

Thursday 27 June 2025

Tsolov leads Câmara in Red Flag-filled Spielberg session

Campos Racing's Nikola Tsolov set the fastest time of Friday morning's Spielberg Free Practice, leading the way ahead of TRIDENT's Rafael Câmara and Noah Stromsted.

The Bulgarian's 1:22.018 proved to be the lap to beat, leading his Championship rival by 0.158s, as Stromsted rounded out the top three, over four-tenths behind.

The session started with most of the grid biding their time in the pitlane, although DAMS Lucas Oil debutant Nikita Johnson was getting up to speed, setting an early time of 1:25.165.

However, with just over 10 minutes gone in the session, Stromsted made his way onto the track and completed a 1:24.311.

As the Danish rookie finished his first flying attempt, the majority of the grid made their way on to the circuit.

PREMA Racing's Noel León then went to P2 on 1:24.001. However, there was bad news for his teammate Brando Badoer, who wound up in the gravel at Turn 8, bringing out the Red Flags.

Action resumed with just over 18 minutes left in the session, but a Red Flag was soon signalled with Hitech TGR's Gerrard Xie having stopped on track at Turn 3.

10 minutes remained on the clock when the green flags were waved, and there were plenty of changes on the timing screens as Tsolov's 1:22.018 put him on top.

The Campos driver was 1.098s clear of Taponen in second when the Red Flags were back out, with AIX Racing's Brad Benavides having found the gravel at Turn 4.

Three minutes were left on the clock when green flag running resumed and the drivers were able to improve as Câmara went to P2, with Stromsted, 0.483s off Tsolov, in P3.

Taponen wound up fourth ahead of Campos' Mari Boya in fifth, as Ugo Ugochukwu ended up in P6 for PREMA. James Wharton followed in P7, just ahead of Tسانapol Inthraphuvasak in P8.

Laurens van Hoepen made it three ART cars in the top 10 with P9, while home favourite Charlie Wurz did the same for TRIDENT, ending up in 10th.

The drivers will be back out on track in Spielberg later today for Qualifying at 15:00 local time.

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	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME	LAPS
1	Nikola Tsolov	BUL	Campos Racing	1:22.015	10
2	Rafael Camara	BRA	TRIDENT	1:22.173	11
3	Noah Stromsted	DEN	TRIDENT	1:22.498	15
4	Tuukka Taponen	FIN	ART Grand Prix	1:22.525	11
5	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:22.581	8
6	Ugo Ugochukwu	USA	PREMA Racing	1:22.671	11
7	James Wharton	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:22.751	11
8	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	Campos Racing	1:22.787	8
9	Laurens van Hoepen	NED	ART Grand Prix	1:22.937	11
10	Charlie Wurz	AUT	TRIDENT	1:22.954	11
11	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:23.031	9
12	Matias Zagazeta	PER	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:23.191	10
13	Roman Bilinski	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:23.193	9
14	James Hedley	GBR	AIX Racing	1:23.470	10
15	Louis Sharp	NZL	Rodin Motorsport	1:23.532	9
16	Theophile Nael	FRA	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:23.819	9
17	Noel Leon	MEX	PREMA Racing	1:24.001	6
18	Nicola Marinangeli	ITA	AIX Racing	1:24.005	11
19	Nikita Johnson	USA	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:24.717	13
20	Tim Tramnitz	GER	MP Motorsport	1:24.785	9
21	Christian Ho	SGP	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:26.653	9
22	Alessandro Giusti	FRA	MP Motorsport	1:36.123	8
23	Bruno Del Pino	ESP	MP Motorsport	1:37.434	8
24	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech TGR	1:38.721	6
25	Jesse Carrasquedo	MEX	Hitech TGR	1:39.997	8
26	Ivan Domingues	POR	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:40.646	8
27	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:42.151	8
28	Brad Benavides	USA	AIX Racing	1:42.244	6
29	Brando Badoer	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:42.670	5
30	Gerrard Xie	CHN	Hitech TGR		3

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