

2026 Formula One World Championship

2026 <u>FIA Formula</u> <u>One</u> World

Championship

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The **2026 FIA Formula One World Championship** is a planned motor racing championship for <u>Formula One cars</u> which will be the 77th running of the <u>Formula One World Championship</u>. It is recognised by the <u>Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile</u> (FIA), the governing body of international <u>motorsport</u>, as the highest class of competition for <u>open-wheel racing cars</u>. The championship will be contested over several Grands Prix held around the world. Drivers and teams are scheduled to compete for the titles of World Drivers' Champion and World Constructors' Champion respectively.

The 2026 season will feature a major set of regulation changes with a revised power unit configuration and new active aerodynamics. Two new power unit manufacturers will enter the sport and one will leave: Ford will return to the sport for the first time since 2004, supporting Red Bull Powertrains in supplying Red Bull Racing and Racing Bulls, while Audi, who acquired Sauber in 2024, will enter as a works team. Renault will leave the sport, making it the first time that the manufacturer will not compete with any sort of Renault-licensed engine since the 1988 season. Cadillac will become the eleventh team to join the series.

Entries

The following constructors and drivers are under contract to compete in the 2026 World Championship. All teams are due to compete with tyres supplied by $\underline{\text{Pirelli}}$. Each team is required to enter at least two drivers, one for each of the two mandatory cars. [2]

Teams and drivers that are contracted to compete in the 2026 World Championship

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Entrant	Constructor	Power unit	No.	Driver name		
BWT Alpine F1 Team ^[3]	Alpine-Mercedes	Mercedes ^{[4][5]}	10	Pierre Gasly ^[6]		
			TBC	? TBA		
Aston Martin Aramco Honda ^[7]	Aston Martin Aramco-Honda	Honda ^[8]	14	Fernando Alonso ^[9]		
Aston Martin <u>Aranco</u> Honda—			18	Lance Stroll ^[10]		
Audi F1 Team ^{[11][12]}	Audi	Audi ^[11]	27	Nico Hülkenberg ^[13]		
Audi F1 Team			твс	Gabriel Bortoleto ^[14]		
Codillos Formula 1 Team[15][16]	<u>Cadillac</u> -TBA	ТВА	TBC	? TBA		
Cadillac Formula 1 Team ^{[15][16]}			ТВС	? TBA		
Scuderia Ferrari HP ^[17]	<u>Ferrari</u>	Ferrari ^[18]	16	Charles Leclerc ^[19]		
Scuteria Ferrair TIF			44	Lewis Hamilton ^[20]		
	<u>Haas-Ferrari</u>	Ferrari ^{[22][23]}	31	Esteban Ocon ^[24]		
MoneyGram Haas F1 Team ^[21]			87	Oliver Bearman ^[25]		
McLaren Formula 1 Team	McLaren-Mercedes	Mercedes ^[26]	4	Lando Norris ^[27]		
Wichaien Formula 1 Team	MCLaren-Merceues		81	Oscar Piastri ^[28]		
Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team ^[29]	Mercedes Mercedes	Mercedes ^[18]	TBC	? TBA		
Mercedes-AMG <u>Fetionas</u> F1 Team	<u> </u>	iviercedes	TBC	7 TBA		
■ Visa Cash App Racing Bulls F1 Team ^[30]	Racing Bulls-Red Bull Ford	Red Bull Ford ^[31]	TBC	7 TBA		
			ТВС	? TBA		
Oracle Red Bull Racing ^[32]	Red Bull Racing-Red Bull Ford	Red Bull Ford ^[31]	11	■•■ Sergio Pérez ^[33]		
			33	Max Verstappen ^[34]		
Williams Racing	Williams-Mercedes	Mercedes ^[35]	23	Alexander Albon ^[36]		
			55	Carlos Sainz Jr. [37]		
Source: ^[38]						

Team changes



<u>Audi</u> and <u>Cadillac</u> will enter Formula One for the first time in 2026, while <u>Ford</u> will return for the first time since <u>2004</u>. <u>Honda</u> will return as a fully-fledged engine supplier for the first time since 2021.

Three new engine manufacturers will enter Formula One, coinciding with the engine regulation changes. <u>Audi</u> will enter the sport for the first time, having purchased the existing <u>Sauber</u> team in <u>2024</u>. The team will race in the 2024 and <u>2025</u> seasons as <u>Kick</u> Sauber, using <u>Ferrari</u> engines, before becoming the Audi factory team for 2026. As a result, <u>Haas</u> will become the only Ferrari customer team. [39][40]

<u>Ford</u> will return to Formula One as an engine supplier for the first time since it provided engines for its own works team <u>Jaguar</u> and its former customers <u>Jordan</u> and <u>Minardi</u> in <u>2004</u>. It will form a partnership with <u>Red Bull Powertrains</u>, which will supply <u>Red Bull Racing</u> and their second team <u>Racing Bulls</u>. <u>Honda</u>, which partially withdrew from Formula One in <u>2021</u> whilst remaining in the sport as partners to Red Bull Powertrains, will split from the two Red Bull-owned teams and relaunch a

fully-fledged engine program starting with <u>Aston Martin</u> under the <u>Honda Racing Corporation</u> banner. Aston Martin had used <u>Mercedes power units</u> since Aston Martin rejoined the sport, with Mercedes having supplied engines to Aston Martin's predecessors since <u>2009</u>. Honda had previously collaborated with Aston Martin's predecessor Jordan from <u>1998</u> to 2002 [42][43][44]

