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*The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV ready for **ITALIAN CAPITAL'S DOUBLE**-header*

Following late-February's two night-time races in Diriyah, Saudi Arabia, the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship teams travel to Italy this weekend for the competition's third visit to Rome, the Eternal City.

The original 2020/2021 calendar featured a single E-prix in Rome, on the afternoon of Saturday, April 10, but the ongoing pandemic has prompted the organizers to switch to a double-header weekend, with a second clash now scheduled on Sunday. As in Saudi Arabia, the action will take place without spectators.

The championship's previous visits to Rome in 2018 and 2019 allowed Michelin Motorsport to amass comprehensive data for the circuit. That said, **the circuit for this year's races has been modified and lengthened from 2.86 to 3.38 kilometers, making it the second-longest in Formula E history. Only Beijing, used in 2014 and 2015, was longer (3.453km).**

"It's a very interesting layout that you can divide into two parts – one slow and the other fast," observes Jérôme Mondain, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. **"The original track was an immediate hit with the drivers, and it's probably now even more exhilarating. In 2018 and 2019, our tyres performed as we had anticipated and it is clear that traction out of the corners will be key this time around, since Formula E's electric single-seaters deliver peak torque the instant the drivers begin to accelerate. The fact that a second race has been added on Sunday is an added challenge for us, however, because this year's regulations have cut tyre allowances for double-header meetings by 50 percent. The teams will consequently need to run smart strategies and our technical advisors will be on-hand to assist them get their call spot on."**



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The latest regulations effectively mean that fewer tyres are available for individual races. Drivers now have an allocation of six covers each for single-race meetings (three for the rear, three for the front), and two sets (eight tyres) for double-header weekends. Last season, the allowance was two sets per car per e-prix, so the reduction this year amounts to 25 percent in the case of one-race meetings and 50 percent for double-headers.

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