




FORMULA GULF
ACADEMY

Young Driver Development Program
2018/19

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In Partnership with:  ABSOLUTE RACING 

Do the research and you will find that our financial package is unbeatable - worldwide!

You can do Formula Gulf Academy for just one quarter of the cost of a season in UAE F4 - on the same circuits.

Formula Gulf Entry Fee: US\$ 58,500

What does this include:

- Use of dedicated race prepared car
- Personal Sponsorship branding on the car (you only pay for vinyl design/cutting/application)
- 6 x Events over 6 months (1,800 KM)
- Used Slick tyres for Testing
- New F4 Slick Tyres for Race Day (HANKOOK)
- Race Car Preparation and Setup
- Trackside Engineering Support
- Driver Coaching
- Team Hospitality
- Fitness / Media / Career Training & Support
- Team/Driver Hospitality passes
- Optional additional testing

Deposit:

To confirm your seat a US\$ 10,000 deposit is required.

Eligibility:

Minimum Age: 15 with UAE Academy License).



Kane Shepherd - 2017/18 Formula Gulf Champion

"I have seen a massive improvement in Kane over the Formula Gulf season, not only in skill levels but the confidence which comes from knowing he is improving and learning race craft from top professional coaches. The season has been rewarding and enjoyable, the cars are light and responsive and run on great world class circuits".

Mark Shepherd



FORMULA GULF ACADEMY PRODUCES GREAT DRIVERS



Operating at the Yas Marina F1 Circuit and the Dubai Autodrome, Formula Gulf Academy has run 126 x test sessions, 42 x qualifying practise sessions, 84 x championship races, 14 x pre-season test days and numerous driver training sessions for 57 professional drivers from 23 countries.

Formula Gulf Academy has enabled its drivers to move with high levels of expertise and confidence to their next career racing step:

- Ed Jones (UAE) - 2018 Verizon IndyCar Series (with Chip Ganassi Racing)
- Al Faisal Al Zubair (Oman) - 2018 Middle East Porsche GT3 Champion
- Kane Shepherd (Thailand) - F4 and 2018 Asia F3 Championship
- Alex Karkosik (Poland) - EuroFormula Open (F3)
- Gulhuseyn Abdullayev (Azerbaijan) - EuroFormula Open (F3)
- Weiron Tan (Malaysia)- LMP3 Le Mans 24 Hour 2018
- Omar Gazzaz (KSA) - F3 Cup
- Joe Ghanem (Lebanon)- Formula Renault UK (Team M-Tech)
- Natasha Seatter (Malaysia)- Porsche Carrera Cup Asia (PICC StarChase)
- Rahul Mayer (Malaysia) - BRDC Formula 4 and British F3
- Tejas Hirani (Kenya) - RX Lites (WorldRallycross)
- Mohammed Al Mutawaa (UAE)- Team Citroen Middle East Rally and Junior WRC

The best judge of value are the parents of Formula Gulf graduates. This comment comes from the father of Bahrain's 16 year old Talal Beshara:

"Talal's Formula Gulf experience was at the right time and in the right direction. It wasn't only about burning tires and 100's of testing laps. Formula Gulf put Talal on the right track with one-to-one training, data analysis and coaching, essential in building his racing confidence and skills. Talal is at different racing level today. Talal's knowledge about track analysis, car control, lap and sector analysis are at the best of his racing career".



Joe Ghanem - LEB



Nick Canal - SPN



Tom Bale - UK



Tejas Hirani - KEN



Cato Poulsen - DEN



Alex Karkosik - POL



Kane Shepherd - TH

THE FORMAT

Driver Training: A 2 x half-day driver training day for those who have not driven with Formula Gulf before will be scheduled prior to the pre-season test at a subsidised cost at the Dubai Autodrome.

Pre-Season: Two days of coaching and testing on the famous Yas Marina Formula One circuit is held in October.

At the Pre-Season test drivers will meet our driver coach and race engineer who will guide them throughout the rest of the season:

Driver Coach: He has an immense knowledge of what it takes to get the most out of a driver in Formula Gulf. Drivers will spend as much time with him reviewing their data during an event as they do on track.

Fitness Coach: Fitness is one of the keys to racing success and we believe that drivers should maintain a high level of fitness. A personalised fitness and nutrition program will be developed for each driver.

Media Coach: To ensure that our young drivers are ready to represent themselves and their sponsors, media coaching will be incorporated in the program,

6 x Events with 12 Races

Events are held on a variety of circuit configurations at the Dubai Autodrome and Yas Marina Formula One Circuit.

Each race event provides 3 x 20 minute test sessions on the first day, 1 x 20 minute qualifying practise and 2 x 50km races on day 2.

To minimise costs drivers test on used tyres, switching to a new set for qualifying and races.

Uniquely, Formula Gulf Academy provides a 'level playing field' with identical cars, one team, and with no extra tyres or testing allowed to avoid chequebook racing!

Collaboration with leading Asia based team provides viable career ladder for young drivers.



The agreement creates a viable career path from karting through to the highest levels of motor racing and includes a prestigious award for the **2018/19 Formula Gulf Academy Champion of an F3 test at one of the top circuits in Asia.**

The **Vice Champion** of the 2018/19 season will get a fully funded race in the Gulf Radical Cup in a Radical SR3. The Gulf Radical Cup is also owned and promoted by GulfSport Racing



THE PRIZE

THE CAR.

Great care was taken when selecting a suitable chassis / engine combination for Formula Gulf. The chassis is built by the legendary Ralph Firman. Feedback from drivers who had experience with the Formula BMW FB02 AND F4 is that GulfSport's FG11 has superior aero grip, more power and is easy to adapt to. MotorSport Vision (MSV) purchased 24 of these Firman chassis for its BRDC F4 Championship after it passed the FIA's strength and impact test programme.

Chassis: Multi-tubular stepped space frame chassis fabricated in 4130 chrome-moly steel incorporating a high specification bonded and riveted aluminum undertray. The chassis complies with the FIA squeeze & crash test requirements for 2009. FIA Wheel tethers. FIA spec head protection. 33L FT3 FIA fuel cell.

Aero Dynamics: Front - One piece composite anhedral front wing with adjustable flaps, shoes and end-plates. Stepped floor bib with sidepod aero funnels and covers. Rear - adjustable 3-element wing structure using FIA F3 profiles complemented by a diffuser.

Suspension: Triangulated upper and lower wishbones in rolled steel aerofoil section with aluminum front uprights. Pushrod suspension operating through aluminum rockers to the dampers. Blade adjustable anti-roll bars. Bilstein dampers valved for bump and rebound.

Engine & Gearbox: Suzuki GSX-R 1000cc (186bhp at 12,400rpm), dry sump, 6 speed sequential gearbox.

Data/Video Logging: AIM Formula wheel, EVO 4 logger system (logging: Std. Engine parameters, throttle position, brake pressure, steering position, wheel speed, lap times, long./lat. g-force). On board video system.

Brakes: 4-pot AP Racing callipers acting on 265 mm diameter ventilated discs, front and rear. Performance Friction pads. Cockpit adjustable brake balance bar.

Wheels & Tyres: Front rim: 8 in x 13 in diameter one-piece magnesium by OZ racing. Rear rim: 10 in x 13 in diameter one piece magnesium by OZ racing. F4 Spec Hankook Slick Racing Tyres


Min Weight: 480 Kgs with driver.





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&
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