

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Beganovic takes first pole of 2024 season for PREMA Racing

Dino Beganovic claimed pole position for PREMA Racing, setting a 1:46.431 to take the first P1 of the season. The Swede left it until the final moments to leap up the times, pipping Hitech Pulse-Eight's Luke Browning and teammate Gabriele Minì, who wound up second and third. After several warm-up laps, Max Esterson hit the front for Jenzer Motorsport, setting a 1:47.573 to lead early on, 0.047s ahead of Trident's Leonardo Fornaroli.

Sami Meguetounif followed in P3 as everyone returned to the pitlane halfway through the session.

The action resumed once again as the field returned to the track with 17 minutes to go. Mari Boya was next to go quickest overall, setting a 1:47.307 though that was quickly beaten. Fornaroli returned to the top of the timing screens on a 1:47.141. Beganovic went close for PREMA, moving himself up to second 0.060s down on the Italian's effort.

Meguetounif again leapt up the order to third, with Gabriele Minì getting his first time on the board to go fourth ahead of Boya.

Once again, the field boxed for the final time and were back out for the final flying laps with six minutes remaining.

With less than a minute to go, green and purple sectors began to fly and Christian Mansell put ART Grand Prix to the top with a 1:46.843 for the rest to beat.

Beganovic managed to edge out Browning for provisional pole with Minì ending up third-quickest behind his PREMA Racing teammate and the Briton.

Meguetounif wound up fourth in the end as the highest-placed Trident driver, ahead of teammates Santiago Ramos and Fornaroli.

Tim Tramnitz was seventh-fastest for MP Motorsport ahead of Mansell, Arvid Lindblad and Esterson.

Nikola Tsolov followed in P11 and rounding out the top 12 to earn reverse grid pole for the Sprint Race was Laurens van Hoepen.

The first race of the 2024 season is set for Friday, with the Sprint Race scheduled for 13:15 local time in Sakhir.

## 2024 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 1 QUALIFYING PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Dino Beganovic	SWE	PREMA Racing	1:46.431
2	Luke Browning	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:46.598
3	Gabriele Mini	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:46.601
4	Sami Meguetounif	FRA	Trident	1:46.795
5	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Trident	1:46.798
6	Leonardo Fornaroli	ITA	Trident	1:46.805
7	Tim Tramnitz	DEU	MP Motorsport	1:46.828
8	Christian Mansell	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:46.843
9	Arvid Lindblad	GBR	PREMA Racing	1:46.873
10	Max Esterson	USA	Jenzer Motorsport	1:46.934
11	Nikola Tsolov	BGR	ART Grand Prix	1:46.941
12	Laurens van Hoepen	NLD	ART Grand Prix	1:46.962
13	Noel Leon	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:47.031
14	Alexander Dunne	IRL	MP Motorsport	1:47.133
15	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:47.170
16	Charlie Wurz	AUT	Jenzer Motorsport	1:47.191
17	Oliver Goethe	DEU	Campos Racing	1:47.198
18	Nikita Bedrin	ITA	PHM AIX Racing	1:47.209
19	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:47.216
20	Matias Zagazeta	PER	Jenzer Motorsport	1:47.217
21	Joseph Loake	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:47.219
22	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:47.471
23	Tasanapol Intraphuvasak	THA	PHM AIX Racing	1:47.735
24	Kacper Sztuka	POL	MP Motorsport	1:47.745
25	Sophia Floersch	DEU	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:47.812
26	Joshua Dufek	AUT	PHM AIX Racing	1:47.878
27	Tommy Smith	AUS	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:47.929
28	Piotr Wisnicki	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:47.971
29	Sebastian Montoya	COL	Campos Racing	1:48.358
30	Cian Shields	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:48.565