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## FIM Grand Prix World Championship UPDATED 2020 Calendar Portimão to host 2020 MotoGP™ season finale

The FIM, IRTA and Dorna Sports recently announced the addition of a fifteenth Grand Prix to the 2020 FIM  $MotoGP^{TM}$  World Championship calendar, with the event set to take place from the  $20^{th}$  to the  $22^{nd}$  of November and become the season finale.

The venue for the event can now be revealed as the incredible Autodromo Internacional do Algarve in Portimão, Portugal. The reserve track for  $MotoGP^{m}$  since 2017, the circuit will now make its debut on the calendar.

The Autodromo Internacional do Algarve is truly unique, with its characteristic elevation changes and undulating layout earning it a reputation as a high-speed rollercoaster - a thrill ride for fans and competitors alike. The track will now welcome  $MotoGP^{m}$  back to Portugal for the first time since 2012, and the event will see Portuguese rider Miguel Oliveira (Red Bull KTM Tech 3) racing on home turf in the premier class for the first time.

**Autodromo Internacional do Algarve CEO Paulo Pinheiro:** "It is a great achievement for our team to finally have MotoGP at our racetrack! MotoGP is the pinnacle of two-wheeled motorsport, and we are so excited to have it.

"It has been a long process with Dorna, we had an agreement in place since 2017, and finally all the hard work paid off. On top of this to have Miguel Oliveira on the MotoGP grid, being able to fight for the podium will be an amazing add on for this race, and hopefully the Championship will be decided here.

"We are working to have the fans in our race, and we will start with a capacity of 30.000 fans for the race weekend and then we will decide with Dorna and the sanitary authorities the following stages.

"We can't express how happy we are to have this race."

Dorna Sports CEO Carmelo Ezpeleta: "It's big news for us, we signed an agreement in 2017 with Portimao to be the reserve circuit for any kinds of cancellations, and we've been in contact with them all this time. We've been to Portimão with Superbike and we think it's an amazing possibility for us, and also in the agreement is that the track will be resurfaced after the Superbike round. When we explained this to the riders they were excited because they've seen the track on TV, but we've never been there.

"Portugal has a long history in our sport and there have been some historic battles in Estoril. It's something very good for us to have the possibility to go back to Portugal, especially with Miguel Oliveira participating as it's great to have a Portuguese rider able to compete in his own country. We are extremely happy to be racing in Portimão at the end of the year."

FIM President Jorge Viegas: "I am very proud that MotoGP will return to my country eight years after the last Grand Prix, which took place at the Circuito do Estoril in May 2012. I would like to warmly thank Dorna, the Autodromo Internacional do Algarve and the Motorcycling Federation of Portugal for having managed to meet the necessary conditions for the organisation of the finale of the 2020 FIM Grand Prix World Championship to take place in Portugal."

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## 2020 FIM Grand Prix World Championship revised calendar, 10 August

Date	Grand Prix	Circuit
08 March	Qatar*(Moto2 & Moto3 only)	Losail International Circuit
19 July	Spain	Circuito de Jerez-Ángel Nieto
26 July	Andalucía	Circuito de Jerez-Ángel Nieto
09 August	Czech Republic	Automotodrom Brno
16 August	Austria	Red Bull Ring-Spielberg
23 August	Styria	Red Bull Ring-Spielberg
13 September	San Marino e Della Riviera di Rimini	Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli
20 September	Emilia Romagna e Della Riviera di Rimini	Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli
27 September	Catalunya	Barcelona - Catalunya
11 October	France	Le Mans
18 October	Aragón	MotorLand Aragón
25 October	Teruel	MotorLand Aragón
08 November	Europe	Comunitat Valenciana-Ricardo Tormo
15 November	Comunitat Valenciana	Comunitat Valenciana-Ricardo Tormo
22 November	Portugal	Autodromo Internacional do Algarve

<sup>\*</sup> Evening Race

All dates, events and the eventual attendance of spectators are subject to the evolution of the pandemic and the approval of the corresponding Governments and authorities.

## About the FIM (www.fim-live.com)

The FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) founded in 1904, is the governing body for motorcycle sport and the global advocate for motorcycling. The FIM is an independent association formed by 112 National Federations throughout the world. It is recognised as the sole competent authority in motorcycle sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Among its 50 FIM World Championships the main events are MotoGP, Superbike, Endurance, Motocross, Supercross, Trial, Enduro, Cross-Country Rallies and Speedway. Furthermore, the FIM is also active and involved in the following areas: public affairs, road safety, touring and protection of the environment. The FIM was the first international sports federation to impose an Environmental Code in 1994.