driver, he was ineligible for championship points.

\* Season still in progress.

Complete BRDC Formula 4 Championship results

(key) (Races in **bold** indicate pole position) (Races in *italics* indicate points for the fastest lap of top ten finishers)

Year	Entrant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<u>2014</u>	<b>Lanan Racing</b>	<u>SIL</u> <u>1</u> 5	<u>SIL</u> <u>2</u> 1	<u>SIL</u> <u>3</u> 1	<u>BRH</u> <u>1</u> 4	<u>BRH</u> <u>2</u> 3	<u>BRH</u> <u>3</u> 1	<b><u>SNE</u></b> <u>1</u> 3	<u>SNE</u> <u>2</u> 3	<u>SNE</u> <u>3</u> 6	<b><u>OUL</u></b> <u>1</u> 1	<u>OUL</u> <u>2</u> 6	<u>OUL</u> <u>3</u> Ret	<u>SIL</u> <u>2</u> 1 5	<u>SIL</u> <u>2</u> 2 6	<u>SIL</u> <u>3</u> 3 6	<u>BRH</u> <u>1</u> 10	<u>BRH</u> <u>2</u> 2 3	<u>BRH</u> <u>3</u> 3 5
Sources: <sup>[150][151]</sup>																			

Complete Formula Renault 2.0 Alps Series results

(key) (Races in **bold** indicate pole position) (Races in *italics* indicate fastest lap)


Year	Entrant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Pos	Points
<u>2014</u>	<b>Koiranen GP</b>	<u>IMO</u> <u>1</u> 6	<u>IMO</u> <u>2</u> 9	<u>PAU</u> <u>1</u> 4	<u>PAU</u> <u>2</u> Ret	<u>RBR</u> <u>1</u> 2	<u>RBR</u> <u>2</u> 5	<u>SPA</u> <u>1</u> 8	<u>SPA</u> <u>2</u> 7	<u>MNZ</u> <u>1</u> WD	<u>MNZ</u> <u>2</u> WD	<u>MUG</u> <u>1</u> 5	<u>MUG</u> <u>2</u> 7	<u>JER</u> <u>1</u> 13	<u>JER</u> <u>2</u> 8	<b>4th</b>	<b>123</b>
Source: <sup>[152]</sup>																	

Complete FIA Formula 3 European Championship results

(key) (Races in **bold** indicate pole position) (Races in *italics* indicate fastest lap)

Year	Entrant	Engine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<u>2015</u>	<b>Carlin</b>	<b>Volkswagen</b>	<u>SIL</u> <u>1</u> 8	<u>SIL</u> <u>2</u> 1	<u>SIL</u> <u>3</u> 5	<u>HOC</u> <u>1</u> 11	<u>HOC</u> <u>2</u> 9	<u>HOC</u> <u>3</u> 18	<u>PAU</u> <u>1</u> 8	<u>PAU</u> <u>2</u> 6	<u>PAU</u> <u>3</u> 8	<u>MNZ</u> <u>1</u> 8	<u>MNZ</u> <u>2</u> 6	<u>MNZ</u> <u>3</u> 7	<u>SPA</u> <u>1</u> 6	<u>SPA</u> <u>2</u> 13	<u>SPA</u> <u>3</u> 3	<u>NOR</u> <u>1</u> 10	<u>NOR</u> <u>2</u> 5
<u>2016</u>	<b>Hitech GP</b>	<b>Mercedes</b>	<u>LEC</u> <u>1</u> 3	<u>LEC</u> <u>2</u> 11	<u>LEC</u> <u>3</u> 18	<u>HUN</u> <u>1</u> Ret	<u>HUN</u> <u>2</u> 4	<u>HUN</u> <u>3</u> Ret	<u>PAU</u> <u>1</u> 4	<b><u>PAU</u></b> <u>2</u> 1	<u>PAU</u> <u>3</u> 3	<u>RBR</u> <u>1</u> 5	<u>RBR</u> <u>2</u> 2	<u>RBR</u> <u>3</u> Ret	<u>NOR</u> <u>1</u> 3	<u>NOR</u> <u>2</u> 9	<u>NOR</u> <u>3</u> Ret	<u>ZAN</u> <u>1</u> 7	<u>ZAN</u> <u>2</u> 9

