

Formula 1® is back: the 2020 season is due to restart in Austria

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With the first of two race weekends at Spielberg following the coronavirus-induced hiatus, Formula 1® is poised to kick off the 2020 season, which will see the pinnacle of motorsport celebrate its seventieth anniversary. The two races in Austria are the first in a revised racing calendar which Formula 1 has put in place based on the current situation. Initially, eight races in six different locations, including two triple headers, will be held in Europe over the summer, with more locations to be announced. Additional safety measures to protect against coronavirus will be put in place both during the race weekends and in the logistics for which DHL is responsible as the official logistics partner.

Formula 1 and its partners and promoters have worked carefully in the past few weeks to ensure a secured return to racing. Strict measures will be taken to protect all those involved and include regular testing and social distancing, as well as closed events with no spectators and fewer operational staff on site. As the official logistics partner, DHL has also taken extensive measures to ensure that its logistics processes are safe and that all of the respective countries' requirements for protection against COVID-19 are met. This also includes regular testing, the wearing of masks and regular disinfection of work materials and equipment in a dedicated zone.

With its tightly rescheduled racing calendar, the anniversary season also brings logistical challenges. For the first time in F1 history, there will be two triple headers - three races on three consecutive weekends - in one season with the races in Austria and Hungary

as well as in the UK and Spain taking place in direct succession. The tight scheduling involved in triple headers presents a particular challenge for logistics, but thanks to decades of experience, DHL is well equipped to meet this challenge.

"We are delighted that Formula 1 is now able to kick off its 70th anniversary season," says Paul Fowler, Vice President Global Motorsport, DHL Global Forwarding. "The tightly scheduled racing calendar over the summer, including two triple header races, makes speed and maximum precision all the more important in Formula 1 logistics. At DHL, we responded very quickly to the risks posed by the pandemic and are ideally equipped to offer safe, fast and reliable logistics in Formula 1 even under these extraordinary conditions," he adds.

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