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## THE DRIVERS AND RACES FOR THE TONY KART RACING TEAM 2019 SEASON

**We are ready to get back in action in the most competitive karting series (FIA Karting & WSK) for 2019 season, with sixteen drivers line-up among Mini, OKJ, OK and KZ categories.**

A season that as usual, is composed by WSK and FIA Karting competitions, which we will be represented by sixteen drivers. Some of them are newcomers in Tony Kart's family while others are popular faces for our team in this world.

In the shifting gears category, KZ, the team will be led again by the three-times world champion, **Marco Ardigò**. Two more Italians **Matteo Viganò** and **Alessio Piccini** will also race in KZ, together with experienced Finn driver **Simo Puhakka** who completes the team.

In the OK category, Colombian **Sebastian Montoya**, son of former Monaco and Indy 500 race winner, Juan Pablo Montoya, continues in the team but this time in a higher class. At his side, **Rasmus Joutsimies**, **Sami Meguetounif**, **Li Mingyang** and **Matheus Morgatto** complete the team.

In the OKJ category, we find Russian **Nikita Bedrin** and Spanish **Josep Maria Martí** who both continue for his second straight year in Junior class.

As for the youngest category, the drivers who will compete in Mini are French's **Jules Caranta** and **Jimmy Helias**, together with **Cui Yuanpu**, American **James Egozi** and **William MacIntyre** from United Kingdom.

This season like the previous years, Tony Kart and **Ferrari Driver Academy** will keep their partnership, with the aim to select new talents for a higher motorsport categories.

Regarding which chassis are the one that will race, in OKJ, OK and KZ/KZ2 categories there is no doubt that our drivers will have at their disposition the **Racer 401 R** chassis. Meanwhile in Mini class, the chassis available will be the **Rookie EV**. All of them, powered by Vortex.

### 2019 Drivers:

Marco Ardigò (ITA) – KZ Category

Matteo Viganò (ITA) – KZ Category

Simo Puhakka (FIN) – KZ Category

Alessio Piccini (ITA) – KZ Category

Sebastian Montoya (COL) – OK Category

Sami Meguetounif (FRA) – OK Category

Rasmus Joutsimies (FIN) – OK Category

Li Mingyang (CHN) – OK Category

Matheus Morgatto (BRA) – OK Category

Nikita Bedrin (RUS) – OKJ Category

Josep Maria Martí (SPA) – OKJ Category

Yuanpu Cui (CHN) – Mini Category

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Jimmy Elias (FRA) – Mini Category

Jules Caranta (FRA) – Mini Category

William MacIntyre (GBR) – Mini Category

James Egozi (USA) – Mini Category

#### **FIA Karting Race Calendar:**

##### **April 21, 2019 Angerville (FRA)**

FIA Karting European Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Round

FIA Karting European Junior Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Round

##### **May 5, 2019 Wackersdorf (DEU)**

FIA Karting European KZ Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Round

FIA Karting European KZ2 Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Round

FIA Karting Academy Trophy, 1<sup>st</sup> Round

##### **May 19, 2019 Genk (BEL)**

FIA Karting European Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

FIA Karting European Junior Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

##### **June 2, 2019 Kristianstad (SWE)**

FIA Karting European Championship, 3<sup>rd</sup> Round

FIA Karting European Junior Championship, 3<sup>rd</sup> Round

##### **June 16, 2019 Sarno (ITA)**

FIA Karting European KZ Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

FIA Karting European KZ2 Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

FIA Karting Academy Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

##### **July 21, 2019 Le Mans (FRA)**

FIA Karting European Championship, 4<sup>th</sup> Round

FIA Karting European Junior Championship, 4<sup>th</sup> Round

##### **September 8, 2019 Alahärmä (FIN)**

FIA Karting World Championship

FIA Karting World Junior Championship

##### **September 22, 2019 Lonato (ITA)**

FIA Karting World KZ Championship

FIA Karting International Super Cup for KZ2

FIA Karting Academy Trophy, 3<sup>rd</sup> round

#### **WSK Race Calendar:**

##### **WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES**

1<sup>st</sup> Rd – February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 (Italy) Adria (60 Mini – OKJ – OK)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Rd – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Italy) Lonato (60 Mini – OKJ – OK- KZ2)

3<sup>rd</sup> Rd – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Italy) La Conca (60 Mini – OKJ – OK)

4<sup>th</sup> Rd – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Italy) Sarno (60 Mini – OKJ – OK- KZ2)

**WSK EURO SERIES**

1<sup>st</sup> Rd – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (Italy) Sarno (60 Mini – OKJ – OK- KZ2)

2<sup>nd</sup> Rd – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Italy) Angerville (60 Mini – OKJ – OK)

3<sup>rd</sup> Rd – June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 (Italy) Lonato (60 Mini – OKJ – OK- KZ2)

4<sup>th</sup> Rd – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Italy) Adria (60 Mini – OKJ – OK)

**WSK OPEN CUP**

1<sup>st</sup> Rd – October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Italy) Lonato (60 Mini – OKJ – OK- KZ2)

2<sup>nd</sup> Rd – November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Italy) Castelletto (60 Mini – OKJ – OK)

**WSK FINAL CUP**

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Adria (Italy) (60 Mini – OKJ – OK – KZ2)

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