

# F1 Bahrain Grand Prix 2025 preparations reviewed as BIC hosts annual coordination meeting



Ageneral view during the meeting

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), ‘The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East’, hosted its annual coordination meeting today with various ministries and government agencies ahead of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2025.

The gathering, held at Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay, reviewed the Kingdom’s preparations for the mega sporting and entertainment spectacle, scheduled to take place 11 to 13 April as the fourth round of this year’s FIA Formula 1 World Championship.

BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa chaired the meeting, which was also attended by BIC COO Fayeze Ramzy Fayeze, BIC CCO Sherif Al Mahdy, BIC Administration Director Abdulrahman Qarata, BIC Corporate Services Director Beshara Abdu Beshara, and other members of the circuit’s top management.

Shaikh Salman spoke of BIC’s

keenness to work closely with government institutions to ensure the successful organisation of the largest and most-anticipated event in the region, which attracts record crowds each year from all over the world.

Shaikh Salman discussed all the latest arrangements and the necessary coordinated efforts for the Formula 1 weekend, and thanked the officials rep-



BIC Corporate Services Director Beshara Abdu Beshara during a presentation



BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa s during the meeting

resenting Bahrain’s ministries and government offices for their continuous support.

Beshara then gave a presentation on the Formula 1 weekend, detailing its most prominent activities, the organisational plan for hosting, and the procedures for receiving the participating stakeholders, officials, teams, and fans coming into Bahrain from abroad.

Beshara further explained the requirements and procedures for the efficient and orderly commute of fans to and from BIC during the race weekend. These included new plans to ensure the smooth flow of traffic, increasing the number of parking spaces to accommodate the expected rise in fan turnout, and the establishment of temporary pedestrian bridges designated for the ease and safety of fans’ movement between the parking lots and the gates.

The Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2025 is set to be another incredible occasion for the Kingdom, and race-goers can expect plenty of excitement both on and off the track.

Prior to the grand prix, Bahrain is also set to host three days of Formula 1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2025 from February 26 to 28, with the last two days open to fans. It will be the first time that all teams will have their new challengers on track together prior to the start of the new season.

## Bahrain Motor Federation appoints committee representatives

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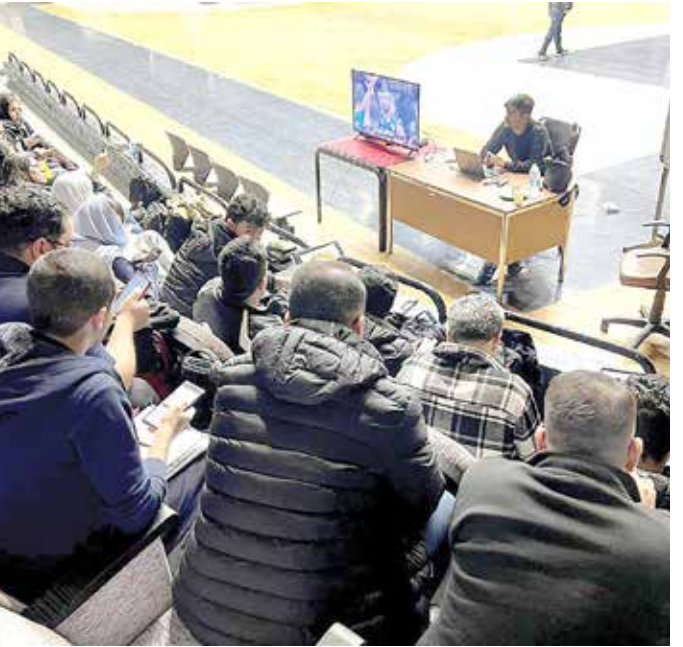
The Bahrain Motor Federation has announced the appointment of new representatives to its board for the 2024-2028 term, as part of its efforts to enhance motorsport development in the kingdom.

The appointments, confirmed by Sheikh Abdullah bin Isa Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Motor Federation and Vice President of the International Automobile Federation (FIA) for the Middle East and North Africa, include Abdulrahman Ghuloom for Autocross and Drift Racing, Isa Ismail Al Awadhi for Motorcycle Racing, and Mazen Mohammed Al Helli



HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Isa Al Khalifa

for Circuit Racing. Other appointments include Jihad Abdulhamid Darwish for Karting, Badr Ali for Drag Racing, and Abdulmajid Abdullah Nader for the Motorsport Organizers Club.



Bahraini statistics lecturer Mahmood Ahmed Hamza recently conducted a specialized workshop for basketball statisticians in Tehran, Iran, after being nominated by FIBA Asia. The two-day workshop, held on January 28-29, drew over 35 statisticians from across Iran, marking Hamza’s second time leading such a program under FIBA’s banner. He had previously conducted a similar workshop in Pakistan in October 2024

# BRMC enters penultimate round

Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge nears finale with intense battles in all categories at BIC

## Seventh round of BRMC this Friday

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) is set for another action-packed weekend at its world-class grassroots racing facility, with the seventh and penultimate round of the 2024/2025 Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge (BRMC) taking place Friday in Sakhir.

Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) will be the setting for plenty of wheel-to-wheel battles between the Kingdom’s top karting talents of various ages and nationalities.

The excitement in the series is set to reach fever pitch with only two meetings remaining this campaign. The chequered flag is set to come down on the thrilling title races in the BRMC’s various categories, including the Micro MAX, Mini MAX, Junior MAX, Senior MAX, DD2 MAX, and



Action from a previous round

DD2 MAX Masters.

Action on Friday is scheduled to begin from 9am and con-

tinue until 6pm along BIKC’s 1.414-kilometre CIK-FIA track. All are welcome to attend and

cheer for the karters. Entrance to BIKC is free of charge.

The BRMC is organised by



**Tariq Soofi, leading the Micro MAX category with 203 points, remains unbeaten this season, dominating every round so far**

BIC, BIKC, the Bahrain Motor Federation, the Bahrain Karting Commission, and the Motorsport Marshals Club. This season’s champions will not only enjoy that tag, but also have the incredible opportunity to fly the Kingdom’s flag in the annual Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals – one of the most prestigious annual karting events in the world.

Tariq Soofi is in first place in the Micro MAX standings with 203 points, while Abdulaziz Al-

sarraf follows in second on 157 points and Rashid Almahroos is third on 136. Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqer Al Khalifa leads the Mini MAX class with 182 points, while Jude Andrews trails with 159 points and Rayyan Najjar is third on 134.

Nasser Nass tops the Junior MAX category with 210 points, while Demiar Abali is a distant second with 139 points and Khaled Najjar third on 129. Tye Mejia leads the Senior MAX title race with 177 points, with Mohammed Alhasan on 138 and Vedant Menon on 133 behind him.

Abdulla Sajjad is first in the DD2 MAX standings with 192 points, while Oliver Kruglov is second on 166 and Raoul Sadi third on 154. Mohammed Almahroos is the runaway leader amongst the DD2 MAX Masters competitors with 175 points, while Khalifa Delaim is far behind on 38 points and Roberto Giannotti third on nine.

Following Friday’s meeting, the BRMC’s championship finale will take place on 21 February.