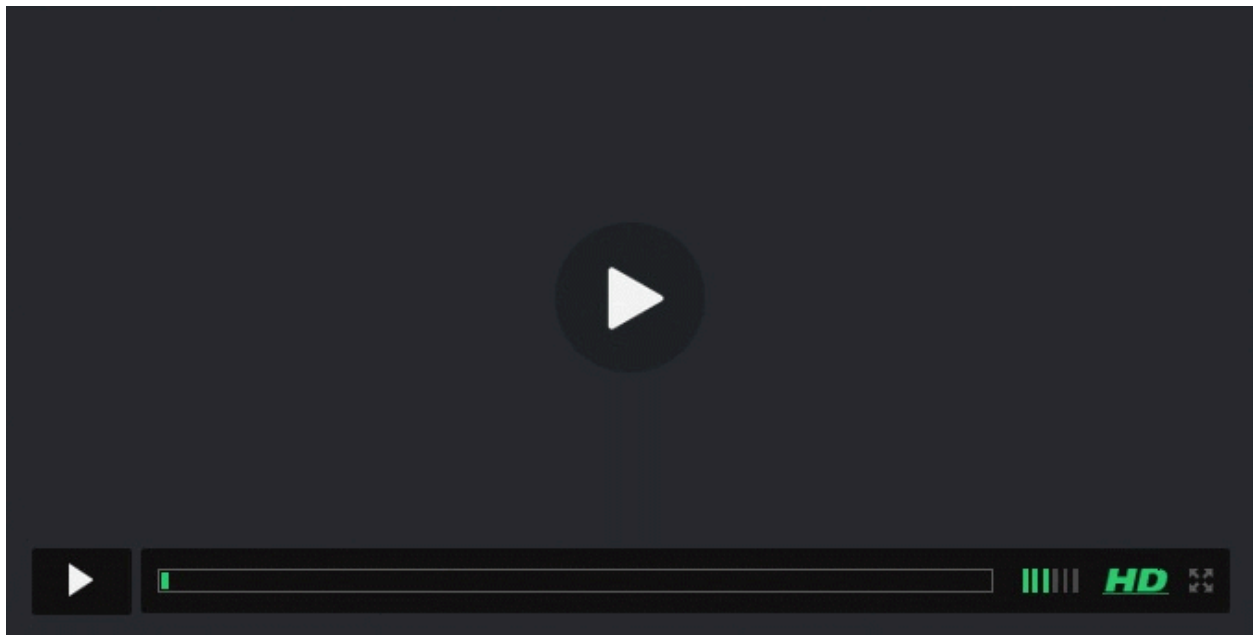


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It's time for the 19th running of the Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix. Race day at the 2026 Chinese Grand Prix (Sunday March 15) is upon us and here is how you can catch all of the F1 action at the Shanghai International Circuit.

March 15, 2026

After an intriguing first race of the season in Australia, the teams move on to the 2026 Chinese Grand Prix (March 13-15) with Mercedes hoping to double down on their fast start and reigning champion Lando Norris looking to bounce back from a disappointing first weekend.



It's only been one race, but the Formula 1 championship already seems to have a distinctly different flavor in 2026. In Melbourne, it was all about Mercedes' George Russell and Kimi Antonelli fighting off the Ferraris of Charles Leclerc and Lewis Hamilton for an eventual and hard-earned 1-2.

That left Norris out in the cold with 5th, while teammate Oscar Piastri was frozen out of the points completely after failing to finish. He won in Shanghai last year, however, so McLaren will be confident that their boys will bounce back in China.

Chinese Grand Prix 2026: Schedule & Streams

Date: Sunday, March 15
Start Time U.S. (ET): 3 a.m.
Start Time U.K. (GMT): 7 a.m.
Start Time Aus (AEDT): 6 p.m.
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Following his P1 finish in Saturday's qualifying, Mercedes' Kimi Antonelli broke the record for youngest polesitter in F1 history at 19 years and 202 days old. The record was previously held by Sebastian Vettel (21 years, 73 days), who broke it in September 2008 at Monza.

Mercedes' dominance was a theme throughout the weekend so far. George Russell, who finished last week's opening race in first, finished P1 in Free Practice 1 on Friday, then converted a sprint race pole into a first place finish in yesterday's 19-lap sprint, the first on this years F1 calendar.

2026 Chinese Grand Prix starting grid

Kimi Antonelli (Mercedes)
George Russell (Mercedes)
Lewis Hamilton (Ferrari)
Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)
Oscar Piastri (McLaren)
Lando Norris (McLaren)
Pierre Gasly (Alpine)
Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing)
Isack Hadjar (Red Bull Racing)
Oliver Bearman (Haas)
Nico Hülkenberg (Audi)
Franco Colapinto (Alpine)
Esteban Ocon (Haas)
Liam Lawson (Racing Bulls)
Arvid Lindblad (Racing Bulls)
Gabriel Bortoleto (Audi)
Carlos Sainz Jr. (Williams)
Alex Albon (Williams)
Fernando Alonso (Aston Martin)
Valtteri Bottas (Cadillac)
Lance Stroll (Aston Martin)
Sergio Pérez (Cadillac)

After winning the Sprint race on Saturday, George Russell suffered a technical issue during qualifying later on, which was resolved, but he only managed a grid slot of second.

Instead it is Russell's teenage team-mate Kimi Antonelli who will start the Chinese GP from P1, after becoming F1's youngest ever pole-sitter at the age of 19.

All eyes will be on Ferrari at the race start however, with Lewis Hamilton and Charles Leclerc starting from third and fourth respectively, and their infamous take-off speed placing them firmly in the mix for the lead.

Where's four-time Max Verstappen starting the Chinese GP then? His Red Bull is all the way down in eighth, and to add insult to injury, behind the Alpine of Pierre Gasly.

The lead Mercedes driver took first place in last Sunday's opener at the Australian Grand Prix, and his car looks to be one to dominate the field this year with new F1 regulations on the cars.

Russell and his teammate Kimi Antonelli qualified 1-2 for the Sprint race that happened Saturday ahead of the full race today.

In 2025, McLaren's Lando Norris won the Driver's Championship in the same year that his team won the Constructor's Championship.

While McLaren cars do not look as quick off the line as Mercedes and Ferrari so far this season, it wouldn't be wise to count out the defending champs in any race this season.

Commentary will be led by Alex Jacques alongside former F1 driver Jolyon Palmer, supported by previous Head of Race Strategy, Ruth Buscombe, 13-time F1 race winner, David Coulthard, 2012 GP2 Champion, Davide Valsecchi, European Le Mans Series Champion, Alex Brundle, and Technical Analyst, Sam Collins.

On Friday Ferrari's innovative rotating rear wing – nicknamed the 'flip-flop' and 'Macarena' – was all anybody was talking about, but ahead of the Chinese GP attentions have shifted toward's Mercedes' front wing, which both Antonelli and Russell have had issues with this weekend.

That gives both Charles Leclerc and Lewis Hamilton more than a glimmer of hope. The gap to the Ferrari drivers was far closer than many had anticipated a week ago, and after finishing second and third respectively in the Sprint, they've secured a second-row lockout for the GP proper.

The only disappointment for the Scuderia concerns that aforementioned rear wing, a component designed to rotate 180 degrees in order to allow more air to pass through, and thereby reduce drag on straights. Since Shanghai International Circuit features one of the longest straights on the F1 calendar, Ferrari made a worthwhile gamble to give it a spin, but it's not quite ready yet.

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