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REVIVAL OF THE ROTAX GRAND FESTIVAL



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- **Annually one Rotax Grand Festival per continent**
- **Maximum of 72 participants in each category (Rotax 125 Micro MAX and Mini MAX)**
- **Equal performance due to sealed and ruffled Rotax kart engine**

Gunskirchen, Austria, May 24, 2016 – Since the announcement of the granted 72 Rotax 125 Micro and Mini MAX drivers at the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals (RMCGF), 36 participants in each category, the demand to get a starting place was incredibly high.

“Due to the tough time schedule during the 7-day-event at the RMCGF we are not able to have more additional drivers on track than the 72 youngsters. To meet our customers request, we have developed a concept out of the initial Rotax Grand Festival that much more of our youngest Rotax kart racers will get the opportunity to battle themselves in a high level environment and challenging competition,” said Helmut Voglsam, head of Rotax karting.

Rules to organize the Rotax Grand Festival

Annually there will take place only one Rotax Grand Festival per continent to keep the participation as attractive and exclusive as during the RMCGF.

Rotax distributors who would like to organize a Rotax Grand Festival will have to choose a country in its respective area and will have to submit an application to BRP-Rotax to use the title “Rotax Grand Festival”. It will be BRP’s decision to nominate the country and organizer.

Rotax 125 Micro and Mini MAX drivers from all over the world are allowed to participate in the Rotax Grand Festival due to the changed CIK rules. The FIA World Motor Sport Council announced that drivers, who hold a national licence, are allowed to participate in national competitions outside their home countries, provided they have permission from their ASN.

The first Rotax Grand Festival will take place in Spain and will be organized by the Rotax distributor Korridas e Kompanhia in September 2016.

Number of participants at the Rotax Grand Festival

The maximum number of racers will be 144; that means 72 in the Rotax 125 Micro MAX and 72 in the Rotax 125 Mini MAX class. The young racers will have to use their own chassis but will receive a sealed Rotax engine which will be raffled.

To qualify for the Rotax Grand Festival, the participants of these two categories will have to race in the national Rotax MAX Challenge (RMC).

“The idea was to revive the initial idea of the Rotax Grand Festival organized on a higher level. For the kids it is important to see how professional races are carried out in order to give them an insight into the world of motorsports. We are confident that all 144 starting place will be occupied quickly,” mentioned Voglsam.

The Rotax MAX Challenge (RMC) is a professional kart racing series established, owned and organized by BRP and its Rotax kart engine distributors. Approved by and in compliance with CIK / FIA, the RMC is a "one-make-engine" formula: only Rotax kart engines that are checked and sealed (for equal performance) will be used. The success in the competition is mainly up to the skills of the driver.

For more information about the Rotax MAX Challenge, please visit <http://www.rotax-kart.com/en/Max-Challenge/MAX-Challenge/About-ROTAX-MAX-CHALLENGE>

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In the last 50 years, the company has developed more than 350 engine models for recreational vehicles and produced over 7 million engines.

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