



Italian ACI Karting Championship

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Qualifying at the International Circuit La Conca named the early protagonists of the second round of the ACI Karting Championship

There some surprises since the beginning of the weekend at La Conca for the Italian Championship. Tani (KZ2 and Under 18), Lombardo (KZ2 Master), Blandino (OK-N), Kolovos (OK-NJ), Nario (MINI Gr.3), and Burgess (MINI Gr.3 U10) secured pole positions.



The competition immediately ignited among the protagonists of the second round of the ACI Karting Italian Championship at the La Conca International Circuit, marking the

opening of this highly anticipated weekend. On the 1,250-meter Apulian track, the event provided the first time-trial results during qualifying sessions, followed by the initial qualifying heats.

282 drivers verified, representing 44 nations.

The Italian Championship has achieved impressive numbers, not only during the season opener in Northern Italy at Lonato, which saw 353 drivers, but also in Southern Italy. In this second round at Muro Leccese, the participation was record-breaking, with 282 drivers verified out of the 292 registered across the five categories that have defined the Italian Championship for some years now. Even at La Conca, Italian drivers remained the majority compared to foreign participants; nevertheless, 44 different nations were represented, with drivers arriving from all five continents. This serves as further confirmation of how coveted racing on Italian tracks is—not just for the quality of the circuits and the organization, but also for the high-profile competitive challenges, which are essential for the development of younger drivers.



KZ2 – Tani leads the pack.

In KZ2, the Finn Kimi Tani (LA Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart/Vega) cleared the field with a pole position time of 46.783s, which was also the fastest time for the KZ2 Under 18 class in Group 2, edging out the surprising Massimiliano Pezzucchi (VZeta Racing – Birelart/TM Kart) by just 29 thousandths of a second. Ermanno Quintieri (Federico Racing – Maranello/TM Kart) also delivered a great performance, finishing 0.103 seconds behind, ahead of the winner of the previous round in Lonato, Samuele Leopardi (Vemmekart – EKS Kart/TM Kart), who was 0.132 seconds back. In Group 2, championship leader Elie Goldstein (TBKart Racing Team – TM Kart) placed sixth, 0.143 seconds off the pace, preceded by Marco Tormen (Tormen – Pantano/TM Kart) at 0.135 seconds.

In Group 1, the performance of Dutchman Sem Konpjes (CL Racing-Team Renda – Birelart/TM Kart) was surprising, as he set the best time in 46.860s. The time set by Under 18 driver Michael Ider (KCS Racing – Birelart/TM Kart) was also excellent, placing him second in Group 1, 87 thousandths behind. Alessio Scabini (King Racing Team – KR/lame) also performed well, finishing third at 0.217 seconds. He was followed by the top Master driver, Angelo Lombardo (Maranello Kart – Maranello/TM Kart), at 0.287 seconds, who finished ahead of his direct rival, Davide Forè (NGM Motorsport – IPK/TM Kart), at 0.305 seconds. Last year's champion, Riccardo Longhi (Birelart Racing – Birelart/lame), struggled slightly, posting the ninth-fastest time in Group 1, 0.339 seconds off the pace.



OK-N – Blandino takes an amazing pole position.

Cristian Blandino (Zanchi Motorsport – KR/TM Kart/MG) secured a sensational pole position in the OK-N category. The young Sicilian driver managed to set the fastest time in Group 2 with a 47.681s, after Andrea Giudice (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex) had set the pace in Group 1 at 47.791s. Meanwhile, in Group 3, the Polish driver Bartosz Grzywacz (Team Driver – KR/lame) confirmed he was the fastest in his group, but not enough for the overall pole, clocking the third-best time of 47.849s. Lamberto Ferrari (Monster K Factory – Monster K/TM Kart) secured the second-best time in Group 1, 0.130s behind Giudice. In Group 2, the Romanian driver Jercan Tudor (Gulstar Racing – KR/lame) slotted in behind Blandino (+0.158s), while in Group 3, just 5 thousandths of a second separated the Lonato winner Manuel Scognamiglio (Pantano by DAM – Pantano/lame) from Grzywacz.

