



Press release

2013 WORLD ROTAX KARTING CHAMPIONS: COMPETITION AT ITS BEST

New Orleans, Louisiana, November 16, 2013 – BRP's first Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals (RMCGF) to be held in North America crowned this season's champions while offering great performances at the NOLA Motorsports Park in New Orleans, Louisiana over the weekend.

The 14th edition of the RMCGF closed another great season of karting with a whopping 360 drivers coming from nearly 60 countries. This year's Rotax World Champions proved that challenging weather and track conditions cannot deter them from an ultimate victory. From temperatures below 50°F (10°C) to 13 mph (20.92 km/h) winds and rainy conditions, to warm and humid conditions, pilots were put to the ultimate test.

"Karting, just like the RMCGF, continues to grow year after year as this year's number of participants, with the addition of the Mini and Micro pilots, clearly testifies," said François Tremblay, managing director, Rotax kart engines. "NOLA Motorsports race track and MAXSpeed Group, our Rotax distributor, offered competitors and spectators a great show from start to finish," he concluded.

The 2013 RMCGF world champions include American Juan Correa in the Junior class, the UK driver Oliver Hodgson in the Senior class, South Africa's Cristiano Morgado in the DD2 Masters class and Lithuania's Simas Juodvirsis in the DD2 class. The Nation's Cup went to the United States of America. America's Dylan Tavella and Canada's Antonio Serravalle (Provisional pending appeal by 54 to ACCUS) emerged as champions in the Micro and Mini categories, respectively.

This year RMCGF provided 72 Mini and Micro MAX drivers from America, Mexico and Canada the opportunity to compete in a three-day invitational event, while the other 288 drivers competed in Junior MAX, 125 MAX (Senior), DD2 and DD2 Masters categories. To access full lists of the results, please click on: <http://live2013.kart-data.com/RGF>

"We are very proud to have hosted this international event," said Kristen Engeron, president, NOLA Motorsports Park. "Our facilities were well up to the challenge of hosting so many drivers and their teams, and the track itself proved sufficiently challenging for this group of experienced pilots."

For such a big renowned event regrouping so many teams, many individuals had to collaborate to ensure a successful event. It took some 150 dedicated individuals from BRP's Rotax facility in Austria and organizational staff, chassis partners, and more from over 15 nations to make this event run as smoothly as it did. BRP benefitted from the cooperation of experienced chassis partners: Energy for the Junior class, Sodikart for the Senior class, Praga for DD2 Masters, and CRG for DD2, as well as Haase for Micro MAX and OK1 for Mini MAX.

The Rotax MAX Challenge (RMC) is a professional kart racing series established, owned and organized by BRP and its Rotax kart engine distributors. Approved by and in compliance with CIK / FIA, the RMC is a "one-make-engine" formula: only Rotax kart engines that are checked and sealed (for equal performance) are allowed. The success in the competition is mainly up to the skills of the driver.

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