

MICHELIN MAKES THE MOVE TO MISANO FOR THE 13TH ROUND OF THE SEASON

Michelin's next stop on the 2019 MotoGP™ World Championship tour is a date at the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli in Italy as the Gran Premio Octo di San Marino e della Riviera di Rimini signals round 13 on this season's calendar.

The technical and precise 4,226m circuit situated close to the coastline of the Adriatic Riviera features a layout that combines slower turns, with high-speed corners and fast curves, which are coupled with a medium abrasive surface that places specific demands on the front tyres. The six left- and ten right-hand turns that travel in a clockwise direction, need a range of MICHELIN Power Slick tyres to perfectly match the requirements of the riders to give them and their machines best possible performance throughout the 27-lap race. The soft, medium and hard compounds that have been chosen are a symmetric front selection and a soft symmetric rear, with the rear medium and hard compounds all having an asymmetric finish with the harder rubber on the right side to manage the extra turns that head in that direction.

The Misano circuit is now the permanent home of what is known as the 'San Marino Grand Prix' - named after the microstate totally surrounded by Italy - and the event has previously been held at Imola and Mugello, before finding its permanent home in 2007 when the race was re-instated on to the MotoGP calendar for the first time since 1993. Misano's coastal position and proximity to mountainous terrain, can also lead to heavy downpours, as have been witnessed in previous seasons. With this threat looming over the circuit, the MICHELIN Power Rain tyres will be available to overcome any potential wet weather. The selection will be a soft and medium symmetric front and an extra-soft symmetric and soft asymmetric rear.

The Gran Premio Octo di San Marino e della Riviera di Rimini will also see the staging of the third and fourth rounds of the FIM Enel MotoE™ World Cup as Misano becomes the first circuit to hold a double-header weekend of this exciting new format. The 'Energica Ego Corsa' machines will be equipped with the MICHELIN Slick MotoE tyres which have been specially developed for these electric motorcycles. The single compound selection will be available as a medium front, with a soft rear, both of which will be symmetric and if wet weather arrives, then the 18-strong field will have symmetric soft front and extra-soft rear MICHELIN Power Rain tyres available in their allocation. Round three will be held on Saturday afternoon at 16.15hrs local time (15.15hrs BST, 14.15hrs GMT/UST), following Friday's E-Pole to establish grid positions for the two races. The fourth round of the season will take place at 10.00hrs local time (09.00hrs BST, 08.00hrs GMT/UST) on Sunday morning, with both races having a seven-lap duration.

Michelin first venture into MotoGP action at Misano will be on Friday with two Free Practice sessions, followed by more practices on Saturday ahead of the important Qualifying to decide grid positions for Sunday's main event, which is scheduled to get underway at 14.00hrs local time (13.00BST, 12.00GMT/UST) on Sunday 15th September.

Piero Taramasso – Michelin Motorsport Two-Wheel Manager:

"Misano was a very good event for us last season as we saw many fast laps in the sessions and records broken. The tyres performed very well all weekend and the race saw all six compounds used, with fast and consistent circulations throughout the 27-laps. This is something we want to replicate this year and have a range of tyres to do that, obviously the asphalt is a year older, so we will have to see how it performs. Misano will also see us having another first, as MotoE will have two races during the weekend. This will be very interesting to see how this works out and if the strategy from Saturday changes how the riders cope and plan for Sunday's race."



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