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Red Bull Grand Prix Of San Marino And The Rimini Riviera
**Michelin returns to the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli with
a proven, streamlined tire allocation**

- The Red Bull Grand Prix of San Marino and the Rimini Riviera, Round 14 of the 2026 FIM MotoGP™ World Championship, will take place from September 11 to 13 at the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli, on Italy's Adriatic coast.
- On a circuit that Michelin and its partners know particularly well, characterized by good grip levels and demands focused primarily on the front tire, Michelin will provide tires that already proved their performance in 2025.
- At the front, the allocation comprises the symmetric Soft and Medium tires. At the rear, riders will have the asymmetric Soft and Medium options. In 2025, the front Medium was the preferred choice throughout the weekend, paired with the rear Soft for the Tissot Sprint and the rear Medium for the Grand Prix.

From September 11 to 13, the FIM MotoGP World Championship will head to the Adriatic coast for the Red Bull Grand Prix of San Marino and the Rimini Riviera. The 14th round of the 2026 season will take place at the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli, a track that Michelin and its partners know particularly well.

Frequently used for testing outside Grand Prix weekends, Misano provides both the teams and Michelin with an extensive database. The lessons learned in 2025 notably confirmed the suitability of the tires that will once again be offered this year.

A circuit that places particular demands on the front tire

Originally built in 1969 and extensively modernized from 1993 onwards, the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli has hosted MotoGP every year since 2007. Measuring 4.226 km and running clockwise, it features a particularly flat layout.

Neither top speeds nor average speeds are especially high at Misano. However, the circuit features several long, fast corners which, combined with the braking phases, place significant demands on the front tire.

Among its most distinctive sections are Curvone, a long right-hand corner taken at high speed, and Tramonto, where riders need to maintain precision and stability through a prolonged period of lateral load.

The asphalt provides relatively good natural grip, while wear levels generally remain moderate. The circuit also features more right-hand than left-hand corners, a characteristic taken into account in the design of the asymmetric rear tires provided by Michelin.

An allocation already proven in 2025

In 2025, Michelin offered three front specifications and two rear specifications. As part of the evolution of its tire allocation for the 2026 season, the Clermont-Ferrand-based manufacturer has reduced the number of front specifications available at most circuits to two.

At Misano, the Hard front specification offered in 2025 was not used in the races. For this year's event, Michelin has therefore selected the two tires favored by the riders last season: the MICHELIN Power MotoGP Soft and Medium, both with symmetric construction.

At the rear, riders will also have the same two specifications as in 2025, the Soft and Medium, both asymmetric to meet the specific demands of the Italian circuit.

Last year, the front Medium quickly established itself as the benchmark choice across the entire field. For the Tissot Sprint, every rider opted for the Medium front and Soft rear combination. Over the longer Grand Prix distance, almost the entire field chose the Medium at both the front and rear.

Summer conditions expected on the Adriatic coast

As in 2025, the Red Bull Grand Prix of San Marino and the Rimini Riviera will take place in mid-September. At this time of year, temperatures can still be high on the Adriatic coast.

Last year, Michelin recorded track temperatures of around 35 to 40°C over the course of the weekend. Similar conditions are possible this year and, if the weather remains in line with seasonal averages, Michelin does not expect any major changes in the way its tire allocation is used.

Misano is also one of the most popular events of the season. The presence of numerous Italian riders and the proximity of the VR46 Riders Academy traditionally attract a particularly large and enthusiastic crowd.

Piero Taramasso, Michelin Motorsport Two-Wheel Competition Manager:

"Misano is a circuit we know particularly well because the teams regularly test there. It is a relatively slow and very flat track, but it features several long, fast corners as well as braking phases that place significant demands on the front tire. Grip is generally good and wear levels remain moderate."

This year, our allocation will be streamlined compared with 2025. As the front Hard specification was not used last year, riders will have the symmetric Soft and Medium options at the front, along with the asymmetric Soft and Medium at the rear. These four specifications are identical to those used in 2025 and proved perfectly suited to the demands of the circuit.

Last year, the front Medium was the benchmark choice, paired with the rear Soft for the Sprint and the rear Medium for the Grand Prix. If we encounter similar conditions, with track temperatures potentially reaching 35 to 40°C, we do not expect any major surprises in terms of tire choices. Nevertheless, Misano remains a special event, with an exceptional atmosphere and an invariably large and passionate crowd."

Schedule for the 2026 Red Bull Grand Prix of San Marino and the Rimini Riviera

The weekend will begin on Friday, September 11, with the first Free Practice session in the morning. Practice will take place in the afternoon and will determine the 10 riders who qualify directly for Q2.

On Saturday, September 12, the second Free Practice session will precede qualifying. The two fastest riders in Q1 will join the 10 riders already qualified for Q2, which will then determine the leading positions on the starting grid. The 13-lap Tissot Sprint will start at 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 13, the Red Bull Grand Prix of San Marino and the Rimini Riviera will start at 2:00 p.m. The riders will complete 27 laps of the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli.

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