

FORMULA REGIONAL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP BY ALPINE HEADS TO BARCELONA FOR PENULTIMATE SHOWDOWN OF 2024

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The Circuit de **Barcelona-Catalunya**, a staple on the Formula 1 calendar, plays host to the penultimate round of the 2024 **Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine**. As the ninth of ten double-header events, the 4.675 km track will witness another fierce battle in one of Europe's most competitive single-seater series.

At the forefront of the championship fight, **Rafael Camara (Prema Racing)** leads with 239 points, while **Tuukka Taponen (R-ace GP)** trails with 178 points. Both drivers, members of the Ferrari Driver Academy, are seeking redemption after a point-less weekend at the Red Bull Ring, adding to the intensity of this crucial Spanish round.





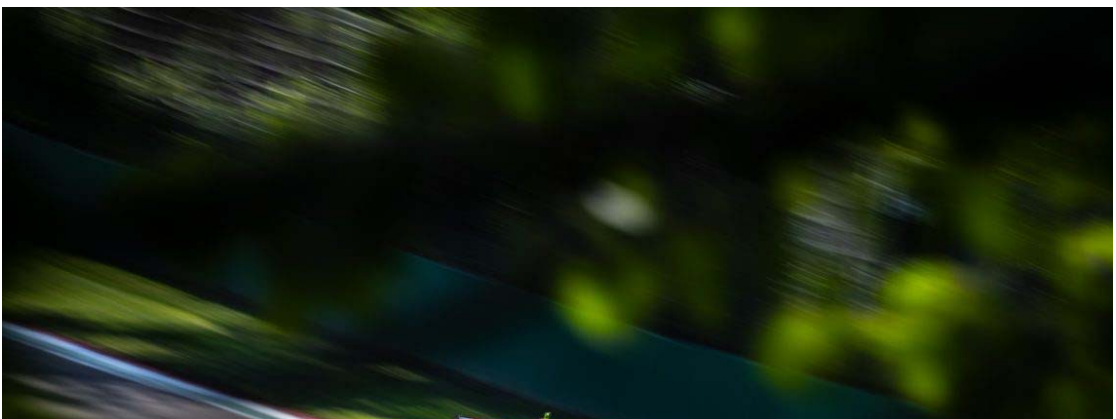
Spielberg (AUT), SEP 12 – 15 2024 – Round 8 of Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine 2024 at Red Bull Ring. Rafael CAMARA #05, Prema Racing. © 2024 Dutch Photo Agency.

Chasing the two FDA stars are **Brando Badoer (Van Amersfoort Racing)** and **James Wharton (Prema Racing)**, sitting third and fourth in the standings, respectively. Badoer secured a third-place finish in Austria, while Wharton made significant progress by winning Race 1 and clinching fifth in Race 2. With just six points separating them, the battle for the final spot on the championship podium is heating up. **Alessandro Giusti (ART Grand Prix)**, a member of the Williams Academy, is also a driver to watch after a strong second half of the season. With two victories and a podium, Giusti sits fifth, just a single point behind Wharton.



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The rookie classification remains tight as **RPM's Noah Strømsted** leads the way, followed closely by **Evan Giltaire (ART Grand Prix)**. The fight for rookie honors is further bolstered by the presence of VAR drivers **Pedro Clerot** and **Ivan Domingues**, as well as Red Bull Junior Team's youngest competitor on the grid, **Enzo Deligny (R-ace GP)**, who completes the top ten in the overall standings.





Imola (ITA), SEP 6-8 2024 – Round 7 of the Formula Regional Europea Championship by Alpine at Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari. Noah STROMSTED #57, RPM. © 2024 Dutch Photo Agency.

Adding to the excitement, **KIC Motorsport** welcomes back **Hoang Dat Sawyer**, alongside **Enzo Scionti**, while American **Jett Bowling** makes his European racing debut with **G4 Racing**, promising fresh faces to the grid.

Action begins on Friday with two 50-minute Collective Test sessions at 9:48 and 15:15. Saturday's schedule kicks off with Qualifying 1 at 10:20, followed by Race 1 at 15:05. On Sunday, Qualifying 2 will take place at 10:10, leading into Race 2 at 16:20. Fans can catch all the sessions live on the championship's official [YouTube](#) channel.