

## **Bull (2016) - Season 1 ((TOP))**

In April 2021, the series was renewed for a sixth season which premiered on October 7, 2021;<sup>[3][4]</sup> it was announced in January 2022 that the sixth season would be the show's last. The two-part series finale aired on May 19 and 26.<sup>[5]</sup> On February 2, 2016, it was announced that CBS had given the production a pilot order. The episode was written by Dr. Phil McGraw and by Paul Attanasio, who was expected to executive produce alongside Phil McGraw, Jay McGraw, Justin Falvey, Darryl Frank, Mark Goffman, Steven Spielberg, and Rodrigo Garcia. Production companies involved with the pilot include Amblin Television, Atelier Paul Attanasio, Stage 29 Productions and CBS Television Studios. On May 13, 2016, CBS officially ordered the pilot to series. A few days later, it was announced that the series, would premiere in the fall of 2016 and air on Tuesdays at 9:00 P.M. On November 4, 2016, CBS picked up the series for a full season of 22 episodes.<sup>[28]</sup> An additional episode was ordered in November.<sup>[29]</sup> On March 23, 2017, CBS renewed the series for a second season, which premiered on September 26, 2017.<sup>[30][31]</sup> On April 18, 2018, CBS renewed the series for a third season which is set to premiere on September 24, 2018.<sup>[32][33]</sup> On May 9, 2019, it was announced that CBS renewed the series for a fourth season.<sup>[34]</sup> On May 9, 2019, following the renewal, it was announced that executive producers Justin Falvey, Darryl Frank, and Steven Spielberg, along with his production company Amblin Television, would be departing the series after the third season following the harassment controversy surrounding series star Michael Weatherly.<sup>[35]</sup> In May 2020, *Bull* was renewed for a fifth season, with the further announcement in October 2020 that the season would be trimmed to 16 episodes due to production schedules being shortened by the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>[36]</sup> On April 15, 2021, CBS renewed the series for a sixth season which premiered in October 2021.<sup>[3][4]</sup> On January 18, 2022, it was reported that the sixth season will be the series' final season.<sup>[37]</sup> Michael Weatherly, Geneva Carr, Freddy Rodriguez, Chris Jackson and Jaime Lee Kirchner were part of the pilot's main cast. Annabelle Attanasio, a main cast member for the first two seasons, did not return for Season 3 in order to direct an independent film.<sup>[20]</sup> MacKenzie Meehan was added to the Season 3 main cast, with her character filling a role very similar to the one previously played by Attanasio.<sup>[38]</sup> Eliza Dushku appeared in the final three episodes of the first season in a recurring role that was intended to become a regular role in Season 2. However, following a complaint Dushku made about Weatherly making sexually suggestive comments, she was fired. In December 2018, *The New York Times* reported that CBS reached a confidential settlement with Dushku which would pay her \$9.5 million, her anticipated salary over four seasons as a regular cast member.<sup>[39]</sup> In May 2019, Amblin Television announced they will no longer produce the series, with Spielberg, Falvey, and Frank no longer serving as executive producers.<sup>[40]</sup> After appearing as a recurring character in the first four seasons, Yara Martinez was upgraded to series regular for season 5.<sup>[41]</sup> On May 21, 2021, it was announced that Freddy Rodriguez would depart the series along with series producer and showrunner Glenn Gordon Caron.<sup>[42]</sup> Two of the show's writers, Kathryn Price and Nichole Millard, are expected to take over as co-showrunners for season 6.<sup>[43]</sup> Internationally, the series premiered in the UK on FOX on January 13, 2017, but due to channel's closure, moved to Sky Witness from Season 4. The series premiered in Australia on Network Ten on March 5, 2017.<sup>[44]</sup> It debuted in New Zealand on Prime Television New Zealand on January 19, 2017.<sup>[45]</sup> The second season was premiered in Australia on Network Ten on October 15, 2017. In Italy, it debuted on Rai 2 on November 13, 2016. In France, it debuted on M6 on June 22, 2018. In the Philippines, the program was aired on GTV by 2021.<sup>[citation needed]</sup> In Germany and Austria, it began airing on 13th Street on January 11, 2017. On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, the first season has an approval rating of 26% based on 23 reviews, with an average rating of 3.99/10. The website's critical consensus reads, "Michael Weatherly's performance is top-notch, but not enough to save a show that relies too heavily on a well-worn series of legal show tropes and an off-putting premise."<sup>[46]</sup> Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned a score

of 40 out of 100 based on 19 critics, indicating "mixed or average reviews".[47] *Bull* is an American drama television series starring Michael Weatherly. CBS ordered the program to series on May 13, 2016,[1] and it premiered on September 20, 2016.[2] The show is based on the early days of talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw's career, when he was a trial consultant.[3] On May 6, 2020, CBS renewed the series for a fifth season, which premiered on November 16, 2020.[4][5] On April 15, 2021, CBS renewed the series for a sixth and final season which premiered on October 7, 2021.[6][7][8]

