

**ROUND 1**  **SAKHIR** BAHRAIN



ALL TIMES LOCAL GMT +3

**THURSDAY**  
29 FEBRUARY

**10:55**  
Free Practice  
45 min.

**16:00**  
Qualifying Session  
30 min.

**17:30**  
Press Conference

**FRIDAY**  
01 MARCH

**13:15**  
Sprint Race

**19 LAPS** >> 102.582 KM  
40 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by reversing Top 12 of Qualifying Results

**14:20**  
Press Conference

**SATURDAY**  
02 MARCH

**12:00**  
Feature Race

**22 LAPS** >> 118.818 KM  
45 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by Qualifying Results

**WHAT'S UP**

There are **13 returning drivers on this year's grid**, which include the likes of Dino Beganovic, Leonardo Fornaroli, Nikola Tsolov, Tommy Smith, and Luke Browning who all return to the teams they raced for in 2023.

Beganovic continues with PREMA Racing and will line-up next to Gabriele Minì, the Italian coming over from Hitech Pulse-Eight, and rookie Arvid Lindblad. Trident have two drivers making their debuts in F3, with Sami Meguetounif and Santiago Ramos joining Fornaroli.

Elsewhere, MP Motorsport field a team of newcomers with Alex Dunne, Tim Tramnitz and Kacper Sztuka all preparing for their debut seasons. Jenzer Motorsport follow suit as they bring to the grid Charlie Wurz, Max Esterson and Matías Zagazeta.

Campos Racing have gone down the opposite path by opting for

experience, as second year drivers Oliver Goethe, Sebastián Montoya, and Mari Boya make up their line-up.

Hitech also bring to the grid a couple of rookies with Cian Shields and Martinius Stenshorne joining Browning, while Sophia Flörsch and newcomer Noel León are paired with Smith at Van Amersfoort Racing.

Christian Mansell makes the move over from Campos to ART Grand Prix and lines up next to Tsolov and another rookie in Laurens van Hoepen.

Nikita Bedrin returns for a second season in the Championship but this time with PHM AIX Racing, where he will line up next to rookies Joshua Dufek and Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak.

Finally, Rodin Motorsport bring a couple of first year drivers themselves with Callum Voisin and Joseph Loake joining Piotr Wiśnicki.

**FROM THE GRID**

**Dino Beganovic**  
PREMA Racing



**"After such a long break it's really nice to be back. As a track Bahrain has got everything.** Slow, medium, and high-speed corners, and that's what I like about it. At the same time, it has three DRS zones, so it gives you opportunities to overtake in the race and it gives you the possibility to go forward as well.

"F3 is very particular in qualifying. A lot of things need to go right but I would say to have a good starting point and not to start too far from the references is important. Then, you just build up and most of the time, if everything goes right, the best lap is always at the end.

"But then you never know there can be a red flag, so you always need to be there at the top, so you don't have to just count on

the last lap and that's how you put it together.

"Down to Turn 1 is a very good overtaking zone, as well as Turn 4 and Turn 11 which are all after the DRS zones. That's what I really like about this track because you can overtake, and it brings good racing.

"I want to have a good start to the year; I think it's important. Looking at what Gabriel Bortoletto did last year was impressive, to get a gap at the beginning and just keeping it and maintaining it for the whole year. I am looking for that but it's not a tragedy if we don't do that, we can still fight back in the second part of the season or later in the first part"

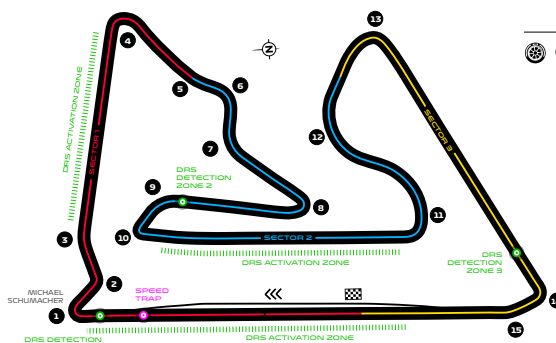
**TRACK DATAS** Bahrain International Circuit

**5.412 KM** Start/Finish Offset - 0.246 km

**LAP RECORD**  
**1:46.249 (183.373 KM/H)**  
Franco Colapinto (Van Amersfoort Racing) in 2022

**2023 POLE POSITION**  
**1:47.055 (181.992 KM/H)**  
Gabriele Minì (Hitech Pulse-Eight)

**MAXIMUM SPEED** SPEED TRAP  
**282.5 KM/H**  
Oliver Gray (Rodin Carlin) in 2023



**COMPOUND ALLOCATION**



## TYRE TALK

### RACE STRATEGY

The drivers will once again have their hands on the most durable of the Pirelli compounds, with the hard tyres set to be bolted on to their cars. However, a softer version of the compound will be used this weekend.

