



NEWSLETTER

Volkswagen Golf Cup 2015 visits Slovakia

During the forthcoming weekend of 19-21 June, 25 drivers participating in the Volkswagen Golf Cup racing series will take part in a second round of this season. It will be held on the Slovakia Ring circuit nearby Bratislava. The venue located in the town of Orechova Potôň is well-known to all the drivers – traditionally it was the scene of pre-season tests for the Cup organized by the Volkswagen Racing Polska. During the first round of the rivalry, Marcus Fluch and Jeffrey Kruger had one victory for each other and before the visit in Slovakia the Swedish driver is leading in the overall standings. Weekend on Slovakia Ring circuit is going to be extremely exciting, because the Volkswagen Golf Cup will be accompanied by the World Touring Car Championship (WTCC), while the rivalry directly from the track will be presented via live streaming on the Cup's site.

2nd scene of this year's struggle

25 drivers representing as much as 10 different countries will come to the Slovakia Ring circuit this weekend – it is a well-known venue to all the Volkswagen Golf Cup drivers. After the pre-season test sessions all contestants will use their knowledge gathered in March and will give all their best to reach the best place on the podium.

Training, qualifying sessions and races

During the second racing weekend of 2015 training sessions will be crucial, pretty much like it was during the inaugural round. However, their main purpose then was to get to know with the track itself, as most of the drivers didn't know it earlier – in Slovakia on the other hand, drivers will have to quickly find a good rhythm and a solid racing pace, because after a nearly two months break it can be quite a challenge.

The racing weekend will begin on Friday, June 19th with the first half an hour training session scheduled at 3:40 p.m. while the second training will begin precisely at 6:15 p.m. Half hour later drivers will go to rest, as it will be the end of driving for the first day of the 2nd Volkswagen Golf Cup round.

The next day will start at 8:15 a.m. with a very important qualifying session. Its results will determine the starting position for the first race. The second best time of each driver will give a starting position for the second race. The first rivalry will begin the same day

at 4:50 p.m., while the second 30-minute battle will begin at 2:50 p.m. on Sunday, June 21st.

On the Slovakia Ring Circuit, the Volkswagen Golf Cup drivers will have a very decent and famous company – there will also drive competitors taking part in one of the most famous racing series – World Touring Car Championship, where fans will be able to see one of the rally legends, a 9-time rally world champion – Sebastien Loeb.

Full points

During the 1st round of the season, 25 Volkswagen Golf Cup drivers fought for half of the points – that meant the winner of a race have gathered only 25 points. This rule was only for the inaugural round of the season, which means that the potential winner of both Slovakia Ring races will leave Bratislava with a full set of 100 points. The last place awarded with points is a position number 20, which instead of 1 point will be awarded with 2.

Push – to – Pass

The thing that will make overtaking easier on the Slovakia Ring, as well as bring more colours to the rivalry during the second Volkswagen Golf Cup round is a Push-to-Pass system. It is a solution used in the Golf's prepared by the Volkswagen Racing Polska since the very beginning of the cup. During this round drivers will have possibility to increase power of the engine with extra 50 hp (up to 310 hp) 19 times during single race. Every time the system will increase the power for 10 seconds, but the next "shot" will be able to use only after the 10 seconds brake. Last season we have seen that the proper usage of the system can be crucial in fighting for the win. On the beginning of the season drivers who used the Push-to-Pass system last year will be in a better position, but during the previous round we have seen that each contestant has learnt very quickly how to make a good use of it. The number displayed on the side windshields shows how much shots each driver has left. Activation of the Push-to-Pass system is signalized with a blue lamp placed on the front windscreen of each Golf GTI.

Famous venue near Bratislava

The Slovakia Ring circuit is located near Bratislava and is very well-known among drivers. Until now, all three editions of the Volkswagen Golf Cup has visited the Slovakian venue, which has always provided plenty of excitement both for the drivers and fans. The track built in 2009 has recently undergone some little modifications involving the elimination of the hill, which was problematic also for the most experienced drivers. In addition to the Volkswagen Golf Cup, the Slovak race track also hosts series such as the FIA WTCC, FIA GT and the ADAC GT Masters.

