

ROUND 1 **SAKHIR** BAHRAIN



ALL TIMES LOCAL GMT +3

FRIDAY
03 MARCH

10:55
Free Practice
45 min.

16:00
Qualifying Session
30 min.

17:15
Press Conference

SATURDAY
04 MARCH

12:15
Sprint Race

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

Grid set by reversing Top 12 of Qualifying Results

13:20
Press Conference

SUNDAY
05 MARCH

11:50
Feature Race

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

Grid set by Qualifying Results

WHAT'S UP

The grid has seen a big shake-up ahead of the 2023 FIA Formula 3 campaign, with 17 rookies preparing to line up alongside 13 returning drivers. Of the dozen drivers who competed in the 2022 season, just three, Grégoire Saucy, Rafael Villagómez, and Josep María Martí remain with the same team for this year.

Every team on the grid has recruited at least one rookie this season, but two Hitech Pulse-Eight and Jenzer Motorsport, have opted for three first-year drivers. Elsewhere on the grid, reigning Teams' Champions PREMA Racing, Trident,

Campos Racing, and PHM Racing by Charouz have all opted to pair two rookies with one more experienced driver.

The first round in Bahrain marks a significant moment in the history of the Championship, with Formula 3 set to use Advanced sustainable fuels for the first time in a race weekend. F3 is pioneering the use of 55% sustainable fuels in partnership with Formula 1 Global Partner Aramco. Over the next four seasons, Formula 3 will gradually increase the sustainable elements in the fuels, before reaching 100% in 2027.

FROM THE GRID

Franco COLAPINTO
MP Motorsport

"I enjoyed racing in Bahrain a lot last year, it was my first race in F3 and it went well. I got pole position in the first race, and it was an important start to the season. I think it surprised quite a lot of people, which was nice and gave us a big push for the rest of the season.

"Bahrain is a track that I like a lot, and I had quite a bit of success here last year. I was quite quick straight away even though it was my first time jumping in the car so I'm feeling quite confident for this year.

"Last year the track changed quite a lot from Free Practice to Qualifying,

I think my pole position result was about how I was able to adapt to that change and how much quicker and grippy it was getting. The conditions played in my favour a bit, and the car was good too.

"Like I said, I like the track a lot. It has a bit of high-speed, not too much, and then slow corners with a lot of traction and good breaking zones which is great for overtaking. I think racing here is one the best weekends of the year, along with Monza. It's also good to watch from a fan's point of view.

"Overtaking here is amazing, it has three DRS



zones and it's important to stay in those zones and never miss out on the DRS trains. It is very difficult to pull away here, and we saw in the race last year that I pushed a lot, but Victor (Martins) was always in my DRS, so I burned the tyres too early. It's all part of the learning process and now I have that experience for this season."

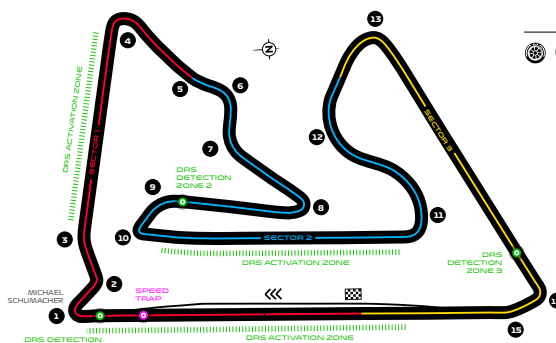
TRACK DATAS Bahrain International Circuit

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

2022 POLE POSITION
1:46.249 (183.373 KM/H)
Franco Colapinto (Van Amersfoort Racing)

MAXIMUM SPEED SPEED TRAP
281.8 KM/H
Oliver Bearman (PREMA Racing) in 2022



COMPOUND ALLOCATION



TYRE TALK

Mario ISOLA

Pirelli Motorsport Director

"The Formula 3 season begins in Bahrain with the P Zero White hard as the sole nominated tyre, just as it was for the championship's first visit to Sakhir one year ago. This is the actually the only F3 compound that is the same as 2022, and it's the ideal choice to handle the circuit's abrasive nature in a championship where races are usually run without pitstops. Still, with all of the F3 sessions taking place during the day and therefore with high ambient and track temperatures, the drivers will still need to take care to manage their tyres. This applies particularly to the rear tyres, which are worked hardest by the demands of the Sakhir circuit, and which since 2022 have been designed to degrade quicker to shift the balance towards understeer and make the cars more challenging to drive."

DID YOU KNOW?

PHM RACING

For the second successive year, a new team makes their debut in Formula 3. German outfit PHM Racing by Charouz will take to the stage in the third tier for the first time this weekend.

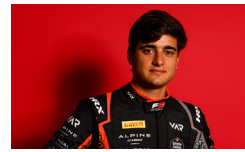
The team has previously competed Formula 4 Championship in the United Arab Emirates and the German ADAC F4, and founder Paul H. Müller believes joining Formula 3 and Formula 2 is the next step in PHM's evolution "as a comprehensive development program for young driver talents."

In Formula 3 the team is opting for a blend of experience and young talent fielding Alpine Academy member Sophia Flörsch, alongside rookies Roberto Faria and Piotr Wisnicki.

STAT PACK

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Two drivers have already claimed a win in Formula 3, Franco Colapinto and Caio Collet have both stood on the top step of the podium twice.