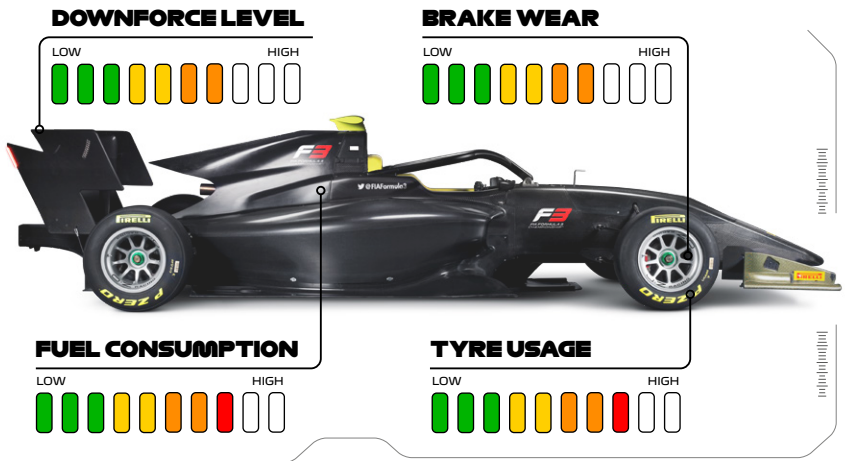
It will still also let the drivers deal with the abrasive nature of the Bahrain track, the heavy braking and traction demands, as well as the hot temperatures that generate heat in the tyres.

### Mario ISOLA

Pirelli Motorsport Director

“Teams and drivers will have Pirelli’s latest hard tyre at their disposal for the first round of the FIA Formula 3 Championship. This is down to the particularly abrasive nature of the Sakhir track and the heavy braking and traction demands, as well as the high ambient temperatures that put plenty of heat into the tyres. A new version of the hard tyre makes its debut this weekend, which is a bit softer than last year’s equivalent. The teams were able to work on the set up with this new compound during testing at Sakhir two weeks ago: an additional challenge for a series that always guarantees close and unpredictable racing.”

## TECH INFO



Managing tyres will be the name of the game for the teams in both the Sprint and Feature Races in Bahrain with heavy braking zones in play on an abrasive track surface in hot temperatures.

The track possesses four long straights with three of them being DRS zones but given the amount of slow speed

corners and the twisty nature of the second sector, it means the teams can’t sacrifice too much downforce or they risk overusing the tyres.

Fuel will be a key talking point as well due to the layout of the circuit, with those heavy braking points, in particular Turn 1 and Turn 10, also making for substantial brake usage.

## STAT PACK

**The Drivers’ Champion** in each Formula 3 season has won at least one race at the opening round of the year.

**Gabriele Minì and Oliver Goethe** are the only drivers on the current grid that have won a race in Formula 3.

**Minì and Goethe alongside Leonardo Farnaroli** are the three drivers to have claimed pole position in the Championship.

**Goethe and Dino Beganovic** scored their maiden podium finishes in F3 at round one last year in Bahrain.

**Beganovic is the highest placed finisher** to return from the 2023 campaign, the PREMA Racing driver scored four podiums in total last year on his way to finishing sixth.

**This year’s field is made up of 18 different nationalities**, with Matías Zagazeta the first Peruvian driver, while Thailand is represented for the first time by Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak.

**Sophia Flörsch is the most experienced member** of the grid with 34 race starts to her name.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