OK-NJ – Excellent performance from Kolovos.

A fine performance was posted by the Greek driver Ioannis Kolovos (Modena Kart –

Parolin/TM Kart/MG), who scored pole position in Group 2 with a 48.244s, while in Group 1, Enea Daniele Pezzuto (Team Driver – KR/Modena Engines) had set the best performance with a 48.425s. Kolovos finished ahead of the Lonato winner, Gioele Carrer (Emme Racing – EKS/Modena Engines), who was second fastest, 91 thousandths behind, followed by Daniel Ferguson (Team Driver – KR/Modena Engines) at 0.116s. In Group 1, behind Pezzuto, Nikita Dzhililov (Modena Kart – Parolin/TM Kart) finished 73 thousandths back, with Edoardo Colucci (Pantano by DAM – Pantano Modena Engines) at 81 thousandths.

MINI Gr.3 – Nario surprises everyone.

In the MINI Gr.3, the Mexican Mauro Fabian Nario Urias (BabyRace – Parolin/lame/MG) took charge with the fastest overall time of 53.081s, set in Group 2. The fastest in Group 1 was the winner of the previous Lonato round, the British driver Alfie Richard Mair (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex), with a 53.364s. In Group 2, behind Nario, the Czech driver Alexander Machac (Parolin Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart) finished 80 thousandths back, with Sho-Ting Chang (BabyRace – Parolin/lame) at 0.119s. In Group 1, just 40 thousandths behind Mair was another BabyRace pilot, the Moroccan Nahyl El Gahoudi, followed closely in a sprint finish by Guido Ebergenyi (MP Academy Gamoto – Henza Kart/TM Kart) at 44 thousandths.

MINI Gr.3 U10 – Burgess prevails at La Conca as well.

In the Group 1 qualifying sessions, the second-generation driver Johan Berger (BabyRace – Parolin/lame/MG) achieved the best performance with a 53.445s. However, even faster was the American Zayne Burgess (Parolin Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart), the winner in Lonato, who set a time of 53.239 in Group 2, finishing ahead of the BabyRace duo of Canadian Jayden Francisco (+0.186s) and Giovanni Ventorino (+0.356s). In Group 1, 70 thousandths behind Berger was his BabyRace teammate, the Thai driver Max Zvarich, with his other two teammates—the Spaniard Sasha Miras Y Munoz at 81 thousandths and the Frenchman Isaac El Houti at 0.182s—filling out the positions. The other second-generation driver present in the youngest category, the Austrian Jack Wolff (KR Motorsport – KR/lame), achieved the seventh-fastest time, 0.306s off the pace.

THE INTERVIEWS:

KZ2 - Kimi Tani (LA Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart/Vega): “It was a good lap, even though I made a few small mistakes, but the good lap came and I secured pole position. We will see how it goes in the heats, though.”

KZ2 Master - Angelo Lombardo (Maranello Kart – Maranello/TM Kart/Vega): “I set the fourth-fastest time in my group, but the fastest in the Master category. Now we will try to get ready for the heats.”

OK-N - Cristian Blandino (Zanchi Motorsport – KR/TM Kart/MG): “It was a beautiful qualifying session. I want to thank my father, who acts as my mechanic, and my brother, because they always support me. I also thank Zanchi Motorsport for giving me top-tier equipment.”

OK-NJ - Ioannis Kolovos (Modena Kart – Parolin/TM Kart/MG): “I am happy to be here at La Conca and to have taken pole position in the category. We hope to do well in the heats as well. I want to thank my mechanic and my team manager.”

MINI Gr.3 - Mauro Fabian Nario Urias (BabyRace – Parolin/lame/MG): “I am very happy to have taken pole position in the Italian Championship here at La Conca. I thank my team for doing everything possible to make my kart very fast.”

