



BIC revs up for adrenaline-filled weekend of racing



Batelco Fitness on Track, Open Track Night, and Bahrain Rotax karting's season-finale

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", is all set for a stacked weekend of exciting events, including a pair of engaging fan experiences and one of the Kingdom's leading racing championships.



Taking place on Friday, 1 May, will be the latest edition of Batelco Fitness on Track. Then, on Saturday, 2 May, Open Track Night will be raising the thrill levels along with the eighth and final round of the 2025/2026 Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge (BRMC) – the Kingdom's premier karting championship.

Friday's Batelco Fitness on Track is scheduled for 6am to 10am, making for a bright and early start to the weekend.

This unique physical activity can be done either on foot or on a bicycle – and either individually or with a group of family and

friends – within the safe and controlled setting of a world-class Formula 1 venue.

Runners and walkers will be utilising BIC's 2.55-kilometre Inner Circuit while cyclists will enjoy their ride along the 3.543-kilometre Outer Circuit, with a separate dedicated area available for children.

The cost to participate is BD1 for runners and BD2 for cyclists. Registration and payment can be done in advance via the circuit's official website bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000. Children under the age of 12 can join free of charge if accompanied by a paying adult.

Open Track Night will then bring the intensity up a notch from 6pm to 10pm on Saturday evening.

Those taking part can satisfy their need for speed in their very own cars or motorbikes along BIC's Inner Circuit, all within a controlled environment that promotes responsible driving.

Cars will be first out on the tarmac, with an Open Pit Lane scheduled from 6pm to 7.30pm.

That will be followed by a single session from 7.30pm to 8pm, and then a members' session from 8pm to 8.30pm. The bikes will follow with their Open Pit Lane from 8.30pm to 10pm. A members' session will then take place from 10pm to 10.30pm.

Participation fees are BD71,500 for the half night and BD33 per session when booked in advance. On-the-day bookings are priced at BD82,500 for the half night and BD44 per session. Instructor sessions are also available, and additional drivers or passengers may take part for an extra fee.

Also on Saturday, Bahrain's best karters

will be wrapping up yet another action-packed campaign with the BRMC's much-anticipated finale.

The meeting will be held under lights from 3.30pm to 9.30pm at BIC's world-class grassroots motorsport facility, Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC), where competitors will go wheel-to-wheel in their very own Rotax-powered machinery.

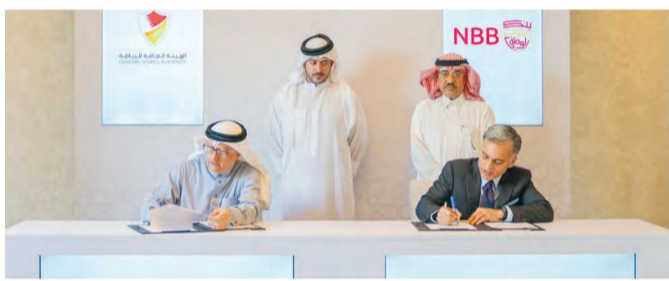
They will be battling it out along BIKC's 1.414-kilometre CIK-FIA track for crucial championship points across the BRMC's five categories, including Micro MAX, Mini MAX, Junior MAX, Senior MAX, and DD2 MAX.

All fans are welcome to attend and cheer for the talented racers. Entrance to BIKC is free of charge.

For more information on all that is happening this weekend at BIC and beyond, visit bahraingp.com, call the BIC Hotline, or follow the circuit's official social media channels.



Bahrain signs Khalifa Sports City deal



The deal signing

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His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Authority for Sports, and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, witnessed the signing of a naming rights sponsorship agreement for Khalifa Sports City between the General Sports Authority and National Bank of Bahrain, in a move aimed at enhancing

the kingdom's sports infrastructure.

The agreement was signed by General Sports Authority chief executive Abdulrahman Askar and Usman Ahmed, Group Chief Executive Officer of the National Bank of Bahrain, in the presence of senior officials.

HH Shaikh Khalid said the deal reflects growing cooperation between the sports sector and private institutions, adding that naming rights sponsorships play a key role in improving the sustainability and

development of sports facilities in line with international standards.

He praised the partnership with the National Bank of Bahrain, noting that it supports the advancement of sports venues and strengthens Bahrain's position as a destination for regional and international events.

The initiative is part of broader efforts to develop Khalifa Sports City as a major hub for sporting activities, while opening new opportunities for investment and improving facility management across the sector.

Gill, Buttler guide Gujarat to comfortable win over Bengaluru

AFP | Ahmedabad, India

Sparkling cameos by skipper Shubman Gill and Jos Buttler complemented a stellar display with the ball and in the field, carrying Gujarat Titans to a four-wicket victory over defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru yesterday.

All seven previous matches in the IPL between the sides had been won by the chasing team and Gill therefore had little hesitation in asking Bengaluru to bat first at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

Virat Kohli smashed Kagiso Rabada for five fours in the second over of the match before succumbing to the same bowler not long thereafter as Bengaluru went from 79 for two to 155 all out.

Devdutt Padikkal top-scored with a fluent 40, while left-arm pacer Arshad Khan (3/22), Gujarat's most successful bowler, received excellent support from Afghan Rashid Khan.



Gujarat Titans' captain Indian cricket player Shubman Gill (C) is congratulated by Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Indian cricket player Virat Kohli (R) after his team's win

West Indian Jason Holder had headlined a flawless first half for Gujarat with three catches to go with the wickets of Jitesh Sharma and Romario Shepherd, triggering a middle-order collapse which compelled Bengaluru to summon Venkatesh Iyer as the impact

substitute. "It was one of those nights (when the ball kept following me)," player-of-the-match Holder said.

"The energy was quite high. I am just happy to hold on to the chances and happy to help the team win."

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