<u>Cadillac</u> will become the eleventh team in Formula One, marking Cadillac's first appearance in the series and the first new team on the grid since Haas in 2016. Cadillac had previously tried to unsuccessfully enter Formula One in conjunction with Andretti Global. And Previously Elevation State of the State of Sta

Renault will cease to provide engines for Alpine from 2026 onwards after the string of poor results of their engines since hybrid power unit regulations era in 2014, making it the first season without any sort of Renault and French-licensed engine since the 1988 championship. This means Alpine will become a customer team as opposed to a full works outfit as had been the case since Renault reacquired Team Enstone — when they were competing as Lotus, and in 2015 they were running Mercedes engines — ahead of the 2016 season. The team previously ran under the Renault name from 2016 to 2020, and previously from 2002 to 2011 when Renault purchased what was then known as Benetton in 2000. [4] Alpine will become a customer team of Mercedes, utilising their engines and gearboxes from this season onwards.

List of planned Grands Prix

The following twenty-one Grands Prix are contracted to be held in 2026:

Grand Prix	Circuit	Ref.
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi	[47]
Australian Grand Prix	Albert Park Circuit, Melbourne	[48]
Austrian Grand Prix	Red Bull Ring, Spielberg	[49]
Azerbaijan Grand Prix	Baku City Circuit, Baku	[50]
Bahrain Grand Prix	Bahrain International Circuit, Sakhir	[51]
British Grand Prix	Silverstone Circuit, Silverstone	[52]
Canadian Grand Prix	■ Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal	[53]
Chinese Grand Prix	Shanghai International Circuit, Shanghai	[54]
Dutch Grand Prix	Circuit Zandvoort, Zandvoort	[55]
Hungarian Grand Prix	Hungaroring, Mogyoród	[56]
Italian Grand Prix	■ Monza Circuit, Monza	[57]
Japanese Grand Prix	Suzuka International Racing Course, Suzuka	[58]
Miami Grand Prix	Miami International Autodrome, Miami Gardens, Florida	[59]
Monaco Grand Prix	Circuit de Monaco, Monaco	[60]
Qatar Grand Prix	Lusail International Circuit, Lusail	[61]
São Paulo Grand Prix	Interlagos Circuit, São Paulo	[62]
Saudi Arabian Grand Prix	Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Jeddah	[63]
Singapore Grand Prix	Marina Bay Street Circuit, Singapore	[64]
TBC	Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, Montmeló	[65][66]
Spanish Grand Prix	IFEMA Madrid Circuit, Madrid	[67][66]
United States Grand Prix	Circuit of the Americas, Austin, Texas	[68]

The following four Grands Prix are contracted for 2025, but do not have a contract for 2026:

Grand Prix	Circuit	
Belgian Grand Prix	Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Stavelot	[69]
Emilia Romagna Grand Prix	Imola Circuit, Imola	[70]
Las Vegas Grand Prix	Las Vegas Strip Circuit, Paradise, Nevada	[71]
Mexico City Grand Prix	Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez, Mexico City	[72]

Calendar changes

The <u>Spanish Grand Prix</u> will move from the <u>Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya</u> in <u>Montmeló</u> to a new street circuit in <u>Madrid</u> built around the <u>IFEMA Exhibition Centre</u>, with the former track's future being unknown due to its own coinciding contract for 2026. The <u>Dutch Grand Prix</u> will feature the <u>sprint format</u>. Organisers also announced that the Grand Prix would not be held following the 2026 edition.

Teams will have the opportunity to run their cars in a series of three three-day tests, a significant expansion over previous testing programs to account for the new chassis and engine regulations. [74]

Regulation changes

Power units

New power unit regulations are due to be introduced for the 2026 season. The new power units will still produce over 1,000 bhp (750 kW), although the power will come from different sources. The engine regulations will see the turbocharged 1.6 V6 internal combustion engine configuration used since 2014 retained. However, the MGU-H (Motor Generator Unit – Heat), which has also been in use since 2014, will be banned, while the MGU-K (Motor Generator Unit – Kinetic) output will increase to 470 bhp (350 kW) from 160 bhp (120 kW). The power output of the internal combustion part of the power unit will decrease to 540 bhp (400 kW) from 850 bhp (630 kW). In addition, fuel flow rates will be measured and limited based on energy, rather than mass of the fuel itself. The power units will use a fully sustainable fuel being developed by Formula One. The power units are expected to recover twice as much electrical energy as before.

Car size and aerodynamics

On 6 June 2024, the 2026 car concept was revealed. The concept featured new active aerodynamics in both the front and rear wings. The concept saw the elimination of the drag reduction system, being replaced by a new manual override engine mode. [80] The wheelbase was reduced from 360 cm (140 in) to 340 cm (130 in), the width was reduced from 200 cm (79 in) to 190 cm (75 in), and the minimum mass was reduced by 30 kg (66 lb). The tyres' widths will also be reduced by 2.5 cm (0.98 in) on the front pair and by 3.0 cm (1.2 in) on the rears. [79][81] The floor will have reduced ground effect to ease the issues cars have suffered with porpoising. [82] In October 2024, FIA announced that the downforce reduction of the 2026 cars compared to 2022–2025 generation of cars would be less than initially proposed for performance and safety reasons. [83] Later in the month, the FIA confirmed that the reduction in downforce from the 2026 generation of cars would be around 15%, a significantly smaller reduction than the originally drafted regulations which the FIA claimed had given the 2026 cars downforce reduction of over 40% compared to their predecessors. In terms of lap time difference this will make the 2026 cars two seconds slower than the 2022–2025 generation of cars rather than the four seconds slower initially envisaged in the initial draft of the 2026 technical regulations. [84]

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