Volkswagen Golf Cup 2015 – 2nd round - timeschedule

Friday, June 19th

3.40 p.m. – 4.10 p.m. – 1 training session

6.15 p.m. – 6.45 p.m. – 2 training session

Saturday, June 20th

8.15 a.m. – 8.45 p.m. – Qualifying session

6.10 p.m. – 6.40 p.m – Race 1

Sunday, June 21st

2.50 p.m. – 3.40 p.m. – Race 2

Quotes before the 2nd round of Volkswagen Golf Cup 2015 on Slovakia Ring:

Jeffrey Kruger: - *My main goal for the 2nd round on Slovakia Ring is to try to score as many points as possible. Qualifying will be very important, because the starting position to the race is crucial. Also, very important is to save as much Push-to-Passes as possible. During the 2 months brake I trained a lot at the gym and on my simulator. I have also been busy with my exams at university, but unluckily, I will have to miss two exams during the 2 round of Volkswagen Golf Cup. Slovakia Ring is one of my most favorite circuits, as I have driven many laps there. I think that I did more laps around the track in Bratislava than on any other venue from the Volkswagen Golf Cup calendar. It gives a lot of opportunities for a close racing, which I am really looking forward to.*

Sebastian Arriola: - *The first round of this year's Volkswagen Golf Cup season has proved that the competition is very tough. During the break I have done a lot of physical training, as well as driving other cars and karting. I am also studying business administration, so I was attending my classes. I know Slovakia Ring from the pre-season testing and I like it pretty much. My goal is to finish both races in the top 5 and I am really looking forward for the very good racing weekend, which Slovakia Ring will surely be.*

Kevin Metzner: - *I'm already looking forward for the race on the Slovakia Ring. I learned a lot from my first Volkswagen Golf Cup round, now I want to use my experience and finish on the better position. During the break between races I was trying to keep the momentum and I have trained really a lot, so I feel well prepared. I have already visited Slovakia Ring three times in my career and I really like the circuit, which is really enjoyable to drive on.*

Gosia Rdest: – *The 2nd round of this year's Volkswagen Golf Cup is held on one of my favorite circuits – Slovakia Ring. I have quite a lot of experience on this venue, because during last two years we have conducted pre-season test sessions there and also I have participated in the last year's race in Slovakia. I can't wait for this weekend especially that we are racing in company of the prestigious series WTCC. For many drivers it is a dream to race in this world class cycle and it is not a secret, that it is also mine. It will be an additional motivation for me. I am already waiting to jump into to my Golf!*

Remaining rounds of the Volkswagen Golf Cup 2015

20-21 czerwca	Slovakia Ring	SŁOWACJA	
04-05 lipca	Lausitzring	NIEMCY	
29-30 sierpnia	Sachsenring	NIEMCY	
19-20 września	Automotodrom Brno	CZECHY	
02-03 października	Tor Poznań	POLSKA	

Lista startowa w sezonie 2015

1.	ARRIOLA Sebastian	GWATEMALA	
2.	ARTEMYEV Alexandr	KAZACHSTAN	
3.	DUDEK Jerzy	POLSKA	
4.	EGOROV Artur	ROSJA	
5.	FAHNAUER Manuel	NIEMCY	
6.	FLUCH Marcus	SZWECJA	
7.	GADOMSKI Michał	POLSKA	
8.	GIES Andre	NIEMCY	
9.	HOFFMANN Pascal	NIEMCY	
10.	IBRAGIMOV Ilshat	ROSJA	
11.	JAROS Marcin	POLSKA	
12.	KOTARBA-MAJKUTEWICZ Dominik	POLSKA	
13.	KRAMER Alfred	AUSTRIA	
14.	KRUGER Jeffrey	RPA	
15.	LARSSON Simon	SZWECJA	
16.	METZNER Kevin	NIEMCY	
17.	MUHONEN Simo	FINLANDIA	
18.	PALUSKO Bartosz	POLSKA	
19.	PARYS Piotr	POLSKA	
20.	PEREIRA Dylan	LUKSEMBURG	
21.	RDEST Gosia	POLSKA	
22.	RZEPECKI Adam	POLSKA	
23.	STRZESAK Patryk	POLSKA	
24.	SZCZEŚNIAK Jędrzej	POLSKA	

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On the cup's webstie www.volkswagengolfcup.pl you can find information about all rounds, drivers, racing venues and the car. During the racing weekend all latest news

about trainings, qualifying session and both races will be published up to date. In the 'media' section you will be able to find press releases and photos.

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