

# NEWS *CIK-FIA Championships*

**THE WORLD CIK-FIA CHAMPIONSHIP KF-KFJ ENDS IN BAHRAIN ON SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>. THE NIGHT RACE WILL AWARD THE TWO WORLD TITLES. THE IMAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN LIVE STREAMING ON [WWW.CIKFIA.TV](http://WWW.CIKFIA.TV)-[WWW.CIKFIACHAMPIONSHIP.COM](http://WWW.CIKFIACHAMPIONSHIP.COM). TOMORROW THE HEATS. DELAYED BROADCAST ON RAI SPORT 2 ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>.**

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**A WEATHERPROOF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.**

To be a world champion you need to be a fully-fledged driver, a characteristic the climate in Sakhir seems to be aware of. Activity on the Bahrain International Karting Circuit is in full swing this weekend for the closing round of the World CIK-FIA KF and KFJ Championship. It is the first time that the middle-east circuit hosts a World Championship of kart racing and, unexpectedly, the circuit has given the participants a rainy welcome. It is a further obstacle in the race towards the title for the drivers who have reached the facility in Bahrain from all around the world. Two months ago, while the first two rounds were taking place in Brandon (UK) for the KF and in Sarno (I), nobody could figure out the heavy rain that has been falling and that has stopped falling only today afternoon. However the track is getting dry fast.

**DRIVERS READY TO CHASE THE POLE IN A FACILITY FIT FOR F1 RACES.** The acronym of the circuit is BIKC: the racetrack is 1,414 metre long and is the ideal stage for a world kart racing championship. International karting goes beyond its usual boundaries and arrives in Bahrain for a crucial World Championship round. The competition will get into top gears tomorrow, when drivers will race for the pole position and, then, for the qualifying heats. The kart racetrack of Sakhir is next to the facility which hosts the World F1 Championship Bahrain GP and it is a part of it. Another fascinating characteristic of the event is the fact that all the races will be run under artificial light, during the evening hours. There are all the ingredients for an eventful last round of the international karting season. Also the list of the drivers that can aim at success is rather long: tomorrow, after the first results of qualifying, the list will get shorter.

**THE CURRENT LEADERS.**

After the two rounds in Europe, the standings in Sakhir say that in KF the leader is the Dutch Max Verstappen (CRG-TM-Vega) with 25 points. Behind him the Danish Nicklas Nielsen (Kosmic-Vortex-Vega) and the British Ben Hanley (Art GP-TM-Vega), with 20 and 16 points. In KFJunior the leader after the race in Sarno is the Italian Leonardo Pulcini (Tony Kart-Vortex-LeCont) with 25 points. Behind him another Italian, Alessio Lorandi (Tony Kart-Parilla-LeCont) with 20 points and the German Robert Shwartzman (Tony Kart-TM-LeCont) with 16.

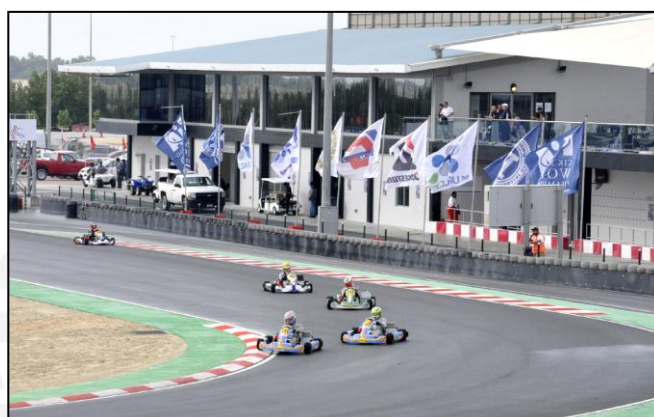
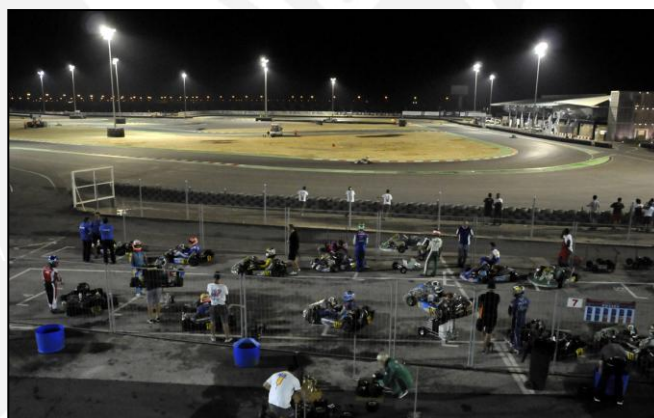


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**AT THE BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL KARTING CIRCUIT IN SAKHIR, THE FREE PRACTICES OF THE CIK-FIA KF AND KF JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HAVE STARTED. ON SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> THE WORLD TITLES WILL BE ASSIGNED.**



**FROM THE TRACK TO THE VIDEO ALL THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN BAHRAIN.** All the images of the round will be available live in streaming on [www.cikfiachampionship.com](http://www.cikfiachampionship.com) and [www.cikfia.tv](http://www.cikfia.tv) on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. On Rai Sport 2, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, the delayed broadcast of the Finals and, on Friday 29th, the special report from Sakhir.

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Bahrain International Karting Circuit – Sakhir (BRN) CIK-FIA World KF & KFJ Championship		
Tuesday 21	13:40 - 17:35 18:00 - 18:53 20:20 - 21:00	Free practices Timing practices Qualifying heats
Friday 22	14:20 - 15:55 16:20 - 22:20	Warm-up Qualifying heats
Saturday 23	15:15 - 16:50 17:20 - 17:50 <b>18:00 - 19:20</b> <b>20:20 - 21:50</b> 16:00	Warm-up Drivers parade <b>Prefinals</b> <b>Finals - Podiums</b> Press conference