Collet is the highest-finishing driver to return from the 2022 campaign, the MP Motorsport driver is also one of the most experienced drivers on the grid with 181 career points.

15

Colapinto and Collet are also among the list of four podium finishers on this year's grid, along with Zak O'Sullivan and Grégoire Saucy. The quartet have a collective 15 rostrum finishes.

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Three drivers have previously claimed pole in the third tier, Colapinto, Collet and O'Sullivan.

18

The average age of the 2023 grid is 18 years old, but Campos Racing has the youngest line-up of the 10 teams, with an average age of just 17.

38

Three drivers are tied for the most race starts in this year's line-up. Collet, Rafael Villagomez and Ido Cohen all have 38 starts to their names.

17

17 nationalities are represented on this year's Formula 3 grid, with four new nationalities, Swedish, Colombian, Polish and Bulgarian, taking the total number of nationalities represented in the modern era of F3 to 35.

PREVIOUS WINNERS



MOST F3 WINS

- Frederik Vesti 4
- Dennis Hauger 🏆²⁰²¹ 4
- Jack Doohan 4
- Robert Shwartzman 🏆²⁰¹⁹ 3
- Marcus Armstrong 3
- Jüri Vips 3
- Jake Hughes 3
- Liam Lawson 3
- Logan Sargeant 3
- Victor Martins 🏆²⁰²² 3
- Arthur Leclerc 3
- Isack Hadjar 3

35 DRIVERS

- Alexander Smolyar 3
- Zane Maloney 3
- Jehan Daruvala 2
- Théo Pourchaire 2
- David Beckmann 2
- Oscar Piastri 🏆²⁰²⁰ 2
- Caio Collet 2
- Franco Colapinto 2
- Leonardo Pulcini 1
- Christian Lundgaard 1
- Pedro Piquet 1
- Yuki Tsunoda 1
- Bent Viscaal 1
- Lirim Zendeli 1
- Olli Caldwell 1
- David Schumacher 1
- Ayumu Iwasa 1
- Matteo Nannini 1
- Lorenzo Colombo 1
- Roman Staněk 1
- David Vidales 1
- Jak Crawford 1
- Oliver Bearman 1

2023 ENTRY LIST

ON-BOARD
CAMERAS

Team	Driver	Age	Category	Car
PREMA Racing	1 Paul ARON	19 y/o	ROOKIE	ARO
	2 Dino BEGANOVIC	19 y/o	ROOKIE	BEG
	3 Zak O'SULLIVAN	18 y/o		OSU
Trident	4 Leonardo FORNAROLI	18 y/o	ROOKIE	FOR
	5 Gabriel BORTOLETO	18 y/o	ROOKIE	BOR
	6 Oliver GOETHE	18 y/o		GOE
ART Grand Prix	7 Kaylen FREDERICK	20 y/o		FRE
	8 Grégoire SAUCY	23 y/o		SAU
	9 Nikola TSOLOV	16 y/o	ROOKIE	TSO
MP Motorsport	10 Franco COLAPINTO	19 y/o		FCO
	11 Mari BOYA	18 y/o	ROOKIE	BOY
	12 Jonny EDGAR	19 y/o		EDG
Hitech Pulse-Eight	14 Sebastián MONTOYA	17 y/o	ROOKIE	MON
	15 Gabriele MINI	17 y/o	ROOKIE	MIN
	16 Luke BROWNING	21 y/o	ROOKIE	BRO
Van Amersfoort Racing	17 Caio COLLET	20 y/o		CCO
	18 Rafael VILLAGÓMEZ	21 y/o		VIL
	19 Tommy SMITH	20 y/o	ROOKIE	SMI
Rodin Carlin	20 Oliver GRAY	18 y/o	ROOKIE	GRA
	21 Hunter YEANY	17 y/o		YEA
	22 Ido COHEN	21 y/o		COH
Campos Racing	23 Josep María MARTÍ	17 y/o		MAR
	24 Christian MANSELL	18 y/o		MAN
	25 Hugh BARTER	17 y/o	ROOKIE	HBA
Jenzer Motorsport	26 Nikita BEDRIN	17 y/o	ROOKIE	BED
	27 Taylor BARNARD	18 y/o	ROOKIE	TBA
	28 Alejandro GARCÍA	19 y/o	ROOKIE	GAR
PHM Racing by Charouz	29 Sophia FLÖRSCH	22 y/o		FLO
	30 Roberto FARIA	19 y/o	ROOKIE	FAR
	31 Piotr WIŚNICKI	19 y/o	ROOKIE	WIS

2023 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

Round	Date	Location	Circuit	Pole Position	Sprint Race Winner	Fastest Lap	Feature Race Winner	Fastest Lap
1	03-05 March	Sakhir	BAHRAIN Bahrain International Circuit					
2	31 March-02 April	Melbourne	AUSTRALIA Melbourne Grand Prix Circuit	NEW VENUE				
3	19-21 May	Imola	ITALY Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari					
4	25-28 May	Monte Carlo	MONACO Circuit de Monaco	NEW VENUE				
5	02-04 June	Barcelona	SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya					
6	30 June-02 July	Spielberg	AUSTRIA Red Bull Ring					
7	07-09 July	Silverstone	GREAT BRITAIN Silverstone Circuit					
8	21-23 July	Budapest	HUNGARY Hungaroring					
9	28-30 July	Spa-Francorchamps	BELGIUM Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps					
10	01-03 September	Monza	ITALY Autodromo Nazionale Monza					