**Season 1** is the first season of the legal crime drama series *Bull* premiered on September 20, 2016 on CBS and concluded on May 23, 2017. It consists of 23 episodes, each lasting an hour. After disastrous pre-season with uncompetitive Renault power unit, bounce back to finish second to all-conquering Mercedes, as only other team to win a race. Rising star Ricciardo takes three victories, dominating champion Vettel, who exits for Ferrari at end of year. Renault-powered RB9 is once again quick out of the box, though the team complain that tyre degradation issues prevent them exploiting its full pace. However, the team surge ahead after the mid-season tyre change and wrap up their fourth consecutive constructors' crown in India. Ban on exhaust-blown diffusers robs RB8 of predecessor's dominance, but continue to push technical boundaries, drawing controversy over floor holes, engine maps and more. Webber wins twice but it's Vettel's late season charge that rubber stamps third constructors' title. Vettel and RB7 all but untouchable throughout the season, scoring 11 wins and 15 poles in total. Webber takes three poles and one win at the final round. Rivals get closer, but not close enough, and team wrap up both titles with three rounds to spare. RB6 normally fastest car, but reliability niggles, some unfavourable weather and odd driver errors mean team only move ahead in standings mid-season. Constantly improving car sees them ultimately take both titles, despite refusal to impose team orders on Webber & Vettel. The quick RB5, and great drives by Vettel & Webber, propel Red Bull into the big time. Vettel scores their first pole and victory in China. Five more wins follow as team dominate latter part of season, finishing runner-up in both championships as Brawn's only genuine rivals. Tough start with Adrian Newey-penned RB3, recording at least one retirement in each of the first seven races. Mid-season updates improve pace and relieve reliability woes. Record best finish at European Grand Prix, with Mark Webber third and David Coulthard fifth. Second season more difficult than first, despite Ferrari power. David Coulthard scores team's first podium in Monaco, but overall amass 18 points less than in '05 and face growing challenge from junior sister team, Toro Rosso. Austrian-owned team's first campaign, following 2004 purchase of Jaguar squad (formerly Stewart Grand Prix, 1997-1999), proves highly successful. Amass more points in the first two races than Jaguar managed the entire previous season. Go on to finish a clear seventh in the standings. Following a relatively quiet, scandal-free fourth and fifth season, CBS announces that showrunner Glenn Gordon Caron and co-star Freddy Rodriguez would not be back for Season 6 following an investigation into workplace misconduct. As the 2015 Formula One season drew to a close, Red Bull secured a sponsorship deal with iconic timing brand TAG Heuer, which will also take up naming rights of the team's power unit.

The 2016 car will officially be called the Red Bull Racing-TAG Heuer RB12, which does have a slightly stranger ring to it than this year's Infiniti Red Bull Racing-Renault RB11. At the same time, TAG Heuer will become the Official Timekeeper, Official Watch Partner and Team Performance Partner of RBR. Horner also talked about their "other partner", mentioning how pleased his team is to *"see Renault confirm its long-term commitment to F1 and would like to thank them for their contribution to the team since 2007. Their technical partnership with Ilmor gives us confidence, and we look forward to the 2016 season."* If you think it's a little bit weird to see a team name contain two different brands instead of the classic "brand plus engine manufacturer name" format, all you have to do is look back to the 80s when McLaren actually ran TAG Heuer-badged Porsche engines for a couple of seasons. CBS said in a statement provided to EW, "For six seasons, Bull has established itself as a ratings winner with its fresh take on the judicial process never before seen on television. We extend our thanks to the talented cast, Michael Weatherly, Geneva Carr, Yara

Martinez, Jaime Lee Kirchner, Christopher Jackson, MacKenzie Meehan, the incredible creative team led by Kathryn Price and Nichole Millard, and our hard-working crew, for bringing to life these innovative stories. We also thank our loyal viewers and look forward to providing them with a final run of compelling episodes filled with the humor, intelligence and twists that have made the drama a fan favorite." Sadly, he wasn't able to do enough in his second F1 season. There were two podiums, but Albon was again too far away from Verstappen and was rarely close enough to help Red Bull with strategic options. He was dropped at the end of 2020, though Red Bull placed him in the DTM ahead of Albon's F1 return with Williams for 2022.

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