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## 2018 Formula 1® season's race weekend schedule announced

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- Grands Prix will start at ten past the hour
- European and Brazil races to start one hour later

Formula 1®, together with the FIA, announces the starting times for the 21 Grands Prix of the 2018 FIA Formula 1 World Championship. The schedule is as follows:

Grand Prix	Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	FP1	FP2	FP3	Qualifying	Race	Sunset
Australia	12:00-13:30	16:00-17:30	14:00-15:00	17:00-18:00	16:10	19:24
Bahrain	14:00-15:30	18:00-19:30	15:00-16:00	18:00-19:00	18:10	17:57
China	10:00-11:30	14:00-15:30	11:00-12:00	14:00-15:00	14:10	18:22
Azerbaijan	13:00-14:30	17:00-18:30	14:00-15:00	17:00-18:00	16:10	19:33
Spain	11:00-12:30	15:00-16:30	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00	15:10	21:01
Monaco*	11:00-12:30	15:00-16:30	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00	15:10	21:00
Canada	10:00-11:30	14:00-15:30	11:00-12:00	14:00-15:00	14:10	20:42
France	12:00-13:30	16:00-17:30	13:00-14:00	16:00-17:00	16:10	21:22
Austria	11:00-12:30	15:00-16:30	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00	15:10	20:57
Great Britain	10:00-11:30	14:00-15:30	11:00-12:00	14:00-15:00	14:10	21:24
Germany	11:00-12:30	15:00-16:30	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00	15:10	20:19
Hungary	11:00-12:30	15:00-16:30	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00	15:10	20:22
Belgium	11:00-12:30	15:00-16:30	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00	15:10	20:35
Italy	11:00-12:30	15:00-16:30	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00	15:10	19:59
Singapore	16:30-18:00	20:30-22:00	18:00-19:00	21:00-22:00	20:10	19:03
Russia	11:00-12:30	15:00-16:30	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00	14:10	18:04
Japan	10:00-11:30	14:00-15:30	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00	14:10	17:30
United States	10:00-11:30	14:00-15:30	13:00-14:00	16:00-17:00	13:10	18:53
Mexico	10:00-11:30	14:00-15:30	10:00-11:00	13:00-14:00	13:10	18:04
Brazil	11:00-12:30	15:00-16:30	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00	15:10	19:26
Abu Dhabi	13:00-14:30	17:00-18:30	14:00-15:00	17:00-18:00	17:10	17:33

\*Free practice on Thursday

There are two main changes to the 2017 times. The first is that on Sunday the race will start ten minutes past the hour. Usually, broadcasters go on air precisely at the hour hence they miss the tension and emotion that characterize the minutes before the start of each Grand Prix. Thanks to this change, television spectators will

be brought closer to the teams and the drivers and fully enjoy the spectacle offered just before the red lights go off.

The second change is with the European and Brazilian race weekends. Research has indicated that a wider TV audience is reachable later in the afternoons, especially in the summer months. Consequently, it has been decided to move the schedule of each session, across the whole weekend, by one hour later for the above-mentioned Grands Prix.

Other minor adjustments have been done in order to avoid clashes with major sports events like the FIFA World Cup, to allow for differing sunset times and to attract a wider attendance to promoters' events.

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