Complete Macau Grand Prix results

Year	Team	Car	Qualifying	Quali Race	Main race
<u>2016</u>	 HitechGP	<u>Dallara F312</u>	<b>1st</b>	5th	7th

Complete GP3 Series results

(key) (Races in **bold** indicate pole position) (Races in *italics* indicate fastest lap)

Year	Entrant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Pos	Points
2017	<b>ART Grand Prix</b>	CAT FEA 4	CAT SPR 5	<b>RBR FEA</b> 1	RBR SPR 6	<b>SIL FEA</b> 1	<i>SIL SPR</i> 4	HUN FEA DNS	HUN SPR 11	<b>SPA FEA</b> 1	<i>SPA SPR</i> 2	MNZ FEA 1	MNZ SPR C	JER FEA 2	<i>JER SPR</i> 4	<b>YMC FEA</b> 2	YMC SPR 4	<b>1st</b>	<b>220</b>

Complete FIA Formula 2 Championship results

(key) (Races in **bold** indicate pole position) (Races in *italics* indicate points for the fastest lap of top ten finishers)

Year	Entrant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
2018	<b>ART Grand Prix</b>	BHR FEA 5	BHR SPR 19	BAK FEA 12	BAK SPR 1	CAT FEA 1	CAT SPR 4	MON FEA Ret	MON SPR Ret	<b>LEC FEA</b> 1	LEC SPR 17	<b>RBR FEA</b> 1	RBR SPR 2	<b>SIL FEA</b> 2	<i>SIL SPR</i> 2	HUN FEA Ret	HUN SPR 8	SPA FEA 3	SPA SPR 7	<b>MNZ FEA</b> 4

Complete Formula One results

(key) (Races in **bold** indicate pole position; races in *italics* indicate fastest lap)

Year	Entrant	Chassis	Engine	1	2	3	4	5	
2017	<b>Sahara Force India F1 Team</b>	<b>Force India VJM10</b>	<b>Mercedes F1 M08 EQ Power+ 1.6 V6 t</b>	AUS	CHN	BHR	RUS	ESP	M
2019	<b>ROKiT Williams Racing</b>	<b>Williams FW42</b>	<b>Mercedes F1 M10 EQ Power+ 1.6 V6 t</b>	AUS 16	BHR 15	CHN 16	AZE 15	ESP 17	M
2020	<b>Williams Racing</b>	<b>Williams FW43</b>	<b>Mercedes F1 M11 EQ Performance 1.6 V6 t</b>	AUT Ret	STY 16	HUN 18	GBR 12	70A 18	E
	<b>Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team</b>	<b>Mercedes AMG F1 W11</b>							
2021	<b>Williams Racing</b>	<b>Williams FW43B</b>	<b>Mercedes F1 M12 E Performance 1.6 V6 t</b>	BHR 14	EMI Ret	POR 16	ESP 14	MON 14	A
2022	<b>Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team</b>	<b>Mercedes-AMG F1 W13</b>	<b>Mercedes F1 M13 E Performance 1.6 V6 t</b>	BHR 4	SAU 5	AUS 3	EMI 4	MIA 5	E
2023	<b>Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team</b>	<b>Mercedes-AMG F1 W14</b>	<b>Mercedes-AMG M14 E Performance 1.6 V6 t</b>	BHR 7	SAU 4	AUS Ret	AZE 8 <sup>4</sup>	MIA 4	M
2024	<b>Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team</b>	<b>Mercedes-AMG F1 W15</b>	<b>Mercedes-AMG M15 E Performance 1.6 V6 t</b>	BHR 5	SAU 6	AUS 17†	JPN 7	CHN 6 <sup>8</sup>	M

<sup>‡</sup> Half points awarded as less than 75% of race distance was completed.  
<sup>†</sup> Did not finish but was classified, as he completed more than 90% of the race distance.  
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