



Iran Volleyball to Resume Domestic Competitions

TEHRAN (Tasnim) - The Iran Volleyball Federation wants to resume all its domestic competitions.

This comes after sporting restrictions were eased on non-contact sport including volleyball.

Football competitions will also resume on June 18.

The 2020-21 Iranian Volleyball Super League will be the 33rd

season of the Iranian Volleyball Super League, the highest professional volleyball league in Iran.

MotoGP Announces Japanese GP Cancellation

TOKYO (AFP) - The Japanese MotoGP was cancelled over the coronavirus on Monday as organizers said they would concentrate on holding as many races as possible in Europe this year.

The scrapping of the October 16-18 race in Motegi follows the axing of the Australian MotoGP, which was due to be held a week later.

The first 11 races of the MotoGP season have been either postponed or cancelled, and there have been discussions about how to preserve as much as possible of the European calendar.

At the moment, the sport



The Japanese race is a long-standing fixture on the MotoGP circuit

hopes to resume with back-to-back races at Jerez, Spain.

The first, on July 19, would be the new season-opener, with Dorna suggesting slotting in the second race at the same circuit on July 26.

A round of the Superbike Championship was also proposed for Jerez on August 2.

The opening legs, if approved, are most likely to be held without spectators, and with restrictions on the number of people allowed in the paddock.

There have also been talks about holding the French MotoGP, which was scheduled for May, in October instead.

Hamilton Slams F1 for Staying Silent on Floyd Death



LONDON (Reuters) - Six times Formula One motor racing champion Lewis Hamilton has criticized his sport for its silence on the killing of George Floyd, an unarmed black man who died after a white U.S. police officer knelt on his neck.

The death in Minneapolis triggered a wave of outrage and violent protests in the United States.

Hamilton, Formula One's first black world champion, spends much of his time in America and spoke out on the issue on Instagram on Sunday.

"I see those of you who are staying silent, some of you the biggest of stars yet you stay silent in the midst of injustice," wrote the Mercedes driver.

"Not a sign from anybody in my industry which of course is a white dominated sport. I'm one of the only people of color there

yet I stand alone," he added.

"I would have thought by now you would see why this happens and say something about it but you can't stand alongside us. Just know I know who you ... are and I see you."

In a second post, Hamilton added: "I do not stand with those looting and burning buildings but those who are protesting peacefully. There can be no peace until our so called leaders make change."

Renault driver Daniel Ricciardo, who will cross to McLaren at the end of the season, said Floyd's death was "a disgrace" and called for unity against racism.

Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton attends a press conference at the Albert Park circuit ahead of the Formula One Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne on March 12, 2020.

England's Sancho in 'Justice for George Floyd' Protest



Dortmund's English star Jadon Sancho shows a "Justice for George Floyd" shirt

BERLIN (AFP) - England winger Jadon Sancho revealed a T-shirt on Sunday demanding "Justice for George Floyd", another protest in the Bundesliga this weekend at the death of an unarmed black man in the United States.

Sancho, 20, was booked for the gesture at Paderborn after the death of Floyd in Minnesota has sparked violence in cities across the United States.

George Floyd, 46, died in Min-

neapolis during an arrest by a police officer who pinned him to the ground for several minutes by kneeling on his neck.

Earlier on Sunday, French striker Marcus Thuram scored twice in Borussia Moenchengladbach's win over Union Berlin and took a knee in protest at Floyd's death.

On Saturday, Schalke's US midfielder Weston McKennie wore an armband in his team's defeat to Werder Bremen bearing the words "Justice for George".

Liverpool's Training Return a 'Massive Lift' for Klopp

LONDON (AFP) - Jurgen Klopp has admitted that it has been a "massive lift" to see his Liverpool squad back training together as they prepare for the return of the Premier League.

The English top flight is set to restart on June 17 and teams have been able to resume group training after weeks of isolation due to the coronavirus lockdown.

It has been an especially frustrating time for Liverpool boss Klopp, whose side were two wins away from clinching the Premier League title when the season was halted because of the pandemic in



March. "We never had nine weeks with-

out football training in our lives since we played football, pretty

much. That's all different but interesting as well," Klopp told Liverpool's website.

"We enjoy the situation, that's really all good. And it makes all the difference for us, to be honest, to come together and have this hour or two here together.

"You get this contact, feedback as well on the pitch directly, not via a computer or a screen. It's a massive, massive lift."

Liverpool have a 25-point lead over second placed Manchester City, putting their first English title for 30 years within touching distance if the season does restart.

Full Squad Training Resumes in Spain Ahead of Soccer Restart



Workers walk into Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Spain, Monday, May 25, 2020. Spanish league clubs are now allowed to train with groups of up to 14 players as the league stays on track to restart in less than three weeks.

MADRID (AP) - Spanish clubs resumed full squad training on Monday, beginning the final stage of preparations for the return to competition.

Clubs will have just under two weeks of full sessions before the league restarts on June 11, almost three months after it was halted because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Training was only previously allowed with groups of up to 14 players. Clubs began individual sessions a few weeks ago and had been gradually increasing their workload.

On Monday, Barcelona showed an image of coach Quique Setien surrounded by the entire squad in training, along with the mes-

sage "Together Again", and a video of Lionel Messi scoring a goal.

Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid also showed their players training in full groups.

The resumption of normal training comes a day after the league confirmed the dates and times of the first two rounds of matches following its suspension in mid-March. The first game will be the derby between Sevilla and Real Betis on June 11.

Leader Barcelona will resume at Mallorca on June 13, with Atletico visiting Athletic Bilbao on June 14 and Real Madrid hosting Eibar. The derby between Valencia and Levante will be played on June 12.

Toyota Donates Last F1 Car to COVID-19 Charity Auction

TOKYO (Dispatches) - Teams and drivers have provided some lots for the #RaceAgainstCovid auction, which will be organized by RM Sotheby's and held in aid of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The FIA has already given €1m to the organization.

Toyota has donated chassis TF109-01, which was tested early in the 2009 season by Jarno Trulli and Timo Glock. Its sister cars earned five podiums and a pole

position, and Toyota finished fifth in the world championship.

However, at the end of the year the manufacturer pulled out of the sport, and its 2010 prototype was completed, but never raced.

The TF109-01 subsequently became a Pirelli tyre test car, and was driven by Nick Heidfeld, Pedro de la Rosa, Luca di Grassi and Romain Grosjean. It remains in Pirelli's black livery, and comes complete with engine and gearbox.