MINI Gr.3 U10 - Zayne Burgess (Parolin Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart/MG): “It couldn’t have gone better; I managed to catch the slipstream of the driver ahead of me. It was very windy today, but I still managed to have a good qualifying session.”

The winners of the heats (unofficial classifications):

KZ2 B-C: Sem Konpjes (CL Racing-Team Renda – Birelart/TM Kart/Vega).

KZ2 A-D: Kimi Tani (LA Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart/Vega).

OK-N D-E: Lamberto Ferrari (Monster K Factory – Monster K/TM Kart/MG).

OK-N B-C: Andrea Giudice (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex/MG).

OK-NJ B-C: Gioele Carrer (Emme Racing – EKS/Modena Engines/MG).

OK-NJ A-D: Ioannis Kolovos (Modena Kart – Parolin/TM Kart/MG).

MINI Gr.3 B-C: Guido Ebergenyi (MP Academy Gamoto – Henza Kart/TM Kart/MG).

MINI Gr.3 A-D: Mauro Fabian Nario Urias (BabyRace – Parolin/lame/MG).

MINI Gr.3 U10 B-C: Sasha Miras Y Munoz (BabyRace – Parolin/lame/MG).

MINI Gr.3 U10 A-D: Zayne Burgess (Parolin Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart/MG).

The program will continue on Saturday with the heats, while the final stages will be on Sunday:

- Saturday, May 30th: 9:00 Warm up; 10:30 Heats.

- Sunday, May 31st: 8:00 Warm up, at 9:50 Prefinals, at 14:00 Finals.

The championship leaders after the opening round in Lonato.

KZ2: 1st Elie Goldstein (BEL) (TB Kart Racing Team – TB Kart/TM Kart/Vega) points 55.

KZ2 Under 18: 1st Michael Ider (ITA) (KCS Racing – Birelart/TM Kart/Vega) points 65.

KZ2 Master: 1st Angelo Lombardo (ITA) (Maranello Kart – Maranello/TM Kart/Vega) points 61.

OK-N: 1st Manuel Scognamiglio (ITA) (Pantano by DAM – Pantano/lame/MG) points 65

OK-NJ: 1st Gioele Carrer (ITA) (Emme Racing – EKS Kart/Modena Engines/MG) points 65

MINI GR.3: 1st Alfie Richard Mair (GBR) (Tony Kart Racing Team – Tony Kart/Vortex/MG) points 65

MINI Gr.3 U10: 1st Zayne Burgess (USA) (Parolin Motorsport – Parolin/TM Kart/MG) points 65

Live on TV and Live Streaming.

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Sunday, May 31st: from 9:50 Live on TV and Live Streaming Prefinals, and from 14:00 all

the Finals (14:00 MINI Gr.3 U10, 14:35 MINI Gr.3; 15:10 OK-NJ, 15:55 OK-N, 16:40 KZ2).

Live Timing: <http://www.youcrono.com/Pagina/4190/WSKLiveTiming>

Info, results: <https://www.acisport.it/campionati/CIK/>

Photogallery: <https://archiviofotografico.acisport.it/Campionato-Italiano-ACI-Karting>

In the pictures: The pole sitters of each category in La Conca.

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THE CALENDAR OF THE ITALIAN ACI KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Categories: MINI Gr.3 U10, MINI Gr.3, OK-NJ, OK-N, KZ2, KZ2 Under 18, KZ2 Master.

April 24/26 2026: Circuito South Garda Karting - Lonato (BS)

May 29/31 2026: Circuito Internazionale La Conca - Muro Leccese (LE)

June 26/28 2026: Circuito Internazionale Napoli - Sarno (SA)

July 24/26 2026: Pista Val Vibrata - Sant'Egidio alla Vibrata (TE)

September 25/27 2026: Leopard Circuit Viterbo - Viterbo (VT)

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