



HEATED FINALS FOR THE FIRST ROTAX MAX CHALLENGE ON SOUTH AMERICAN SOIL

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Conde (PB), Brazil, December 2, 2018 – The 19th edition Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals champions were crowned today at the Circuit International Paladino in Conde, Brazil. The thrilling event came to an end after a week of intense and exciting racing around the 1,280- meter track, during which 360 drivers from 55 nations battled out to win this great honour.

This year was the time the event took place on South American soil. Boasting the world's greatest elevation change in karting, the Paladino circuit offered drivers both a technical and fast-flowing track. Although rain did appear occasionally throughout the week, constant temperatures around the 30-degree mark were welcomed albeit creating challenges for the drivers.

The location was a different one for the teams, drivers and BRP-Rotax. Organizing such an event where all chassis, engines and equipment are provided individually by the organizers to the competitors is a colossal task every year, however for this edition, presented the added task of transporting to Brazil 18 containers of over 102 tonnes in total and the 200-people strong team working on the event.

"What really makes this event different is the fact that every driver gets a fair chance to win thanks to the raffle system through which a randomly drawn chassis and engine package is provided to each entrant. This would not be possible without the close relationship between BRP-Rotax and our three long-term chassis partners BirelART, IPKarting (Praga) and Sodikart," declared Peter Oelsinger, Vice-president Rotax Propulsion Systems.

After the thrilling and extremely hard-won racing, BRP-Rotax crowned the 2018 champions:

Micro MAX: Brent Crews, United States of America

Mini MAX: Farin Megger, Germany

Junior MAX: Robert de Haan, The Netherlands

Senior MAX: Senna van Walstijn, The Netherlands

Masters DD2: Cristiano Morgado, South Africa

DD2: Besancenez Paolo, France

The Rotax THUNDeR was the e-kart presented in its category's races. It was also used this year in the German electric kart championship, the DEKM (Deutsche Elektro-Kart-Meisterschaft). Developed in cooperation between RIC TECH GmbH and S.M.R.E.'s subsidiary IET S.p.A., the Rotax THUNDeR powerpack features chassis specially designed by Sodi and based on the Sigma DD2.

The FIA-Americas 2018 E-Karting Cup team consisted of 14 drivers. The top four drivers then competed for the race taking place in the beginning of the week and in today's DEKM Rotax Grand Finals 2018. "The e-kart races having been integrated into the RMCGF schedule makes timing challenging for the Rotax team. Nevertheless, the RMCGF was the perfect opportunity to present to the karting world the Rotax THUNDeR - Rotax's and IET's newest technology," added Oelsinger.

E-Karting Cup FIA-Americas 2018 winner:
Sergio Roberto da Silveira Crispim

DEKM Rotax Grand Finals 2018 winner:
Sergio Roberto da Silveira Crispim, Brazil

"The Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals is not just about winning, it is also about the people and the unforgettable experience," declared Team Contest Winner 2018 Gaby van den Burgt, team The Netherlands. The Nations Cup was awarded to Brazil.

The location of the Rotax MAX Challenge for the coming year was announced at the Driver's Party. It will be the Circuito Internazionale Napoli in Sarno, Italy to host the 20th edition of the Grand Finals

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