

Sochi Autodrom
5.848 KM Start/Finish Offset
0.199 km

RACE 1 >> 20 LAPS >> 116.761 KM 40 min.
RACE 2 >> 20 LAPS >> 116.761 KM 40 min.

TIMETABLE GMT+3

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

08:20 Practice Session . 45 min.
13:00 Qualifying Session . 30 min.
14:00 Press Conference*

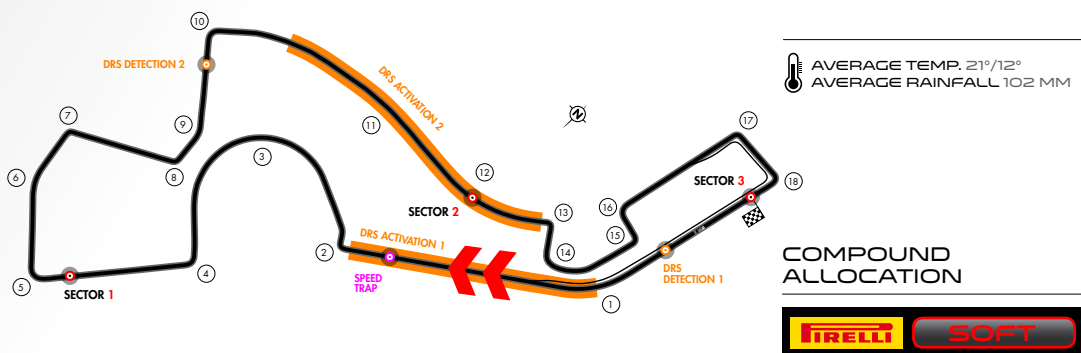
SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

10:15 Race 1 . 20 laps • 40 min.
11:15 Press Conference*

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

09:55 Race 2 . 20 laps • 40 min.

*Note: The FIA F3 press conference takes place in the F1 press conference room.



THE STAKES



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WARM UP

Robert Shwartzman / PREMA Racing



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NOTEWORTHY

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> The 2019 FIA Formula 3 Championship Media Kit is available (version for Sochi with all the statistics updated) for download in our Media Zone:

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2019 ENTRY LIST

ON-BOARD
CAMERAS

	ART Grand Prix	1		David Beckmann	19 y/o		
		2		Max Fewtrell	20 y/o		
		3		Christian Lundgaard	18 y/o		
	MP Motorsport	4		Liam Lawson	17 y/o		
		5		Simo Laaksonen	21 y/o		
		6		Richard Verschoor	18 y/o		
	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	7		Lirim Zendeli	19 y/o		
		8		Fabio Scherer	20 y/o		
		9		Raoul Hyman	23 y/o		
	HWA RACELAB	10		Bent Viscaal	20 y/o		
		11		Jake Hughes	25 y/o		
		12		Keyvan Andres			
	Jenzer Motorsport	14		Yuki Tsunoda	19 y/o		
		15		Leong Hon Chio	18 y/o		
		16		Andreas Estner	19 y/o		
	Trident	17		Devlin DeFrancesco	19 y/o		
		18		Pedro Piquet	21 y/o		
		19		Niko Kari	19 y/o		
	Hitech Grand Prix	20		Leonardo Pulcini	21 y/o		
		21		Jüri Vips	19 y/o		
		22		Ye Yifei	19 y/o		
	Campos Racing	23		David Schumacher	17 y/o		
		24		Alessio Deledda	24 y/o		
		25		Sebastián Fernández	19 y/o		
	PREMA Racing	26		Marcus Armstrong	19 y/o		
		27		Jehan Daruvala	20 y/o		
		28		Robert Schwartzman	20 y/o		
	Carlin Buzz Racing	29		Teppe Natori	19 y/o		
		30		Felipe Drugovich	19 y/o		
		31		Logan Sargeant	18 y/o		

SEASON STATS

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2019 CLASSIFICATIONS AFTER 14/16 RACES