### MOST F3 WINS

### 43 DRIVERS

Frederik Vesti	4	Victor Martins 🏆 <sup>2022</sup>	3	Gabriel Bortoleto 🏆 <sup>2023</sup>	2	Matteo Nannini	1
Dennis Hauger 🏆 <sup>2021</sup>	4	Arthur Leclerc	3	Gabriele Minì	2	Lorenzo Colombo	1
Jack Doohan	4	Isack Hadjar	3	Leonardo Pulcini	1	Roman Staněk	1
Zak O’Sullivan	4	Alexander Smolyar	3	Christian Lundgaard	1	David Vidales	1
Franco Colapinto	4	Zane Maloney	3	Pedro Piquet	1	Jak Crawford	1
Robert Shwartzman 🏆 <sup>2019</sup>	3	Josep María Martí	3	Yuki Tsunoda	1	Oliver Bearman	1
Marcus Armstrong	3	Caio Collet	3	Bent Viscaal	1	Paul Aron	1
Jüri Vips	3	Jehan Daruvala	2	Lirim Zendeli	1	Oliver Goethe	1
Jake Hughes	3	Théo Pourchaire	2	Olli Caldwell	1	Taylor Barnard	1
Liam Lawson	3	David Beckmann	2	David Schumacher	1	Jonny Edgar	1
Logan Sargeant	3	Oscar Piastrì 🏆 <sup>2020</sup>	2	Ayumu Iwasa	1		

# 2024 ENTRY LIST

ON-BOARD CAMERAS

Team	Driver	Age	Category
PREMA Racing	Dino BEGANOVIC	20 y/o	BEG
	Gabriele MINI	18 y/o	MIN
	Arvid LINDBLAD	16 y/o	LIN
Trident	Leonardo FORNAROLI	19 y/o	FOR
	Sami MEGUETOUNIF	19 y/o	MEG
	Santiago RAMOS	20 y/o	RAM
MP Motorsport	Tim TRAMNITZ	19 y/o	TRA
	Kacper SZTUKA	19 y/o	SZT
	Alexander DUNNE	18 y/o	DUN
Campos Racing	Oliver GOETHE	19 y/o	GOE
	Sebastián MONTOYA	18 y/o	MON
	Mari BOYA	19 y/o	BOY
Hitech Pulse-Eight	Luke BROWNING	22 y/o	BRO
	Martinius STENSHORNE	18 y/o	STE
	Cian SHIELDS	21 y/o	SHI
Jenzer Motorsport	Charlie WURZ	18 y/o	WUR
	Maxwell ESTERSON	21 y/o	EST
	Matias ZAGAZETA	20 y/o	ZAG
Van Amersfoort Racing	Noel LEÓN	22 y/o	LEO
	Sophia FLÖRSCH	23 y/o	FLO
	Tommy SMITH	21 y/o	SMI
ART Grand Prix	Christian MANSELL	19 y/o	MAN
	Laurens VAN HOEPEN	18 y/o	HOE
	Nikola TSOLOV	17 y/o	TSO
PHM AIX Racing	Tasnanpol INTHRAPHUVASAK	18 y/o	INT
	Nikita BEDRIN	18 y/o	BED
	Joshua DUFEK	19 y/o	DUF
Rodin Motorsport	Callum VOISIN	17 y/o	VOI
	Piotr WIŚNICKI	20 y/o	WIS
	Joseph LOAKE	18 y/o	LOA

# 2024 STANDINGS

## DRIVER STANDINGS

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## TEAM STANDINGS

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## MEDIA PLATFORM

The FIA Formula 3 Media Kit and stats sheet are now available via our media platform, along with a selection of driver interviews.

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# SEASON RECAP

POLE POSITION

SPRINT RACE WINNER

FASTEST LAP  
⊖ FL BONUS POINTS

FEATURE RACE WINNER

FASTEST LAP  
⊖ FL BONUS POINTS

1	29 Feb.-02 March	<b>Sakhir</b> BAHRAIN Bahrain International Circuit		.	.	.	.	.
2	22-24 March	<b>Melbourne</b> AUSTRALIA Albert Park Circuit		.	.	.	.	.
3	17-19 May	<b>Imola</b> ITALY Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari		.	.	.	.	.
4	23-26 May	<b>Monte Carlo</b> MONACO Circuit de Monaco		.	.	.	.	.
5	21-23 June	<b>Barcelona</b> SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya		.	.	.	.	.
6	28-30 June	<b>Spielberg</b> AUSTRIA Red Bull Ring		.	.	.	.	.
7	05-07 July	<b>Silverstone</b> GREAT BRITAIN Silverstone Circuit		.	.	.	.	.
8	19-21 July	<b>Budapest</b> HUNGARY Hungaroring		.	.	.	.	.
9	26-28 July	<b>Spa-Francorchamps</b> BELGIUM Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps		.	.	.	.	.
10	30 Aug.-01 Sep.	<b>Monza</b> ITALY Autodromo Nazionale Monza		.	.	.	.	.