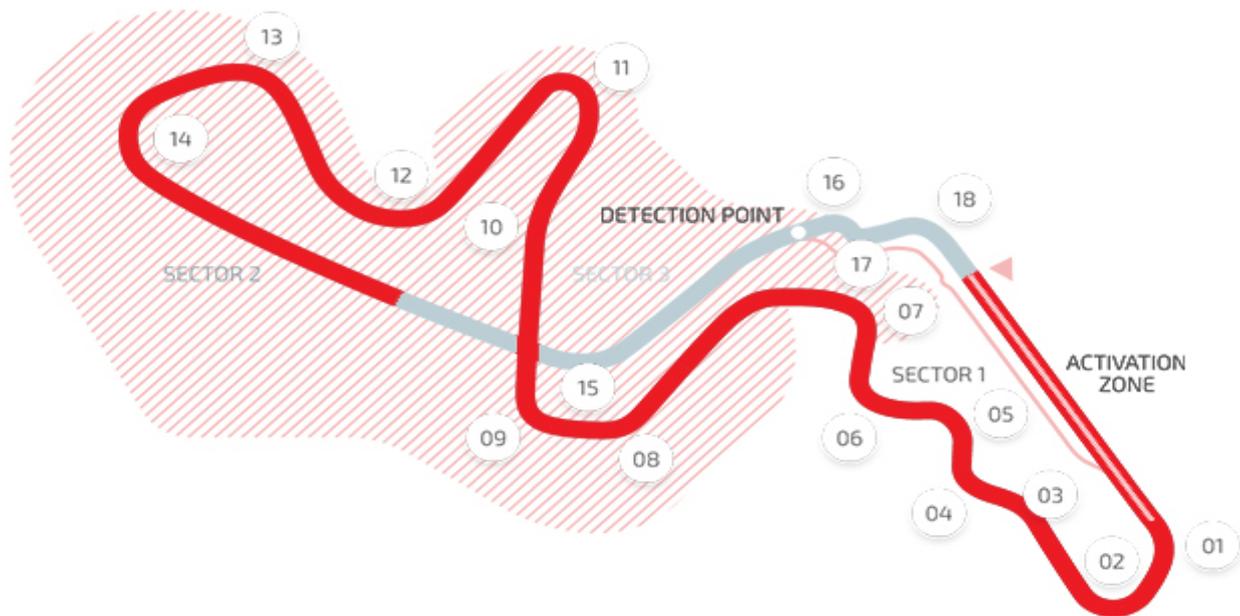




Japanese Grand Prix

Suzuka
8 October



Qualifying

	RAIKKONEN		Chassis 317	VETTEL		Chassis 314
Q1	P2	1:31.674	New Soft - 3 laps	P1	1:31.659	New Soft - 3 laps
Q2	P4	1:31.406	New Soft - 3 laps	P3	1:31.227	New Soft - 3 laps
Q3	P3	1:30.949	New Soft - 3 laps	P4	1:31.028	New Soft - 3 laps
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Weather: air 24 °C, track 26 °C. Overcast

Kimi Raikkonen

“ Overall the car has been behaving quite good; we had suffered from some understeer, but we have been slowly getting better with the set up and the speed and I'm positively surprised how competitive and close to the Mercedes we were. Today the car was a bit less

understeering, and this helped a lot in the first part of the lap. The third position is not too bad but obviously we want to be higher up. This is what we've got now and it's a pity that Seb has a penalty, because the team had quite a strong session today. Obviously we are happy, but we still have some work to be done to improve things and we have to do another good day tomorrow. We sure have some speed and it's not going to suddenly disappear tomorrow. Usually we are a bit better in the race, but we have to wait and see: it will depend on conditions and other stuff but we'll do our best.

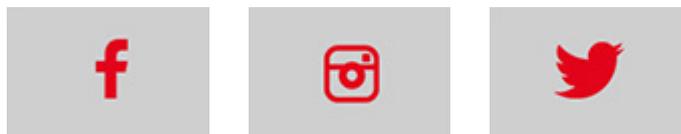
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Sebastian Vettel

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It has been a great result for us as a team; as for myself, obviously I messed up a bit in Q3 with the last sector, and lost a bit too much time. But, all in all, it has been a very good qualifying, our car has been handling well all through the sessions, due to a combination of many things, and it's satisfying to be with both cars ahead of the Red Bulls. For sure, tomorrow I'll have to start a bit further back because of the grid penalty, but this is what it is, we take it. Even so, I think the speed will help us to come back and then we'll see what we can do. I think it will be a close fight. Much will depend on how people handle their tires, because in the first stint everybody starts on the same compound, then we see how the strategies develop.

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