

2018/2019 FIA Formula E Championship
Final round: New York City E-Prix

***The new MICHELIN Pilot Sport Formula E tyres to
conclude their first season in New York City***

Like the 2017/2018 series, Season 5 of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship will conclude in Brooklyn's famous Red Hook district which, for the third year running, is hosting two races around a temporary track near the borough's ferry piers, with the Manhattan skyline serving as backdrop.

The East River shoreline of Brooklyn's Red Hook district is effectively one of the best spots to view New York's spectacular skyscrapers and the Statue of Liberty. It is also a location that is attracting increasing numbers of visionary investors, including Formula E's organisers who were swift to spot the value of this intriguing harbourside setting. Indeed, thanks to the communications work of the teams, as well as the involvement of Michelin, one of Formula E's founding partners, the championship has carved out a solid reputation in the United States in general, and in New York in particular.

Detail changes

The original circuit in Brooklyn that was visited in 2017 formed a relatively short, 1.95-kilometre, 10-turn loop, but its length was extended to 2.373km in 2018 when four turns were added, bringing it more in-line with the characteristics of the calendar's other venues. This year, the layout has evolved once again, but this time around the changes are minor, with only slightly revised layouts for Turns 1 and 10 which have reduced the track's total length to 2.32km. The biggest modifications actually concern the infrastructure and facilities – including a new pitlane - to make life easier for visitors. The track itself – which is narrow and features a number of tight corners and chicanes, as well as a particularly strategic hairpin - should suit the new MICHELIN Pilot Sport when it completes its maiden campaign.

“The track that hosts the New York E-Prix isn't particularly aggressive,” notes **Serge Grisin**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. “As a result, and given what we have seen so far this season, we aren't unduly concerned about tyre wear. It is even possible that some drivers might opt to keep the same set of tyres for race day. In 2017 and 2018, the races themselves were dry but we did see rain during shakedown and some practice sessions. This caused some pretty deep puddles to form, but the way the MICHELIN Pilot Sport has coped with the exceptionally broad range of conditions it has already encountered this season means we feel reasonably optimistic for the 2018/2019 championship's finale.”