DRIVERS' STANDINGS

POS.	DRIVER	RACE 1	RACE 2	PTS	SHUFFLE
1	Robert Schwartzman	2	1	180	=
2	Jehan Daruvala	1	1	147	=
3	Jüri Vips	2		122	=
4	Marcus Armstrong		2	119	=
5	Christian Lundgaard	1		97	=
6	Pedro Piquet	1		90	=
7	Jake Hughes		1	74	+2
8	Yuki Tsunoda		1	67	+2
9	Leonardo Pulcini		1	66	-2
10	Max Fewtrell			57	-2
11	Liam Lawson			40	=
12	Richard Verschoor			31	+3
13	David Beckmann			20	-1
14	Niko Kari			15	-1
15	Bent Viscaal			10	-1
16	Felipe Drugovich			8	=
17	Fabio Scherer			7	+5
18	Lirim Zendeli			6	-1
19	Logan Sargeant			5	=
20	Alexander Peroni			5	-2
21	Simo Laaksonen			2	-1
22	Teppe Natori			1	-1
23	Devlin DeFrancesco			0	=
24	Ye Yifei			0	=
25	Andreas Estner			0	=
26	Sebastián Fernández			0	=
27	Keyvan Andres			0	=
28	Raoul Hyman			0	=
29	Alessio Deledda			0	=
30	Giorgio Carrara			0	=
31	Artem Petrov			0	=
32	Federico Malvestiti			0	=

TEAMS' STANDINGS

POS.	TEAM	RACE 1	RACE 2	PTS	SHUFFLE
1	PREMA Racing	3	4	446	=
2	Hitech Grand Prix	2	1	188	=
3	ART Grand Prix	1		174	=
4	Trident		1	105	=
5	HWA RACELAB		1	84	=
6	MP Motorsport			73	+1
7	Jenzer Motorsport		1	67	-1
8	Carlin Buzz Racing			14	=
9	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz			13	=
10	Campos Racing			5	=

MOST IMPROVED



FABIO SCHERER
Sauber Junior Team
by Charouz
+5 PLACES

gained in the drivers' standings between Round 7 (Monza) and Round 8 (Sochi).

2019 SEASON RECAP

		POLE POSITION	RACE 1 WINNER	FASTEST LAP	BONUS POINTS FOR FASTEST LAP	RACE 2 WINNER	FASTEST LAP	BONUS POINTS FOR FASTEST LAP
1	10-11-12 May	Barcelona SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya	Robert Schwartzman PREMA Racing	Robert Schwartzman PREMA Racing	Christian Lundgaard ART Grand Prix	Christian Lundgaard ART Grand Prix	Jehan Daruvala PREMA Racing	Jehan Daruvala PREMA Racing
2	21-22-23 June	Le Castellet FRANCE Circuit Paul Ricard	Jake Hughes HWA RACELAB	Jehan Daruvala PREMA Racing	Felipe Drugovich Carlin Buzz Racing	Yuki Tsunoda Jenzer Motorsport	Robert Schwartzman PREMA Racing	Marcus Armstrong PREMA Racing
3	28-29-30 June	Spielberg AUSTRIA Red Bull Ring	Marcus Armstrong PREMA Racing	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix	Jake Hughes HWA RACELAB	Christian Lundgaard ART Grand Prix
4	12-13-14 July	Silverstone GREAT BRITAIN Silverstone Circuit	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix	Logan Sargeant Carlin Buzz Racing	Jehan Daruvala PREMA Racing	Leonardo Pulcini Hitech Grand Prix	Robert Schwartzman PREMA Racing
5	02-03-04 August	Budapest HUNGARY Hungaroring	Christian Lundgaard ART Grand Prix	Christian Lundgaard ART Grand Prix	Christian Lundgaard ART Grand Prix	Christian Lundgaard ART Grand Prix	Marcus Armstrong PREMA Racing	Marcus Armstrong PREMA Racing
6	30-31 August - 01 Sept.	Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps	Jehan Daruvala PREMA Racing	Pedro Piquet Trident	Pedro Piquet Trident	Pedro Piquet Trident	Marcus Armstrong PREMA Racing	Marcus Armstrong PREMA Racing
7	06-07-08 September	Monza ITALY Autodromo Nazionale Monza	Christian Lundgaard ART Grand Prix	Robert Schwartzman PREMA Racing	Robert Schwartzman PREMA Racing	Robert Schwartzman PREMA Racing	Yuki Tsunoda Jenzer Motorsport	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix
8	27-28-29 September	Sochi RUSSIA Sochi Autodrom						



MEDIA RELEASE

26 September, 2019

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Data (GMT+3)

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Qualifying: 13:00 – 13:30

Press conference: 14:00

Saturday

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Sunday

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**2019 FIA Formula 3 -
Round 8 Preview**

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